

# EASTERN REGIONAL FFA CREED SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Important note; Please thoroughly read the introduction section at the beginning of this Bulletin for complete rules and procedures, which are relevant to all Big E FFA Career Development Events.

## EVENT RULES

1. The Big E FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will be limited to one participant per state. The participant must have been enrolled in Grades 7, 8, or 9 and must compete at the next Big E competition following their state qualifying round.
2. It is highly recommended that **participants** wear Official FFA dress for this event.
3. The Big E FFA Creed Speaking CDE will follow the general rules and policies for all Big E FFA CDE's.
4. The Big E FFA Creed Speaking Superintendent will be in charge of this event.
5. Three to six competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one of the judges should have an agricultural/FFA background.
6. Any participant in possession of any electronic device is subject to disqualification.
7. Event participants must sign in 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the event at the posted location.
8. The time and location of this event may change from year to year.

## EVENT FORMAT

1. The event will include an oral presentation and answer critical thinking questions directly related to the Creed. Each participant will be asked three questions with a five minute total time limit. The questions will be formulated annually by the Creed Speaking CDE committee and will avoid two part questions. Sample questions will not be available prior to the event.
2. Participants will present the Creed from the current year's Official FFA Manual.
3. The event will be a timed activity with 4 minutes for presentation. After four minutes, the participant will be deducted one point for every second over the time limit.
4. The event officials will randomly determine the speaking order. The room facilitator will introduce each participant by participant name and state association in order of the drawing. No props are to be used. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.
5. Each participant must recite the Creed from memory. Each participant shall begin the presentation by stating, "The FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany". Each Creed Speaking CDE participant should conclude with the statement "... that inspiring task. Thank you" Additional introductory or concluding remarks will result in accuracy deductions as indicated on the score card.
6. Participants will be held in isolation until their presentation. Participants will not be allowed contact with any outside persons.
7. At the time of the event the judges will be seated in a designated section of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant on the delivery of the Creed, using the score sheet provided.
8. A timekeeper will be designated to record the time used by each participant in delivering his/her speech. A content accuracy judge will record the number of recitation errors during delivery.
9. When participants have finished the presentation and answering questions, each judge will total the score of each speaker. The timekeeper and accuracy judge records will be used in completing the final score for each participant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine final ratings of participants.
10. Participants will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges' ranking of each participant will then be added, and the winner will be that participant whose

total ranking was the lowest. Other placings will be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection).

### **TIEBREAKERS**

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 of low ranks will be determined the winner. If a tie still exists then the event superintendents will rank the participant's response to questions. The participant with the greatest number of low ranks from the response to questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists then the participant's raw scores will be totaled.. The participant with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

### **REFERENCES**

Current Year's Official FFA Manual.