PA FFA Fruit Judging Career Development Event

Chairperson's Information

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Contest Date/Times	Monday, January 11, 2027
Contest Location	PA Farm Show
CDE Review Location	

Basic CDE Guidelines

Event Type: Individual	**# of Team Members:**
<u>Individual Materials List</u> • Pencil • Clip Board	<u>Group Materials List</u> •
<u>Attire</u> • Official Dress	<u>CDE At-A-Glance (List of major components)</u> • General Knowledge of Fruit Growing Industry • Fruit Judging Plates • Variety Identification • Pest/Disease/Disorders
<u>Pre-State CDE Expectations</u> • •	
<u>CDE Changes from Previous Years?</u> • New Contest • We will start with Apple and Pear Varieties to judge for the first year •	

CDE Rules

CDE Component	Points	Component Description

Written Exam	50 points	The written exam will focus on consumer awareness – things like basic food safety, seasonal availability of Pennsylvania fruits, calculating cost of produce, basic nutrition, and statistics of Pennsylvania production rankings. The intention of the written exam is to encourage students to be knowledgeable consumers and to understand the significance of this industry.
Pests	15 points	Codling Moth, Leaf Roller Complex Injury, Mite Injury, Rosy Apple Aphid Injury, San Jose Scale Injury, Stink Bug, Tentiform Leaf Miner, White Apple Leaf Hopper, Cicada Injury, Apple Maggot, Plum Curculio, Tufted Apple Bud Moth (Know Pest and Injury from Pest)
Diseases/Disorders	15 points	Black Knot, Fire Blight, Botryosphaeria Rot, Cedar Apple Rust, Cherry Leaf Spot, Fly Speck, Sooty Blotch, Powdery Mildew, Russeting, Scab, York Spot, Bitter Rot
Variety Identification	50 points	
Fruit Judging Groups	50 points/group	Judge the plates within the class first (best), second (middle), third (least best), considering the following criteria in your decision: Form: 10% Freedom from blemishes: 30% Size: 15% Uniformity: 25% Color: 20% Rank the plates in order
Causes for Disqualification: Cheating, Talking, Using Electronic Devices		
Tiebreaker: Tie Breaker will be Disease Scores, then Pest Scores		

Resources

https://waapple.org/varieties/all/
https://usapple.org/
https://shaponline.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/4PM_PA_Apple_Marketing.pdf

https://orchardnotes.com/2021/09/11/how-to-identify-apple-and-pear-varieties/