

## BEGINNING PREPARED

Effective August 1, 2006

### Purpose

The purpose of the beginning prepared public speaking CDE is to stimulate the interest of FFA members in agriculture and leadership by giving them the opportunity to speak before an audience. The CDE also provides an intermediate laboratory experience in speaking for those students who are beyond the creed CDE, but not sufficiently experienced to be competitive in the extemporaneous or prepared speaking CDE.

### Eligibility

Contestants must be regularly enrolled **Freshmen**, sophomores; -OR- juniors or seniors who are first year students in agricultural education with no prior agricultural education experience. A contestant must be a regularly enrolled agricultural education student and must be a member in good standing of their FFA chapter. Competition in a district CDE will be limited to one representative per school.

**PLEASE NOTE: All speeches must be in the coordinators hands 14 days prior to the state speaking event. Manuscripts received by this date will be acknowledged, so that each contestant may know that their entry in the state CDE is assured. If this requirement is not met, the student may still participate at the state level, but will forfeit composition and content scores.**

### Subject Development

1. Contestants may choose any current subject for their speeches which is of an agricultural nature. Topics may include agriscience and technology, agribusiness, agrimarketing, international agricultural relations, and agricultural communications. A contestant will be disqualified if they speak on a nonagricultural subject.
2. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of their own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery are limited to the facilities of the school

from which the contestant comes. Facts and working data may be secured from any source.

3. The speech must relate with some phase of agriculture. The speech should be relevant to the current situation, that is, agricultural problems should be addressed with the present national and world situation in mind. 4. **NO VISUAL AIDS WILL BE USED!**

### CDE Rules

1. Each speech shall not be less than five minutes nor than more than seven minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions asked by the judges. Judges should deduct .5 point for each second over seven minutes and under five minutes that the speech runs. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time.
2. Please refer to the Beginning Prepared Rubric for scoring guide.
3. The scoring rubric is presented as a useful tool to aid judges in arriving at just decisions. It is recognized that not everything can be reduced to a numerical score and that differences cannot always be settled equitably on the basis of arithmetic alone, because different persons vary greatly in recording their judgment through numerical ratings. For example, it would seem unwise to rate highest a contestant with obvious deficiencies in delivery, even though a nearly perfect score on their manuscript might have given them the highest total on the combined score for content composition, and delivery.

Fees- Anyone participating at the district level must pay to Ohio CDE the normal registration fee, state ratings are given at this level

### Awards

District: Plaques to the top four district winners. Check for \$25 to the 1st place winner.

State: Plaques to the top four state winners. Check for \$100 to the 1st place winner.