Land Judging CDE

Purpose

The purpose of the Land Judging Career Development Event is to stimulate interest, encourage proficient development and excellence in land management as taught in agricultural education. Students evaluate soil characteristics including texture, slope and drainage and then classify the land in a capacity class. Recommendations for land treatments are made with consideration given to farm, residential and urban uses.

Sponsor

This event is sponsored by Duke Energy Progress and the Soil Science Society of North Carolina as a special project of the North Carolina FFA Foundation.

State Event Superintendent

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Eligibility and General Guidelines

This event is open to all FFA chapters and FFA members in good standing. 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. Members winning a previous state event in this area or that have participated in a previous national event in this area are ineligible.

Each chapter may send one team to compete at the state event. **Teams shall consist of three or four members. The top three scores will count towards the team total.** No alternates are allowed in state events. Any alternate found participating in a state event will result in team disqualification.

FFA members and advisors may not visit the site of a state career development event within seven days of the start of the event. Teams that violate this rule will be disqualified.

FFA members in good standing may also participate as individuals in this event. A chapter may have up to two members participate as individuals as long as the chapter does not have a team participating in the event. Their scores will only count toward individual recognition, and will not be tallied as a team score.

The use or possession of cellular phones, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA’s) or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule by any team member will result in total team disqualification.

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

Dress Code

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. A ten percent reduction in the total team score will be taken if a participant violates the dress code. Participants are allowed to wear long pants, an appropriate shirt with a collar or an appropriate high school or FFA t-shirt.

Procedures for Administering the Event

The Handbook of Land Judging in North Carolina contains information and other materials related to the contest.

Procedures for setting up a contest are described in the Appendix of the handbook.

Scoring and Related Items:

1. All "key score cards" will be completed by contest officials before the contest begins.
2. The official judge will check to ensure that all official answers conform to the information in the handbook.
3. Land treatments will be scored as follows: Full credit will be given when a correct treatment number appears in any block designated by event officials. There will be no credit, even if a correct treatment number is given, if it is outside the number of blocks designated by event officials. This scoring procedure is based on the fact that official judges designate the number of treatments to be selected from each field by participants.

Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied

In the event a tie score exists, apply the following

method:

1. Compare the alternate scores. The lowest team member score is the alternate score.
2. If this method fails to break the tie, co-winners will be declared. In the event of a tie that prevents the top five teams, eligible for national competition, to be determine the following procedure will be used to determine the fifth place team. Compare the total team score (including the alternate score) for the sections of the event that carries the highest point value: Soil Characteristics, Recommended land treatments, Urban Uses, Land Capability Class and Special Environmental Concerns. If a tie continues, the fifth place team will be determined by a coin toss between the team advisors.

Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied for Individual Participants

Ties in scores between individuals will be broken by comparing the scores of the portion/section of the event that carries the highest point value: Soil Characteristics, Recommended Land Treatments, Urban Uses, Land Capability Class and Special Environmental Concerns.

State Awards

The following awards will be presented annually at the state FFA convention provided sponsorship is available:

**State Winning Team**

*Cash prize, first place team plaque, pins for team members*

**Second Place Team**

*Cash prize, second place team plaque, pins for team members*

**Third Place Team**

*Third place team plaque, pins for team members*

**High Scoring Individual**

*Plaque*

**2nd High Scoring Individual**

*Certificate*

National Career Development Event Participation

The top five (5) teams in the state are eligible to participate in the in the National Land and Range Contest. It is the responsibility of the FFA Chapter Advisor to complete all necessary national certification forms and return them to the State FFA Coordinator by the assigned due date.

Bibliography

The Handbook of Land Judging in North Carolina contains information and other materials related to the contest may be accessed at the ncffa.org website at [http://ncffa.org/Web%20Files/  
Chapter%20Guide/Land\_Jdg\_Handbook.Sept.2009.pdf](http://ncffa.org/Web%20Files/Chapter%20Guide/Land_Jdg_Handbook.Sept.2009.pdf)



