HIGHLIGHTS FROM CDE COMMITTEE MEETING

Below are the highlights from our CDE meeting; this is not a revision year so not a lot of big changes.

Ag Communications: Will be changing to national rules to better prepare our students competing at the national level. These rules will get updated on the website. Also looking to do part of contest on Friday and part Saturday to ensure results can happen on Saturday with everything else.

Tractor Tech: Working with Houston to have dress code and clipboard checks like other contest.

\*Reminder we should not be having collegiate coaches or teams coaching our teams if they are the ones putting on the contest.

Weather Issues: State staff suggested collecting real scantrons from students before the contest and then handing back at the end to fill in. Logistically, this is still a work in progress. I ask about the lightening rule and was basically told that a call would be made "when necessary". Not sure when that is since they never called at contest this year.

Ag Sales: Discussed need for consistent judges throughout the contest, especially with wild cards in play. Calculators (basic 4 function like other contest) will also be allowed from now on.

ENR: No GPS units with communication capabilities allowed

Vet Med: Team scrubs do not have to match, but must still be solid colors (no patterns)

FBM: Making clarifications on calculators and also will have back up calculators available at state contest. They will also ensure that the test is made with a calculator that can be used for the contest.

Cotton: Working to see if selecting a time slot when registering is possible. Also discussed letting you go back through contest.

\*\*Adding a rule that you cannot walk back through any contest that you did not pay to participate in.

\*\*Student may only compete in one area  contest on a single day

\*\*Reminder that students must be enrolled in a class to compete in any event throughout the year. Grace year does not apply to teams.

ATMS/AAE: Unless 60 days prior notice is given, contest providers will provide tools

Tie Breakers: They are working with a committee to come up with   better tie breakers that eliminate the coin flips. If there is a tie for 1st and they are both perfect scores they will share the champion title.

Tarleton:

* Discussed staggered start times to help with travel out to Houston Ranch. We also brought up the possibility of those contest being on a different day and they did not like that idea.
* Are level needs to do a better job of making sure we are enforcing dress code during area contest (this was not an issue for Area VIII, we were on the good list)
* Invitational - March 27, State April 24th, Area April 9th???

SHSU:

* Were asked to make Floriculture designs more complex
* Were asked to have a better way of handing out Ag Sales scenarios

TAMU

* Clinics Marth 29th, State April 26th
* Ask for results to be in a bigger area
* Ask for them to not rush livestock kids out so quickly after.

Texas Tech:

* State May 3rd, Inv April 5th
* Food Science: label something other than the lids for aromas, add a group, better separation of contest materials

Wild Card: Despite mine and Amanda's commitment to make sure it is known that Area VIII does not like the wildcard, we stand alone on an island. There was discussion of not having a wildcard rule for contest that only advance 3 teams, but a solution was not reached.