

RANGELAND JUDGING

3-4 Member Team

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please thoroughly read the General CDE Rules Section at the beginning of this handbook for complete rules and procedures that are relevant to State FFA Career Development Events.

I. PURPOSE

A major component of land stewardship is conserving and restoring native plant communities, ecosystems, and landscapes. Managing the whole ecosystem rather than one or two parts is complicated and offers a great challenge to our society in terms of education.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the contest are to teach participants some of the principles of ecology including soil/plant relationships, plant/animal relationships, and plant succession as applied to management of the land.

III. EVENT RULES

- A. No talking, comparing, or copying of cards.
- B. Clear plastic clipboards are allowed.
- C. Decisions of the judges are final.
- D. The authority for this information and judging work will be the most recent literature that is used for the National Rangeland Judging Contest.
- E. The Rangeland Contest will consist of three locations for ecological condition and land use and two locations for plant identification.
- F. Transportation to and from the actual contest site is the responsibility of the FFA chapters or 4-H leaders and will not be provided by OSU.

IV. EVENT FORMAT

- A. Team Make-Up
 - 1. One range judging team composed of three or four members will constitute a team.
 - 2. Schools not entering a team may enter one or two students on an individual basis.
- B. Equipment
 - 1. A soft, #2, lead writing pencil with a good eraser.
 - 2. Clear plastic clipboard
- C. Event Schedule
 - 1. The contest has 5 sites with 20 minutes allotted for each site.

V. SCORING

Ecological Site1	200
Ecological Site 2	200
Ecological Site 3	200
Plant ID 1	200
Plant ID 2.....	200
<u>Total Points</u>	
Individual	1000

Team 3000

VI. TIEBREAKERS

Tie scores will be broken as designated in the Rangeland Judging contest manual.

VII. REFERENCES

For National contest guidelines, please visit the following website:

<http://www.rangejudging.com>

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AND FORMS

- Manual - Judging Rangelands for Livestock and Wildlife Values 9th Edition
- Scanform: 6020K-02