

## **Area VII Range Plant Identification Career Development Event Rules And Regulations**

1. A team consist of three or four participants. The three high scores will be tabulated as the team score with the low scorer being considered an alternate. Three participants may be entered, in which case all three scores will make up the team score.
2. Twenty minutes will be allowed per group. Generally, participants will be permitted one minute per plant to identify and record the information onto the scantron. However, site conditions the day of the event, in addition to the distance between the plants will be considered. Under no conditions will the time allowed be less than one minute per plant.
3. Because much of the plant material staked for identification is extremely fragile, participants are not allowed to touch the plants. Participants found to have knowingly damaged or altered staked materials will be disqualified.
4. Thirty plants will be chosen from the **Texas State Range & Pasture Plant List**. Each plant will be marked with a lettered stake.
5. Only clear plastic clipboards may be used.
6. No conversation between contestants is permitted.
7. Advisors are not permitted in the vicinity of the area until the contest is completed. When the event is over, answer sheets will be provided.
8. Eligible participants are those students that are **first year participants only**. This contest is designed to encourage students to learn the range plants on the Texas range & pasture plant list. Students must not have participated in Plant Identification, Range & Pasture, Forage, Agronomy, ENR or Wildlife judging.
9. The range & pasture judging scantron will be used.
10. **Tie Breakers:**
  - Individual tie breaker-
    1. Total plants correct.
    2. Coin toss
  - Team tie breaker-
    1. Highest individual.
    2. 2. Coin toss