



Major Changes in the 2016-2017 Competitive Events Guide

The following is a listing of the major changes in the 2016-2017 Competitive Events Guide. It is in no way inclusive and participants and advisers should continue to read the event rules carefully to ensure eligibility and successful event completion and presentation.

The *Competitive Events Guide* is no longer posted on the FCCLA website.

This resource, provided for members and developed with funds from membership dues, is available to chapters through the FCCLA Portal. The *Competitive Events Guide* will only be available to affiliated chapters beginning November 1.

FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl

- No major changes.

Knowledge Matters Virtual Business Challenge – Personal Finance

- NEW this year, The FCCLA Virtual Business Challenge–Personal Finance contest encourages FCCLA members to test their skills in personal finance. This competition is a free event for affiliated FCCLA members. Participating members utilize a competition version of the Virtual Business – Personal Finance classroom software.
- The FCCLA Virtual Business Challenge consists of two competition rounds. Registration begins October 11, 2016. Round One will begin on October 26, 2016 at 10AM EST and will end on November 21, 2016 at 5PM EST. Round Two will begin on January 9, 2017 at 10AM EST and will end on February 3, 2017, at 5PM EST. Teams may participate in one or both rounds.

Skill Demonstration Events

- NEW events this year:
 - Interior Design Sketch (scheduled to rotate with Fashion Sketch)
 - Interviewing Skills (scheduled to rotate with FCCLA Creed Speaking & Interpretation)
- To compete in Skill Demonstration Events, members must have FCCLA national dues paid when registering online for Cluster Meeting. Registrations are first-come, first-served until the event is full.
- Online Challenge testing dates are October 24-28, 2016.

STAR Events

- National STAR Events affiliation deadline is May 31, and only affiliated members may proceed through event registration in the FCCLA portal. States may still set earlier affiliation deadlines for event participation.
- A new “Frequently Asked Questions” section has been added to the *Competitive Events Guide*.
- For National Leadership Conference, substitutions will not be permitted after the published STAR Events substitution deadline.
- For National Leadership Conference, online orientations will be offered. All entries will receive 2 points for submitting the Online STAR Event Orientation form, to be completed after viewing the event orientation session video, posted on the national FCCLA website. During this presentation the STAR Events schedule, participant’s responsibilities, general event schedule and evaluation procedure will be reviewed. Each entry must complete and submit the Online STAR Events Orientation form to the event room consultant at the time of competition. Only one form per entry (team or participant) is required. Point Summary Forms have been updated to reflect this change.
- Resolution to situations not addressed in policies or in event guidelines will be determined in consultation between national FCCLA staff and members of the Competitive Events Advisory Team.
- The **Life Event Planning** event description has been updated to define the term “upcoming event.” See page 150.
- **Culinary Arts** no longer requires a tie-breaking test or a required onsite orientation at National Leadership Conference.
- Testing in **Applied Math for Culinary Management** and **Parliamentary Procedure** for National Leadership Conference participants will have the online testing window of May 8-23, 2017. States may choose to give paper/pencil tests, and may schedule them as part of the onsite competition.

Please read event rules carefully to ensure eligibility and receive the highest possible points on your project.

For additional clarification of rules in the Competitive Events Guide, please email starevents@fclclainc.org.

