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Opening and Closing Ceremony CDE

Purpose:

The Opening and Closing Ceremony CDE is designed to develop agricultural leadership by providing an opportunity for middle school member participation in public speaking activities and stimulating interest in leadership and citizenship.

Eligibility:

The participants must be members of a chartered West Virginia FFA Association chapter in grades 7, or 8. The group can be the chapter's officer team or a group of members as selected by the chapter.

Event Procedures:

1. At each level, a CDE coordinator and three judges will be in charge of this event.
2. The CDE will be held in two rounds at the WV State FFA Convention: preliminary and final state competition. Each chapter may only enter one team at the preliminary level with the top three teams advancing to the final competition.
3. Each participant must be in official dress. Official dress will be scored on each team member, according to the guidelines on the scorecard
4. The event officials will randomly determine the competition order. The CDE Coordinator shall introduce each chapter by name and order of drawing. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have competed, and the team president has declared the meeting adjourned.
5. 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 chapter on the performance of both opening and closing ceremonies, according to the score sheet provided.
6. The team will perform the opening and closing ceremonies as per the current Official FFA Manual (see attached script).

7. Only the six constitutional officers and advisor portion will participate. All officer parts will be performed by team members (ADVISORS/COACHES WILL PARTICIPATE WITH THEIR TEAM – their part will not be scored.)
8. Contest officials will set up the officer stations around the room, as per the design in the current Official FFA Manual, prior to the beginning of the contest.
9. The teams shall make no other items of business or transitional statements between the opening and closing ceremony.
10. It is recommended that a recording judge be selected to check for accuracy during the event at all levels.
11. In the event of a tie score, the tie will be broken by the TOTAL accuracy score of all team members, then by the TOTAL performance score of all members.

Attachments:

1. Scorecard
2. Script (From Official FFA Manual)