

## **FFA TALENT CONTEST RULES**

1. Each area may send one talent team to the state talent contest. The respective area teacher coordinator must properly certify each team.
2. Each team will be allowed a maximum of **EIGHT** minutes to perform. The stopwatch will begin when the performance of the talent team starts (i.e. singing, playing, etc.) The stopwatch will run throughout the performance and end when the talent team is completely finished.
3. One state talent team winner will be selected by plurality vote. Each delegate votes only once for two contestants.
4. Talent team members must be enrolled in high school and be a member of the FFA at the time of the district level election. All team members must be currently enrolled in an agriscience course at the time of the district election or have been enrolled in an agriscience course during the current school year.
5. No additions may be made to talent teams after the district election; however, qualified substitutions will be permitted.
6. Order of performance will be determined prior to the talent contest at the rehearsal.
7. Talent teams will have a chance to rehearse on-stage prior to the state contest. (Time of rehearsal will be limited by the time in between each session.)
8. FFA Official Dress, is NOT required while performing in the state talent contest. The following standards of dress will be enforced:
  - a. No clothing with obscene or suggestive lettering or pictures
  - b. No clothing with beer, alcoholic beverage, drug, violence and/or sex promotions
  - c. No see-through shirts, blouses or shorts
  - d. No blouses or shirts that expose the midriff
  - e. Dresses, skirts, slits in dresses and shorts must be no shorter than extended finger length.
  - f. Other items not listed, but considered to be inappropriate will not be allowed. Decisions concerning dress by the contest chairperson are final. Contestants are encouraged to discuss clothing which may be questionable with the contest chairperson during rehearsal.
9. No vulgar, profane, or inappropriate language will be tolerated. Reference to alcohol, drugs, violence or sex, will not be tolerated. Decisions concerning lyrics by the contest committee are final. Contestants are encouraged to discuss lyrics which may be questionable with the contest before or during the talent meeting.
10. There will be no derogatory references -- nothing in the songs or performance -- related to race, color, creed, or sex. No vulgar language or actions will be tolerated.
11. Prior to the contest during convention week, contestants are not to stage performances, whether they be arranged or spontaneous in nature, outside of the scheduled performance and practice times. Violators will be disqualified.
12. No contestant or group will be allowed to leave the stage during their performance.