Friday Update – May 8*

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Updated CDE/LDE Rules & Guidelines (Board approved 4/9/2020) – posted on the WAFFA website
Updates include WAAE- recommendations from spring exec that are now board-approved.

May

For Members: We may have had to postpone some things that need to happen in-person... but there’s a LOT that we can still do virtually and we plan to! We will not be celebrating our 90th convention in one week... rather over the entire month of May! WAFFA will use our social media platforms to bring convention to your home! Stay tuned for more details about the Virtual 90th Washington FFA State Convention as May gets closer!

For Advisors:

- **District Qualifiers/Results to State Staff = May 15.** Some districts had completed their qualifiers, others had not prior to the March 16 initial closure of school in Washington. Districts who had not completed their qualifiers need to determine how they want to proceed and results must be submitted via the JotForm no later than 4 pm on May 15th (one per district). This is also the date that the required manuscripts and portfolios, etc. will be due electronically (more event specific information below). District Results form: [https://form.jotform.com/91708106901150](https://form.jotform.com/91708106901150)

- **Event Registration (non-qualifier):** Events that are non-qualifying and would have normally been a part of convention registration will have separate pre-registrations via GoogleForms. Emails for these events will come from Abbie and will have very short “open” windows (no late registration will be accepted) so please be watching your email! Even if you previously registered for an event (ex = agronomy, poultry, etc), you will need to re-register once the updated event information/date/components are announced.

- **Virtual Convention:** Rather than a whole lot of things packed into one session, each week in May will correlate to a “session.” Obviously, we can’t do awards for events that haven’t yet taken place – more to come on those – but there are a number of things we can do virtually and so we will!
  - All virtual convention pieces are launched via Facebook and loaded to the WAFFA website ([link to YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ))
  - Information on the 90th Virtual Convention HERE
  - Download your virtual 90th Convention Guidebook HERE

- **State Officer Elections:** The WAFFA Constitution has a clause for State Officer appointment should a convention not be held. Since applications were received prior to the mandated school closure, we are proceeding with a modified SOC process in mid-late May.

**Timeline Summary**

**MAY:**

- 3-9 = Virtual Session One events
- 10-16 = Virtual Session Two events
- 14 = State Officer Candidate modified process → online tests
- 15 = State Officer Candidate modified process → pre-scheduled interviews
- 15 = District Qualifier Results Jotform DUE (one per district)
15 = National Chapter application due (electronic) → adjusted per Denny on 4/29/20 Owl Hour
15 = American Degree applications that required review/adjustments → per Denny on 4/29/20 Owl Hour
15 = Registration for Virtual June events open (non-qualifiers)
17-22 = Virtual Session Three events (break 5/24-25 for the Memorial Day holiday)
21 = State Officer Candidate modified process → Board web interview
22 = State Officer appointment announcement (not positions)
22 = DUE: Registration for Virtual June CDE/LDE events
22 = DUE: Ag Comm media plan (emailed to coordinator)
      Employment Skills job description/cover letter/resume/application
      Marketing portfolio (PDF emailed to coordinator)
      Prepared manuscript (PDF emailed to coordinator)
26-June 1 = Virtual Session Four events

JUNE:
1 = State Officers 2020-2021 position appointment announcement
1-4 = 2020-2021 State Officer Team Cornerstone Training -- TENTATIVE based on new governor plan/restrictions
10/11/12 = Virtual State CDE/LDE events *DRAFT-TENTATIVE schedule below
15-19 = Virtual State CDE/LDE results announcements

August:
2-5 = Remaining LDEs @ Pullman *details & schedule released at a later time
18-22 = POSSIBLE Livestock & Horse CDEs @ Grant County Fair *confirmation & details released later

KNOW:
• State events will have modified rules/components. *new information below with additional details coming soon
• We are doing our best but ultimately local school districts can and do impose restrictions that are more stringent than what OSPI outlines and that might preclude your chapter from participating in adjusted/rescheduled events

In order to address equity and access issues for our members and their advisors in the midst of this pandemic, this alternative model of CDE/LDE events allows “winners” to be determined and allows them adequate time to prepare for national events/fundraise/etc. The only other option at this point is to cancel all competitive events. Also know, we are not entertaining additional ideas to offer the virtual events “live” this year. This is Board-approved and how we will proceed.

Sincerely,

~ Abbie

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WASHINGTON FFA
MODIFIED CDE/LDE PLAN
SPRING-SUMMER 2020

JUNE 10/11/12*
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TENTATIVE-DRAFT Schedule...more details/times coming soon
→ Best efforts are being made to avoid or minimize overlaps

June 10:
- Forestry
- Ag Comm Press Conference & opening of press writing practicum
- Employment Skills prelims
- Farm & Agribusiness Management
- Nursery Landscape
- Co-op Quiz
- Prepared Public prelims
- Food Science
- Vet Science

June 11:
- MQP
- Prepared Public finals
- Agronomy
- Employment Skills finals
- Creed prelims
- Floriculture
- Marketing Q/A (Zoom)
- Meats
- Ag Comm press releases due

June 12:
- Creed finals
- Poultry

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Agronomy

Ag Comm
- **Electronic**: Press Conference (live + recording until practicum deadline) and practicum (4 press releases) due 5pm the next day; no flights...just raw score → Media Plan Proposal: due via email May 22

Creed
- **Virtual = Zoom**: Prescheduled Zoom presentation +Q/A time; modified flights, finals = 4 only

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Employment Skills
- **Distance/Electronic (Zoom)**: Preliminary interview flights with emailed follow-up within 30 minutes of end of interview; final round interview; networking activity for finalists and job offer for finalists → *Job Description, Cover Letter, Resume, Application: due via email May 22*
  Coordinators are excited about this event being virtual and have stressed that flexibility will be a fundamental component this year; they will work with students who may not have Zoom and would have to call instead.

Floriculture
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: General knowledge exam, ID, Problem solving

Forestry
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: General knowledge exam, ID, Equipment, Map, Chainsaw, Disorders

Farm & Agribusiness Management
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: General knowledge exam

Food Science
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: Knowledge exam, Math, Customer Inquiry, Sanitation

Marketing
- **Electronic**: Portfolio: due via email May 22; Q/A via Zoom with top 8 teams

Meats
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: Beef quality/yield grading, Placing class, Retail Meats ID, Written Exam

MQP
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: Written exam, Problem solving, Cheese ID

Nursery Landscape
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: General knowledge exam, ID, Landscape Estimate (w/visual)

Prepared
- **Zoom**: Prescheduled Zoom presentation + Q/A time; modified flights; finals = 4 only → *Manuscript: due via email May 22*

Poultry
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: Knowledge exam, Placing, Further Processed, Carcass, Egg Exteriors

Vet Science
- **Virtual = QBank/JudgingCard**: General knowledge exam, Math, Current events, ID, Equipment, Parasites/Micro, Breeds, video-based practicum (one)

**Co-op Quiz**
- **Virtual = GoogleForm**: Online exam for pre-qualified students; exam only this year per sponsoring entity, who also pre-made the materials so it can be offered in June & the scholarships be awarded

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Please remember to give the coordinators space and grace as they are doing their very best to roll with all this as well...and in many cases they may not have all the answers with modifications so may point you back to me.

**TENTATIVE:: August 2–5 @ Pullman** — live contests with social distancing protocols*
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**Ag Issues** — portfolios will be due at a later date...more information coming once we know about the status of WSU

**Ag Sales**

**Conduct of Chapter Meetings**

**Exttemp**

**Parli**

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**August 18–22 @ Grant County***/**
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**Livestock**

**Horse**

**would transition to virtual/QBank if this fair is cancelled**

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**Still to figure out...**
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**Ag Tech & Mech** — likely virtual...TBD (exam, small engine, electric motor/name plate, concrete calculation)

**ENR** — possible live...possible virtual...TBD (exam, ID, ?water quality?)

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**Not this year** — these are non-advancing so resources will be focused on the advancing events

**First-Year Greenhand**

**Spanish Creed**

**Quiz Bowl**

**AgEd PILOT**

**FARM for Kids** — many schools hadn’t completed their event before the mandated closure

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