



PARLIAMMENTARY PROCEDURE

2017-2021



NATIONAL FFA
CAREER AND LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please thoroughly read the introduction section located on [FFA.org/cdeintro](https://www.ffa.org/cdeintro) for complete rules and procedures that are relevant to all National FFA Career/Leadership Development Events.

Purpose

The purpose of the parliamentary procedure leadership development event is to encourage students to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, research, problem-solving skills and critical-thinking skills.

Objectives

Upon completion of participation in the event, students will be able to

- Use parliamentary procedure to conduct an orderly and efficient meeting.
- Demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary law.
- Present a logical, realistic and convincing debate on motions.
- Evaluate minutes and organizational documents.
- Utilize parliamentary resources to solve problems of organizational management and operations.

National Association of Parliamentarians Body of Knowledge:

In consultation with the National Association of Parliamentarians and the American Institute of Parliamentarians, this event has been aligned with the National Association of Parliamentarians Bodies of Knowledge for members and leaders of organizations.

Partnership for 21st Century Learning:

The skills, knowledge and disposition cultivated in this event are aligned with the P21 Framework.

Event Rules

A team representing a state will consist of six members from the same chapter. All practicums will involve all six team members.

- All members completing the National FFA Event will be eligible for membership in the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP).
- It is highly recommended that participants wear FFA Official Dress for each event.
- The advisor will not consult with the team after entering the holding room prior to each round of the event.
- Any participant in possession of an electronic device in the event area is subject to disqualification.

EQUIPMENT

Materials the student needs to provide:

- Each participant must bring a minimum of two sharpened No. 2 pencils for each team member.
- A copy of the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

Materials provided by the event committee:

- A gavel will be supplied for the chair. Teams may choose to use their own gavel if they so desire.
- Paper and pencils will be provided to chair and secretary stations.
- A searchable current edition of the *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* may be provided for the Team Problem Solving Practicum. Please see team orientation on FFA.org.
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THE EVENT WILL HAVE FIVE PHASES:

- Written examination.
- An 11-minute team presentation of parliamentary procedure.
- Oral questions following the presentation.
- Team problem-solving practicum.
- Individual practicum focused on minutes and other records.

Event Format

A. WRITTEN EXAM (200 POINTS OR 20%)

Part I

Consists of five open-book parliamentary procedure research questions using the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. Participants will be allowed 30 minutes to complete Part I of the exam. All team members are required to provide their own copy of the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. It is allowable to have highlighting in your book and tabs. It is not allowable to add written pages to the RONR or have written additional notes.

An example of one research question is outlined below:

- "The term 'rules of order' refers to written rules of parliamentary procedure formally adopted by an assembly or an organization."

Answer: [RONR, p. 15]

Part II

Forty-five multiple-choice questions taken from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. Participants will have one hour to complete Part II of the exam. **NOTE:** References and materials **cannot** be used for this part.

Exam content will be guided by National Association of Parliamentarians members and Leaders Body of Knowledge and the Society for Agricultural Education Parliamentarians (SAEP) accreditation processes.

Participants receiving a cumulative score of 80 percent or greater on the exam will be recognized as an Accredited Parliamentarian (AP) by the Society of Agricultural Education Parliamentarians (SAEP).

The average score of the six team members will be used to compute the total team score that will be utilized for each round.

B. PRESENTATION (500 POINTS OR 50%)

1. The national event will have three rounds:

Preliminary round

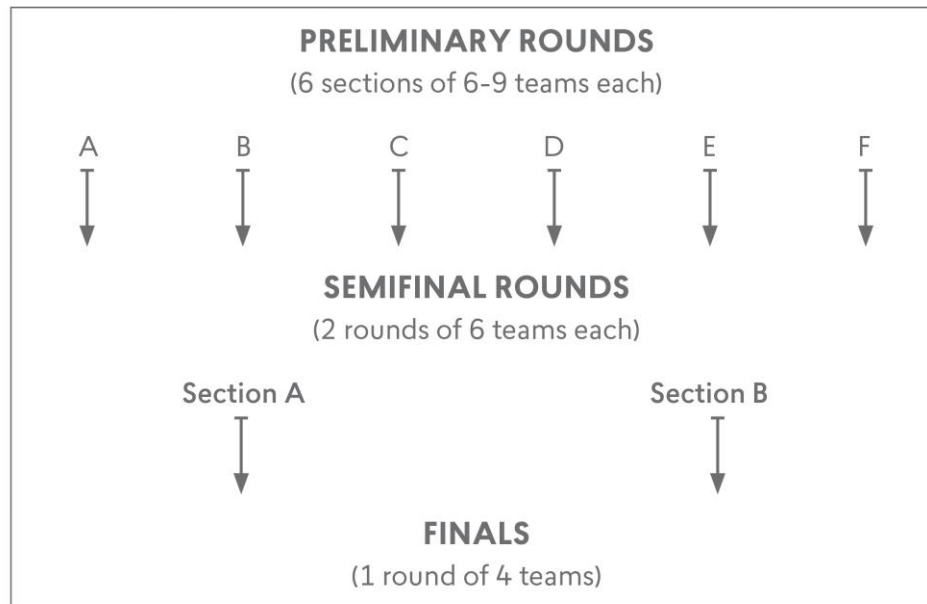
- . The preliminary round will have six sections. A section shall be made up of six to nine teams.

Semifinal round

- . Two teams from each of the sections, for a total of 12 teams, will advance to the semifinal round.

Final round

- . Two teams in each semifinal section will advance to the final round of four teams.

Team Progression Chart

2. Seeding Process

Teams will be placed into preliminary and semifinal rounds based on the teams' exam scores, which is the average score of the six team members.

3. 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 (consult FFA.org, the Official FFA Manual and Student Handbook for specific activities and current programs.) The motion will be specific and must be moved as an original main motion as it is written on the event card.

Motions not on the chart of permissible motions, or secondary motions and debate applied to them, will not be scored.

4. Event Card

From the list of permissible motions, the event officials will select two subsidiary motions, two incidental motions and one privileged motion or a motion that brings a question again before the assembly. These motions will be on an index card, and one will be randomly assigned to each team member. Motions must be demonstrated in the classification that is indicated on the motion card (i.e. privileged, subsidiary, incidental, motions that bring back again before the assembly). All teams in each section will be assigned the same motions.

There are 25 permissible motions in the national FFA event. 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 or use nonverbal communications during the one-minute time period or during the demonstration.

SAMPLE CARD

Main Motion:

I move that our chapter send two delegates to WLC.

Required Motions:

Lay on the Table

Amend

Suspend the Rules

Appeal

Recess

5. Opening and Closing 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 shall start the presentation by saying, "Is there any new business?" Time will stop when the chair declares the meeting adjourned.

Original Main Motion: The event official will assign the main motion on an index card; no other original main motions may be used. Making other original main motions that are not on the event card will result in a 50-point deduction from the overall team presentation score.

The assigned original main motion is to be the first item of business presented, unless, *Take from the Table*, *Reconsider* or *Rescind* are required on the event card. If any of these motions are on the event card, the team may choose to demonstrate the motion at the beginning of their demonstration or at the end of the demonstration, after they have disposed of the original main motion. Points are only deducted if parliamentary error occurs or if event time requirements are violated. If this is the case, an alternative main motion for *Take from the Table*, *Reconsider* or *Rescind* will be provided.

The person who makes the assigned main motion will be given credit for an additional motion.

6. Secondary Motions

There is no limit to the number of subsidiary, incidental and privileged motions that a team may demonstrate.

A member's required motion will not be counted as an additional motion for another member. No motion may count for an additional motion for more than one member.

Incidental and privileged motions cannot be demonstrated as incidental main motions.

Only motions listed in the permissible motions chart will be counted for required and additional motions.

7. 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.

Omission of the assigned motion by the assigned member on the event card will result in a 50-point deduction from the overall team presentation score.

8. Motions that bring a question again before the assembly

If the officials in charge designate Take from the Table, Rescind or Reconsider as a motion to be demonstrated, a scenario will be included on the event card. These motions shall **not** be used unless listed on the event card as a required motion.

9. 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, a scenario will be provided on the event card. Participants are to assume that a motion was postponed at the last meeting and made a special order for a time during the current demonstration.

10. Debate

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 if the subsidiary motion to extend the limits of debate has been passed.

11. Time Limit and Deductions

A team shall be allowed 11 minutes in which to demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary law. A deduction of two 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.

C. ORAL QUESTIONS (100 POINTS OR 10%)*Individual Questions (100 points)*

The team members (not including the chair) will be asked a planned question, which may include one to three parts, relating to their assigned motion. No one may step forward to help another member answer their individual question. The chair will be asked a question relating to presiding, debate, assigning the floor or other general parliamentary procedures. Each member will be scored a maximum of 16 points for responses to questions. Chair will be scored at a maximum of 20 points.

Clarifying Questions

The judges will have three minutes to ask clarifying questions related to the team's demonstration that may impact other aspects of team demonstration scores. 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. This round of questions is not scored separately, but is used to inform other aspects of the score card.

D. TEAM PROBLEM-SOLVING PRACTICUM (150 POINTS OR 15%)

In the preliminary and semifinal rounds, all teams will complete a team problem-solving practicum. Teams advancing to the finals will carry with them an average of their scores in the first two rounds. Teams will be provided a short parliamentary procedure scenario outlining a practical problem. Working as a team, they will have 30 minutes to research the problem and write a short solution with reference to specific page and line numbers in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. All team members are required to provide their own copy of the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

See example problem-solving activity and answers in the handbook. National Association of Parliamentarians and the American Institutions of Parliamentarians will be invited to review and participate in this portion of the event.

Teams may be provided access to a computer to type their responses and access to a searchable database of the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. The searchable database will be secured from the National Association of Parliamentarians online store, <https://www.parliamentarians.org>.

E. INDIVIDUAL PRACTICUM, MINUTES AND OTHER RECORDS (50 POINTS OR 5%)

Each team member will participate in a 30-minute practicum that addresses organizational minutes and other records. Participants will be provided materials and responses will be captured using a scantron form. Reference materials will not be allowed during this practicum. The practicum will assess NAP Body of Knowledge for Leaders of Organizations Domain 2: Minutes and Other Records and *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, pages 354 to 355 and 468 to 480.

Scoring Guidelines

A. GUIDELINES FOR SCORING DISCUSSION (60 POINTS PER MEMBER)

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. Each time a participant in the presentation discusses any motion, they may earn a score. However, an individual may never earn more than 60 points in a given presentation. 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 if an extension of debate is passed.

Characteristics of effective debate

1. Characteristics of effective debate include the member's ability to state his or her position, provide reason(s) supporting his or her position and tell or encourage the delegation how to vote. The delivery of the debate will include:
2. Completeness of thought.
3. Logical reasoning.
4. Clear statement of speaker's position.
5. Conviction of delivery.
6. Concise and effective statement of debate.

GOOD DEBATE

A good debate would be characterized by a presentation that includes the components of a good debate as well as the quality of delivery in which the debate is delivered. Those components are

- . States position.
- . Provides more than one reason supporting the position.
- . Tells delegation how to vote.

AVERAGE DEBATE

An average debate would be characterized by a presentation that includes only one supporting reason or lacks in the quality of delivery. However, the following basic components of a debate will still be included:

- . States position.
- . Provides one reason supporting the position.
- . Tells delegation how to vote.

POOR DEBATE

A poor debate would be characterized by a lack of effective delivery, poor grammar, reasoning and substance as well as the omission of one or more components of an effective debate.

Suggested grading scale for debates:

Good: 15–20 points.

Average: 8–14 points.

Poor: 0–7 points.

B. GUIDELINES FOR SCORING THE CHAIR (80 POINTS)

The chair is evaluated by his or her ability to preside and his or her leadership.

Ability to preside (65 points)

The ability to preside includes the following being able to state motions correctly, follow rules of debate, keep members informed, put motions to a vote, announce results of vote, use the gavel and maintain awareness of business on the floor.

A suggested grading scale is as follows:

Excellent: 51–60 points.

Good: 26–50 points.

Poor: 0–25 points.

Leadership (15 points)

Leadership is stage presence, poise, self-confidence, politeness and voice.

A suggested grading scale is as follows:

Excellent: 1–15 points.

Good: 6–10 points.

Poor: 0–5 points.

C. GUIDELINES FOR SCORING TEAM EFFECT (20 POINTS)**Conclusions reached by the team:**

The main motion was well analyzed, which may include answering who, what, when, where, why and how.

Team use of debate:

The degree to which debate was convincing, logical, realistic, orderly and efficient, germane and free from repetition.

Team presence:

This includes voice, poise, expression, grammar, gestures and professionalism.

Scoring

PHASE	POINTS
A. WRITTEN EXAM 20%.....	200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Society for Agricultural Education Parliamentarians Accreditation Exam 45 multiple-choice questions x 4 points each = 180 points 5 research questions x 4 points each = 20 points 	
B. PRESENTATION 50%	500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required motion: 10 points x 5 members = 50 points (5%) Additional motion: 10 points x 5 members = 50 points (5%) Debates: 300 points (30%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 points maximum per debate Four debates/member included Five members Chair: 80 points (8%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to preside: 65 points Leadership: 15 points Team effect: 20 points (2%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclusions reached by team Team use of debate Team presence 	
C. ORAL QUESTIONS 10%	100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Questions (80 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five team members, 16 points maximum per question Chair, 20 points maximum 	
D. MINUTES AND OTHER RECORDS PRACTICUM 5%.....	50
E. TEAM PROBLEM SOLVING — PRELIMINARY AND SEMI-FINAL* 15%	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Team problem-solving practicum semifinal score will be used for final round. 	
TOTAL POINTS	1,000

TIEBREAKERS

Tiebreakers for teams will be

- Total final presentation score out of 500 possible points.
- Team average score on the written exam.
- Total team practicum problem-solving score.

Awards

Awards will be presented at an awards ceremony teams based upon their rankings.

Awards are sponsored by cooperating industry sponsors as a special project and/or by the general fund of the National FFA Foundation.

The first-place national team will be presented a trophy plaque. Each member of the first-place team will be presented an individual team member plaque. A national gold plaque and individual medals will be presented to the top 12 teams competing in the event. Silver plaques and individual medals will go to those teams in the middle. The remaining teams and individuals competing will receive bronze. The top four teams will each receive a designated gold plaque.

SPECIALITY AWARDS

Specialty awards may be given for

- Outstanding chair.
- Outstanding member.
- Outstanding critical-thinking team.
- High average team exam score.
- Perfect exam score.

References

This list of references is not intended to be all-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.

Please note that all event materials from the past five years are posted on NAAE Communities of Practice under the label PP_CDE.

NATIONAL FFA CORE CATALOG

- CDE Q&A's, FFA.org
- Additional parliamentary procedure resources, including those formally offered in the National FFA Education Resources Catalog can now be found online at shop.FFA.org/parliamentary-procedure-c1412.aspx.
- The official text will be the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- Additional references may include FFA New Horizons magazine, the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.

EXAM

- The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*
- Dunbar's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure Test Questions (PARL-2) available from the Parliamentary Procedure Instructional Materials Center, <http://pzen.northwest.net/>
- Study Guide for the National Association of Parliamentarians Registration Exam, found at https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?pager=2&site=nap&webcode=shopping&prd_key=30045dd8-ae4c-477b-ac33-7b43665a08af
- American Institute of Parliamentarians — Here is the Answer! What is the question? Cover Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, found on Amazon at <http://astore.amazon.com/americaninsti0a-20/detail/0942736397>
- National Association of Parliamentarians Body of knowledge found at <http://www.parliamentarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/BOK-Booklet3-a.pdf>
- Past National FFA Event Exams, Questions and Practicums, available at FFA.org at no cost

PRESENTATION

- The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*
- Past National FFA Event Finals Recordings (available at FFA.org at no cost)
- American Institute of Parliamentarians — Presiding: You Can Do It, found on Amazon at <http://astore.amazon.com/americaninsti0a-20/detail/0942736338>
- Official FFA Manual
- FFA Student Handbook

INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

- The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*
- Past National FFA Event Exams, Questions and Practicums, available at FFA.org at no cost
- National Association of Parliamentarians Body of knowledge found at <http://www.parliamentarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/BOK-Booklet3-a.pdf>
- Dunbar's Parliamentary Procedure Oral Questions (PARL-24c) available from the Parliamentary Procedure Instructional Materials Center, <http://pzen.northwest.net/>

INDIVIDUAL PRACTICUM, MINUTES AND OTHER RECORDS

- The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*
- Past National FFA Event Exams, Questions and Practicums (available at FFA.org at no cost)
- National Association of Parliamentarians Body of knowledge found at: <http://www.parliamentarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/BOK-Booklet3-a.pdf>
- National Association of Parliamentarians Pathways to Proficiency – What Was Done at the Meeting, found at: https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=nap&webcode=shopping&shopsearch=minutes&prd_key=a3ff167f-bd10-49a3-a243-5f458656f727
- American Institute of Parliamentarians – Complete Minutes Manual, found on Amazon at: <http://astore.amazon.com/americaninsti0a-20/detail/0942736370>
- National FFA Manual
- National FFA Student Handbook

TEAM PRACTICUM, PROBLEM SOLVING

- The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*
- Searchable *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* online database from the National Association of Parliamentarians, found at https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=nap&webcode=shopping&prd_key=725ff724-0fa6-446d-8197-0d060e04a889
- National Association of Parliamentarians Body of knowledge found at <http://www.parliamentarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/BOK-Booklet3-a.pdf>
- Dunbar's Parliamentary Procedure Oral Questions (PARL-32) available from the Parliamentary Procedure Instructional Materials Center, <http://pzen.northwest.net/>
- Past National FFA Event Exams, Questions and Practicums, available at FFA.org at no cost

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
Request for Information	No	No	No	No vote, chair responds	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	Majority with notice, 2/3 or majority of entire 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, current edition for rule(s).

(4) Refer to parliamentary procedure LDE rules before using these motions in the demonstration.

(5) Only motions listed in the permissible motions chart will be utilized as required motions and allowed as additional motions.

National FFA Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event
Form 2 Team Score Sheet

FFA Chapter:												
Participant	Required Motion		Discussion (60 pts. max./member, 20 pts. max./item) Excellent 15-20 pts., Good 10-14 pts., Average 5-9 pts., Poor 0-4 pts.					Additional Motion		Individual Questions		
	10 pts/person	Pts	Main	PP Indef	Amend	Refer	PP Def	Bring Back	Total	10 pts / person	16 pts/person 96 pts/person	Total
1												
2												
3												
4												
5												
Chair	Ability to Preside (65 pts.) State motions correctly, follow rules of debate, keep members informed, put motions to a vote, announce results of vote, use of gavel, awareness of business on the floor. Excellent = 51-65 pts. Good = 26-50 pts., Poor = 0-25 pts.		Points		Leadership (15 pts.) Tactful, sensitive, firm, understanding, good voice, proper pace Excellent = 10-15 pts., Good = 6-10 pts. Poor = 0-5 pts.		Points		Chair Questions (20 pts.)			
Team Effect	Conclusions Main motion was well analyzed. What, When, Where, Who, How was answered		Discussion Convincing, logical, realistic, orderly and efficient, germane and free from repetition		Team Effect (20 pts)		Team Voice Voice: Volume, enunciation, pitch, pace, grammar Poise: confidence, professional, eye contact Expression: conviction, gestures					
Exam	Average of all 6 individual exam scores (200 pts.)											
Minutes	Minutes taken from Individual Minutes and Other Records Practicum (50 pts)											
Research	Team Problem Solving Research (150 pts.) (Preliminaries & Semis)											
Deductions (List mistakes) 5-20 pts per mistake												
Time	Omitting assigned motion - 50 pts Deduction for overtime. -2pts/second after 11:00											
Notes:	Total Deductions Team Score											

Team Problem-Solving Activity Scorecard

(PRELIMINARY AND SEMIFINAL ROUNDS)

Chapter

State

Team Number

Scoring Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned
Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team accurately identified the correct page(s) and line number(s) in <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</i> (11th ed.) 	60	
Solution to the Problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team provided logical justification and reasoning to develop, using citations listed from above to solve the parliamentary procedure problem/issue. 	75	
Grammar, Style and Clarity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete sentences Correct spelling (deduction of 1 point/error) Correct punctuation (deduction of 1 point/error) Clarity of composition 	15	
TOTAL POINTS	150	

Comments:

Sample Team Problem-Solving Activity

The following is a sample team problem similar to what a team might be asked to solve during the team portion of the National FFA Parliamentary Procedure LDE.

The Lakeville FFA Chapter is facing a parliamentary problem and needs advice. At its last meeting of the school year, the chapter planned to hold officer elections. The chapter president, Jason, was presiding at the elections meeting. The chapter vice president, Elizabeth, chose not to run for office again and served as chair of the nominating committee. Elizabeth will be a senior next year and decided to devote more of her time to career and leadership development events than to serving as a chapter officer. Elizabeth gave the nominating committee's report at the meeting. The nominating committee nominated Lisa for chapter president. No other nominees were offered, and Lisa was elected by a voice vote. The nominating committee nominated David for vice president. Another member nominated Claire for vice president from the floor. Jason, the president, asked both David and Claire if they objected to taking the vote by voice. Neither objected and Jason took the vote by voice. Claire was the clear winner of the election, and Jason declared Claire elected vice president. All other nominees suggested by the nominating committee were unopposed and were each elected by voice vote. At the conclusion of the election, Jason passed the gavel to Lisa, who declared the meeting adjourned. The next chapter meeting will take place when school resumes in the fall.

One week after the election, Lisa held the first meeting of the new officer team. She arrived at the meeting noticeably upset. As soon as the meeting began, Lisa announced that her father had taken a new job in a neighboring state, and she and her family would be moving away from Lakeville immediately. Lisa handed each officer a copy of her resignation as president and then handed a copy to the chapter advisor. To make matters worse, each officer had been instructed to bring copies of their last two report cards to the meeting so that the chapter advisor could verify the grade point average for each officer. All the officers had grade point averages above 3.0 except Claire, whose last two report cards indicated a grade point average of 2.35.

The new officer team was clearly disappointed that Lisa would be leaving, and the remainder of the meeting became more of a farewell party for Lisa than an actual meeting. When the group left the meeting later that afternoon, the chapter advisor wished all the officers well and indicated that she would call another meeting for later in the summer. Several questions were lingering on her mind, however, and she has called your team for help.

- Who is president of the Lakeville FFA Chapter?
- What must be done now to complete the Lakeville FFA chapter officer team?
- Was the election for vice president conducted properly?

The chapter bylaws only discuss chapter officers in Article IV. That article from the chapter bylaws appears below. The chapter's parliamentary authority is *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (11th Edition). Please provide the Lakeville FFA chapter advisor with an answer to her questions, including appropriate citations, based on the chapter bylaws and the chapter's parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the chapter shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sergeant-at-arms. All officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 2: The president shall be a senior and must have been a chapter member for at least two full years prior to election. All other officers must have been a chapter member for at least one full year prior to election.

Section 3: Any vacancy in any office other than that of president shall be filled by the other officers for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4: All elections shall be held by ballot, except in cases where only one nominee has been made, in which case a voice vote may be taken.

Section 5: All officers shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 at the time of their election and shall maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average throughout their term of office.

Sample Team Problem-Solving Answers

- Who is president of the Lakeville FFA Chapter?

Elizabeth is president of the chapter. When Lisa was elected chapter president, Jason's term as president ended and Lisa became the duly elected president. Lisa's resignation means that the office of president would immediately be filled by the vice president. (Article IV, Section 3. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* p. 442, In. 2-7.) Claire was apparently elected vice president, but review of her grade point average after the election revealed that she was ineligible to be elected. (Article IV, Section 5.) The election for vice president actually never happened since Claire was ineligible at the time of the vote, so the election for vice president remains incomplete. (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* p. 430, lines 11–13 and p. 543, lines 19–22.) Because Elizabeth was serving as vice president at the time of the election, and because her term of office does not expire until her successor is elected (Article IV, Section 1.), Elizabeth remained the actual vice president at the conclusion of the elections' meeting. Elizabeth was also the actual sitting vice president at the time of Lisa's resignation from the office of president, meaning that Elizabeth became president of the Lakeville FFA Chapter upon Lisa's resignation.

- What must be done now to complete the Lakeville FFA chapter officer team?

The chapter officers must select a new vice president to serve until the chapter meets again in the fall. (Article IV, Section 3.) When Elizabeth became president of the chapter following Lisa's resignation, a vacancy was created in the office of vice president. The chapter bylaws require the remaining officers to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The person appointed by the chapter officers will fill the position of vice president until the chapter can meet to hold another election for vice president. (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* p. 429–30.) The new election is necessary because the new vice president chosen by the officers will only be completing Elizabeth's term of office as vice president, which should have ended at the elections' meeting, but because no election was completed, the newly chosen vice president will continue in office until his or her successor is elected by the chapter. Since there are no prohibitions against reelection, the person chosen by the officers can be elected to the office of vice president by the chapter for a complete term.

- Was the election for vice president conducted properly?

No. The election for vice president should have been conducted by ballot. (Article IV, Section 4.) A requirement that a vote be taken by ballot cannot be suspended, even by unanimous consent. (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* p. 398, line 28 and p. 399, line 1.) Claire should also not have been a candidate since she was ineligible for election to the office. (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, p. 543, lines 19–22.)

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Measurements Assessed	Event Activities Addressing Measurements	Related Academic Standards
CRP.01.01. Performance Indicator: Model personal responsibility in the workplace and community.		
CRP.01.01.01.c. Evaluate past workplace and community situations and determine how personal responsibility positively or negatively impacted outcomes.	Entire event – total team score Individual Individual practicum, minutes and other records Presentation Team problem-solving practicum Written exam	
CRP.01.02 Performance Indicator: Evaluate and consider the near-term and long-term impacts of personal and professional decisions on employers and community before taking action.		
CRP.01.02.01.b. Assess the pros and cons of personal decisions based on their anticipated impact on self and others.	Presentation	
CRP.01.02.02.b. Analyze the pros and cons of professional decisions based upon impact on employers and community.	Presentation	
CRP.02.01. Performance Indicator: Use strategic thinking to connect and apply academic learning, knowledge and skills to solve problems in the workplace and community.		
CRP.02.01.01.b. Assess workplace problems and identify the most appropriate academic knowledge and skills to apply.	Individual Individual practicum, minutes and other records Presentation Team problem-solving practicum Written exam	
CRP.02.01.02.b. Assess community problems and identify the most appropriate academic knowledge and skills to apply.	Individual Individual practicum, minutes and other records Presentation Team problem-solving practicum Written exam	
CRP.02.02. Performance Indicator: Use strategic thinking to connect and apply technical concepts to solve problems in the workplace and community.		
CRP.02.02.01.b. Assess workplace problems and distinguish the most appropriate technical concepts to apply.	Individual Individual practicum, minutes and other records Presentation Team problem-solving practicum Written exam	
CRP.02.02.02.b. Assess community problems and identify the most appropriate technical concepts to apply.	Individual Individual practicum, minutes and other records Presentation Team problem-solving practicum Written exam	

CRP.04.01. Performance Indicator: Speak using strategies that ensure clarity, logic, purpose and professionalism in formal and informal settings.

CRP.04.01.01.c. Evaluate other's verbal and non-verbal communications (e.g., speeches, presentations, oral reports, etc.) and propose recommendations for improvement in clarity, logic, purpose and professionalism.

Presentation

CRP.04.01.02.b. Apply strategies for speaking with clarity, logic, purpose and professionalism in a variety of situations in formal and informal settings.

Presentation

CRP.04.02. Performance Indicator: Produce clear, reasoned and coherent written communication in formal and informal settings.

CRP.04.02.01.c. Evaluate the effectiveness of different forms of written communication for achieving their intended purpose.

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CRP.04.02.02.b. Apply techniques for ensuring clarity, logic and coherence to edit written communications (e.g., emails, reports, presentations, technical documents, etc.).

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CRP.04.03. Performance Indicator: Model active listening strategies when interacting with others in formal and informal settings.

CRP.04.03.01.b. Apply active listening strategies (e.g., be attentive, observe non-verbal cues, ask clarifying questions, etc.).

Presentation

CRP.04.03.02.b. Assess active listening strategies by observing others in formal and informal settings.

Presentation

CRP.04.03.02.c. Model active listening strategies in formal and informal settings.

Presentation

CRP.05.01. Performance Indicator: Assess, identify and synthesize the information and resources needed to make decisions that positively impact the workplace and community.

CRP.05.01.01.c. Evaluate workplace and community decision-making processes and devise strategies for improvement.

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CRP.05.01.02.c. Evaluate workplace and community situations and recommend the information and resources needed to support good decisions.

Presentation

CRP.05.01.03.c. Synthesize information and resources and apply to workplace and community situations to make positive decisions.

Presentation

CRP.06.01. Performance Indicator: Synthesize information, knowledge and experience to generate original ideas and challenge assumptions in the workplace and community.

CRP.06.01.01.c. Evaluate workplace and community situations and devise strategies to apply original ideas.

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CRP.06.01.02.c. Devise strategies (e.g., ask questions, brainstorm ideas, present facts and information, etc.) to challenge common assumptions in workplace and community situations.

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CRP.06.02. Performance Indicator: Assess a variety of workplace and community situations to identify ways to add value and improve the efficiency of processes and procedures.

CRP.06.02.01.c. Evaluate past workplace and community situations and determine how processes and procedures impacted outcomes.

Individual practicum, minutes and other records

CRP.06.03. Performance Indicator: Create and execute a plan of action to act upon new ideas and introduce innovations to workplace and community organizations.

CRP.06.03.01.c. Design a plan of action to introduce a new idea or innovation into the workplace and community.

Presentation

CRP.06.03.02.c. Evaluate and execute strategies for using stakeholder input and feedback to improve a plan of action for introducing a new idea or innovation into the workplace or community..

Presentation

CRP.08.01. Performance Indicator: Apply reason and logic to evaluate workplace and community situations from multiple perspectives.

CRP.08.01.01.c. Evaluate how applying critical thinking skills can impact workplace and community situations.

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Presentation
Team problem-solving practicum

CRP.08.01.02.c. Devise strategies to apply reason, logic and input from multiple perspectives to solve workplace and community problems.

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CRP.08.02. Performance Indicator: Investigate, prioritize and select solutions to solve problems in the workplace and community.

CRP.08.02.01.b. Assimilate and prioritize potential solutions to solve problems in the workplace and community.

Presentation

CRP.08.02.02.c. Evaluate and select solutions with greatest potential for success to solve workplace and community problems.

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CRP.08.03. Performance Indicator: Establish plans to solve workplace and community problems and execute them with resiliency.

CRP.08.03.01.b. Analyze and determine the best problem-solving model to apply to workplace and community problems.

Presentation

CRP.09.01. Performance Indicator: Model characteristics of ethical and effective leaders in the workplace and community (e.g. integrity, self-awareness, self-regulation, etc.).

CRP.09.01.02.c. Model characteristics and actions of ethical and effective leaders in workplace and community situations (e.g., integrity, self-awareness, etc.).

Presentation

CRP.09.03. Performance Indicator: Demonstrate behaviors that contribute to a positive morale and culture in the workplace and community (e.g., positively influencing others, effectively communicating, etc.).

CRP.09.03.01.a. Identify and summarize respectful and purposeful behaviors that contribute to positive morale and culture in workplace and community settings (e.g., positively influencing others, effectively communicating, etc.).

Presentation

CRP.09.03.02.c. Model respectful and purposeful behaviors that contribute to positive morale and culture in the workplace and community (e.g., effectively communicating, recognizing accomplishments of others, etc.).

Presentation

CRP.10.02. Performance Indicator: Examine career advancement requirements (e.g., education, certification, training, etc.) and create goals for continuous growth in a chosen career.

CRP.10.02.01.a. Categorize career advancement requirements for potential careers (e.g., degrees, certification, training, etc.).

Written exam

CRP.12.01. Performance Indicator: Contribute to team-oriented projects and build consensus to accomplish results using cultural global competence in the workplace and community.

CRP.12.01.01.c. Evaluate the effectiveness of team-oriented projects at work and in the community and make recommendations for future improvements.

Presentation

CRP.12.01.02.b. Apply consensus building techniques to accomplish results in team-oriented situations.

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CRP.12.02. Performance Indicator: Create and implement strategies to engage team members to work toward team and organizational goals in a variety of workplace and community situations (e.g., meetings, presentations, etc.).

CRP.12.02.01.c. Create novel strategies to engage team members based on the situation.

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CRP.12.02.02.b. Select strategies to engage team members and apply in a variety of situations.

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