

**Curricular Code**  
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**1A - GENERAL RULES**

1. This set of rules will be revised on a three year rotation cycle as determined by the attached sheet.
2. The Section FFA will provide the contest awards by purchase or through sponsorship.
3. Any changes in the rules prior to a contest must be approved by 2/3 of the teachers present at the contest.
4. The sectional FFA contests are official events and shall be in compliance with the stated Aims and Purposes of the FFA
5. FFA members shall wear official dress uniform to participate in section FFA contests. This uniform shall be the uniform for contests listed in the CATA Curricular Code that is current for the time. This rule may be adjusted in individual contests, but must be stated in the rules of that contest.
6. A CATA member and a sectional FFA member may check uniforms at line up. The name & chapter of the inappropriately dressed individual will be submitted to the ranking CATA/FFA person in attendance for appropriate action.
7. The section FFA may charge each member, team, or chapter that participates in the contest. This money will be deposited in the sectional FFA treasury. All checks must be made out to the Riverside Section FFA.
8. A FFA member as described in this handbook is anyone enrolled in a high school vocational agriculture department, and whose chapter has paid the section dues.
9. Protests at any contest will be taken for information only. Judges placing and rulings shall be final. Disrespectful remarks shall be a basis of disqualification. Determination to be made by a majority of agriculture teachers present.
10. If any rule is not met, the team, chapter or individual will not be eligible for awards or placing. They will be allowed to participate for the experience.
11. The school hosting the event shall be responsible for securing timers, courtesy corps, scorekeepers, facilities, and refreshments.
12. The FFA advisor or a parent chaperone must attend all sectional FFA activities or that chapter's members will not be able to compete.

## **2B - BEST INFORMED GREENHAND CONTEST**

1. Sponsored by the California Farm Bureau Federation. Awards will be provided by the Farm Bureau at the section level. A Farm Bureau representative shall present the awards.
2. Contest participants will be first year (freshman) vocational agriculture students who are FFA members.
3. A team will consist of three members. Each chapter may enter an unlimited number on participants in the Best Informed Greenhand Contest, with the top 3 scores counting towards the team total, with all participants being eligible for individual awards.
4. Each team entering the sectional contest shall complete the CERTIFICATION FORM and present it to the CATA officer in-charge.
5. The sectional test will be written and administered by the host school sponsoring the contest, under the supervision of the sectional CATA officers.
6. The contest will consist of a 100 point written examination, provided by Cal Poly Pomona, based on the most current Official FFA Manual and State FFA Constitution. Officer and advisor names at the state and national level may be included. In addition, the section contest may include section and region officers and advisors names.
7. Contestants will be allowed one hour to take the test.
8. Contestants will not be allowed to use any materials to assist them during the test.
9. It is the responsibility of the host school to secure the awards from the regional supervisor.
10. All students are required to be in the official dress uniform as stipulated in the CATA Curricular Code.
11. The CATA Section President, the Section FFA Advisor, and the highest ranking section FFA officer present will enforce the dress code without exception.

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### **3C - CREED RECITATION**

THE CURRENT CATA CURRICULAR CODE WILL BE FOLLOWED. THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE CURRICULAR CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE RIVERSIDE SECTIONAL CONTEST ONLY.

1. Each chapter may have three (3) Creed speakers compete in the sectional contest.
2. The door will be opened to allow visitors when the contestants are not speaking nor answering questions. A sign shall be posted outside of the door stating, "The contest is in progress, don't knock, wait for the door to be opened".
3. The top 3 placing individuals shall represent the section in the Southern Regional Contest. Participation ribbons to be given to all others.
4. The contest is open only to 9th grade FFA members.

## **4A - OPENING and CLOSING CEREMONIES CONTEST**

1. Contest is open to four teams per chapter to include the following:
  - a. Chapter officers who will represent their own parts.  
One alternate is allowed.
  - b. One advanced team.
  - c. Two novice teams. (Ninth and tenth graders who have not previously competed in the Opening and closing Ceremonies Contest.)
2. Opening ceremonies will be done according to the ceremonies in the current Official FFA Manual. (also see script)
3. The advisor's part will be deleted. The secretary will take the advisor's part in questioning the vice-president.
4. SCORE CARD and AWARDS
  - a. A gold and silver awards will be given.
5. The response to the question, "FFA members, why are we here?" shall be given only by the team in the chairs, not the entire audience.

## **5B - COOPERATIVE MARKETING QUIZ CONTEST**

1. All Curricular Code rules, regulations and score cards will be followed as closely as possible, except where these rules apply.
2. Partial teams may compete at the local but will not be eligible for final team placing.
3. Individuals placing first at the section may include the alternate member.
4. Any team in the section contest may be eligible to compete at the State Marketing Contest.
5. As there is no novice or advanced, any FFA member in good standing may participate.
6. If at all possible, site sponsor is asked to provide scores and team placings before leaving the contest.
7. Uniform shall be as stated in the CATA Curricular Code.

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## **6C - PUBLIC SPEAKING, EXTEMPORANEOUS, IMPROMPTU SPEAKING SPEECH CONTESTS**

THE CURRENT CATA CURRICULAR CODE WILL BE FOLLOWED. THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE CURRICULAR CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE RIVERSIDE SECTIONAL CONTEST ONLY.

1. All CATA Curricular Code rules, regulations, and score cards will be followed as closely as possible except where these rules apply.
2. Each chapter may enter three individuals in the Novice and Advanced Divisions.
3. Prepared and Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest shall have an advanced division (students of any grade level), and a Novice division (9th or 10th grade agriculture students who have not previously competed at the section level in either Prepared Public Speaking or Extemporaneous speaking.)
4. Prepared Public Speaking contestants must submit 4 copies of their manuscript to the CATA contest chairman by the date established.
5. The door will be opened to visitors when the contestants are not speaking nor answering questions. A sign shall be posted at the door stating, "The contest is in progress, do not knock, wait for the door to be opened".
6. The first, second and third place contestants shall represent the Riverside Section at the Southern Region contest.
7. Uniform shall be that stipulated in the CATA Curricular Code.

## **7A - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

THE CURRENT CURRICULAR CODE WILL BE FOLLOWED. THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE CATA CURRICULAR CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE RIVERSIDE SECTION CONTEST ONLY.

1. The door will be closed to entry or exit from the contest area from the tap of the gavel opening each team until the tap of the gavel adjourning each team. A sign shall be posted on the door standing, "The Contest is in progress, do not knock, wait for the door to be opened." The doors shall be monitored by an adult.
2. The contest will be judged by not fewer than 2 judges per contest division.
3. The scorecard shall be them same as found in the current CATA Curricular Code.
4. The host school shall provide Parliamentary Procedure packets which will contain: list of topics used, score sheets, copy of CATA Curricular Code rules for the contest.
5. Two teams per chapter may compete in the Novice and Advanced section contest.

## 8B - PROJECT COMPETITION

1. A CATA member shall be selected from the Sectional CATA to coordinate sectional judging. The same or another CATA member shall coordinate the Sectional Enterprise Competition Awards program. CATA members assume the following duties:
2. Only invited guests are welcome at the banquet. Invited guests will receive a written invitation in the mail.
3. FFA members attending the banquet should be neatly groomed and in official dress uniform. Teachers should discourage participation unless these rules of dress are followed.
4. The most outstanding SAEP's from each chapter will be judged in competition with enterprises from the sectional level.
5. Only chapters in good standing with the state association at the time of competition.
6. The local chapter may limit the number of years an individual competes in Enterprise Competition, but there is no limit at the section level.
7. The local chapter must hold a local enterprise judging to select member of sectional competition.
8. Substitutes may used in the sectional competition if the original cannot compete. Once a substitute is judged, the original member cannot attend the banquet or receive awards.
9. Breakdown of allowed participants, based on current year's R-2.

<u>Members</u>	<u># of participants</u>
151- up	9
126-150	8
101-125	7
76-100	6
51-75	5
26-50	4
25- down	3

10. The section is broken into east and west for the purposes of judging only.

<u>East Chapters</u>	<u>West Chapters</u>
Elsinore	Norte Vista
Hemet	Norco
West Valley	Rubidoux
Perris	Jurupa Valley
San Jacinto	
Indio	
Coachella Valley	
Heritage	
Anza	

## 9C - SOFTBALL

1. Each team shall consist of no more than ten players on the field.
2. At any point during the game there shall be members of both sexes on each team on the field.
3. A chapter may bring two teams providing one team is complete with 10 players.
4. Shoes are required. NO cleats of any type allowed.
5. Pitchers will be from the team at bat.
6. There will be three pitches per batter maximum. No balls or strikes. Three pitches passed equals an out.
7. All pitches will be underhand.
8. Pitcher's foot must be on the "rubber" at the start of each pitch.
9. No bunting.
10. No infield fly rule.
11. No leading off or stealing of any base.
12. No sliding at any base. Automatic out in event of a slide.
13. No pinch hitters or runners. Exception - pinch runner may take place of player hurt on the previous play.
14. Batter may not take base if hit by pitch.
15. If batted ball hits pitcher, ball is dead and play goes over. No strike or out.
16. A hit is when the ball passes the pitcher's mound.
17. Substitutes may be made at any time by rotating into bat and play field.
18. Each chapter must provide their own equipment.
19. Only bonafide FFA members may play. Must be currently enrolled in a vo-ag class.
20. FFA advisor's have the option to play.
21. The umpires will make all decisions final.
22. Maximum of five runs per team per inning. Even if the last hit is a grand slam, all runs adding to five count.
23. Games will consist of four complete innings.
24. Team rosters will be submitted to tournament coordinator prior to start of first round of play.
25. This is not "hustle ball". The pitcher must wait until team in field is ready before pitching.
26. Interference due to other balls in playing field stops all play. Any ball pitched during this time goes over.
27. No uniforms required.
28. Distances shall be the same as official "Slow Pitch Rules".
29. Umpires will be the FFA advisor.
30. First team to bat decided by coin toss called by the captains.
31. Pitcher shall in no way interfere with fielding of a hit ball.
32. Advisors or responsible adults shall be in attendance at all times while team is playing.

## 10A - VOLLEYBALL

1. No uniforms required.
2. Volleyball game will be played to 15 points - or win by two points; using rally scoring
3. The maximum number of players on a side is nine.
4. Teams to be composed of any student currently enrolled in a vocational agriculture class, and whose chapter is a paid member of the Riverside Section FFA.
5. Round Robin tournament format. Arriving 30 minutes past may not be eligible for tournament.
6. Referees will be FFA advisors or designated adults.
7. Server must serve the ball within the serve area. Server may not step over the line (foot fault).
8. A ball landing on the line is considered in-bounds.
9. Each team may hit the ball no more than three times on their side of the net.
10. No player can hit the ball two times in succession.
11. A foul occurs on a serve when: a) the ball hits the net and b) the ball fails to go over the net.
12. A foul occurs when a player touches the net or crosses center line when the ball is in play.
13. Rotation is clockwise.
14. When a point is scored, the same server keeps serving. No rotation.
15. The ball should be returned to the server under the net, but NO penalties shall be given for failure to do so.
16. Playing off the net is permissible.
17. No spiking is permitted, but blocking is permissible.
18. One member of the opposite sex must be on each side at all times.
19. Change sides halfway through a scoring set.
20. Advisors can play.

## **11B - JOB INTERVIEW CONTEST**

1. All CATA Curricular Code rules, regulations, and score cards will be followed as closely as possible except where these rules apply.
2. Each chapter may enter three individuals in the Novice division and three individuals in the Advanced division.
3. Job interview contestants must submit 3 copies of their cover letter and resume to the CATA contest chairperson by the date established.
5. Resumes and cover letters will be scored prior to the job interview by three independent judges.
6. The job application and job interview will be conducted at the designated time by three independent judges. These judges may or may not be the same ones who scored the resumes and cover letters.
7. In each judging situation (1 - cover letter/resume and 2 - job application/job interview) contestants will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation with each other.
8. The judges ranking on each contestant then shall be added by the CATA person in charge of the contest, and the winner of each section (1 and 2) shall be the contestant whose total ranking is the lowest. Overall winner shall be determined by adding the contestant ranking in each section, with the total overall lowest score being the winner.
9. The first and second place contestants shall represent the Riverside Section at the Southern Region contest.
10. Uniform shall be that stipulated in the CATA Curricular Code.

## **11C – Bowling**

### Rules:

1. 2 Teams per school (4-6 per team)
2. Teams must have both genders
3. Each team plays one game
4. Team with the best average score wins (averages are calculated on the total team score, divided by the # of bowlers on each team)