

# North Carolina FFA Association

## Spring 2020 Plan

March 16, 2020

This is our best planning as of today, March 16, 2020. As information from the CDC, NC Department of Health of Human Services, and other government agencies is shared, **these plans are subject to change**. **Student, teacher, and volunteer health and safety remain our top priority**.

We are making these changes based on the Governor's announcement this weekend that all public schools will be closed for two weeks. We are also basing these deadlines on the ability to collect, score, recognize, and submit applications for further participation at the state and national levels accordingly.

### **Southeast Region In-Service**

- Postponed until schools are in session once again.
- An email update will be sent out soon to all teachers in the SE Region.

### **Regional Officer Interviews**

- **Move to May** - exact date to be determined once schools are in session once again.
- These will be conducted via Zoom in all regions.

### **NC FFA Award Application Deadline**

- **All applications will be due by 11:59 pm on April 17, 2020.**
- All applications will be submitted electronically - no paper versions are required.
- The following applications will be submitted through The AET.
  - Old North State Degrees
  - American Degrees
  - Proficiency Awards
  - State Stars
  - National Chapter Awards
- The following applications should be emailed as a PDF file to [joshua\\_bledsoe@ncsu.edu](mailto:joshua_bledsoe@ncsu.edu).
  - NC Scholarships
  - National Delegate Applications
  - State FFA Officer Applications
- Detailed information on submission of applications will be shared later with all teachers.

### State FFA Degree Requirements

- State FFA Degree requirements are outlined in the National FFA Constitution - Article VI, Section E. The NC FFA Constitution - Article VI, Section F, states that we will follow the requirements for the State FFA Degree as outlined in the National FFA Constitution.
- Amending the NC FFA Constitution requires the NC FFA Board of Directors approve the change and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the student delegates vote to amend.
- **We cannot amend or alter the requirements for the State FFA Degree.**

### American FFA Degree Requirements

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- Amending the National FFA Constitution requires the board to approve the change and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the student delegates vote to amend.
- **We cannot amend or alter the requirements for the American FFA Degree.**

### Proficiency Award Judging

- Proficiency Award Judging will now be held **after applications are due. The exact date is TBD.**
- Judging will be conducted virtually by experienced teachers and other professionals.
- Judges will have two days to score applications independently. Results will be tallied and a Zoom call will be scheduled to review and ask questions.
- A new proficiency award judging form will be posted online soon to sign up for judging.

### All NC FFA Regional Rallies

- **In-person rallies are cancelled for 2020.**
- **Move most CDEs to May** - exact date to be determined once schools are in session once again.
- The following CDEs will be conducted virtually as a written test - the exact platform TBD.
  - Ag Mechanics
  - Introduction to Horticulture
  - Nursery Landscape
  - Floriculture
- The following LDEs will be conducted virtually as a Zoom video call.
  - Job Interview
  - Prepared Public Speaking
  - Creed Speaking
- The following LDEs will have the **regional events on Tuesday, June 16 at the NC FFA State Convention and the state events on Wednesday, June 17.**
  - Parliamentary Procedure
  - Extemporaneous Public Speaking

### **Forestry CDE**

- **Postponed until August**
- **We are planning for the event to be held on a weekday after August 7 and before September 4.**
- The 2020 state winners will be recognized at the 2021 State FFA Convention.
- More information to come.

### **Ag Sales CDE - Senior and Junior Divisions**

- **Move to May** - exact date to be determined once schools are in session once again.
- This will be conducted virtually as a written test state-wide.
- The top five teams will be invited to participate in a Zoom individual sales presentation.

### **Farm Business Management CDE - Senior and Junior Divisions**

- **Move to May** - exact date to be determined once schools are in session once again.
- This will be conducted virtually as a written test state-wide.
- Both the problem solving and the written test will be administered.

### **Marketing Plan**

- **Move to May** - exact date to be determined once schools are in session once again.
- All written marketing plans will be evaluated and scored.
- The top five teams will be invited to participate in a Zoom marketing presentation.

### **Agricultural Tools & Materials Identification**

- The state event will still be held during the State FFA Convention.
- The event will be open to any chapter in the state.

### **State Officer Selection Process**

- Applications will be due via email to [joshua\\_bledsoe@ncsu.edu](mailto:joshua_bledsoe@ncsu.edu) by 11:59 pm on April 17.
- The three confidential recommendation letters should be emailed directly to [joshua\\_bledsoe@ncsu.edu](mailto:joshua_bledsoe@ncsu.edu) by 11:59 pm on April 17.
- Interviews will be held in Raleigh **June 12-14, 2020**, with arrival in Raleigh on the evening of June 11.
- Cost per candidate will be \$225.

### **State FFA Officer Visits**

- All State FFA Officer visit requests received to date have been cancelled.
- If you would like a state officer to attend an event, please resubmit that request.

### **Convention and Camp Registration**

- Currently we are planning on camp starting on June 1 and state convention being held June 16-18. Again, this is fluid.
- We will send out information about camp and convention registration once schools are back in session.

*The North Carolina FFA partners with other organizations for these events and will follow their guidelines and planning for their delivery.*

#### **Dairy Evaluation CDE and Dairy Handlers Activity**

- **Postponed until August 28.**
- The 2020 state winners will be recognized at the 2021 State FFA Convention.
- More information to come.

#### **Horse Evaluation CDE - Senior, Junior and Middle Grades**

- **Postponed for now - working to secure a date**
- The state event will be administered virtually
- More information to come

#### **State and Area Envirothons**

- Area Envirothons are cancelled.
- The in-person State Envirothon is cancelled.
- The State Envirothon Committee is researching the feasibility of having an online state event for all teams to participate.
- More information will be available in the coming weeks.

#### **Board Action Taken:**

Moved to suspend the rules for this year from the NC FFA Policy Manual, Section XIII - Career Development Events, Individual Member Awards, and Chapter Awards Program, #2:

*“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. (July 10, 2010)*