

Recap of Changes for Advisors From the January 6, 2020 Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

POLICY/RULE UPDATES:

Please review changes approved at the Second Quarter Board of Director's meeting that may pertain to your chapter member's participation. Please be sure to always reference the most current posted documents and polices when preparing for any competitive event/award process.

Career Development Events (CDE)

No updates to report

Leadership Development Events (LDE)

No updates to Report

Speaking General Rules (SDE)

No updates to Report

Scholarship Application Change:

The Board of Directors passed the recommendation of the Scholarship Advisory Committee to lower the score allotment from 10 points to 5 points for the Officer Position/Committee Activities.

FFA Leadership and Achievement

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A. Leadership Development Events	10 points
B. Career Development Events	10 points
C. Invitational Events	5 points
D. Officer Positions/Committee Activities	10 points 5 points
E. Other FFA & Community Service Activities	10 points
F. Supervised Agricultural Experience Program	10 points

Agriscience Fair General Rules:

Approved Language Rule #12: "Results will be announced at an awards reception on Wednesday which is open to all agriscience participants, their advisors and parents. ***First place winners in all divisions/categories will receive a banner and plaque(s). Second and third place winners in each division/category will receive a banner and medal(s). In addition, first place winners will be recognized at the Wednesday general session and should follow seating instructions given at the awards reception.***

Selection Procedure for Degree Candidates, Students & Chapter Awards (Degree Check)

Policy:

Approved language Policy 26. (g) Selection committees shall review and score each application in accordance to standards adopted by the Texas FFA Association. ***Rankings calculated from rubric scores of each committee member will be added by the committee chair to determine final ranking. The four (4) applicants with the lowest cumulative ranking will advance to the interview portion of the selection process. After submitting the final ranking of applications in each star category the State Degree Check Chair and Texas FFA Staff will review and verify accuracy. Upon conclusion of the review, the four (4) finalists of each star category will be publicly announced by the State Degree Check Chair and/or Texas FFA State Staff. The four (4) finalists of each category will be interviewed at a designated date and time during the State FFA Convention. The winner for each category will be determined by using the average State Degree Check application score (25%) and the average star interview score (75%). The candidate with the highest score will be declared the winner. All four (4) finalists and the winner of each star category will be recognized and announced on stage during the State FFA Convention.***

Approved language Policy 26. (h) To be considered for top honors and recognized *as one of the four (4)* a state finalist, applicants must appear before *a 5 member* selection committee *consisting of 3 individuals representing business and industry and 2 agriscience teachers for a personal interview*. Extenuating circumstances which prevent a candidate from appearing shall be described in writing and considered by the State FFA Executive Board. Under such conditions, the Executive Board may request that the committee consider such an application for star award honors or allow the candidate to be recognized as a state finalist.