

PUBLIC SPEAKING LDE - CREED

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Rules and Regulations

The Creed Speaking Leadership Development Event will follow the format outlined in the National FFA CDE/LDE Handbook located at http://www.ffa.org/programs/cde/html/cde_events.htm#creed with the following additions:

Number of Contestants

Three (3) contestants from each of the four regions may compete. Eligibility

To participate in this CDE participants must qualify in grades 7, 8 or 9 and be enrolled in a course in agriculture education during the school year immediately preceding the state CDE. Procedures:

1. Each contestant must recite the FFA Creed from memory. Each contestant shall begin the presentation by stating: "The FFA Creed by E. M. Tiffany:" Each contestant shall end the presentation with the statement: "...that inspiring task. Thank you." **Any additional words spoken, as part of an introduction or closure will lead to deductions per word as indicated on scorecard.**
2. A maximum of four (4) minutes will be allowed for the recitation of the creed. Contestants will be penalized one (1) point per second on each judge's score sheet for exceeding the maximum time limit. Time will commence when the speaker begins talking.
3. Event officials will randomly determine the speaking order. The program chairman shall introduce each participant by contestant number and in order of the drawing. No props are to be used.
4. Five minutes will be allowed for questions, which shall be asked by the three judges. The questions shall pertain directly to the contestant's understanding of the FFA Creed. Questions containing two or more parts shall be avoided. Judges will score each contestant on the ability to answer all questions by all judges.
5. Six competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the contest. Two of the judges shall be familiar with agriculture education and the FFA organization. Judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the contest is held. They will score each contestant upon the delivery and the response to questions using the score sheet, which follows. A timekeeper and accuracy judge shall be designated.

6. Contestants will be held in isolation until their presentation. Contestants will not be allowed to have contact from any outside persons.
7. When all participants have finished speaking each judge will total the score of each speaker. The timekeeper's and accuracy judge's record will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judge's score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine the final ratings of participants. Students will be provided a judge's comment card for each speaker
8. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judge's ranking of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be that participant whose total ranking is lowest. Other placings will be determined in the same manner. (Low point score method of selection).
9. The Creed appearing in the latest edition of the National FFA Manual shall be used as the official Creed to be presented by the contestants.
10. Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participant's low ranks will be counted and the participant with the greatest number of low ranks will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the participant with the greatest number of low ranks from the response to questions will be declared the winner.
11. The revised National FFA scoresheet shall be the official score sheet for all Creed competitions up to and including the State CDE.