

**FHA-HERO: The California Affiliate of FCCLA
2011-2012 Competitive Recognition Events (CRE) Program
Questions and Answers**

These questions and answers will be used during the 2011-2012 program year and for competition both at Qualifying Events and State Finals. If you have questions, please submit them to the State Office via fax at (916) 319-0165 or via email at twright@cde.ca.gov.

ALL EVENTS

- 1) Question: Why do the participants in some of the events need to have multiple copies of paperwork to give to the Event Chairperson?
- Answer: Multiple copies of paperwork are needed for some events to expedite the evaluation process. The Event Chairperson keeps a copy and the other copies are given to the judges. Each judge will have his/her own set of materials from which to evaluate the presentation to ensure the process will be objective and fair.
- 2) Question: Can participants bring items, make statements, or otherwise embellish their presentations even though there is no reference that allows it in the CRE General and Rules and Guidelines, or the specific event rules and guidelines?
- Answer: No. If the CRE General Rules and Guidelines or event specific rules and guidelines do not specifically indicate that the participants can make statements, bring and/or present something that assists them in their presentations, they should not do so. If rules and guidelines are not adhered to, participants will either have points deducted or be disqualified, as appropriate. Participants should follow the rules and guidelines as stated. Individual creativity can be expressed in the presentation rather than attempting to do something that is not stated specifically in the guidelines and rules. CRE Region Chairpersons and CRE Event Chairpersons are responsible for enforcing the General Rules and Guidelines and event specific rules and guidelines so that all participants are evaluated equitably and in the same manner.
- 3) Question: Can Qualifying Finalists (1st through 5th place) change the concept or topic of their presentations before advancing to the State level competition?
- Answer: No. As stated in section H. Guidelines for Competitors rule number 3: "Any entry may be improved at each level, but the concept of the topic may not be changed. The comments from the judges may be considered to improve the event at each level.

- 4) Question: What forms of student identification are required for participation in CREs?
- Answer: At Qualifying Competition, competitors are required to have both their California FHA-HERO membership card and a current photo ID. At State Finals Competition, competitors are required to have their FHA-HERO membership card, a current photo ID and State Leadership Meeting paraphernalia.
- 5) Question: Must entry forms and resources be submitted electronically?
- Answer: Yes. To participate in the CRE program all information must be electronically submitted by the due date on the Web Entry System.
- 6) Question: I have a student who placed first in the State Finals in the junior division of an event last year. May he/she compete in the senior division of the same event this year?
- Answer: Yes, as the competitor will be in a new division. However, the student may not use the same project or presentation.
- 7) Question: Will students who wear denim, or other clothing that is not in compliance with official dress in 3 or more areas, be allowed to compete?
- Answer: No. Participants who do not demonstrate an effort to be in compliance with official dress for CRE as evidenced by wearing denim or failing to wear at least 3 parts of official dress will not be allowed to participate at any level or components of the CRE Program, including competition and the awards program.
- 8) Question: Can registered CRE participants who move from the school/chapter where they were members and attend another school that does not have an FHA-HERO chapter compete with the chapter at their former school?
- Answer: No.
- 9) Question: If a member inadvertently checked the wrong event on their original CRE-Entry form that was submitted to the State FHA-HERO Office (e.g. member checks Child Development but intended to participate in Salad Prep), can this error be corrected?
- Answer: Yes. A correction can be made only if it is done prior to a region's Qualifying Finals. In order for the change to be approved, the request must meet the following three criteria: 1) The request is submitted in writing prior to the date of competition; 2) The request is received at the State FHA-HERO Office no later than 12 noon two weeks prior to the competition, and 3) The change is noted on the Participant Data Sheet sent to the CRE Chairperson by the State FHA-HERO Office.

- 10) Question: FHA-HERO now has a new emblem with a blue border. Must competitors have the new emblem on their blazer?
- Answer: Yes. Starting in 2007, all competitors must have the new California Emblem on the left pocket of their blazers.
- 11) Question: Can a member who placed first in an event at the state level skip a year and then compete in the same event again?
- Answer: Yes. Refer to the CRE Guide under “H. Guidelines for Competitors” number 8. However, it is expected the member would develop a new presentation.
- 12) Question: May a participant use a photo of their ID on a cell phone (either Personal or another person’s cell phone) during dress check?
- Answer: No. Participants must have the original or an actual copy of the identification documents required. Also: No cell phones can be used during orientation or in the event rooms.
- 13) Question: If a registered CRE competitor cancels his/her participation in an event, can he/she be used as a substitute in a team event without paying the substitute fee?
- Answer: No. A substitute form must be submitted and the fee paid.
- 14) Question: When do participants turn in the Participant Authorization Form with parent signatures?
- Answer: Participants will turn in the Participant Authorization Form during dress check at the Qualifying Competition. The form must have all of the proper signatures at the time of dress check. Forms will only be collected during dress check. Those who do not turn in the Participant Authorization Form will be disqualified. Refer to the CRE Guide under H. “Guidelines for Competitors”.
- 15) Question: Are competitors from the same school allowed to share equipment or supplies if they are in the same event.
- Answer: No, competitors are not allowed to share equipment with competitors from the same school in any of the events. Every competitor will have his/her own equipment and materials.

APPAREL CONSTRUCTION EVENT

- 1) Question: The Green Pepper Pattern for senior division Apparel Construction is difficult to find, where can the pattern be purchased?
- Answer: The pattern for senior division Apparel Construction can be purchased directly from The Green Pepper Inc. Pattern Company view their Web site at www.thegreenpepper.com. The company provides great customer service and will take orders over the telephone at 1-800-767-5684.

APPAREL CONSTRUCTION EVENT CONTINUED

- 2) Question: In the junior division Apparel Construction event is twill tape a requirement for the drawstring waist and leg hem/casing?
- Answer: No, twill tape is not required. Participants may use a purchased or self-made drawstring of any suitable notion including but not limited to cord, ribbon or a fabric to construct a self-made string. If a self-made draw string is used it must be constructed within the allotted time parameters of the competition.
- 3) Question: In the senior division Apparel Construction event when is the appropriate time to sear the cut ends of the webbing straps for the bag?
- Answer: Under adult supervision prior to the day of competition. Participants should come to competition with the webbing straps already seared.
- 4) Question: In the senior division Apparel Construction event are participants required to add the tri-rings and the clip-on shoulder strap as directed in Section G & I of the directions?
- Answer: Participants are not required to add the tri-rings or make and attach the clip-on shoulder strap. Participants may omit Section G & I of the directions.
- 5) Question: How many pockets are required on the duffle/gym bag for the senior division Apparel Construction event?
- Answer: Two pockets are required for the duffle/gym bag, a Velcro pocket is required on the long side of the bag and a zipper pocket is required on the shorter end of the bag.
- 6) Question: Are the use of coil zippers and separate pulls required for the duffle/gym bag for the senior division Apparel Construction event?
- Answer: No, participants have the option of using any multipurpose separating zipper with a single pull that may need to be cut to size that is appropriate for the participant's duffle/gym bag or coil zippers with separate pulls.

CHAPTER EXHIBIT EVENT

- 1) Question: As part of the exhibit, can chapters have items for viewers of the exhibit to take? (Example: leaflets, products, etc.)
- Answer: Yes. Chapters may have handouts as part of the exhibit. There would need to be a minimum of 25 items for distribution.

COMMERCIAL FOOD PREPARATION EVENT

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1. Question: Are the recipes for 2012 Qualifying Competition posted on the FHA-HERO Web Page?

Answer: Recipes will be posted on the FHA-HERO Web Page thirty (30) days prior to each level of competition as indicated in the rules.

2. Question: For what violations of the rules will a competitor be disqualified?

Answer: A competitor will be disqualified when there is a serious violation of one or more of three critical items that would result in unsafe food. These include:

- a. Potentially hazardous food that is not cooked to correct minimum internal temperature;
- b. Cross contaminating a hazardous food into a ready-to-eat food; and/or
- c. Cross contaminating a dirty surface (hard surface or cloth) onto ready-to-eat food.

In such an instance, student competitors will be allowed to continue without being made aware of the violation until the conclusion of the preparation of their products. Students would still receive a critique of their performance and have the benefit of the competitive experience. Competitors and advisors need to understand that it is not possible to allow students who have prepared unsafe food the possibility of winning a professionally modeled culinary/cooking competition.

3. Question: For what types of violations will competitors receive penalty points?

Answer: All lesser violations of food safety and sanitation will be noted and result in appropriate point deductions. Instances when penalty points should be applied are reflected in the rules and on the rating sheet for the Commercial Preparation Event. Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Improper storage of potentially hazardous foods;
- Poor hand hygiene not resulting in a critical error;
- Not washing fruits or vegetables prior to use.

CULINARY ARTS DISPLAY EVENT

1) Question: What type of pants are participants allowed to wear?

Answer: Participants should wear industry approved black pants or chef pants.

FASHION DESIGN EVENT

- 1) Question: The theme for the 2011– 2012 project is “Family Winter or Summer Vacation Wear” Must a specific season be used or can winter and summer be mixed for the project design?
- Answer: No. All three designs will be Winter Vacation Wear or Summer Vacation Wear.
- 2) Question: What is meant by designs must include an adult male, adult female and a child design?
- Answer: The line of clothing that is designed must include a design of one adult male, one adult female and one child’s design male or female.

INTERIOR DESIGN EVENT

- 1) Question: Are there specific dimensions for the 2011-2012 Interior Design Junior Division Design?
- Answer: Yes. The dimension for the project is as follows:
Junior Division – Toddler Playroom: 12’ x 14’
- 2) Question: In the senior division Interior Design Event does the competitor have to use the new scenario or is there a theme available.
- Answer: All senior division Interior Design competitors will use the scenario found on the FHA-HERO Web site. The new rules for this event are included in the specific event rules available online.
- 3) Question: In the interior design junior division event what defines a toddlers’ age and playroom?
- Answer: For this event a toddler is defines as between the ages of 1-3 years old. A playroom is a room in the home that is separate of a toddler’s bedroom and does not have plumbing fixtures.

SALAD PREPARATION EVENT

- 1) Question: Are there specific types of salads that participants need to prepare in each division?
- Answer: Yes. Each division, junior and senior, has a different type of salad for participants to prepare. Refer to the revised “Required CRE Topics, Categories, Themes, and Projects for 2011-2012” which is available on the FHA-HERO Web site.
- 2) Question: Do the participants need to measure all ingredients in front of the judges?
- Answer: Yes. The participants must measure all of the ingredients in front of the judges.

SALAD PREPARATION EVENT CONTINUED

- 3) Question: At the Senior level, the participants are to use either canned or shelf stable vacuum-packed products, including meat, seafood, or poultry. Can the participants prepare their own “vacuum-packed” products such as “seal-a-meal”?
- Answer: The meat, seafood/fish, and poultry used in the preparation of the salad must be commercially packaged. Participants CANNOT prepare their own canned or vacuum packaged products.
- 4) Question: Must the food used in the salad preparation event be keep at safe temperatures as recognized by the food service industry?
- Answer: Yes, all ingredients that are used for the salad must be stored at safe temperatures as recognized by the food service industry. This includes all products that require refrigeration.
- 5) Question: May an alternate protein source, such as tofu, be used for the Senior Division Salad Preparation Event?
- Answer: No.
- 6) Question: In the junior division, are the participants allowed to use nuts/seeds as an ingredient in the salad?
- Answer: Yes, participants will be allowed to use nuts/seeds in the junior level Salad Preparation Event. Meat, poultry, eggs, tofu, and seafood are not permitted.