

## **POLICIES RELATED TO MAINE FFA STATE CONVENTION**

### Maine FFA State Competition Eligibility

Here are some policies regarding competition in the Maine FFA State Convention Career Development Events:

- Student must be FFA member who has not yet graduated from high school
- Student must be at least in eighth grade by the time of the spring State FFA Convention for all Career Development Events other than Creed Speaking, and Introductory Prepared and Extemporaneous Speaking
- To compete in the Creed Speaking Career Development Event, student must be in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the State Competition
- To compete in the Introductory Extemporaneous and Introductory Prepared speaking events, student must be in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade at time of State Competition
- Student must be paid registrant for State Convention and have completed required waiver form(s)
- Student must have provided any required advance submissions for event (such as manuscript for prepared public speaking)
- To compete on a team, student must not have been on prior first place team in same event at state level nor have participated in the same event at the national level
- To compete for individual standing, student must not have been prior year first place individual at state level in same event
- Student must be eligible to attend competition(s) per policies of host high school or technical school
- Student must abide by host school rules and National FFA Code of Ethics

### **Number of Individual Scores Counted toward Total Team Scores**

Please note that as of 2014 for most Career Development Events, ALL FOUR individual scores of members in team events will be counted toward calculation of total team score. The only Maine FFA State Convention team events for which this is not yet the case, and for which the top 3 individual scores only will be counted toward the team score are: Agricultural Mechanics, Farm Business Management, Horse Evaluation, and Nursery/Landscape.