

## **NAEA CDE Committee**

### **CDE Eligibility Exception Policy**

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#### **Purpose:**

On occasion, national qualifying teams are not able to compete in the National FFA CDE, for various reasons. The agriculture teacher can ask the CDE Eligibility Exception Subcommittee to be allowed to compete again at state, even though they won the state contest.

#### **Timeline:**

Agriculture teachers requesting an exception to the eligibility rules must submit their request via writing to the CDE Committee Chair by November 15.

#### **Situations that may allow an exception to the eligibility rule:**

1. Students qualifying in multiple National FFA CDEs.
2. Death of a family member.
3. Medical emergencies.
4. Other similar situations out of the control of the contestants.
  - a. Such as; if a member competes on a state winning team but does not compete at nationals because of the national rules, that member is allowed to compete again. (Example: State Meats is a 4 person team, but National Meats is a 3 person team, the team member who does not compete at Nationals could submit an eligibility exception.)

#### **Situations that will not allow an exception to the eligibility rule:**

1. To participate in sports or other school activities
2. Students who are making a choice, within their control, to not compete at National FFA CDEs.
3. Team members of a contest who choose not to compete at National FFA CDEs, thus not having a full team to compete at National FFA CDEs, therefore, the team is not able to compete at National FFA CDEs.

#### **Eligibility Exception Subcommittee Membership:**

1. CDE Committee chair
2. CDE Committee vice chair
3. CDE Committee secretary
4. State CDE Coordinator