

2021 District, Sub-State, and State LDE General Rules:

For 2021, the Governing Board has given state staff the authority to work with coordinators to plan our virtual CDE/LDE competitions (visit the LDE/CDE page on the website for more details (<http://www.nysffa.org/cde/>)). Due to the pandemic we have chosen to host our CDE/LDE's virtually. These contests are designed to be held in person, but we have adjusted so that they can be held virtually. We have tried to account for most situations but will not be able to oversee and monitor every aspect of these events. To uphold the integrity of the contest we are asking advisors and students to follow the guidelines and rules provided. Efforts that intentionally effect the integrity of the contest will not be accepted. Our goal is to provide these opportunities to as many students as possible and we will work with chapters within the confinement of the rules and guidelines to make this a positive experience for everyone. Below is a list of general rules and guidelines that we expect everyone to follow. Please see individual contest rules within the handbooks.

- All contests will follow the rules in their updated 2021 New York FFA Handbooks.
- Participants should review individual contest handbooks in advance of participation.
- No contest will require in person contact between individuals.
- Set up and take down does not need to be included in the videos.
- All presentations must be one take without edits or splicing.
- Please take the time to test camera angles in advance to optimize verbal and non-verbal communication.
- The presentations should be designed to be viewed by the judges.
- Ensure student name and chapter are clearly stated in the video for each contest that requires a video submission.
- Manuscript and video submissions should be titled as “contest_chapter_firstname_lastname_itemdiscription”.
- Videos must be submitted in MP4. or MOV. Format.
 - If your video is not in this format please visit <https://www.zamzar.com/> (with their free service you can convert up to 2 files in any 24 hour period).
- Documents must be submitted in PDF format.
- If a student has a technology issue, we will wait 5 minutes and if there is still an issue, we will reschedule your presentation time for later the same day.
- Schedules for Live Zooms will be provided to the advisor of registered participants (These schedules are subject to change depending on any unforeseen circumstances).
- All communication will be done through chapter advisors.
- All age limits have been extended one year due to 2020 official contests being cancelled (a student that would have qualified to participate in 2020 CDE/LDEs was not able to compete due to the pandemic and will remain qualified to participate in 2021 CDE/LDEs).

- Students that can compete in both a Jr. and Sr. level due to the change in event age rules, must choose one contest to compete in when registering.
- For 2021, decisions to cancel a portion of an event will be made by State Staff and coordinators.
- For team event video submissions, each member must have their own video camera device and the presentation must be recorded on a group video platform of choice.
- Any electronic device outside of what is needed for recording or a live presentation should not be present or used during the contest. If a device is found to be present or used during the contest the participant is subject to disqualification.
- Due to the pandemic, for 2021 students will not lose points for not being in official dress to compete, they may substitute official dress with business casual.
- Evaluator comments for all participants will be distributed to advisor of participant.
- All submissions should be emailed to NYSFFACDELDE@gmail.com. Unless otherwise specified. See the submission guide for more details on submitting documents and videos.