

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE DEMONSTRATION CDE

PURPOSE

The Horticulture Demonstration Contests are designed to stimulate careful planning, thorough knowledge and the ability to explain, by work and action, the “how and why” of various horticulture practices.

ELIGIBILITY

The participant must be an active member of a chartered Florida FFA Chapter and enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.

EVENT PROCEDURES

- At each level a CDE coordinator and three judges will be in charge of this event with the State FFA Association providing CDE materials.
 - Any team or individual that has received the state award in a previous demonstration category division is not eligible for further competition in that category.
 - Contestants in this CDE may participate as individuals or as a team of two.
 - A Chapter may enter one or more of the divisions. All divisions will be conducted simultaneously. However, each chapter may only enter one team in each division.
 - Demonstrators must bring all of the equipment and materials needed for the demonstration.
 - FFA members must be in official dress, appropriate to the contest, and will be scored accordingly. The individual participant official dress score or the average official dress score for teams will be added to the final demonstration score to determine the winners.
- Judges will provide a brief critique for individual demonstrations at the conclusion of the CDE if the team so desires. Participants shall not present any items to the judges as gifts or souvenirs at any time during the event. The only exception is an item created as part of the demonstration that is intended for human consumption. In that situation, participants may, but are not required, to present a small sample to the judges to be consumed at the event and in the allotted demonstration time.
 - The top demonstration in each of the five divisions will be the state winning demonstration in that division.
 - Demonstrations will be divided into five divisions:
 - Production - Any practice that has to do with growing vegetables, fruits, nuts, flowers, ornamental and foliage plants and turfs. Those practices concerned with maintaining or replenishing the productive capacity of the soils also fall into this category.
 - Marketing - Operations in preparing vegetables, edible tree nuts, fruits, flowers and ornamental plants for market; to a buyer, or for storage, and in preparing for and exhibiting these horticulture crops. Marketing strategies must be included.
 - Consumer Use - Preparing vegetables, fruits, and/or nuts for use, canning, freezing, or dehydration.
 - Artistic Arrangement Of Horticulture Crops - The use of flowers and other horticultural crops in arrangements, corsages and plaques. Material used may be live or dried. Weeds and native materials may be used. Artificial plants and flowers may not be used. The making and use of dish gardens, terrariums and planters are included in this class. The end product should not be edible.
 - Landscaping - Any practice that has to do with arrangement, establishments and maintenance of flowers, ornamental and foliage plants and turf around or within the home, business, or public grounds. (Demonstrations on growing landscaping materials should be entered in production divisions. Cut flower arrangements should be entered in Artistic Arrangement of Horticulture Crops Division).

EVENT SCHEDULE

The contests will be held in two rounds. District level contests will be held to determine the top demonstration in each division. These individuals/teams will then complete in the state level event.

EVENT PRACTICUMS

PERFORMANCE PRACTICUM

PRESENTATION

- Contestants will be limited to a maximum of ten minutes and a minimum of seven minutes for the actual demonstration. A time limit of three minutes will be allocated for judges to ask questions. A set up time of five minutes will be enforced for all demonstrations. One point will be deducted for each 30 seconds over-time or under-time and a maximum of 5 points may be deducted for time infractions.



SCORING

Practicum	Activity	Individual
Performance	Presentation	100
Official Dress		50
Total		150

Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges' ranking of each participant shall then be added, and the winner will be that whose total of rankings is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner. (low point method of selection)

TIE BREAKERS

Ties will be broken using the following procedure, unless otherwise noted by the CDE Coordinator. In breaking a tie for a team the drop score will be used first, followed by team written exam total, and then by team placing class total. Individual ties will be broken by oral reasons first, followed by written exam, and then by a single placing class (chosen by CDE Coordinator). If any of these are absent from a CDE, (ie. oral reasons, written exam, etc), then the next highest point practicum will be used.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at an awards ceremony. Awards are presented to teams as well as individuals based upon their rankings. Awards are sponsored by a cooperating industry sponsor(s) as a special project and/or by the general fund of the Florida FFA Foundation.

REFERENCES

Ornamental Horticulture Demonstration Scoresheet

Chapter: _____

Name(s): _____

Title of Demonstration: _____

Starting time: _____ Finish time: _____ Elapse time: _____	Possible Score	Actual Score	Excellent	Good	Fair
1. Demonstrator	15				
Voice - words clear and well chosen	5				
Appearance - neat and proper for the job	5				
Suitable posture and action	5				
2. Subject Matter	30				
Brief introduction giving practical value of the topic and gaining interest.	5				
Accurate, up-to-date and complete information.	12				
Accurate answers to questions.	10				
Sources of information.	3				
3. Presentation	40				
Arrangement and use of equipment.	10				
Organization of subject matter	10				
Demonstration materials - neat and clear.	5				
Ability to work easily and efficiently.	10				
Summary statement	5				
4. Results	15				
Was the purpose of the demonstration accomplished?	5				
Was it a "show-how" demonstration?	10				
TOTAL POINTS	100				
Official Dress (individual or average of team)	50				
Time Deduction (If necessary) One point deduction for each 30 seconds over or under time for a maximum deduction of 5 points.	-5				
TOTAL POSSIBLE (150)	150				