



Major Changes in the 2019-2020 Competitive Events Guide

The following is a listing of the major changes in the 2019-2020 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 not available 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.



Look for the FCCLA Career Pathways logo throughout the Competitive Events Guide, indicating which career pathways are addressed in each event.

Competitive Events Competition Levels Have Changed!

Event categories are now Level 1 (through grade 8), Level 2 (grades 9-10), Level 3 (grades 11-12). Mixed level teams are still allowed but must compete at the highest level of the teams' members. Some events will still have eligibility requirements that require specific course or program enrollment (to be verified at the state level).

FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl

Rules have been changed to reflect one National Fall Conference instead of two Cluster Meetings. All 16 National Championship qualifiers will be chosen at the National Fall Conference. The TeamSmarts Quiz dates are September 1 – October 31, 2019.

Knowledge Matters Virtual Business Challenge – Personal Finance


The FCCLA Virtual Business Challenge-Personal Finance contest encourages FCCLA members to test their skills in personal finance. This competition continues to be a free event for affiliated FCCLA members. The FCCLA Virtual Business Challenge consists of two competition rounds. Registration begins October 9, 2019. Round One will begin on October 22, 2019 at 10AM EST and will end on November 15, 2019 at 5PM EST. Round Two will begin on February 3, 2020 at 10AM EST and will end on February 28, 2020, at 5PM EST. Teams may participate in one or both rounds. The National Championship Round will be held online from March 23, 2020 – April 3, 2020 and will only be open to qualifying teams.

Skill Demonstration Events

- A new Skill Demonstration Event Challenge Test in Education and Training has been added. Online Challenge testing dates are October 21-25, 2019.
- The new Skill Demonstration Event, Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills will be offered in fall, 2019 on a scheduled rotation.

- Onsite student orientations and testing are no longer part of the events. Students will check-in to confirm attendance prior to competition. Competition times will be posted in the FCCLA conference app.
- Culinary Knife Skills and Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills participants must have their own equipment (no sharing of equipment).

STAR Events

- Look for this symbol to indicate a rule or guideline that must be followed in order for the project to be fully scored in competition or indicate an eligibility requirement that would result in disqualification. 
- National Leadership Conference Requirements/Policies – National Recognition, Awards and Scoring (page 95)
- Competition Dress Code now included in General Information Chart for each event
- Event Procedures and Time Requirements now in table format above Event Specifications
- Each rubric now contains a request that Evaluators provide two comments on things done well, and two comments on opportunities for improvement
- **New STAR Events** – Baking and Pastry, Event Management, Instructional Video Design
- **Discontinued STAR Event** – Life Event Planning
- **Team Events** - Fashion Design, Nutrition and Wellness, and Repurpose and Redesign are now individual or team events.
- **Event Name Changes** – Culinary Math Management (Applied Math for Culinary Management), Professional Presentation (Illustrated Talk), Public Policy Advocacy (Advocacy), Repurpose and Redesign (Recycle and Redesign), Sustainability Challenge (Environmental Ambassador)
- **Event Management** has three levels and a progression of skill and/or requirements between each level, and three separate rubrics.
- **Fashion Construction** has an updated Skill Area Checklist to include reversible design, knit fabric, 3-D/laser printing, and fiber optics, electronics or technology
- **Fashion Design** – designs must be for adults or children.
- **Food Innovations** – requirements for Marketability and Product Packaging are the same for all levels this year.
- **Parliamentary Procedure** – Any team using prepared materials will receive 0 points for Quality of Demonstration Discussion.

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

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

