

2017 Los Angeles County Fair FFA Judging Contest Schedule and Rules

PLEASE NOTE – START TIME 9:00 AM

Rules:

1. No students may judge who arrive after 10:00 a.m.
2. All advanced contestants (Nursery/Landscape, Floriculture, Veterinary Science, and Vegetable Judging Contests) will wear uniforms from the waist up as prescribed by the CATA Curricular Code for judging uniforms with one exception - students may wear an FFA Patch instead of a Jacket. Each chapter agriculture instructor is responsible for making sure that their students are in proper uniform. Each Supervising Teacher of the Contest will write down the name and chapter of any students not in official uniform and forward that information to the tabulations room. Offending students will be allowed to judge, but are not eligible for awards. **No uniform is required of the Novice Search Contestants.**
3. A "team" is considered to be 3 individuals. For each contest and sweepstakes purposes, only one team per school may be eligible for awards. The chapter team will be designated by their top three scores of a given contest. A school may have an unlimited number of contestants who may compete for individual awards.
4. All contestants are expected to bring their own pencil.

09:00 - 09:30 a.m. **Assemble at Individual Contest Sites:** Students are to go directly to their individual judging sites once unloaded from the bus or school vehicle.

Novice Search – Ring 1A & B - Contest Coordinator – Kim Miller. Each student will be given a list of questions concerning agricultural exhibits at the LA County Fair. Students must seek out the exhibits and answer the questions. Advisors must pick-up an answer sheet and enough Participant ribbons for all their Novice Search students. Each chapter may have an unlimited number of contestants.

Nursery/Landscape – Swine Barn - Contest Coordinator – Aaron Nering. See separate document for contest information.

Vegetable Judging – Ring 1A - Contest Coordinator – Dan Hostetler. The contest will consist of 2-4 classes of vegetables plus identification of 15-25 edible portion vegetables as listed on pages B.9.5 – B.9.8 of the CATA Curricular Code.

Floriculture Judging – Swine Barn - Contest Coordinator – Jody Baker. The contest will consist of Identification, four Judging classes and one set of Reasons. (No construction)

Veterinary Science Judging – Ring 1B - Contest Coordinator – Mary Riley

09:30 - 10:00 a.m. Judging instructions to teams and alternates at each site as noted above.

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tabulations – Location to Be Determined (TBD)

Coordinator – Jenny Kuhns, Fullerton HS.

Teachers or supervising adults will tabulate their own contestants. When scored cards and tabulation sheets are turned in, scores are final, except the top 10 teams may be checked by the Tabulations Committee. Each chapter teacher must complete tabulations by 12:30 a.m. Chapter Advisors may pick-up their cards when tabulations are completed.

Ties are broken in the following way: Individual: high team score breaks tie. Team: team with the highest over-all individual breaks tie.

Sweepstakes award is based on combined ranking of each team with high team receiving 10 points, second high team receiving 9 points, etc. Only advanced contests (Nursery/Landscape, Floriculture, Specialty Animal, and Vegetable Judging) will count towards sweepstakes.

01:00 - 01:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony - Ring 1A & B.

Coordinators - Southern Region FFA Officers & Southern Region FFA Advisor.

A representative from each chapter must be at ringside in official uniform as prescribed by the CATA Curricular Code. Ribbons and trophies will be presented for each advanced contest; trophies for 1st high team and ribbons to 10th place for both teams and individuals. No ribbons or trophies will be mailed. A Sweepstakes Trophy will be presented to the highest scoring chapter. Novice Search awards will not be given at the Awards Ceremony as they are given out by the advisor.