

2021 ND FFA State Winter CDE's Plan

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This document outlines the plan for holding the State Winter CDE's at the ND State Fair Center in Minot on Monday, March 22nd. This document could change at any time with updated guidance and restrictions from the State of ND. This plan meets the ND Smart Restart Guidelines at the Orange/High Risk level.

General Guidelines

The ND Department of Career and Technical Education has provided [Guidelines for CTSO Activities](#) the North Dakota FFA will follow everything outlined in this document for State Winter CDE's. This includes:

- Masks are required for all participants (Members, advisors, judges and guests)
- Attendance logs will be taken through Pre-registration and on-site verification for each event
- All events will be isolated in the State Fair Center at Minot. There will be separate entrances, check-in/registration areas, tabulations area, rest rooms for each of the CDE's. All individuals (members, advisors, judges, guests) will be restricted to their designated event space. State Fair Center Staff, and designated ND FFA staff under limited circumstances may have to enter multiple event sites but will be limited on time of entry and will maintain social distance.
- Reduced participation - Chapters will be limited to one team of 4 individuals for each event.
- Student participants will need to provide all personal items (writing utensils, calculators, etc.) All cards, tests, packets will be provided by ND FFA for individual use and not shared.
- The ND FFA will communicate with First District Health on all event plans and procedures leading up to March 22nd.

Facilities

The ND State Fair is providing spaces that will allow the ND FFA to follow all current ND SMART RESTART Protocols for Large Gatherings. This plan will allow the event to proceed under the Orange/High Risk Level

- Ag Sales and Service - Magic Place and Lower Atrium
- Agronomy - 4H Hall
- Livestock - Arena I and FFA Hall.

Information on room capacities and facility layout can be found at this [link](#)

Meal/Concessions

Food and general concessions will not be provided on site for participants. Chapters should plan ahead for feeding their participants.

Awards

An award session will take place virtually following the completion of all events. This will be livestreamed on the ND FFA Facebook page and results distributed electronically through judgingcard.com. Ribbons and awards will be mailed to chapters that week.

Registration

All chapters must pre-register their individuals and attendees by Monday, March 15th at this [link](#). Changes and substitutions will not be accepted on the day of the event. If you encounter a problem with a participant attending you may contact Aaron Anderson aaronanderson@nd.gov leading up to the event.

Members will arrive at the event in their Official Dress and ready to start their event. Access to restrooms for changing prior to the event will be limited.

Waiver Forms

All participants will have to submit their medical release, media release waiver form, along with the COVID-19 addendum, electronically in the registration system. Failure to submit all waivers will forfeit the chapter's participation in the event. Those Members that completed the waiver form for District Leadership will not have to submit one again. Advisors should review the COVID-19 addendum with all members planning to attend to ensure compliance.

[Student Waiver](#)

[Advisor/Adult Waiver](#)

Communications

All communication to advisors and coaches the day of the event will be shared through the ND FFA Information and Emergency Notification System. If you have signed up previously you are still in the system. If you are unsure, you can sign up for this system at this [link](#). A test message will go out the week prior to the event and confirmed through a message in the ND Ag Ed Email Listserv.

Schedule of Events

	<u>Ag Sales</u>	<u>Agronomy</u>	<u>Livestock Judging</u>
<u>Entry</u>	<u>Main Entrance - Magic Place</u>	<u>4H Hall - NE Corner SFCenter</u>	<u>FFA Hall - Door B</u> <small><u>(North side)</u></small>
<u>Arrival</u>	<u>11:00-11:25 am</u>	<u>11:00-11:25 am</u>	<u>11:00-11:25 am</u>
<u>Overview</u>	<u>11:30 am</u>	<u>11:30 am</u>	<u>11:30 am</u>
<u>Contest Begins</u>	<u>11:45 am</u>	<u>11:45 am</u>	<u>11:45 am</u>
<u>Ends</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>
<u>Virtual Awards</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>TBD</u>

Early Departure

For 2021, chapters are encouraged to departure the facility once all their teams and advisors have completed their event and responsibilities. Awards will be mailed and results shared electronically.

Specific Event Procedures

Agricultural Sales - Magic Place

General Items

- Members will arrive through the Main Entrance of the ND State Fair Center and enter Magic Place. Please follow signs.
- There will be a holding table setup for each team in Magic Place. Members are asked to remain at this table for the duration of the event. Exceptions will be made for their sales presentation and use of restrooms. Please leave personal items on buses and only bring items into the building that are needed for the event.
- Members need to provide their own writing utensils for event
- Tabulations will take place in Magic Place

Test

- Packets will be placed on the Chapter's holding table. Members need to leave the packet on table and wait for instructions from the event Superintendent.
- Tests will be completed at the beginning of the event.

Personal Sale

- No handshake or exchange of business cards with judges
- Product summary sheets need to be in clear sheet protectors or laminated so it may be sanitized by judges. The summary sheets will not be returned to the Members.
- Products should not be handled by judges. Operation and demonstration will be limited to salesperson(member)

Team Activity

- For 2021, the top 8 teams based on their individual sale and test scores will advance to the team round. Two team rooms will be setup with four teams assigned to each room.
- Judges will be socially distanced from the members so it will be important they speak louder and clearer during preparation and presentation to ensure everyone can hear.

- Teams will be provided with a Team activity packet. In the packet will contain the scenario, paper for presentation and markers.

Livestock Evaluation

General Items

- Members need to enter FFA Hall by Door B on the North side of the State Fair Center. This will be the entry and exit door for all Livestock participants.
- Upon entry there will be a packet for each chapter that will contain a name tag for each student. It will have their squad and reasons routing number as well as their assigned seat in the All Seasons Arena. Students should proceed to the arena and find their seat..
- Members must provide their own pencils, clipboard/notepad to record their placings. Scan sheets will be completed prior to the start of reasons.
- Scan Sheets will be given out when Members are organized for reasons
- There will be no written test or keep/cull class for 2021.

Placing Classes

- There will be 6 placing classes that will include 2 beef, 2 swine, 2 sheep and/or goat. Students will not be allowed to handle the animals.
- Students will be broken up into three judging groups and spread around 3 large judging rings.
- Members will need to maintain their spot around the arena and not move to better view the classes. Animals will be moved around the ring to give all members different views of the classes.

Reasons

- There will be three sets of reasons, if fifteen officials are not able to be secured for the event, one of the reasons classes could be substituted for a questions class.
- There will be no reasons cards. Officials will record the members reason score on their own score sheet. It is important that members name badge is worn and in clear view for the official.
- Students will be designated an assigned seat in the area. This is where they should return to after each set of reasons.

Agronomy

General Items

- Members will need to enter through 4H Hall on the NE Corner of the State Fair Center

- In 4H Hall there will be a holding table for each chapter. Members should report to that table and wait for instructions.
- Members must provide their own pencil and clipboard as there will be no contact with the table.
- Tabulations will take place in the upper mezzanine of the 4H Hall
- The event will run in two shifts. The first group will start judging pan classes, and ID, while the second group will complete the Team Activity, Paper Class and Soils Practicum at their designated tables. Once the first group has completed they will swap locations.

Seed Grain

- Students will get their cards in the packet placed on their holding table/chair
- Students will be provided with their own stir stick and will be asked to sanitize their hands before they begin. Students will be placed at each end of an 8' table and provided plastic gloves to prevent them from contacting surfaces.
- Two pans will be placed at the end of each 8' table. Members will have 6 minutes to judge each pair of pans and will get a verbal warning to rotate. No two minute warning will be given.

Paper Class, Team Activity and Soils

- This will all be completed at the chapters holding tables. There will be a separate timer to notify the students when time is up.
- Soils packet, paper class information and reference sheet will be printed for each member.
- Two copies of the [2021 NDSU Weed Control Guide](#) will be provided for each team.
- Soils packet will be modified from previous years to make it a smaller reference for members.

Seed, Plant, Disorders, Machinery and Insect ID

- Four sets of the ID will be provided. Half of the ID will be placed on each table. The student will have 6 minutes to review each table/half of the samples and then will rotate.
- A member may go between the tables only if the table has been vacated by the other participants.

These accommodations above will allow the ND FFA to hold their Winter CDE's in person in 2021. While we do not like limiting participation or changing the layout and flow of events, this is something we have to do for this year. Please review this entire document and ensure your students are prepared to participate in the event. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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