

CDE Committee Meeting
August 2, 2018
Lubbock, TX

I. Introductions

Area 1 – Rob Hawkins, Adam Westbrook

Area 2 – Cory Raines, Tim Flanagan

Area 3 – Traylor Lenz

Area 4 – Brent Wicker, Jimmy Carter

Area 5 – Ryan Pieniazek, Luke Parr

Area 6 – Casey Jones, Cody Darby

Area 7 – Patrick Padgett, Tim Tatch

Area 8 – Kylar Burson, Jared Doughty, Kevin Wuderlich

Area 9 – Paul Schwander, Ted Thompson

Area 10 – Jeff Kennedy, Jim Harris

Area 11 – Troy Oliver, Jason Woods

Area 12 – Mindy Howard, Lisa Pieper

Guests – Melissa Loerwald (Chair), Dr. Ted Ford (TSU), Michelle Damerau, Dr. Chris Skaggs (TAMU), Dr. John Rayfield (TTU), Dr. Dwayne Pavelock (SHSU), Gary Rosenbusch (TSU), Amanda Rohan (TSU), Austin Large (TXFFA), Tricia Sullivan (TXFFA), Clay Ewell (JC), Alyssa Ewell (JC), Russell Ewell (JC)

II. Area Concerns

Area 1

- Event provider needs to have magnifying glasses
- Horse judging has a close inspection (halter classes) is dangerous when contestants are able to get in the dirt and inspect the horses
- Food science better student supervision by event volunteers

Area 2

- State cotton contest was poorly managed. Not all students were provided the amount of time that is specified in the rules.
- MQP only so much cheese and fat contest is allowed – not enough product to taste
- Two out of the top 10 teams were only finishing a few of the problems. Not enough time to complete the problems
- Clipboard Problems

Area 3

- MQP the non-imitational stay in its natural state (2018)
- State wildlife date is on top of that week of national range, land, homesite contest
- WAY unofficially selected the state event to be April 30, 2019.
 - **State Staff confirmed on 8.3.18 that the state event date will be Tuesday, April 23, 2019.**

Area 4

- ATMS - Need to be more specific that rules are written clearly. Feeling that providers are trying to be tricky and the contest is thrown together.
- Concerns that there was not a gooseneck trailer, wood structure wasn't common for animal handling?

- Answers need to be correct at the area contest
- Entry fees are too high
- Cap of 3 teams per area isn't fair
- Reference additional notes
- Concerned about meats contest and number of teams allowed

Area 5 – none

Area 6 – none

Area 7

- State MQP running out of samples
- Problem solving ran out of time
- Wool teams are getting an unfair advantage of being able to train teams

Area 8

- Vet Tech going to one scantron to ease problems with practicum

Area 9

- Forestry question was thrown out due to incorrect answers
- Markings were inconsistent and information given was verbal instead of written down
- Make sure they follow rules and guidelines of contest
- State provider mislabeled an ID
 - **State Staff will meet with provider to ensure all mistakes are remedied prior to 2019 event.**

Area 10

- Like to suggest designate time at end of every event to give students time to complete scantron. Students are rushed to complete so scantrons can get to scanning room. This tends to happen in all events.
- Dress code – skirts
- MQP time it takes for math portion
- Concern on what is/is not a programmable calculator
- Why is shooting sports not recognized at the state level
 - **Texas FFA will talk with Ron and TEA to see if this is a true AFNR skill?**
- Wool color dots, grad student told teams what color sticker meant
- Plant ID lists were same as last year, kids were counted off and on same team

Area 11

- Request who is putting on officials for state livestock contest. Can they do a workshop/clinic?
 - **Kenneth Gladney is the workshop facilitator.**

Area 12

- Not a lot of opportunity for ENR – invitational?

Tim Flanagan presented to the committee a packet to reference clipboards for all event volunteers. Event providers need to have a training at the beginning of the event so all workers understand the requirements. To be used as a resource if event providers would like.

- Google Doc for Dress Code/Clip Board Monitors – attach clip board rule and dress code to the email so all monitors understand what to look for.

- General Rule 8 references policy 25.5(f) This is an administrative change and the statement will be removed without the need for an official motion.

Multiple scantrons were found in one student's possession at area event.

- Event provider keep extra sheets if they're found?
- Weather plays a role in why multiple scansheets might be in a contestant's possession. Everyone needs to be aware of the multiple scansheets. **(No action taken)**

Discussion on smart watches and current language regarding airplane mode, visibility.

Motion: Jeff Kennedy amend rule 17 to read "Any communication, verbal or nonverbal, between participants during an event will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team. *All Communication devices (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, etc.) shall NOT be allowed in the possession of the contestant* ~~turned off or placed on airplane mode and shall not be visible or used in any capacity~~ during the duration of the contest. Programmable calculators will not be allowed. Violators shall be disqualified.

Motion passed viva voce.

Tatsch explained we're wasting too much time on information that doesn't give the students competitive advantages and we need to focus on what's important (clipboards & dress code).

Vet science needs a custom vet science scansheet. If you have two sheets, there's still a problem of trying to figure out how to combine the answers from two different sheets. What kind of quality event with a practicum can we provide with such a large number of contestants. **(No action taken)**

Contestants need time to complete scantrons after the event is complete.

Motion: Jeff Kennedy to add the following language at the beginning of General rule 19. "Contestants will be given a 10-minute period at the end of the event to complete their scantron."

Motion passed viva voce.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SITE PROVIDERS:

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Milk Quality

- Provider ensures that running out of a product is an easy fix. They will ensure that each rotation has an adequate quality of all samples.
- Hair needs to be tied back. Long hairs tend to touch samples if it's not pulled back. Possible solution would be hairnets. Portion cups, would be expensive and hard to make sure that all samples are set up and ready for each rotation.
 - **Committee Recommends toothpicks be used at state contest in 2019 in order to keep hair/germs off the samples. (No motion needed)**
- Math problems
 - the problems are hard and take a lot of time. The problems are multi-steps, maybe they should be single step problems.
 - The rules don't have much guidance of how to train the teams.

- Should we extend time or reduce the number of questions?
- At state 2018, 5 students made perfect scores, but the average student only got two answers correct in math problem.
- **The state office will recommend to the provider that the questions not be so lengthy. (no motion needed)**

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

State staff will make a trip in the spring of 2019 to visit with all event superintendents to ensure they are familiar with state requirements.

Cotton

- We need to be working with the cotton classing office.
- The superintendent is aware of the problems that occurred in 2018 regarding time for group rotations and this should be remedied for next year.

Food Tech & Plant ID

- At state contest in 2018, it was made aware that superintendents aren't familiar with the state rules.
- **State staff will visit in the spring.**

Plant ID

- Plant lists have been duplicated and in the exact same order since 2010. There are 129 plants and 60 should be tested over.
- **The committee recommends that the provider not continue the current rotation of plants. It needs to be mixed up each year.**
- Provider has ensured us this is a very easy fix but **requests that teachers and students do not take pictures of his pressed plants after the contest.**
- Provider is encouraged to gather as many fresh plants as they can.

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Nursery/Landscape

- General knowledge exam had some corrections that needed to be made.
- There 3 types of lilies, Easter, star gazer and oriental. Since we are in the middle of a revision cycle, JudgingCard will give credit for both star gazer lily and oriental lily as a correct answer if either of them are used.

Ag Tech and Mech Systems

- ATMS concerns from area 4 were addressed and explained individually by event superintendent.
- ATMS sub-committee is thinking of making this a 2-day event with 36 teams.
Motion: Thompson recommends to keep the ATMS contest in a one-day format for the 2019 year.
Motion passed viva voce.

Chairman asked all universities present if there were any concerns regarding space at event locations. Is everyone still good with 5 teams? Tractor tech will take 36 teams but only top 10 advance to final round. No other providers commented on this question.

Adjourn 2:48pm