

CDE Committee Report- ATAT 2023 Meeting

The CDE Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Padgett on July 27th, 2023 at 9:45am. Area 7 had both Joe David Lehmberg and Colton Pouncy in attendance representing the area.

Areas presented concerns and suggestions during roll call. Major concerns and suggestions included the following:

- Frustration over the Milk Quality contest running out of product midway through contest
- Concerns over the quality of Feeder Cattle Grading standards in Livestock Eval. contest.
- The need for more/better training of Ag. Sales judges ahead of contest to help them understand the rubric better.
- Cotton contest is extremely overcrowded at the contest site. Makes it difficult for everyone competing and facilitating.
- Forestry Contest reported the same concerns as the Cotton contest.

State Staff Discussion Items:

- ADA Accommodations- Need to make sure that you are very specific about what accommodations you need; especially if they are health related. Deadline will be enforced very strictly this year. (14 days prior to contest date)
- Dress Code Rule- Rules need to be enforced as written. (Holes in pants are not addressed in the rules and thus can't be used to DQ students.)
 - **Make sure your assigned teachers for pre-contest checks review over the rules ahead of time and show up for their checks. (Lots of no shows last year.**
- Floral CDE- Review of ID Lists necessary for the year. (Discussion centered around if common or scientific names should be utilized for the list)
- Land, Homesite, Range- Clarification on if multitool is allowed
 - Motion made to clarify by adding "including multitools" to rule about measuring. Passed with no opposition.
- General Rules-
 - Add scantron used for all contest rules

- Add ID lists for contests that are missing it
- Add general rule to specify that scantron has to be an original not a photo copy.
- Add general rule regarding scantrons to be bubbled in with a pencil
- Rule 7- instead of saying “Two member teams are not eligible...” this needs to state, “incomplete teams are not eligible”. This was changed to make it work for all contests which might have different rules for number of team members.
- Review of all contest tiebreakers- discussed some but action will need to wait for revision year.
- Add “4 function” to each set of contest rules for those that include a calculator.
- Concerns about teams visiting contest sites before state contest in multiple events
- Concerns in several events about the amount of contest materials being reused from prior contests
- Discussion over how the wildcard qualifier might work with Ag Sales since it is judged and might be judged by a different group.
- Forestry- start true state qualifiers first in smallers groups then send alternates through- split 4H and FFA. Clipboard clarification
- Vet Med- Changing dress code to scrub top and jeans or to the standard CDE dress. (Discussed but action will be tabled until next revision cycle.)
- Discussion on adding state qualifier contests for Cotton and Forage- Action will occur during the next revision cycle.
- Debate on how the wildcard rule would apply in the instance that an area only has 1 team for an area level event. Can they lose their spot or should areas have a protected spot to maintain representation.
- Discussion on clarifying the rules in Land, Homesite and Range on how many teams advance and how many times they can compete. Language will be copied over from the general rules.

23-24 Dates presented by contest providers:

- TSU
 - Invitational- March 21st
 - Area- April 10th
 - State- April 25th
- TAMU
 - Judging Clinics- March 23rd

- Area- April 6th
 - State- April 27th
- SHSU
 - Area- April 2
 - State- April 26th
 - Applied Ag. Engineering- April 12th
 - ATMS- April 26th
- TTU
 - Invitational- April 6th
 - Area- April 12th & 13th
 - State- April 20th
- TAMU- Commerce
 - Area Contests- April 15th & 16th
- Forestry
 - State- April 18th
- Wildlife
 - State- April 22nd (Region 2- Potentially Junction)
- Tractor Tech
 - State- March 3rd & 4th

New CDE Proposals:

Sustainable Agriculture- Presentation Cancelled

Ag. Education CDE-

- Overview of contest rules, format and rubrics was presented by Callie Crain (AST-Waxahachie).
- Discussion was had on if the contest as presented was formatted better as a CDE or SDE. (General consensus was that it should be a CDE and format could be adjusted)
- Sub-Committee established to make changes to the contest rules and format for eventual submission to the state board of directors.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted:

Joe David Lehmberg and Colton Pouncy