

## PROTEST PROCEDURE FOR FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

1. A "protest" will be defined as any challenge of the procedure and scoring of a state career development event.
2. Protests must be made by the chapter advisor ONLY.
3. Protests will be made to the head of the state CDE, the superintendent or the adult in charge of scoring.
4. The protest must be made in written form. It should explain what has happened and what remedy is expected.
5. At all state CDE's, only team and individual scores will be returned to advisors. No official scorecard will be returned to teams.
6. When time allows review of contestant scores by advisors will be allowed prior to announcement of the final results. The CDE superintendent or designee will designate the time and location for the review. This is the opportunity to ask questions or submit protests regarding scoring.
7. Protests will follow the steps below:

STEP ONE: Speaking informally with the superintendent concerning the problem.

STEP TWO: A formal protest, made in written form, along with a \$50 refundable fee if protest is won, handed to the CDE superintendent. This will require a meeting of the official judges and the superintendent.

STEP THREE: Taking the matter to the State FFA Executive Secretary or State Advisor or designee. They will help to give any direction to the group on solving the problem.

STEP FOUR: The calling of an emergency State CDE Committee Meeting or Board of Directors. Attendees will be advisors participating in the event, board members, and CDE committee members.

### **THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING WILL BE FINAL**

8. Any CDE that is scored by the Chico State system cannot be protested. This means that scores for those contests will not be reviewed by advisors prior to the announcement of the final results.