



# **Truck Safety & Skills CDE**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Truck Driving Career Development Event is to encourage the safe and appropriate use of vehicles in an agricultural setting. The event challenges students to safely operate a pickup truck through a set course with accuracy.

## **State Event Superintendent**

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## **Eligibility**

The state event will be open to only one participant from each federation - the federation winner. The federation winner must be an active member; however, no previous state winner is eligible. Participants must be at least 16 years old and have a valid North Carolina Driver's License. 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.

The use or possession of cellular phones or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule will result in total disqualification.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total 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, 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.



## **Dress Code**

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. Participants are allowed to wear long pants, an appropriate shirt with a collar or an appropriate high school or FFA t-shirt.

The North Carolina FFA Association strives to promote a positive image at all Official FFA Events. The dress code policy was established to address the issue of appropriate attire at all Official FFA Events. Members should adhere to this policy for all events. A ten percent reduction will be applied to all individual scores from a chapter if a participant from that chapter violates the dress code during that career event.

## **Procedures for Administering the Event**

Participants will be judged on their knowledge and demonstration of safety practices and skills in the operation of a pickup truck. The lowest score is the winner.

The state level course is designed for a vehicle with a wheelbase parameter of 126" to 157" with regional and federation events determined by the event administrator.

Judges will make every effort to reset cones that are upset to their original position while participants are navigating the course without penalizing the contestant's time.

## **Scoring**

Participants will be scored on their performance using the North Carolina FFA Truck Driving Score Card. Performances will be timed and the time is calculated into the individual score. Participants start with a score of zero and points are given for each infraction earned. The participant's event time is calculated into the score as a deduction. The participant with the lowest score is considered the winner.

## **State Awards**

The awards will be presented annually at the state FFA convention and will include team 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place plaque and a travel monetary award. The high scoring individual will be recognized at the state FFA convention. Trophies will be given on site at the conclusion of the event.



### North Carolina FFA Truck Driving Score Card

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

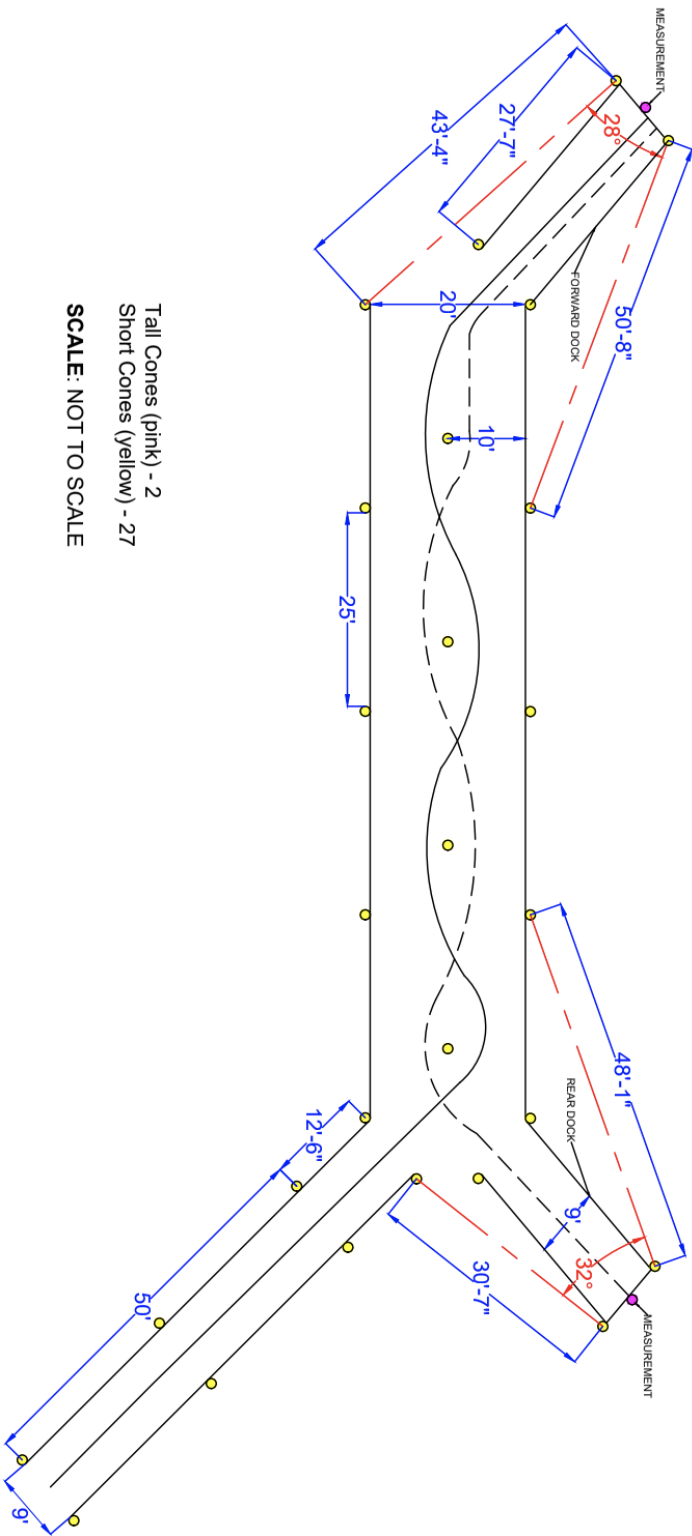
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Scoring	Number	Times	Penalty Points
1. Failure to adjust seat and rear view and side mirrors, fasten seat belt or release parking brake will result in a penalty	_____	x5	_____
2. Each instance of rough or jerking slams or rough severe braking, skidding or spinning tires.	_____	x10	_____
3. Each instance of opening door to observe course.	_____	x5	_____
4. Each instance of failure to follow instructions or safety rules.	_____	x5	_____
5. Each instance of stopping or interrupting continuous movement of vehicle where not required in course.	_____	x5	_____
6. Each instance of upsetting a marker. (Upsetting is any action requiring a marker to be reset; to include completely running over said marker.)	_____	x25	_____
7. Each instance of touching a marker.	_____	x15	_____
8. Each change of direction to avoid upsetting a marker or avoid a border line crossing.	_____	x3	_____
9. Each instance where any portion of the truck tire extends over a borderline.	_____	x15	_____
10. Drivers should blow horn when ready. Each full inch front bumper is away from barrier (to the nearest inch), touching barrier is a 10-point penalty.	_____	x1	_____
11 Each full inch tailgate is away from barrier (to the nearest inch), touching barrier is 25-point penalty. Blow horn to signal completion of the course.	_____	x1	_____
12 Time: Minutes _____ Seconds _____	Total Seconds _____	x0.2	_____
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>			_____
13. Dress Code Violation (10% penalty)			_____
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>			_____

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PRESCRIBED COURSE WILL RESULT  
IN A DISQUALIFICATION OF THE CONTESTANT.



# North Carolina FFA Association Truck Driving Diagram



Tall Cones (pink) - 2  
Short Cones (yellow) - 27  
**SCALE: NOT TO SCALE**