**General CDE Rules**

* Two week pre registration was clarified as being two (2) calendar weeks, fourteen (14) calendar days, prior to the contest and must be completed by 11:59 PM CST the day of the deadline.
* Updated the CDE/LDE Calendar to include addition of Middle School & Reasons Divisions as well as pre registration deadlines and whether or not they are mandatory.
* Article II - General Information
  + Section D - Non Participants
    - Non-competing current middle school or high school student observers will be NOT be permitted to attend the contest. (II.D.2.a)
    - No current middle school or high school students will be allowed to assist or serve as an official of a state contest (with the exception of non-competing section presidents). (II.D.2.e)
  + Section F - Disqualifications
    - Smart Watches and Earbuds/headphones were added to the list of items for disqualification if caught using during CDEs. (II.F.7)
    - No student or instructor will be allowed to copy down test questions in any form during a state contest as the test questions are the property of the author. (II.F.12)
* Article IV - Contest Results
  + All CDE results are to be considered official *following the 72 hour appeal period following the release of electronic results or after any appeals are resolved.* (IV.C.4)
* Article 5 - Miscellaneous
  + Section D - National Invitational Events Other than National FFA Convention
    - Subsection 2 - Requests to represent the Illinois Association must be in writing within 10 calendar days after the results of the State CDE/LDE have been finalized and… (V.D.2)
    - Permission to represent the Illinois Association FFA are normally limited to teams placing in the top three schools at the state-level event conducted by the IAVAT or the FFA. *If the CDE has a reasons division, preference will be given to any reasons teams in the order they placed. Any contest without a reasons division will have the top 5 placing teams considered by the Board.* (V.D.3)
* Added National Land Use Invitational (1st Week in May in Oklahoma City, OK) to the list of National & Regional-level Career Development Events.

**Ag Issues CDE**

* All forms documented in the portfolio must be completed by May 15.

**Ag Sales CDE**

* A - General Information
  + 3 - Miscellaneous:
    - a. - The product to be used by the host will be the same as the National FFA Ag Sales Product and released when National releases theirs.

**Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE**

* A - General Information
  + 1. Team
    - Added a Reasons Division (High School Reasons & Non-Reasons; Middle School Reasons & Non-Reasons)
    - Schools may enter one (1) team in each Division.
    - High School Reasons Division winner will represent Illinois at the National FFA CDE.

**Dairy Foods CDE**

* The Dairy Foods CDE will now require a mandatory pre registration two weeks in advance of the event.
* A - General Information
  + 2. Placings/Scoring: *Beginning in 2018, the Illinois Dairy Foods contest will use a positive scoring template. Officials will be given immediately following completion of the event.*
  + 5. Additional Information: Refer to the "General Rules" section for the current year for information concerning Entry Fees, Registration, and Location of the event. *Please be aware that allergens may be present at the contest site.*
* B - Event Format
  + 1 & 4 Changed the scoring to reflect the switch from negative scoring to positive scoring.
  + 6. Team Event. All team members will be responsible for cooperatively solving a selected situation from one of the following: sanitation, marketing and distribution, and current issues in dairy health or industry. *There will be 15 minutes allowed for the team problem.* [Scoring Note: The team event is valued at 20 points.]
* Contest Superintendent will remind Contest Host of the title change on the information sheet that is handed out at the contest from Real vs. Artificial to Dairy vs. Non-Dairy

**Food Science CDE**

* A - General Information
  + 7 - Additional Information
    - *Please be aware that allergens may be present at the contest site.*
* C - Career Development Event Divisions
  + 2 - Practicums
    - C - Math Practicum
      * Allow the use of the Conversion Chart for Basic Liquid Measurements (US) for the State CDE

**Horse Evaluation CDE**

* A - General Information
  + 1. Team
    - Added Middle School Non-Reasons Division.
    - A school may participate in all divisions. The winner of the high school reasons division will represent Illinois at the National FFA competition
* B - Event Format
  + 1. Placing Classes
    - Added Ranch Riding to the list of possible performance classes that may be used during the event.

**Horticulture CDE**

* The Horticulture CDE will now require a mandatory pre registration two weeks in advance of the event.
* Under bulbs “Lily” was changed to “Asiatic/Oriental Lily”

**Job Interview CDE**

* C - Career Development Event Divisions
  + 1 - Due in Advance by Deadline - Prior to Arrival
    - C.1.b.ii - Resume must be non-fictitious and based upon their work history *and must include three (3) references with contact information.* [NOTE: Reference Letters will no longer be required.]
    - C.1.c - All entries must be received by the contest host by the postmark date specified for the current year. No late entries will be accepted *and if cover letter and resume is received after the deadline, the student will be ineligible to compete.*
  + 2 - Completed at the CDE Site – After Arrival
    - C.2.b.i - The student goal is to obtain a personal interview with the company to which they are applying. *The employer will call the student.* *Student should communicate with the understanding the company has received their cover letter and resume.* Students will interview with the employer themselves.
* Scorecard Changes
  + Cover Letter Scorecard
    - Format
      * Paragraph justification
        + Cover Letter should be “Left” Aligned.
  + Initial Telephone Contact Scorecard
    - Overall Impression
      * Combined Courteous/Pleasant in order that there would be five areas each worth two (2) points each so that the total area is worth ten (10) points.

**Land Use CDE**

* Middle School Division added for the 2018-2019 School Year.
* Moved to adopt the new Land Use CDE as proposed by the CDE Committee at Conference with new rules and a scorecard for use during the 2019-2020 School Year.

**Livestock Evaluation CDE**

* Scoring for the Grading portion of the event will be changed to match the judgingcard.com template.

**Meat Evaluation CDE**

* B - Event Format
  + 2 & 3 Quality & Yield Grade Scoring
  + We are adopting judgingcard.com rubrics for scoring and assigning point values for Beef Quality & Yield Grades,
  + 5. Team Event. All team members will be responsible for cooperatively solving a Ground Meat Formulation Problem. Round decimals for the final answer only. *There will be a 15 minute time limit for completing the team problem.* [Scoring Note: The team event is valued at 50 points]
* Contest Superintendent will ask the host to email or handout the official reasons for why each class is placed or graded as it is.

**Parliamentary Procedure LDE**

* The IAVAT Board is recommending to the FFA Board of Directors that they change the rules of the LDE so that Secretaries are now required to provide their own paper and that any format may be used.

**Vet Science CDE**

* B - Career Development Event Format
  + Removed Scenario Questions (“Letter Writing’) Practicum.
* C - Career Development Divisions
  + Handling and Restraining/Clinical Procedure Practicums:
    - a. Participants will be given two clinical procedure activities to complete (50 points each). Fifteen to 30 minutes will be allotted for this section depending on the activities selected each year. Participants are expected to talk through the clinical procedure steps to a judge as they are being scored. Judges may ask participants for clarification on steps performed.
    - b. Participants will be given two handling/restraint activities to complete (30 points each). Fifteen to 30 minutes will be allotted for this section depending on the activities selected each year. Participants are expected to talk through the handling and restraining steps to a judge as they are being scored. Judges may ask participants for clarification on steps performed.
* The conversion sheet developed for the National Vet Science CDE will be utilized for the State Vet Science CDE.