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MEMORANDUM

TO: FFA Advisors

FROM: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

SUBJECT: NC FFA Horse Evaluation CDE

The 2023 State FFA Horse Judging event will be held **Saturday, April 13, 2024**, at St. Andrews University in the equestrian facility-riding arena (St. Andrews University Equestrian Center, 9167 Hasty Rd, Laurinburg, NC 28352). **Registration will begin at 8:00 am and the contest will start at 9:00 am.** The contest will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Judging contest. All participants registered in the Senior FFA Division will take the 25-question written identification test at the conclusion of judging. Lunch and reasons will be held on campus at the Avinger Auditorium. *Advisors will be required to transport students from the arena to campus.*

This is your pre-registration notification; please review these materials carefully and respond appropriately to ensure your students' eligibility for this CDE.

It is critical that we receive registration information in a timely manner. The number of participants significantly impacts planning.

Please register by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Note the following:

Registration for this year's event will be online.

1. To register, please follow these instructions:
2. Go to www.JudgingCard.com
3. Click "Sign In" and enter your user name (the username is "NC" followed by your four-digit chapter number: "NC0001" for example) and password (The password has been preset to the same thing, with a capital "NC")
4. Click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account.
5. Click "Event Registration & Information," move the calendar to April, and click on the April 13th event.
6. Register for the event. Students are selected from a dropdown list. A completed and signed waiver form must be on theaet.com for students to be eligible for registration.
7. Save your information when all the applicable fields have been entered and you have printed a copy for your records (optional).
8. **After April 2, the site will close and no more registrations will be taken.**

We will use a two-sided scan form for the event, which will be provided. Our website, ncffa.org, also has 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 event announcer so they will use the correct part of the scorecard. We will continue to use the oral reason scorecards.

- Please provide all information requested including your email address.
- Provide names of contestants on your team.
- **Alternates are not allowed for this event.**
- Please make sure teams are registered in the appropriate division. There are Junior and Senior divisions; see the chapter guide to activities for participation guidelines.
- **The registration fee is \$20.00 per contestant. Additional meal tickets (\$10) may be purchased for advisors and guests. Lunch will be provided on-site and is included in the fee for students. Do not send money for the registration. Chapters will be invoiced after the event.** Advisors will be given meal tickets for all registrants at check-in.

The following information will assist you in registering your students for this CDE:

1. Dual participation will be allowed in all divisions including Senior and Junior divisions. If registered as a 4-H Rookie, the student can only participate with 4-H. 4-H Rookies CAN NOT be a dual participant with FFA.
1. **You must identify your members who are participating both as FFA and 4-H by emailing Brooke Francher at bmfranch@ncsu.edu before 5 pm on April 2, 2024. Failure to do so before the registration deadline will forfeit a contestant's opportunity to participate in both categories.**
2. **Attention Advisors!** Students who plan to participate in both 4-H and FFA MUST pre-register with 4-H through their 4-H Horse Coach and Extension Horse Husbandry. In addition, students should make sure that their 4-H Coach has checked that they entered in FFA on their form in order to ensure eligibility. Registration with FFA does not constitute registration with 4-H.
3. Please make certain teams are registered in the appropriate FFA division.

FFA Division Classifications:

Junior Division: Students enrolled in grades **6-10**

Senior Division: Students enrolled in grades **6-12**

Students participating in an inappropriate division will result in a total team disqualification.

4. The Horse Judging CDE will consist of 6 to 11 classes with a minimum of 3 halter classes and 3 performance classes. The remaining classes will be determined by availability of horses. However, this may change due to the quality of the classes and the availability of the horses. Every effort will be made to secure quality horses so that there can be an equal distribution of halter and performance classes. This is a multiple-breed event. Although the classes have

not been confirmed, every attempt will be made to offer as much variety as possible. Classes will be selected from any of the light horse and heavy horse breeds.

5. Video classes may be required in the unlikely event that the availability of live horses becomes an issue.
6. **There will be two sets of oral reasons required for the Senior division of this event. The Junior division will give two sets of oral reasons (one performance and one halter).** *Contestants who are competing in both 4-H and FFA will give their reasons to the 4-H judges.*
7. **There will be an identification test for all FFA participants in the senior division.** Additional information can be found in the event guidelines.
8. If anyone traveling with you to the event has any dietary restrictions, please indicate that through the CDE/LDE Accommodation Request [Form](#) prior to the registration deadline.
9. **Students should bring their own materials for taking notes on oral reasons.**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, North Carolina FFA will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Please direct accommodation requests through the CDE/LDE Accommodation Request [Form](#). If the accommodation can be made for all and/or doesn't provide an unfair advantage, then every effort will be made to provide the accommodation. Requests can be accommodated more effectively if notice is provided at least 10 days before the event.

Please complete the online registration no later than April 2, 2024. 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 our office at 919-515-4206.

Coaches' Meeting

A coaches' meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 pm**. This meeting will be held via Zoom and a link will be shared with registered coaches. Coaches will have time to make adjustments in pre-registrations, be given direction as to their responsibilities for the event, and receive pertinent information on the schedule and location of all phases of the event. The full complement of classes will be divulged at this time. Coaches should make every effort to attend this meeting regardless of their background and experience. **All registration material will be distributed at event check-in on April 13, 2024.**

The following website has some information you need to reference as you prepare your teams: <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-educational-materials/horse-judging-resource-material/>

Also, please review the Horse Judging rules in the State Guide to FFA Activities as you prepare for this Career Development Event.

Directions to the St. Andrews University Equestrian Center:

From the north: Follow I-95 South, then take NC Exit 14 to US 74 West (about 30 miles) into Laurinburg. Take Exit # 184 at Hwy 501 South (Hospital signs) turning left. Travel approximately 2 miles then turn right onto Barnes Bridge Road (gas station on left). Turn left at the first stop sign onto **Hasty Road**. The Equestrian Center is a short distance on your left.

From the south: Follow I-95 North, take SC Exit 181 to HWY 38 West toward Bennettsville. At stop light in Bennettsville turn right onto HWY 15 North. Follow HWY 15 N to NC State Line. At State Line go straight (HWY 15 goes left) onto Barnes Bridge Road. At the stop sign turn right onto **Hasty Road**. Equestrian Center is ¼ mile on the left.

From the east: Follow US 74 West to Laurinburg. Take Exit 184 at Hwy 501 South (Hospital signs) turning left. Travel approximately 2 miles then turn right onto Barnes Bridge Road. Turn left at the first stop sign onto **Hasty Road**. Equestrian Center is a short distance on your left

From the west: Follow US 74 East to Laurinburg then take Exit 186 (St. Andrews exit). Turn right off the exit ramp and left onto **Hasty Road** (4th traffic light). Drive 2.3 miles to the Equestrian Center on your left.

Directions from the Equestrian Center to the Avinger Auditorium:

Exit the Equestrian Center driveway and turn right onto Hasty Road. At the traffic light turn right onto US 401/15 North. At the next traffic light turn right onto St. Andrews Drive. At the traffic circle, go ¼ of the way around and take the first road to the right – this is still St. Andrews Drive. Follow this road which will curve left until you see the college buildings and the Scotsman Statue in front of you and then turn right. The parking lot is on the left. Buses need to continue down the parking lot toward the end and then turn left to park in the last two aisle ways.

Advisor Checklist

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
- 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