

Rules Governing FFA Activities

Membership

- A. In order for a member to retain active membership during high school, the member must be enrolled in Agricultural Education. (Membership expires every August 31). Graduating students, who were members during high school, may retain their active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school provided that they pay dues each year.
- B. An 8th grade student enrolled in the Agriscience Exploration Class may become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter. The members are eligible to participate in leadership activities in which the activity (event) allows the student to participate. If an FFA member wishes to participate with any of the project oriented activities, the project must be part of a Supervised Agriculture Experience Program. It is recommended that the projects be planned on an individual basis or small group. Project plans and records must be maintained.
- C. An “active” member who is in good standing at the time of induction into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of four National FFA Conventions following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings. Members participating in the six months Armed Service Program shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual, however, may retain active membership beyond his/her 23rd birthday.
- D. Any “active” FFA member in good standing with the Kentucky Association may participate in any event or activity, unless limited by rules of the event or activity. An “active” member shall be considered in good standing when:
 - a. The member attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
 - b. The member shows an interest in, and takes part in the activities of the chapter.
 - c. The member pays dues annually.
- E. Out of State Student Policy - It is recognized that some students who attend school in Kentucky counties bordering or near other states, may live outside the state of Kentucky and/or have an out of state mailing address. Granted that these students are enrolled in an approved program of Agricultural Education in a Kentucky school, they shall be entitled to pay FFA dues and have access to all rights and benefits of Kentucky FFA membership. The decision to allow out of state students to attend a Kentucky school is solely that of the local school.
- F. A student who enrolls in an early college program may retain active FFA membership if:
 - 1. For each year, they are enrolled in a dual credit agriculture course offered as part of the early college program; AND



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2. The dual credit course is taught by a qualified teacher based on EPSB standards; AND
3. The student took at least one agricultural education course at the home high school prior to entering the early college program.

If any of the three above are not met, the student will become an out of school member effective on the date that they enter the early college program.



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General CDE and LDE Rules

- A. A school may enter only one team in an event.
- B. A member may participate in the following events in multiple years, provided that they do not win the state contest:
 - a. Parliamentary Procedure LDE (if a member is on a state winning team, but does not participate in the National LDE, they may again participate in the event at the regional and state level)
 - b. Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE
 - c. Prepared Public Speaking LDE
 - d. Impromptu Speaking
 - e. Auctioneering
 - f. Quiz Bowl Team

Participation in all other Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events will be limited to one time per member above the chapter level.

- C. The use of any communication device during an FFA competitive event is prohibited. Mobile phones and other devices must be turned off during the event. Any use of these devices shall be grounds for disqualification.
- D. These rules, or rules pertaining to specific activities and events, shall not be altered, modified, or set aside in regional or state events. The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Association FFA has sole power for changing or setting up rules governing FFA events, subject to approval of the FFA Advisory Committee of the Kentucky FFA Association.
- E. Programmable calculators shall not be allowed in any State FFA Event.
- F. Teams winning state Career Development Events and/or Leadership Development Events will represent the Kentucky FFA Association in respective National Career/Leadership Development Events that are held during the National FFA Convention.
- G. Once the results of a competitive event have been announced, no changes will be made to placings and/or rankings.
- H. In events where an exam is administered in advance, a student may be substituted after the exam, however, the original exam scores will not be updated.



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FFA Days and State Convention Events

- A. Participation in Regional FFA Days and the State Convention events is limited to active members of FFA who are regularly enrolled in agricultural education classes in high school and who are in good standing with the Kentucky Association FFA.
- B. FFA members who graduated from high school last spring are eligible to enter proficiency awards program carried in their supervised agricultural experience programs at the time of their graduation in this year's FFA Day events.
- C. Regional elimination events, if necessary, shall be held in connection with the Regional FFA Day. Sub regional eliminations may be held if desired.
- D. Entries in regional events shall be made by local chapter advisors.
- E. A chapter may make entries only in the FFA region in which it is located.
- F. A chapter is limited to one entry in each FFA Day event. FFA members may enter not more than two proficiency areas. All agricultural proficiency entries must be part of the member's supervised agricultural experience program.
- G. FFA members may enter only one of the following speaking events during the same year: Creed, Impromptu Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, and Extemporaneous Public Speaking.
- H. All entries in the FFA Day shall be ranked by the judges into one of the following groups: Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, or Unclassified. A first and second place in each event shall be designated by the judges.
- I. Teachers having regional FFA winners are responsible for advancing their winners to the state event. State entries will be ranked by the judges in one, two, three order depending upon the award. A regional winner must participate in the state event in order to receive a state award.
- J. FFA members who have previously won a state event are hereafter ineligible to participate in that event. This rule shall not apply to Chapter Talent.
- K. Judges in regional and state agricultural proficiency events must follow the instructions and the rules provided to them.
- L. Impartial judges shall be secured for the Regional FFA Days by the Regional KAAE.
- M. The FFA Advisory Committee of the Kentucky Association of Agriculture Educators shall be responsible for approving competent and impartial judges for the state events.

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- N. Local advisors are responsible for eligibility of all entries from their chapters and must be ready to certify the eligibility of participants when called on. An entry made by a local advisor in an FFA activity is considered evidence that he/she is willing to certify to the eligibility and validity of the entry.



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Kentucky State Fair Entries

- A. Active Kentucky FFA members who are in good standing and enrolled in agricultural education are eligible to exhibit in FFA classes provided their exhibits are a part of their supervised agricultural experience programs. All entries must conform to the rules under each class.
- B. See State Fair catalog for closing dates for entries. No entries will be accepted after the closing date under any circumstances.
- C. FFA entries must be made electronically on the Kentucky State Fair Web Page. More information about electronic entries is available from the Kentucky State Fair or Kentucky Association FFA.
- D. Livestock entries can be submitted electronically or by completing the entry forms by the date specified. These may be obtained by contacting the Kentucky State Fair, P.O. Box 37130, Louisville, KY 40233.
- E. Other State Fair rules are listed in the Kentucky Fair Premium List and Rules Catalog.

Kentucky State Fair Judging Events

- 1. Participation is limited to FFA members in good standing who are regularly enrolled in all day classes of agricultural education in the high schools of Kentucky. FFA members graduating in the spring of the event year are eligible.
- 2. Departments of agricultural education established after July 1 are not eligible to enter teams at the State Fair.
- 3. Teachers will enter their teams during event registration at the Kentucky State Fair.
- 4. Each participant will be given a number at the beginning of the event. The participant will be designated by this number throughout the event.
- 5. The participants will be divided into groups and shall be under the leadership of a group leader.
- 6. After judging has been completed and participants' cards have been turned over to the tabulation committee, the official judges will explain their placings on the groups with whom they have worked.
- 7. In the selection of winners of the various events, the decision of the tabulating committee shall be final.



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8. The high scoring individual on a team will be used to break team ties. If the high individual on tied teams should be tied, the second high scorer will be used to break the ties.
9. Teachers of agriculture who have been assigned duties or responsibilities during the events and fail to report to the superintendent or person in charge may have their team eliminated from competition.
10. Refer to the State Fair Catalog under FFA Department for additional information.

