

CATA Curricular Code Change Proposal

Submission Instructions, please read in full before submitting your proposal:

1. Fill in all the below information.
2. Download the current code from the CATA Website: [Curricular Activities Code](#)
 1. Do not delete anything from the code. Strikethrough parts to delete. Any new wording, type into the code and highlight in yellow.
 2. Upload "Proposed Code" below.
 3. Upload any additional documents if needed
 4. Scroll all the way to the bottom and sign the form.
3. **IMPORTANT - Answering "Yes" to any of the questions requires the Host Site's Contest Coordinator's signature.**
 1. After all information is filled out, codes are updated and you have signed the form, hit "Save" on the bottom right-hand corner. **DO NOT** hit "SUBMIT".
 2. Once you hit "Save" a box will appear with a link. This link is specific to your proposal. You can email the link to yourself and also copy from this box.
 3. Email this link to the Host Site coordinator to review your proposal. When emailing the Host Site, request that they review your proposal and sign in the "Host Site Coordinator's" Signature box. Request that they hit "Save" after signing the document and let you know that the signature is complete.
 4. Using the link, pull up your proposal and confirm that the signatures are complete and hit "Submit". Once you hit "Submit", you will no longer be able to make any changes to your submission.

Name of Contest:

Fruit Tree Judging

Curricular Codes Open - List A

Fruit Tree Judging

Out of Rotation Curricular Codes

Revive a Contest: Please enter the name of the contest below and contact the CATA office for a copy of the Code.

Fruit Tree Judging

Proposed by:

Charles Van Riper

School:

Delta

Email:

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Issue:

Currently the contest is hosted by 4 schools- Chico, Gridley, Modesto, and Fresno. At each of the contests there were scoring issues, issues with the officials, and issues with official placings. There needs to be a discussion about how the contest coordinators educate the judges about the principles of judging, and making sure mistakes are minimized to ensure equitable scoring and recognition of teams participating in the contest.

This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation: (Please note: It is highly recommended that you, or a representative, attend the pre-conference governing board meeting to answer any questions regarding proposed curricular code changes to contests that are requested to be opened out of rotation.)

No

The change will affect General Rules:

Yes

The change will affect the awards needed:

No

The proposed change will affect contest forms:

No

The proposed change will affect contest hosting site (e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)

No

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, please explain:

Ag. teachers need to meet at the CATA conference to have a discussion about the contests and how to help/educate contest coordinators about organizing an equitable and student friendly contest.

Which JudgingCard scorecard will be used for tabulations?

Same as before

Is this a New Contest Proposal?

No

If you answered YES to this being a New Contest Proposal, please indicate who will be sponsoring the contest. New Contest Proposals require a 3-year sponsor. Contact information for Sponsor:

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signature:

Host Site Contest Coordinator's Name:

Rex Mendoza

CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator's Signature (agreeing that changes are able to be accommodated by the host site.)

Rex Mendoza - Modesto FFA

Upload code with tracked changes:
Curricular Code Request.docx

Upload any additional information you would like:

Please sign below:

Charles Van Riper - Delta FFA

Fruit Tree Judging

2026- Curricular Code Meeting Discussion

There needs to be a discussion at the summer conference about the contest coordinators at various sites, and how language can be created to ensure that the contest coordinators perform the following:

- Select high quality judges
- Train reason takers and model how to take reasons and score reasons that reflect the goals and objectives of the contest
- Ensure that judges understand how to place classes, set 'cuts' for the classes, and create classes that objectively work for the contest and reflect industry standards.