

## **FFA Broadcasting Area VII Details:**

- Contestants can be in the same room for the presentation or individually participate in the event from a remote location.

- **Option 1: Contestants present in the same room Virtual Leadership Development Event Planning Guide Agricultural Advocacy, Agricultural Issues Forum, FFA Broadcasting, Public Relations**

- o A central, STATIONARY device will be utilized to provide video of the contestants so the judges can ensure the students are in proper official dress

- o The central device should be set up in a location where all participants can be seen on the screen. It is highly recommended that this is tested before the day of the contest. While the contestants are competing, the camera from this device will be turned off.

- o A “plug and play” microphone is recommended if you are planning to utilize the audio input from this central device. This can be set up on a table in front of the participants to ensure quality sound. It is highly recommended to practice with your team using this arrangement prior to the contest.

- o If the audio from the central device is not planning to be used, the device should be muted. Each individual team member may join the virtual meeting and connect to audio in the meeting via a cellular phone with headphones that include a microphone. This will ensure that judges can hear each of the individual team members. It is highly recommended to practice with your team using this arrangement prior to the contest. Students may need to mute their individual device when not speaking.

- **Option 2: Contestants present separately from remote locations**

- o Each contestant should join the meeting from their own individual device with the camera on, so the judges can ensure the students are in proper official dress.

- o Each contestant will compete with the camera of their device turned off.

- o It is recommended that the contestants join the meeting from a device that can be connected to headphones that include a microphone. This will ensure that judges can hear each of the individual team members. It is highly recommended to practice with your team using this arrangement prior to the contest. Students may need to mute their individual device when not speaking.

- In either of the above options, there will be no penalties assessed to teams/contestants for the use of a cellular phone and headphones during this event.

- If contests are presenting in the same room, in close proximity, no penalties will be assessed for students choosing to wear personal protective equipment (i.e. face masks, face shield, gloves, etc.). The National FFA Board of Directors adopted a motion during their May meeting which allows for personal protective equipment to be worn with Official FFA Dress due to the COVID-19