

CATA Curricular Code General Cleanup Recommendations

Article IV. A.

The CATA recognizes the following competitive events as being a trial event and it will be reviewed for three years to determine if it is sufficiently well-established to warrant holding a state championship event yearly.

Article IV. A. 5. C.

The State FFA Advisor shall approve all ~~For those seeking approval as a “Qualifying Sites, when not listed in the current Curricular Code, the State FFA Advisor shall determine if a site is a qualifying site.~~

Article IV. B. 3.

Whenever there is a rule **or** contradiction between a specific event rule and the “Rules for Career Development and Leadership Development Events”, the “Rules for Career Development and Leadership Development Events” will take precedence.

Article IV. C. 1.

Only one team per school may participate in any State Finals Career **and Leadership** Development Events except for the Creed Recitation, Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Job Interview, Impromptu Public Speaking and El Credo de FFA. Regional Participation in **Leadership Development Events** ~~these events~~, including Parli Pro, at the State level, will be limited to a maximum of four (4) per region **per event**.

Article IV. C. 8.

When the official announcement of judging events to be held is issued, all events listed will be held regardless of the number of teams actually entered ~~on the day of judging~~. However, if less than five (5) teams participated ~~d~~ in an event in one year, that event will be placed on probation for **the following one** year, at which time (5) teams must have participated in the State Finals event. **If less than five (5) teams participate during the probation year, the** ~~The~~ event will be discontinued until such time as sufficient interest is indicated to guarantee at least five (5) participating teams.

Article IV. C. 10.

In an event where a team starts an event and one or more members are unable to continue due to sickness or accident, creating a partial team, the remaining member(s) are still **eligible** ~~able~~ to continue and compete for individual awards.

Article IV. D. 1. B.

Be **a** regularly enrolled member of an agricultural education class in high school or middle school/Jr. high and have completed the equivalent of a year's worth of agriculture course instruction during the current year if taking classes in a block or trimester system unless otherwise noted in curricular code.

Article IV. D. 1. D.

Not have been a member of a state championship team or represented California in a National event, in the type of event they are entering. For clarification: Members of state champion teams include all members of the team competing regardless of whether they member(s) score counted toward the official team score. If ineligible students are entered in the same event, in which they were a state winner, ~~at any field or judging day~~, the team of which they are a member shall be declared ineligible.

Article IV. D. 1. E.

Not have been an individual state winner in a Leadership Development Event (LDE) or represented California in the National FFA LDE finals. Exceptions: the Novice Parliamentary **Procedure** state winner **may participate** ~~participating~~ in the Advance Event and **an** individual State winner in the El Credo de FFA lower divisions may move up to a higher division.

Article IV. D. 8.

In the event a student is eligible for membership in two or more chapters; the student can be a member of one chapter only and **compete** ~~complete~~ for that chapter during the school year.

Article IV. D. 15.

Use of Smart devices will not be permitted in a designated event area/building, except for individual CDEs/LDEs that specifically allow their use during the event. This would include, but is not limited to, cell phones, iPods, tablets, laptops, smart watches, etc. Violation will result in immediate removal from the event they competed in, and **they** will become ineligible for any awards. Any devices collected prior to the start of the event will not be returned until all competitors have completed the event.

Article IV. D. 16.

Students or advisors/coaches are not allowed to remove or copy/remove any event materials from the event site without the expressed consent of the event advisor. Any violation will result in the disqualification of the individual(s) and team(s) involved and barring of the individual(s) from participation in any event for a period of one **(1)** year and barring of the chapter from participation in that event **for** a period of one (1) year. Unless specified in the rules of a particular event, the only materials allowed to be taken into an event by contestant shall be:

Article IV. D. 18.

Time Limit – Time limit for reasons in each event will be two **(2)** minutes and any action taken on this will be left to the discretion of the judges.

Article IV. E. 1.

CDE Events: Awards will be given to top five **place** teams and individuals in each section of each event designated as a sub-contest, and to the top five overall high teams and individuals in each event.

Article IV. E. 6.

The team certified by the State FFA Advisor shall be eligible to represent the State of California in the official national competition. For a team to be certified, the team must be made up of not less than a majority of the members allowed on a team at national competition and be from the students who made up the team at the state qualifying competition. **For example, a four (4) member team would need to have at least three (3) of the same members who competed on the team at the qualifying state competition.**

Article IV. G. 1. C.

Classes – A simple listing of all the classes and the maximum score of each class. Team events scores would be shown here as well.

Article IV. G. 1. E.

Requirements for the Host School – List any notification requirements for the host school such as class types, tools, engine types. Include the notification methods (email or website preferred) and the notification time. List any equipment that must be provided by the host school such as calculators. List any event materials that are to be returned (Ex. Farm Power, Ag. Mechanics) to the contestants.

Article V. 1.

All Curricular Code **Activities** Judging Events will be divided into three groups and each group will be reviewed once every three years. Events in List A will be reviewed at Summer Conference in 2026 and every third year thereafter. Events in List B will be reviewed in 2024 and every third year thereafter. Events in List C will be reviewed in 2025 and every third year thereafter. Any trial event may be reviewed annually for three years and then placed in a normal rotation once it becomes an official event. Trial event proposals must be submitted to the CATA Governing Board prior to their annual Winter Governing Board meeting. Proposals should contain an analysis of the costs associated with putting on the trial event and a statement from the prospective event administrator or institution indicating a willingness and ability to provide the resources to conduct the event. Proposals submitted to the CATA Governing Board will be circulated to the membership at Spring Regional meetings in a manner similar to **the** CATA resolution process. Final approval for trial events will be granted by majority vote at the CATA Summer Conference.

Article V. 2. 3.

Chairperson – The **advisor coach** of the first place **FFA** team in the current state finals event shall function as chairperson of the committee to review and act on any suggested changes for that event. If the **advisor coach** of the winning team is unable to attend Summer Conference to function as chairperson of the committee, the chair shall be passed in descending order of placing, i.e., second place **advisor coach**, third place **advisor coach** until an available **advisor coach** is located. It will be the responsibility of the chairperson of the Operations Division to see that a chairperson is located.