

***PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
EVENT***

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TEAM COMPETITION



ALABAMA FFA ASSOCIATION

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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE

To encourage students to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, research, and problem-solving skills.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS

For specific eligibility rules and regulations, refer to the Contests and Awards Booklet.

1. The teams competing in this event will be composed of a maximum of six members.
2. FFA official dress is required for this event. A 10-point deduction per violation, up to 50 points per team, could be incurred. An example of a violation would be the omission of a tie or scarf, failure to zip FFA jacket, inappropriate hosiery, etc. Refer to the Official FFA Manual for official dress guidelines.
3. The advisor will not consult with the team after beginning the event.
4. Any individual participant in possession of an electronic device in the event area will be disqualified.
5. Only participants will be allowed in the holding room during the event.
6. Competitors must enter their name on the scorecard, or they will receive a score of zero. Judges will not attempt to figure out who the card belongs to.
7. If a cell phone is seen or heard in the possession of a competitor, that individual student will be disqualified from competition and receive a score of zero.
8. No cell phones will be allowed in the holding room during the event.

This will be a state only event to be held during the Alabama FFA Convention.

DISCLAIMER

If contests (CDE, LDE, TDE's) cannot be held in person, a virtual option may be conducted. Contest rules and guidelines are subject to change to meet the needs of a virtual experience.

OFFICIAL DRESS:

Official Dress for an FFA member includes:

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons.
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt.
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf.
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.

*Cowboy boots may be considered as dress shoes. Members should use good judgment to ensure boots and shoes are clean.

STATE EVENT

The event will have three phases: written examination, a team presentation of parliamentary procedure, and oral questions following the presentation. Parli pro teams will nominate an advisor to run the state contest.

EVENT FORMAT

WRITTEN TEST (150 POINTS)

A written test will consist of twenty-five (25) objective-type multiple choice questions covering basic parliamentary law and information pertaining to minutes. Thirty minutes will be allowed to complete the test. Each participant may score a maximum of 150 points. The average score of the six-team members will be used to compute the total team score. Team member scores and team average will be recorded on the Written Examination Tabulation Sheet. The teams average test score will then be transferred to the Team Score Sheet.

PRESENTATION (675 POINTS)

Teams will draw for order of appearance.

Item of Business

Each team will address a local chapter item of business, which would normally be a part of a chapter's Program of Activities (e.g., Food for America, Project PALS, WEA, fundraisers, recreation, etc.) Consult the Official FFA Manual and Student Handbook for specific activities. The motion will be specific and must be moved as an original main motion as it is written on the card.

Event Card

The event officials will select two subsidiary, two incidental and one privileged or a motion that brings a question again before the assembly from the list of permissible motions. These motions will be on an index card and one will be randomly assigned to each team member. All teams in each section will be assigned the same motions. Team members will have one minute to review the main motion, the motions to be demonstrated and to identify his/her motion (which may be noted by bolding, underlining or highlighting). Members may not confer during the one-minute time period or during the demonstration.

SAMPLE CARD

Main Motion:
I move that our chapter sell citrus as a fundraiser.
Required Motions:
Lay on the Table
Amend
Suspend the Rules
Appeal
Reconsider

Opening the Demonstration

The team demonstrating shall assume that a regular chapter meeting is in progress and new business is being handled on the agenda. The Chair should tap the gavel once to signify the end of the previous item of business then start the presentation by saying, "Is there any new business that should be presented at this time? Deductions will be given (up to 20 points) if the exact statement is not given by the chair.

Original Main Motion

The event official will assign the main motion on an index card. This is to be the first item of business presented. All teams in each section will use the same main motion. This original main motion must be the first motion presented, unless orders of the day, take from the table, reconsider or rescind are required.

Individual Member Recognition

A member may speak in debate on the main motion and conclude by offering a secondary motion. Judges will award points accordingly for both the debate and the secondary motion.

Alternative Main Motion

An alternate main motion not pertaining to the assigned main motion may be used to facilitate the correct demonstration of the motions; "Call for the orders of the day", should that privileged motion be designated as one to be demonstrated by the officials in charge. If an alternative main motion is used, the member will NOT be given credit for an additional motion.

Take from the Table

If the officials in charge designate Take from the Table as a motion to be demonstrated, you should assume that you would take from the table a motion that was laid on the table earlier in the present meeting. Example: "I move to take from the table the motion to hold an FFA hayride." The original main motion, assigned on the card, cannot be taken from the table. The motion should not be used unless it is a required motion.

Reconsider

If the officials in charge designate Reconsider as a motion to be demonstrated, you should assume that you would reconsider a motion you did earlier in the present meeting. Example: "I move to reconsider the motion passed earlier to hold an FFA hayride." This motion should not be used unless it is a required motion. Unrealistic or canned debate on the motion to reconsider may be penalized at the judges discretion.

Rescind

If the officials in charge designate Rescind as a motion to be demonstrated, you should assume that you would rescind a motion adopted at the last meeting. Example: "I move to rescind the motion that was adopted at our last meeting to hold an FFA hayride." This motion should not be used unless it is a required motion. Unrealistic or canned debate on rescind may be penalized at the judges discretion.

Call for the Orders of the Day

If the event officials designate Call for the Orders of the Day as a motion to be demonstrated, you are to assume that a motion was postponed at the last meeting and made a special order for a time during the current demonstration.

Number of Motions

There shall be no limitation to the number of subsidiary, incidental, privileged motions or a motion that brings a question again before the assembly demonstrated by the team. However, the team must demonstrate two subsidiary, two incidental and one privileged or a motion which brings a question again before the assembly designated by the officials in charge. The team may use more than one original main motion as long as it pertains to the assigned main motion. While acceptable, this practice is strongly discouraged.

Using a Motion Twice

A member's required motion will not be counted as an additional motion for another member. The person who makes the assigned original main motion will be given credit for an additional motion (20pts). If an alternative main motion is used, the member will NOT be given credit for an additional motion.

Debate (60 points per individual 15 points x 4 debates)

The top four debates per member will be tabulated in the presentation score. No more than two debates per member per motion will be tabulated, even the subsidiary motion to extend the limits of debate has been passed.

Main motion debates must be on the assigned, original main motion or they will not be given a score. Additional main motions should only be used when needed to

“setup” a member to make their assigned privileged, subsidiary, incidental, or motion that brings a motion again before the assembly.

Time Limit

A team shall be allowed 11 minutes in which to demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary law. A deduction of 2 points/second for every second over 11 minutes will be assessed. Example: 11:05 = 10 point deduction. A timekeeper will furnish the time used by each team at the close of the event. A visible clock will be in view for each member to observe the time in the presentation.

Oral Questions (125 points)

Individual Questions (95 points)

The team members (not including the chair) will be asked a planned question, which may include 1-3 parts, relating to their assigned motion (5 team members x 15 [points] = 75 points). No one may step forward to help another member answer their individual question. The Chair will be asked a question (1 x 20 [points] = 20 points) relating to presiding, debate, assigning the floor or other general parliamentary procedures.

General Questions (30 points)

The judges may ask a maximum of six general questions to clarify the team’s demonstration (10 points per judge). Questions may be directed to the team or an individual member. Team members may volunteer to answer the question for the team or to help another member. Two minutes will be allowed for general questions.

SCORING DISCUSSION

1. It is essential that each judge observes and maintains consistent criteria in scoring debate for the duration of the event.
2. Judges must overlook personal opinions and beliefs and score debate in an unbiased manner. All debate should be scored at the time it is delivered.
3. Characteristics of effective debate include a) completeness of thought, b) logical reasoning, c) clear statement of speaker’s position, d) conviction of delivery, and e) concise and effective statement of debate.
4. A suggested grading scale is as follows:

Excellent 13-15 points
Good..... 9-12 points
Average 6-8 points
Poor 0-5 points

5. An excellent debate would be extremely unusual and would be characterized by a truly stirring delivery and brilliant in terms of information provided and/or suggestions for action offered. Poor debate would be characterized by a lack of effective delivery, poor grammar, reasoning and substance. An example might be: "I think this is a good idea."
6. Most debate would fall in the range of 6-12 points. An example of a debate might be: "I think this is a very significant motion which should be passed for the following reasons (new, informative and logically related)". Each debate should have a logical conclusion. Good debate would be characterized by effective delivery, substance, creative and visionary thought delivered in a convincing and compelling manner.
7. Each time a participant in the presentation discusses a motion, they may earn a score. However, an individual may never earn more than 60 points in a given presentation. Furthermore, no more than 15 points may be earned during one recognition by the chair.
8. The top four debates per member will be tabulated in the presentation score. No more than two debated per member per motion will be tabulated.

Guidelines for Scoring the Chair

1. Ability to preside – handling of motions, keeping members informed, use of the gavel, distribution of discussion. (80 points)
2. Leadership – stage presence, poise, self-confidence, politeness and voice. (20 points)

The judges will use the Team Score Sheet to score the Presentation phase.

CALCULATING FINAL SCORES

After all scores have been totaled by each judge individually, each judge will rank their top four teams 1-4. The team with the lowest combined rank will be the winner.

TIEBREAKERS

Tiebreakers for teams will be 1) the total presentation score, 2) the team's average score on the written test, and 3) the total score for questions.

REFERENCES

This list of references is not intended to be inclusive. Other sources may be utilized and teachers are encouraged to make use of the very best instructional materials available. The following list contains references that may prove helpful during event preparation.

The official text will be the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

Additional parliamentary procedure resources, including those formally offered in the National FFA Education Resources Catalog can now be found on-line at www.ffaunlimited.org. Go to "The Core", the new name of education resource offerings, and look for the link to other instructional aids and materials.

Additional references may include the *FFA New Horizons* magazine, the Official FFA Manual, the FFA Student Handbook and the Official Chapter Secretary's book.

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Chart of Permissible Motions**

Motion	Second Required	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Required	Reconsider
Privileged Motions					
Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
Adjourn	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Raise a Question of Privilege	No	No	No	Chair Grants	No
Call for the Orders of the Day	No	No	No	No vote, Demand	No
Subsidiary Motions					
Lay on the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority	Neg only (3)
Previous Question	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Limit or Extend Limits of Debate	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone to a Certain Time (or Definitely)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Commit or Refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend	Yes	Yes (1)	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Affirm. Only
Main Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Incidental Motions					
Appeal	Yes	Yes (1)	No	Majority	Yes
Division of the Assembly	No	No	No	No vote, demand	No
Division of a Question	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Objection to the Consideration of a Question	No	No	No	2/3	Neg. Only
Parliamentary Inquiry	No	No	No	Chair answers	No
Point Of Order	No	No	No	Normally no vote Chair rules	No
Suspend the Rules	Yes	No	No	(2)	No
Withdraw a Motion	No (3)	No	No	Majority (3)	Neg. Only
Motions That Bring A Question Again Before The Assembly					
Reconsider (4)	Yes	Yes (1)	No	Majority	No
Rescind (4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj. with notice, 2/3 or maj. of membership (3)	Neg. Only
Take From The Table (4)	Yes	No	No	Majority	No

- (1) If applied to a debatable motion
- (2) Rules of Order 2/3 vote, standing rules – majority vote
- (3) Refer to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th edition) for rule(s)
- (4) Refer to CDE Rule on PP-3 pertaining to Original main motion

SCORING

1. Written Exam.....150
a. 25 multiple-choice questions x 6 pts. each = 150pts
b. The average team score of the six team members will be used to compute the total team score.

2. Presentation..... 675
a. Required motion = 20 pts. x 5 members = 100 pts.
b. Additional motion = 20 pts. x 5 members = 100 pts.
c. Debates = 300 pts.
 i. 15 pts max per debate
 ii. 4 debates/member included
 iii. 5 members
d. Chair = 100 pts.
 i. Ability to Preside = 80 pts.
 ii. Leadership = 20 pts.
e. Team Effect = 75 pts
 i. Conclusions Reached by Team = 25 pts.
 ii. Team Use of Debate = 25 pts.
 iii. Team Presence = 25 pts.

3. Oral Questions..... 125
a. Individual Questions = 95 pts.
 i. 6 team members (including Chair)
 ii. 15 pts. max per question
b. General Questions = 30 pts.
 i. 2 minutes allotted
 ii. 10 pts allotted per judge (10 x 3 = 30 pts.)

4. TOTAL POINTS950

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Written Examination Tabulation Sheet

Chapter _____

Participant	Written Exam. (150 points possible)	
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		Team Total (150 points possible)
6.		

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FFA PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE CDE TEAM SCORE SHEET

Chapter _____

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Participants	Required Motion (20 pts. max/member)	Debate- score top 4 (60 pts. max/member) (15 pts. max/item)	Additional Motion (10 pts. max/member)	Individual Questions (5 questions x 15 points = 75 points)	Individual Total (105 pts. Max/member)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Chair	Chair's Question – (15 points maximum)				
	Ability to Preside – handling of motions, keeping members informed, use of gavel, distribution of discussion (80 points maximum)				
	Leadership – stage presence, poise, self-confidence, politeness and voice (20 points maximum)				
Team's General Effect	Conclusions Reached by Team – (40 points maximum)				
	Team Effect – (40 points maximum)				
	Team's voice, poise, expression and appearance – (40 points maximum)				
General Questions	Questions for clarification of the presentation (2 minutes allowed) (45 points maximum)				
Written Test	Average of the six individual test scores (150 points maximum)				
				Subtotal	
Deductions	Deductions for parliamentary mistakes – 5 to 20 points per mistake, omitting assigned motion – 50 points				
	<p>Official Dress Male Members: black slacks, white shirt, official FFA tie, black shoes, black socks, and the official jacket zipped to the top. Bow ties are not official dress.</p> <p>Female Members: black skirt/slacks, white blouse with official FFA blue scarf, black shoes, black nylon hosiery/black socks and the official jacket zipped to the top.</p> <p>*A 10-point deduction per violation, up to 50 points per team.</p>				
				Total Team Score	

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**Parliamentary Procedure
 Summary Sheet**

When all teams have finished, the judges will retire and tabulate scores without any discussion. The judges' rankings of each team shall then be added, and the winner will be the team whose total score is the lowest combined ranking. This is the low point score method of selection.

The person in charge will assist by recording the final placings of each judge on the Summary Sheet to determine the winners. In case of a tie, the judges should refer back to the contest booklet for official tie breakers. Judges will be welcomed to make comments and suggestions for each team to help enhance their future attempts.

The Summary Sheet should be checked and double-checked before the winners are announced. The decision announced is final! The individual score sheets should be destroyed immediately by the judges; no one else will be allowed to see the score sheets or the summary sheet.

JUDGES RANKINGS	Name of Team and Placing of Teams by the Judges (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.						
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6	Team 7
Judge 1							
Judge 2							
Judge 3							
TOTAL SCORE [Judge 1+2+3] (Add up the judges' placings for each team)							
FINAL PLACING [1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, ETC.] [Lowest TOTAL SCORE/TEAM is 1st Place, etc.]							

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