Major Changes in the 2019-2020 Competitive Events Guide

The following is a listing of the major changes in the 2019-2020 national Competitive Events Guide and also includes information related to state competition changes. It is in no way inclusive and participants and advisers should continue to read the event rules carefully to ensure eligibility and successful event completion and presentation.

Please note: Each STAR Event has been edited for the unique nature of state competition. Chapters should use the event rules posted on the state website to prepare for competition held at state conference. Contact debbiewillFCCLA@comcast.net

Competitive Events Competition Levels Have Changed!

Event categories are now Level 1 (through grade 8), Level 2 (grades 9-10), Level 3 (grades 11-12). Mixed level teams are still allowed but must compete at the highest level of the teams' members. Some events will still have eligibility requirements that require specific course or program enrollment. Where that is the case, Virginia course codes and titles have been added to those rules.

STAR Events Changes

• Because of changes in Virginia teacher recertification requirements, recertification points cannot be offered in return for volunteering for STAR Events because it is not considered “professional development”.
• The Virginia FCCLA Board of Directors added a $10 fee per team for Baking & Pastry, Classic Knife Cuts & Chicken Fabrication, and Culinary Arts to cover the cost of food for competition.
• Look for this symbol to indicate a rule or guideline that must be followed in order for the project to be fully scored in competition or indicate an eligibility requirement that would result in disqualification.
• New STAR Events – Baking & Pastry, Event Management, Instructional Video Design (online event)
• Discontinued STAR Event – Life Event Planning
• Team Events - Fashion Design, Nutrition & Wellness, and Repurpose & Redesign are now individual or team events.
• Event Name Changes – Culinary Math Management (formerly Applied Math for Culinary Management), Professional Presentation (formerly Illustrated Talk), Public Policy Advocate (formerly Advocacy), Repurpose & Redesign (formerly Recycle and Redesign), Sustainability Challenge (formerly Environmental Ambassador)
• Classic Knife Cuts & Chicken Fabrication (state event) has been updated with changes to knife cuts requirements as well as chicken fabrication requirements. Links to YouTube videos for proper knife cuts have been added to the specifications page. Chapters will be able to enter one participant in both Level 1 and Level 2.
• Culinary Arts Exhibit (state event) has received extensive revisions. A portfolio is no longer required, however, participants must come with a file folder containing specified career information and letters of reference. More detail was added to the Show Pieces category description. Both the Point Summary Form and the rubric were updated to match the revised event requirements. Chapters will be able to enter one participant in both Level 1 and Level 2 in each of the four categories of this event.
• Event Management has three levels and a progression of skill and/or requirements between each level, and three separate rubrics.
• Fashion Construction has an updated Skill Area Checklist to include reversible design, knit fabric, 3-D/laser printing, and fiber optics, electronics or technology.
• Fashion Design – designs must be for adults or children.
• Food Innovations – requirements for Marketability and Product Packaging are the same for all levels this year.
• Parliamentary Procedure – Any team using prepared materials will receive 0 points for Quality of Demonstration Discussion.
• Scholarships earned for state competition will be inserted into the chapter's exit packet with no separate scholarship session offered.
FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl

Rules have been changed to reflect one National Fall Conference instead of two Cluster Meetings. All 16 National Championship qualifiers will be chosen at the National Fall Conference. The TeamSmarts Quiz dates are September 1 – October 31, 2019.

Knowledge Matters Virtual Business Challenge – Personal Finance

The FCCLA Virtual Business Challenge-Personal Finance contest encourages FCCLA members to test their skills in personal finance. This competition continues to be a free event for affiliated FCCLA members. The FCCLA Virtual Business Challenge consists of two competition rounds. Registration begins October 9, 2019. Round One will begin on October 22, 2019 at 10AM EST and will end on November 15, 2019 at 5PM EST. Round Two will begin on February 3, 2020 at 10AM EST and will end on February 28, 2020, at 5PM EST. Teams may participate in one or both rounds. The National Championship Round will be held online from March 23, 2020 – April 3, 2020 and will only be open to qualifying teams.

Skill Demonstration Events Held at National Fall Conference

- A new Skill Demonstration Event Challenge Test in Education and Training has been added. Online Challenge testing dates are October 21-25, 2019.
- The new Skill Demonstration Event, Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills will be offered in fall, 2019 on a scheduled rotation.
- Onsite student orientations and testing are no longer part of the events. Students will check-in to confirm attendance prior to competition. Competition times will be posted in the FCCLA conference app.
- Culinary Knife Skills and Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills participants must have their own equipment (no sharing of equipment).

The national Competitive Events Guide is not available on the FCCLA website.

This resource, provided for members and developed with funds from membership dues, is available to chapters through the FCCLA Portal. The Competitive Events Guide will only be available to affiliated chapters beginning November 1.

Look for the FCCLA Career Pathways logo throughout the Competitive Events Guide, indicating which career pathways are addressed in each event.

For questions about Virginia FCCLA state competition, please email debbiewillFCCLA@comcast.net