

Career Development Event Policy

Eligibility

Each participant must be a current, affiliated FCCLA member in good standing with the local chapter, State FCCLA Association and the National FCCLA Organization during the school year which the affiliated member is competing.

General Rules

1. CDEs are open to all affiliated middle school and high school students current or previous enrollment in Ohio Department of Education, Office of Career Technical Education approved Family and Consumer Sciences course(s) and related career field programs/course(s)
2. Members may compete in one team CDE, and one individual CDE
3. Members may only qualify for one event at the national level
4. Occupational Category participants may compete in one Ohio Only Event in addition to the one team and one individual event (national level events)
5. Should a member of a team be absent at the preliminary event, it is a local decision if the participant will move forward in that event
6. If 15 entries or less in an event are registered by December 15th, in all categories combined statewide, that event will move directly to state for competition
7. Events moving directly to state will be announced mid-January
8. Participants are not allowed to distribute any materials to the evaluators unless the event rules specifically allow it. Evaluators are not allowed to keep any items given to them by CDE participants
9. Spectators are not allowed to observe any portion of any CDE. Videotaping and/ or audio recording of events is not allowed. *Exception: Media and Business & Industry partners may be escorted into events with prior approval and arrangements made through State Staff
10. Participants are to maintain a professional appearance and attitude during all CDE activities
11. Participants are responsible for their own event materials. Any items left behind are not the responsibility of FCCLA and may be discarded
12. If a participant fails to adhere to event guidelines or event definition, or prepares an item not based on the current event scenario, then the sample/display/project is ineligible for evaluation. The participant will still be able to compete with an oral presentation if they choose to do so, and will only be scored on the oral presentation

Results and Recognition

- All results initialed by the Lead Event Chair are final
- Gold, silver and bronze will be recognized at the preliminary (Regional) level
- A rating of 70 or above is needed to qualify for state and national competition
- Top 10 scores in each event, in each category will move to State competition
- Gold only will be recognized at the state level
- Top three places in each event, in each category will be announced on stage
- All participants must attend the recognition session to receive their award
- It is expected that the top two places (announced at State) in each event, in each category will advance to Nationals to compete
- Results that are announced or posted are considered unofficial for a period of seven (7) business days of the release. The results shall be declared official and no changes will be made after seven (7) business days from initial release

Dress Code

The FCCLA official blazer is always appropriate and strongly encouraged, although not required (unless otherwise noted). Student dress should contribute to the positive, professional image of FCCLA. CDE participants are expected to adhere to the published dress code for all general sessions, workshops, and the CDE Recognition Session. CDE Recognition Session exception—Culinary Arts participants are welcome to wear chef's attire during the CDE Recognition Sessions.

For participation in competition, follow event specifications for dress, and wear appropriate clothing for the nature of the presentation. Unless otherwise specified, appropriate clothing in events which do not allow costumes or uniforms includes professional attire (any appropriate colors), the official FCCLA blazer/uniform, or clothing which meets the conference dress code. If attending conference activities prior to or immediately after a CDE presentation, be prepared to change into clothing that meets the conference dress code.

Violations of General Rules

Violations of any of the general rules may be grounds for the State FCCLA Staff to disqualify the educators and/or participants.

Annual Teacher Acknowledgement and Certification of Compliance

The annual teacher acknowledgement and certification of compliance will need to be signed and submitted by the FCCLA adviser(s) to Ohio FCCLA State Staff before competing in any state sanctioned career development event. Failure to having this document signed and submitted to Ohio FCCLA State Staff will result in the competitors being disqualified from the Career Development Event.

Inclement Weather Policy

If inclement weather, emergency or other unforeseen situations are affecting the area or region of and Ohio FCCLA Career Development Event, a decision may be made to delay or cancel. These decisions are made after consulting the national weather service, local weather forecasters, and area law enforcement. The safety of our students, advisers, and partners is our first and foremost priority.

If a level 2 or level 3 snow emergency exists on the event date in the host location of a CTSO event, the event will be cancelled. However, during inclement weather not resulting in a level 2 or 3 snow emergency at the event site, the State FCCLA Staff will consult appropriate experts (such as but not limited to the National Weather Service) to assess potential hazards and consider options for amending event start times or participation schedules to facilitate safer travels, event postponement or cancellation.

Schools will be notified by email and/or telephone of any cancellations or delays as soon as possible after the decision has been made. If such conditions develop during the night and warrant a delay or cancellation after early morning travel has begun, every attempt will be made to notify advisers through personal cell phones, local media outlets, and alerting state law enforcement.