

CONSTITUTION OF THE NACTA JUDGING CONFERENCE

(As amended at Northeast Community College April 20, 2018)

ART. 1. THE NAME

Sect. 1. The name of the conference shall be the NACTA Judging Conference.

ART. II. TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

Sect. 1. All schools must be institutional members of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture to be eligible to enter teams for competition.

Sect. 2. One team from any Junior College, Technical College or University may participate in each contest. Land Grant Colleges may officially participate in all contests.

Sect. 3. Team members must be enrolled in school during the current academic year and be agriculture majors or agriculture minors in good standing, pursuing undergraduate study.

Sect. 4. An official contestant shall be a team member competing for awards. Unofficial contestants shall be those declared as not competing for awards, but involved for experience. The decision to allow and/or limit the number of unofficial contestants, the fees, and the degree of participation shall be at the discretion of the host institution. Partial teams will be eligible to compete.

Sect. 5. Students may participate as official contestants a maximum of two times in the junior college division and two times in the senior college division in each individual contest.

Sect. 6. The host college must provide the following six contests:

- a. Livestock Judging
- b. Dairy Judging
- c. Soils Judging
- d. Crops Judging
- e. Agricultural Business
- f. Ag Knowledge Bowl

Sect. 7. The host may provide other contests at their discretion.

ART. III. REGISTRATION FEE

Sect. 1. Registration fees shall be at the discretion of the host school.
The host school shall be responsible for collecting and handling all fees.

ART. IV. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Sect. 1. The officers of the Conference shall be a chairperson and a secretary. The chairperson and secretary will be elected on alternating years and will serve for a period of two years.

Sect. 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) voting delegate from each participating school.

Sect. 3. The Board of Directors will meet during the annual contest each year to discuss the matters pertaining to the conference.

ART. V. OFFICIAL JUDGES

Sect. 1. Selection of the judges shall be at the discretion of the host school.

Sect. 2. It shall be requested by the host school that the official judges give the final placings; answers and reasons immediately following the conclusion of each contest.

ART. VI. RULES FOR THE JUDGING CONTESTS

Sect. 1. Each required contest listed in Article II, Section 6 above, shall appoint a rules committee.

Sect. 2. Each contest rules committee shall coordinate with the succeeding year's conference host to outline a set of rules to be distributed at least ninety (90) days before the judging conference.

Sect. 3. The rules used at the succeeding NACTA Judging Conference shall be the final rules as voted on by each contest rules committee.

Sect. 4. Each contest rules committee shall consist of at least three (3) members to be voted on annually by the coaches assembled at the NACTA Judging Conference and one (1) member from the succeeding year's contest.

Sect. 5. Once each committee is constituted, each committee shall select a chair to serve until the next chair is selected.

Sect. 6. Each host shall provide a digital copy of each contest rules to each contest rules committee chair as well as the NACTA parent organization for inclusion on their website.

Sect. 7. For all other contests, the host school shall be responsible for the contest rules. Such rules should be posted online or otherwise provided to contestants ninety (90) days prior to the contest date.

ART. VIII. THE OFFICIAL SCORE CARD

Sect. 1. The scorecard to be used for each contest shall be distributed to participating schools a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the contest date.

ART. IX. AWARDS

Sect. 1. In all contests, a minimum of first (1st) place and runner-up awards will be given in team competition and an award will be given to the first (1st) high individual.

Sect. 2. Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the host school.

Sect. 3. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the sweepstakes winner for each division. A sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to both the 2 and 4-year institution which receives the highest score based on the following criteria:

- A. Equate the winning team in each contest to 1,000 points.
- B. Calculate the percentage of the winning teams' total earned by each team entered in the contest and assign to each team the percentage of 1,000 they earned in relation to the winning team. The exception being the Ag Knowledge Bowl where the winning team will receive 1,000 points, the second place team 950 points, the third place team 900 points, etc
- C. If 6 contests are held, 4 contest scores will be used to determine the sweepstakes winner.
- D. If 7, 8, or 9 contests are held, 5 contest scores will be used to determine the sweepstakes winner.

- E. If 10 or more contests are held, a school must participate in more than 50% of the contests offered to be eligible for the sweepstakes award. Scores from the number of contests required to meet the “more than 50%” rule will be used to determine the sweepstakes winner.
- F. The lowest percentage score(s) will be dropped if an institution has teams competing in more than the minimum number of contests used to determine the sweepstakes winner.

Sect. 4. Official contestants from the hosting institution(s) shall be eligible for all awards.

ART. X. SCORING

Sect. 1. The host college will be responsible for the official scoring of the contests with tabulation of the final scores being arranged and sent to each college entered.

ART. XI. DISPERSAL OF INFORMATION

Sect. 1. Information regarding the NACTA Judging Conference will be posted online prior to January 1st or earlier, if possible, by the hosting school.

Sect. 2. A link to the NACTA parent organization will be included in this information.

Sect. 3. The information will be sent to the NACTA parent organization for inclusion on their website.

Sect. 4. The information required to be included shall be:

- a. Rules for all contests
- b. Information regarding accommodations
- c. Any other regulations

ART. XII. SUCCESSIVE MEETINGS

Sect. 1. Provided a volunteer has not come before the group two years prior to a scheduled event, a drawing shall be held by the Board of Directors to determine the host school, excluding those who have hosted within the past 5 years or are scheduled to host in the next 5 years.

ART. XIII. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Sect. 1. The host school shall announce at the coaches meeting the number of participating schools. A quorum of at least twenty percent (20%) of the eligible Board of Directors must be present to make changes to the constitution.

Sect. 2. A change of the constitution will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the annual meeting.

Sect. 3. Notification of any proposed constitutional changes must be made available prior to or at the Coaches meeting at the Judging Conference. This will allow each institution participating to review the proposed changes and to send a representative to the Business meeting.