
FFA Opening and Closing Ceremony

Event Guidelines

Purpose: This leadership development event is designed to emphasize the importance and purpose of having regular, organized and effective chapter meetings, as well as the significance of the duties of chapter officers. It is hoped this event will lead FFA members and advisors to have future interest in participation in the Conduct of Chapter Meetings and Senior Parliamentary Procedure CDEs.

- 8th, 9th grade FFA members only.
- Only one team per chapter may advance to the state event.
- FFA members may not perform the advisor's part.
- FFA members may perform on only one team at the Regional level.
- FFA members who have participated in this event at the state level are not eligible to compete again in this event at any level.
- FFA members who have ever participated in the Conduct of Chapter Meetings or Senior Parliamentary Procedure events at any level are not eligible to participate in the Opening and Closing Ceremony Event at any level.
- Each Regional group is eligible to qualify two six-member teams to the state level event. The state event will be held in October on the same date as the state Greenhand Quiz event.
- Official FFA Dress is required.
- The event will begin with: (One tap of the gavel, followed by two taps of the gavel.)
"The meeting room will come to order . . ."
- Once the Opening Ceremony is complete, the meeting will transition direct to the Closing Ceremony. ". . . duly open for the transaction of business, or attention to any matters which may properly be presented . . . Mr./Madam Secretary or Secretary (Last Name), do you have a record of any further business which should now be transacted?"
- The event will end with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the president stating, "I now declare this meeting adjourned." (One tap of the gavel.)
- This event will mirror exactly the Opening and Closing Ceremony as found in the most recent online issue of the Official FFA Manual at www.ffa.org. A team may not deviate from the Official FFA Manual in any way. For example: Secretary: "There are ___ members and ___ guests present, Mr./Madam President or President (Last Name)."
- Each team will have the option of allowing its sentinel to enter the contest room prior to the team's performance to conduct only these two tasks: (1) to adjust the chairs to the team's preference, i.e. perpendicular to the tables or angled toward the president. (2) to determine the presence of a gavel at the podium. This room check is NOT scored by the judges and has no bearing on the outcome of the event.
- The criteria for judging this event will be based upon:
 - Memorization
 - Pronunciation, articulation, pitch and force of presentation
 - Stage Presence including gestures, movement, posture and eye contact
 - General effect including speed, poise, confidence and ease before an audience
- The state event will consist of two rounds. Round One will be four 12-team or 13-team heats with three judges each and will begin at 10 a.m. The top two teams in each heat will advance to the Championship Round at 1 p.m. to determine the state winners. Three new judges will evaluate the Championship Round.