



# Hunter Safety CDE

## **Purpose**

The North Carolina Wildlife Commission launched hunter safety tournaments more than 30 years ago to promote hunter education and firearms safety. The district- and state-level competitions are open to teams from middle and high schools, both public and private, that offer hunter education courses. Participants in this event complete a written test of hunter skills and orienteering and demonstrate their ability to safely handle and operate various arms.

## **Sponsor**

This event is sponsored as a special project of the North Carolina FFA Foundation.

## **Superintendent**

This event has no superintendent from the North Carolina FFA Association. Comments and questions may be directed to Mr. Joshua Bledsoe, State Agricultural Education Leader, Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences, NC State University, Box 7654, Raleigh, NC 27695-7654

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## **Eligibility & Guidelines**

This event is open to all FFA chapters and FFA members in good standing that have paid their state and national dues. All team members must be FFA members in good standing for the team to be eligible to compete as a FFA team. FFA Members may not participate in a Career Development Event that leads to a state level event after July 1, following their high school/early college graduation. Teams advancing to state event participation must be certified in the state office prior to the state contest.

In order for teams to compete at the State Level as an FFA team they must have FFA in their team name. Teams without this designation will not be considered as an FFA team.

In the senior division, each wildlife district may certify the top four school teams that score a minimum of 2300 points at the district tournament. Regardless of the score, each district can send the district champion and the runner up.

In the junior division, each district may send their top four teams that score over 2000 points in the district tournament. Regardless of score, each district can send the district champion and the runner up.

All contestants must be certified hunter safety graduates of the official North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Hunter Safety Program.

Teams may consist of a minimum of four individuals and a maximum of sixteen individuals.



Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total team disqualification for that event.

The North Carolina FFA Association, in keeping with the FFA mission and purposes, does not permit the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vapes, or Juuls at any FFA facility or at any FFA activity.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, NC FFA will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Please direct accommodation requests to: Carmen Bracey at carmen\_bracey@ncsu.edu. Requests can be served more effectively if notice is provided at least 10 days before the event.

### **Middle School Participation**

Middle school students and teams may participate in any Career Development Event or Leadership Development Event. The top three middle school participants will be recognized in each division of an event. Middle school participants should designate during registration.

### **Procedures for Administering the Event**

Please refer to the guidelines established by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission on event procedures.

### **Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied**

1. In the event a tie score exists, apply the following methods in sequential order until the tie is broken:
2. Compare the hunter skills test scores. The team with the highest test scores is the winner.
3. Compare the orienteering scores. The team with the highest orienteering score is the winner.
4. If these methods fail to break the tie, a final written exam will be taken to break the tie by one participant only from each team.

### **State Awards**

The awards for the state event will be presented annually at the state FFA convention to include a team 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place plaque.

### **National Event Participation**

State winning teams advancing to national event participation must register for the event according to the rules and instructions they receive from the national sponsoring agency.

### **Registration**

Registration fees are assessed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation will begin at the state tournament at 7:00am the day of the event and will close at 10:00am. A safety inspection for each team must be conducted following confirmation. A safety inspection station will be



set up and participants will be directed to that area following registration confirmation. The tournament official must give each participant clearance before they are allowed to participate in any event. Individual equipment will also be inspected at each event.

## **Equipment**

Participants must provide their own firearms and bows and they must wear eye and ear protection while on the range. No ammunition will be allowed on the premises at any time, except that provided by the tournament officials at the firing line.