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Ritual Demonstration

Purpose

The purpose of the leadership development event is to develop public speaking skills, promote the proper presentation and delivery of Official FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies, as outlined by the Official FFA Manual, and to promote the proper identity and standards of Official Dress as outlined by the Official FFA Manual.

This event is designed to emphasize the importance and purpose of having regular, organized and effective chapter meetings, as well as the significance of the duties of chapter officers. It is hoped this event will lead FFA members and advisors to have future interest in participation in the Parliamentary Procedure – Novice & Senior LDEs.

General Information

The Kansas FFA State Ritual Demonstration Leadership Development Event will be limited to two participants from each district.

- Teams will consist of six active FFA members from the same chapter.

All official ceremonies are to be memorized, rehearsed and conducted with pride and dignity. Never forget you and your chapter are on display. Your performance should reflect sincerity and leadership.

Correct terminology according to gender. For example use “madam president” in addressing a female president.

Event Rules

- Participants will wear Official FFA Dress for this event. According to the Official FFA Manual, official dress is defined as:
 - An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
 - Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons.
 - White collared blouse or white collared shirt.
 - Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf.
 - Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.

- A team will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. Advisor -- A student advisor may take the role of the advisor for the competition. The advisor part will not be scored, no matter if it is performed by a student.
- Any participant in possession of any electronic device is subject to disqualification.

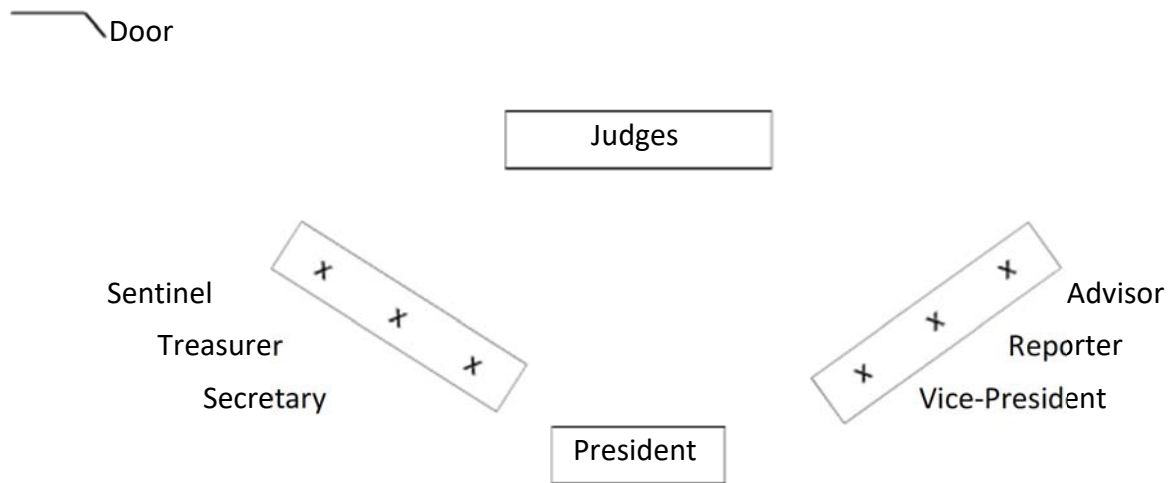
Event Format

EQUIPMENT

Materials provided by the event committee include:

- Officer station markers
- Gavel

ROOM SETUP



Event Procedures

- A LDE coordinator and three judges will be in charge of this event. One of the three judges will be designated as the accuracy judge.
- There will be a preliminary and final round of demonstrations. The four highest placing teams will advance to the final round. The final round will begin immediately following the announcement of the top four teams.
- The room will be pre-set with a lectern, tables, chairs, and station markers prior to the event. All teams will use identical room sets provided by the event committee. Actual meeting room sets will be provided during the team orientation meeting prior to the event.
- Teams may not rearrange officer stations. All teams will sit in the same order (Advisor, Reporter, Vice-President, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sentinel) from left to right as seen by the judges.
- After the members enter the room, the President will seat the members and begin the presentation.

- The event will begin with (One tap of the gavel, followed by two taps of the gavel.) President: "The (meeting room, banquet hall, etc.) will come to order.
- Once Opening Ceremony is complete, the team will proceed directly into Closing Ceremony. ". . . duly opened for the transaction of business, or attention to any matters which may properly be presented." "Mr./Mdm. Secretary, do you have a record of any further business which should now be transacted?" The teams shall make no other items of business or transitional statements between opening and closing ceremony.
- The event will end with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the president stating, "I now declare this meeting adjourned." (Taps once with gavel.)
- This event will mirror exactly the Opening and Closing Ceremony as found in the most recent online issue of the Official FFA Manual at www.ffa.org. A team may not deviate from the Official FFA Manual in any way. For example: Secretary: "There are ___ members and ___ guests present, Mr./Madam President."
- There is no time limit for the team's demonstrations.

Awards

Awards will be presented on stage during a session of State FFA Convention based upon their rankings to the top four teams as follows:

- 1st place- Plaque and gold medals for each team member
- 2nd place- Plaque and silver medals for each team member
- 3rd place- Plaque and bronze medals for each team member
- 4th place- Plaque and bronze medals for each team member

Awards are sponsored by cooperating industry sponsors as a special project and/or by the general fund of the Kansas FFA Foundation.

The winning team will present Opening Ceremonies at the State FFA Convention session following the announcement of the winners.

References

This list of references is not intended to be all-inclusive.

Make sure to use discretion when selecting website references by only using reputable, proven sites. The following list contains references that may prove helpful during event preparation. All references (except #6) are available on-line through the National FFA Organization's Core Catalog, <http://www.ffa.org/> The most current edition of resources will be used.

1. National Official FFA Manual
2. National FFA Student Handbook
3. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised