

CDE Sifting Policies

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This list reflects those CDEs that have an approved sifting policy. These sifting policies will only be implemented if team numbers exceed the allowable teams for full participation.

CDE: Apple Evaluation

Max Teams for Full Event: 26

Sifting Process: Entomology & Pesticide Exam will be used to determine team scores of the top 26 teams.

CDE: Potato Evaluation

Max Teams for Full Event: 60

Sifting Process: Written Potato Grading will be used to determine the top 60 teams.

CDE: Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems

Max Teams for Full Event: 25

Sifting Process: Team Activity & Written Knowledge Exam will be used to determine the top 25 teams. These components could be offered the night before the event.

CDE: Food Science & Technology

Max Teams for Full Event: 8

Sifting Process: Individual components will be used to determine the top 8 teams. Only those teams will be scored on the team activity portion of the event. Other teams have the option to complete the team activity as time and judges allow. Industry professionals will serve as judges for the top 8 teams, while ag teachers will serve as judges for the remaining teams.

CDE: Horse Evaluation

Max Teams for Full Event: No Max but limited team activity participation

Sifting Process: Teams within 100 points (or whatever point value of team activity will be) of top team after individual components will complete the team activity.

CDE: Livestock Evaluation

Max Teams for Full Event: Top 20 teams & top 20 individuals

Sifting Process: After individual placing and team activity portions are completed, the top 20 teams (and any individuals not in the top 20 teams who are ranked in the top 20 individuals) will complete the reasons portion of the event.

CDE: Meat Evaluation

Max Teams for Full Event: 16

Sifting Process: Teams will complete the team activity and individual knowledge and formulation portion of the event to determine the top 16 teams.

CDE: Veterinary Science

Max Teams for Full Event: 25

Sifting Process: Teams' individual members will complete the knowledge exam, ID, and math practicum of the event to determine the top 25 teams.

CDE: Floriculture

Max Teams for Full Event: 20

Sifting Process: Team members will complete the ID, knowledge test, and problem-solving portions of the CDE to determine the top 20 teams. Teams must also have competed in a regional event to participate at the state level.