

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: FFA Advisors

From: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

Re: Livestock Judging Career Development Event

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The state Livestock Judging CDE will be held at **Hunt Horse Arena** in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Please review these materials carefully and respond appropriately to ensure your students' eligibility for this CDE. The keep/cull class for this year's event will be **breeding ewes**. The reasons classes for this year's event are market swine and breeding heifers.

Team check in will begin on Wednesday morning, December 1 at 7:30 a.m. The event will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. The competition will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. *Please be aware that due to social distancing precautions, you may be assigned a more specific time window to compete. This time will be communicated prior to the day of the event.* Lunch will be provided.

Again this year, the North Carolina FFA Association will host a junior and senior division event. At-large junior and senior division teams will be allowed to participate in this event provided they register before the deadline. **Regional qualifications will not be required for this year only.** Awards will be given to the top junior division and senior division teams. Awards will be given to the top three middle school teams in each division. Alternate participants are not allowed at this event.

Registration fees for this event are \$20 per student (\$10 CDE fee + \$10 meal ticket). Additional meal tickets may be requested online for advisors, bus drivers, etc. for \$10 per person. You will receive an invoice after the event, please do not bring payment to the event. Should your team not be able to attend, any meal tickets requested will not be refundable.

In registering for the event please note that the junior division is for students enrolled in grades 6-10. Participants in the senior division may be in grades 6-12.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS
PLEASE REGISTER BY **November 19, 2021**

1. Go to ncffa.org and underneath the main homepage area, you will see 3 boxes – click on the one that says **Register & Request**.
2. Click on **Livestock Judging CDE registration**.
3. Email address, Advisor name, Chapter name, and Chapter number are *required*. Please enter your chapter number as NCXXXX.
4. Student Names 1-4: list the names of students you are registering for the event (*Please submit only the appropriate number of team participants! Alternates are not allowed at state CDE events*).
5. A completed and signed waiver form must also be submitted for each registered student. A copy of the waiver can be found at [this link](#).
6. Meal tickets can be purchased for advisors, bus drivers, etc. Please indicate the total number of meal tickets you will need for the event. Meal tickets are \$10 and are not refundable once registration has been submitted.
7. If anyone traveling with you to the event has any dietary restrictions, please indicate that on the form in the space provided so that we may alert the planning staff as soon as possible.

8. If you would like to print a copy of your submission for your records, please use your browser's print function *before* clicking submit. You should receive a confirmation email to the address provided.
9. Click Submit when all the applicable fields have been entered and you have printed a copy for your records (optional).

We will use a scan form for the event. The state office will provide your students with forms the day of the event. The *Judging Card* website and the Event Guidelines both contain sample scorecards for the event so you may download these forms and train your team. It is imperative that your students pay particular attention to the signage at each stop so they will use the correct part of the scorecard. Oral reasons scores will be bubbled directly onto the scorecard by the judges. We will continue to use the cooperative activity cards from previous events and manually enter them into the online scoring program.

Please remind your students to check their work. Failure to bubble in placings or bubbling two selections in the same column will result in a score of 0.

COVID Precautions

- Masks will be required for all attendees.
- If students require a mask exemption, the proper documentation should be submitted with registration for consideration.
- *Please note that teams may be given a specific time to begin judging other than the general start time. This would allow for increased social distancing. More information will be shared following the close of registration.*
- Students will be given assigned seats to allow for social distancing as much as possible.
- Students will be encouraged to maintain social distancing while judging classes.
- Lunch will be boxed.
- Students, advisors, or chaperones that are experiencing COVID-like symptoms or have tested positive for COVID within 72 hours of the event should not attend. Students, advisors or chaperones that have been recommended to quarantine or have family members that have tested positive for COVID or have been recommended to quarantine should not attend.
- If any student, advisor, or chaperone tests positive within three days of the event, the participating advisor should contact the State FFA Coordinator at carmen.bracey@ncsu.edu

Livestock Judging Reminders

1. Eight classes will be placed including one class of breeding swine, one class of market swine, one class of breeding ewes, one class of market lambs, one class of breeding heifers, one class of market cattle, one class of breeding goats and a class of meat goats. **Performance data will be provided on breeding animals. Students may choose to use this information.** We will do our best to secure all classes but cannot guarantee all classes.
2. A keep/cull class of eight animals will be evaluated as the team activity. One scorecard will be used for this event and will be based on visual and performance or production data. The data will be in chart and/or table format and will be included on one sheet of paper. **NOTE: Visual appraisal can affect the animals chosen to keep or cull.**
3. Students will use visual appraisal and production records to answer a 10-item, **multiple choice test on one class of breeding animals.**
4. One set of oral reasons will be given on **market swine.**
5. One set of oral reasons will be given on **breeding heifers.**
6. **You will receive a package of scantron forms for your students in addition to instructions when you sign-in.** Plan to arrive in plenty of time to assist your students in placing the correct information on these cards.
7. Students must bring their own pencils to the event for the scantron form. We will provide clipboards for everyone to use. You may not use your own clipboards.

8. Students will provide their scantron to the oral reasons judges for scoring. Judges will bubble the score directly onto the scantron, highlight the score, and return it to the student. Students should not write anything in the "Reasons Classes" section on the scantron.
9. **Students should bring their own blank materials for taking notes on oral reasons. However, they cannot use any notes while giving oral reasons.** Students and advisors are reminded that students are not allowed to use any notes while presenting oral reasons. Only blank paper or notebooks without writing or notes are allowed to be used.
10. Teachers will be asked to assist with this event. Advisors will be split into groups to assist with directing students during the rotational process. **Please assist us by participating in the flight to which you are assigned. A few others may be assigned for special tasks.** Thank you very much for your help!

A few additional reminders:

- Follow the dress code outlined in the chapter guide to state FFA activities:
 - o *The North Carolina FFA Dress Code for this event will be a collared shirt and long pants. T-shirts with FFA emblems and school logos are also acceptable. Students should wear close-toed shoes.*
- **No tobacco products are permitted.** *The NC FFA Tobacco Use Policy will also be in effect during this event. This means that tobacco products, Juuls, e-cigarettes, and vapes are not to be used at any time during any official FFA event.*
- No cell phones or other electronic devices (this includes Apple watches) are allowed. Have your students leave these devices with an advisor.
- *Violations of these policies will result in penalties as outlined in the 2021-2022 Event Guidelines.*
- Participation waivers are required for this event and must be signed by a parent if the student is under the age of 18. Waivers will be collected electronically when submitting registration. *Waivers should be submitted electronically prior to the event.* **No waiver = no participation.**
- There will not be any corrections made to scantron forms after they are submitted by the students. Failure to provide a chapter number, division, name, etc. or incorrect information will result in the loss of points. Please remind your students to check their work. Two classes that are bubbled into the same column will also result in a score of 0.
- Advisors of students with special needs should notify the state office before the November 19, 2021 registration deadline. **Please be sure that your students eat a healthy breakfast before the event. Students that skip breakfast have experienced issues during the event.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 919-513-0216. Lunch will be provided (included in the registration cost of \$20 per student). Meal tickets for advisors, bus drivers, etc. can be requested during online registration for \$10.

Please complete the online registration no later than November 19, 2021. The North Carolina FFA Association will invoice your chapter for the registration fee of \$20.00 per member, plus any extra meals requested after the event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Attachments:

[Student Waiver](#)

Advisor Checklist

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To help things go smoothly during registration, please make sure you have completed the following prior to checking in:

- Signed waiver for each participant submitted electronically
- Masks for each participant
- Two sharpened #2 pencils with erasers for each participant.
NC FFA will provide clipboards.
- Review registration material and Event Guidelines
- Review scorecard with students for correct marking procedures
- Check dress code!
 - No shorts
 - Closed-toe shoes
 - No cell phones
 - No smart watches
 - No tobacco/vapes

On-Site Checklist/After Registration

- Disperse and adhere name badges
- Disperse meal tickets to students
- Review scorecard instructions with students (name, chapter #, contestant #, division, etc.)
- Direct participants to assigned location