

EASTERN REGIONAL FFA CREED SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Important note: Please thoroughly read the Introduction Section at the beginning of this Bulletin for complete rules and procedures, which are relevant to all Big E FFA Career Development Events.

EVENT RULES

1. The Big E FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will be limited to one participant per state, must have been enrolled in Grades 7, 8, or 9 at the time of selection by the state for this event.
2. Official FFA dress is required for this event.
3. The Big E FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will follow the general rules and policies for all Big E FFA Career Development Events.
4. The Big E FFA Creed Speaking Superintendent will be in charge of this event.
5. Three to six competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one of judge should have an agricultural/FFA background.

EVENT FORMAT

1. The event will include both an oral presentation and a questioning period. The questions will be directly related to the FFA Creed. Each contestant will be asked three questions per round, with a five minute time limit. The questions will be changed as the contestant progresses to semi and final rounds of competition. The questions will be formulated annually by the Big E Creed Speaking Superintendents who will avoid two part questions. Sample questions will not be available before the event.
2. Participants will present the FFA Creed from the current year's Official FFA Manual.
3. The event will be a timed activity with four (4) minutes for presentation. After four minutes one (1) point will be deducted for every second over the time limit.
4. The event Superintendents will randomly determine the speaking order. The program chairperson shall introduce each participant by contestant number and in the order of the drawing. No props are to be used. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.
5. Each contestant must recite the FFA Creed from memory. Each contestant shall begin the presentation by stating "The FFA Creed by E. M. Tiffany". Each contestant shall end the presentation with the statement "...that inspiring task". Thank you.
6. Contestants will be held in isolation until their presentation. Contestants will not be allowed to have contact with any outside person.
7. At the time of the event, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant on the delivery of the FFA Creed using the score sheet provided.
8. A timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time used by each participant in delivering the Creed.
9. A content accuracy judge will record the number of recitation errors made during delivery.
10. When participants have finished, speaking each judge will total the score of each speaker. The timekeeper and accuracy judge's records will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to the event Superintendent to determine the final rating of participants.

TIEBREAKERS

Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participant's low ranks will be counted and the participant with the greatest number of low ranks will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists then the event superintendents will rank the participant's response to questions. The participant with the greatest number of low ranks from the response to questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists than the participant's raw scores will be totaled. The participant with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

REFERENCES

Current year's Official FFA Manual.

CREED SPEAKING SCORE SHEET

Judge's Name: _____ Section: _____

Flight: _____ Room: _____

	Possible Points	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
VOICE									
Quality	40								
Pitch	40								
Force	40								
Articulation	40								
Pronunciation	40								
VOICE TOTAL	200								
STAGE PRESENCE									
Personal Appearance	50								
Poise & Posture	40								
Attitude	35								
Confidence	35								
Personality & ease before an audience	40								
STAGE PRESENCE TOTAL	200								
POWER OF EXPRESSION									
Fluency	30								
Emphasis	35								
Directness	35								
Sincerity	35								
Communicative Ability	35								
Conveyance of thought and meaning	30								
POWER OF EXP. TOTAL									
GENERAL EFFECT									
Extent to which speech was understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention	100								
GENERAL EFFECT TOTAL	100								
RESPONSE TO QUESTION									
Ability to answer satisfactorily the questions asked by the judges indicating familiarity with the subject	300								
RESPONSE TOTAL	300								
GROSS TOTAL POINTS	1000								
Less Time Deductions**									
Less Accuracy Deductions***									
NET TOTAL POINTS									
Contestant Ranking									

* - Judges will select three questions per round. Questions will be selected from a data bank of questions that were developed by the Superintendents.

** -1 point per second over = determined by the timekeepers

*** -20 points per word, determined by the accuracy judges