

# RANGELAND JUDGING

## 3-4 Member Team

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### IMPORTANT NOTE

*Please thoroughly read the General CDE Rules Section at the beginning of this handbook for complete rules and procedures that are relevant to State FFA Career Development Events.*

#### I. PURPOSE

A major component of land stewardship is conserving and restoring native plant communities, ecosystems, and landscapes. Managing the whole ecosystem rather than one or two parts is complicated and offers a great challenge to our society in terms of education.

#### II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the contest are to teach participants some of the principles of ecology including soil/plant relationships, plant/animal relationships, and plant succession as applied to management of the land.

#### III. EVENT RULES

- A. No talking, comparing, or copying of cards.
- B. Clear plastic clipboards are allowed.
- C. Decisions of the judges are final.
- D. The authority for this information and judging work will be the most recent literature that is used for the National Rangeland Judging Contest.
- E. The Rangeland Contest will consist of three locations for ecological condition and land use and two locations for plant identification.
- F. Transportation to and from the actual contest site is the responsibility of the FFA chapters or 4-H leaders and will not be provided by OSU.

#### IV. EVENT FORMAT

- A. Team Make-Up
  - 1. One range judging team composed of three or four members will constitute a team.
  - 2. Schools not entering a team may enter one or two students on an individual basis.
- B. Equipment
  - 1. A soft, #2, lead writing pencil with a good eraser.
  - 2. Clear plastic clipboard
- C. Event Schedule
  - 1. The contest has 5 sites with 20 minutes allotted for each site.

#### V. SCORING

Ecological Site1 .....	200
Ecological Site 2 .....	200
Ecological Site 3 .....	200
Plant ID 1 .....	200
Plant ID 2.....	200
<u>Total Points</u>	
Individual .....	1000

Team ..... 3000

**VI. TIEBREAKERS**

Tie scores will be broken as designated in the Rangeland Judging contest manual.

**VII. REFERENCES**

For National contest guidelines, please visit the following website:

<http://www.rangejudging.com>

**VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AND FORMS**

- Manual - Judging Rangelands for Livestock and Wildlife Values 9<sup>th</sup> Edition
- Scanform: 6020K-02