

Land Judging Rules and Regulations For Nebraska

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Revisions only include current practices and name changes for gender and those groups or individuals in charge of an area or practice at this time. No revisions have been made to change original intent of rules.

I. General Rules

This section was revised and reprinted on land judging website under contest set up and contest rules section. To locate this information, visit the [Nebraska Land Judging Website](#)

1. 4-H

Not applicable no 4-H teams at this time.

2. FFA Division

- a. To be on a FFA team, it is necessary to be a 9-12th grade student who is enrolled in an Agricultural Education class at the competing High School.

3. Adult Division

- a. Agricultural Educators, Extension Service, Farm managers, NRD personnel and past National contest participants will compete in adult division.

III. County Land Judging Contests

Not applicable at this time.

IV. Area Contests

1. Nebraska has been divided into seven areas in order to maintain areas that have similar slope grouping and management practices. The area boundaries therefore follow closely the NRD boundaries. However, Capability Charts and Interpretation Sheets will designate all official judging of contests for that area. See map which designates the counties in each area and the appropriate Capability Chart and Interpretation Sheet to be used.

- a. The State Land Judging committee, the local NRD and other local organizations sponsor area Contests.
- b. Any Agricultural Educator or County Agent may bring as many teams as they so desire to the Area Contest. However, they must bring them as teams and cannot exchange members from one team to the other. In other words- they must declare the names of the four contestants on each team that they enter and keep them as a team throughout Area and State Contests.
- c. You may enter four contestants to a team. The three highest scores within the group of four will be the team score.

- d. Only one team from a School may represent the area in the State Contest.
- e. Area Contests are elimination contests. The number of teams representing each area at the State Contest will be determined by a designated scale determined by the number of schools competing in the area contest.
 - a. Less than 3 teams - 1
 - b. 3 to 4 - 2
 - c. 5 to 9 - 3
 - d. 10 to 14 - 4
 - e. 15 to 20 - 5
 - f. 20 plus - 6
- f. Teams must compete in their own Area Contests. They will not be allowed to cross area boundary lines.
- g. Ribbons for winners will be furnished by the State land Judging Committee based on a percentage of the number of previous years participation. Approx. 40% for individuals and approx. 45% for teams.

V. State Contest

1. The State Contest will be sponsored by the State land Judging Committee and host Natural Resources District.
2. Contestants in the Adult Division are not required to have participated in the Area contest.
3. Substitution of ONE team member will be permitted in the State contest upon notice by that instructor before the state contest. The team member that is substituted off the team will not be allowed to participate in the state contest that year. All substitutions will only take place with the approval of the state land judging coordinator.
4. The State Land Judging Committee will furnish ribbons and plaques for the State Contest.

VI. National and International Contests

1. Contestants who have represented Nebraska in a previous National Contest are ineligible for further competition in Area and State Contests.
2. Nebraska participation in the National Contest will be limited to a maximum of up to five certified teams representing the FFA Division. These teams will be the top five teams in the FFA Division in the annual State Contest. If the winning team is unable to go to the National contest, then the next high team in the division will be eligible to represent the state.
3. Financial Assistance will be furnished to the top five FFA teams to go to the National Contest only if it is available.