ND FFA Association

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Handbook

Purpose

The purpose of the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event is to develop agricultural leadership by encouraging FFA members to think critically, organize ideas clearly, and express their thoughts effectively on current agricultural issues. Through this event, students gain experience in public speaking, enhance their research and analytical skills, and build confidence in delivering speeches with limited preparation. This event supports the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) Cluster Skills and Career Readiness

Practices by helping students grow as articulate leaders and informed citizens capable of discussing complex agricultural topics.

Objectives

The Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE is for participants to demonstrate their ability to:
a. Research and evaluate current issues facing the agriculture industry.
b. Organize and prepare a speech within a limited time frame using credible sources.
c. Deliver a clear, logical, and professional speech and respond effectively to judges' questions.

DISTRICT

The Extemporaneous Public Speaking event is held during District Leadership Meetings and State LDE Day. The purpose of this award is to help develop agricultural leadership by providing opportunity for members to take part in agricultural public speaking activities on local, district, state, and national levels.

General Plan

1. Each chapter may enter in the district event one active member who shall have been declared winner of the chapter's public speaking event. The top 16 (2 per district) are eligible to compete in the state event.
2. Any participant in possession of any electronic device (except basic timing device) in the preparation room is subject to disqualification.
3. Members who have taken part in a previous national FFA extemporaneous public speaking event are not eligible. Persons who have taken part in a previous state event but did not participate in the national event may enter. A chapter winner is eligible to participate only in the next succeeding district, state, and national

events.

Procedure

1. Topics for the district extemporaneous public speaking event will be prepared by the State FFA Office.
2. The state office will select articles from farm and ranch publications and other publications which have stories relating to agriculture, FFA, and leadership development.
3. Participants will be allowed to select three articles and choose one of these to prepare their speech.
4. Participants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15-minute intervals and be given exactly 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation.
5. Order of appearance is determined in a random order at the time each chapter registers.
6. Each speech shall be the result of the participant's own effort. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30- minute preparation period.
7. Copies of all articles will be given to the judges prior to the beginning of the event.

8. Each speaker shall be limited to not more than six minutes or less than four minutes. A deduction of 1 point per 10 seconds will apply to speeches less than 4 minutes or longer than six minutes. Time deduction will start at 3:59 and below and at 6:01 and above. Additional time will be allowed for judges to ask related questions. Time warnings will not be given. Speakers may utilize a basic timing device. (No smart devices allowed.)
9. Judges will evaluate speakers in the district event based on the National FFA extemporaneous public speaking score card.
10. Participants will be grouped on the basis of merit and three levels of achievement will be recognized as gold, silver, and bronze. First and second place speakers will be eligible to represent the district at the State LDE Day.
11. The selection of the judges (minimum of 3) shall be left to the discretion of the district involved, subject to approval of the state FFA advisor. If chapter advisors are used, no advisor shall judge his/her own student. The composite score of the other judges will be used for the score.
12. Members may also compete in the prepared speaking event.
13. The judges will rank contestants with the top two advancing for competition at the State LDE Day.

STATE

Each district may be represented by two speakers. An elimination round will be held, consisting of two groups of eight speakers. State Staff will randomly assign rooms such that each room will have four first place teams and four second place teams, each from a different district. The procedure, rules and scorecards will be identical with those used in the district events. The judges will select the two top contestants from Groups A and B and these four will be the finalists.

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Individual scores will be tabulated and broken into gold, silver, and bronze award areas. The High Individual at the State LDE Day will be named and receive a “baby bison” trophy and eligible to participate in the National FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE. A $250.00 award and a $500.00 travel stipend to the National FFA Convention will be awarded by the ND FFA Foundation.

North Dakota FFA Association — Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

The North Dakota FFA Association adopts and adheres to the National FFA Organization's official AI Policy in full. All North Dakota FFA members, chapters, advisors, and state staff are expected to follow the guidelines set forth by the National FFA Organization regarding the appropriate and responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in FFA activities, competitive events, and academic work.

For the complete and current National FFA AI Policy, including detailed guidelines on appropriate use, please visit:

https://ffa.app.box.com/v/NFFAAIPolicy

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the North Dakota FFA Association state office.