

Virtual Format Practice

In order to feel comfortable presenting via Zoom, recommend that participants PRACTICE ahead of time. Zoom is a free program/app and can be used on computers or mobile devices (cell phones). The free version allows more than two people to stay on a Zoom call for up to 40 minutes. Participants can set up free Zoom calls multiple times over the next several weeks to practice their group presentations.

When presenting, it should be assumed that the device connected to Zoom is your judge. The device should be placed in a location which allows the view of each participant. Additionally, the device should remain stationary during the demonstration, and not be moved. Contestants should be facing the device and presenting to the device, just as they would a live judge if the event were in person.

Event Components and Procedures by LDE

Greenhand Agricultural Skill Demonstration

November 18, 2020

Event Details:

- 2020 Rule Changes:
 - Rule 5: When the camera is turned on, the skill is set up and ready to be demonstrated. All teams will be awarded 50 points for set up and 50 points for clean-up. The time will stop following the conclusion of the presentation- no cleanup will be required.
 - Rule Addition: One additional FFA member may serve as a non-presenting technician but WILL NOT answer questions. Such participation of a technician shall not impact participation scores and shall NOT be counted toward the total number of team members. The technician may operate a shared screen showing a PowerPoint, Google Presentation, etc., but this should not be the focus of the presentation. This individual is not counted as a member of the team and cannot count this as a participation on FFA Scholarship applications.
- 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**
 - A central, **STATIONARY** device will be utilized to provide video of the contestants and to present any slide show/presentation created by the competing team.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- **Option 2: Contestants present separately from remote locations**
 - Each contestant should join the meeting from their own individual device with the camera displaying the contestant from the waist up.
 - It is recommended that the contestant join the meeting from a computer with a webcam for video, but connect to audio in the meeting via a cellular phone with headphones that include a microphone.
- 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 pandemic.

Senior Agricultural Skill Demonstration

November 18, 2020

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 - Rule 5: When the camera is turned on, the skill is set up and ready to be demonstrated. All teams will be awarded 50 points for set up and 50 points for clean-up. The time will stop following the conclusion of the presentation- no cleanup will be required.
 - Rule 7: Questions may begin after the completion of the skill and when team members move towards the camera and announce they are ready.
 - Rule Addition: One additional FFA member may serve as a non-presenting technician but WILL NOT answer questions. Such participation of a technician shall not impact participation scores and shall NOT be counted toward the total number of team members. The technician may operate a shared screen showing a PowerPoint, Google Presentation, etc., but this should not be the focus of the presentation. This individual is not counted as a member of the team and cannot count this as a participation on FFA Scholarship applications.
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