Major Changes in the 2014-2015 Competitive Events Guide

The following is a listing of the <u>major</u> changes in the 2014-2015 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.*

FACS KNOWLEDGE BOWL

- No major changes, but please review all guidelines carefully, as some minor edits have been made.

SKILL DEMONSTRATION EVENTS

- Four (4) additional Skill Demonstration Events are now available for members at each of the National Cluster Meeting locations. The events are exclusive to National Cluster Meeting and do not advance to another competition level.
  - **Early Childhood Challenge** *(new)*
  - **Fashion Sketch** *(new)*
  - **Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation Challenge** *(new)*
  - **Science in FACS Challenge** *(new)*

Events are now being placed on a rotation basis to allow for a variety of events. Refer to the chart on page 15 for the rotation schedule.

STAR EVENTS

- Membership is FCCLA (local, state, and national associations) is not official until membership dues are received at national headquarters. Only affiliated members are eligible to compete in any level of STAR Events. States should not allow members to participate in regional or state events unless national membership is verified. Although the national STAR Events membership deadline is May 1, states may require earlier deadlines for competition.
- **Career Investigation** now has an Occupational Category, and no longer allows costumes.
- **Virtual Poster** has been discontinued.
- All Online Events now require a minimum score of 70 in order to advance to Level II. Only the top 15 will be invited to compete at the National Leadership Conference in each event category.
- Additional clarification on appropriate dress – Unless otherwise specified appropriate clothing, in events which do not allow costumes or uniforms, includes professional attire (any appropriate colors), the official FCCLA blazer/uniform, or clothing which meets the conference dress code. Please refer to the full STAR Events Dress Policy section on page 83.
- Clarification on use of the FCCLA Planning Process template (page 92). The template may be modified, but all headings must be used, in the correct order. The FCCLA logo, STAR Events logo, and Planning Process graphics are encouraged but not required.
- Point Summary Forms have been modified to prevent double loss of points when specific items were not included.

- **Chapter Service Project Portfolio** and **Chapter in Review Portfolio** allow participants to choose to present either a hardcopy or electronic portfolio. Hardcopy portfolios must be contained in the <u>official STAR Events</u> <u>binder</u>. The official scrapbook is no longer allowed in these events.
- Testing in **Applied Math for Culinary Management** and **Parliamentary Procedure** will now be worth 20% of the team score, rather than 25%.
- Additional skill selections have been added to both **Fashion Construction** and **Recycle and Redesign**.
- **Interior Design** will now require a Client Invoice instead of a Project Budget, and will use an online template.
- Topics for **Early Childhood Education, Environmental Ambassador, Food Innovations,** and **Digital Stories for Change** are included in event guidelines. The Interior Design scenario and the Culinary Arts menus will still be posted online on the STAR Events Resources page.

__Please read event rules carefully to ensure eligibility and receive the highest possible points on your project.__

For additional clarification of rules in the Competitive Events Guide, please email *starevents@fcclainc.org*.