



## General Rules for All Career Program Areas

The purpose of the Career Program Areas (CPAs) is to allow participants to test their knowledge and problem solving skills in a competitive and professional environment.

### **Objectives:**

- Encourage the development of soft and technical skills through the active participation of students in CPA events
- Evaluate the participant and educational program efficiency
- Recognize participant and educational program accomplishments
- Provide opportunities to develop and improve curricular and instructional techniques by implementing the organization and events

### **Goals:**

- Develop skills, knowledge, and leadership abilities pertinent to the agriculture industry
- Develop an overall view of the needed knowledge, skills, and people in the growing and changing agriculture industry

### **Registration:**

- Each state association may enter the appropriate number of participants for the national conference CPA who have been certified by the state. For specific participation levels for each CPA refer to the individual rules.
- Individual CPA participation is based on the ability and timeframe required to address needs.
- Specific participation levels for individual CPA participation per state:
  - Ag Education Specialist – 1 per state
  - Agricultural Sales – 2 per state
  - Speakers for Agriculture (Prepared & Impromptu) – 2 per state
  - Employment Interview – 2 per state per category area
  - Career Planning and/or Progress Areas – 4 per category area
  - Precision Ag Specialist – 6 Individuals per state
- Each state may enter the following number of teams (based on their membership as January 1 registration numbers):
  - 1-50 members: 3 teams
  - 51-100 members: 4 teams
  - 101-150 members: 5 teams
  - 151+ members: 6 teams
- Specific participation levels per team are as defined above
  - Agricultural Machinery Service Technician – 2 person team
  - College Bowl – 5 person team
  - Crop Specialist – 3 person team

- Dairy Specialist – 3 person team
- Equine Specialist – 3 person team
- Ornamental Horticulture – 2 person teams
  - Floriculture
  - Landscape Design & Nursery Development
  - Turfgrass Management Specialist
- Soil Specialist – 3 person team
- Livestock Specialist CPA – 3 person team
  - Beef
  - Sheep
  - Swine
  - Overall

For State Advisors and Certifying Staff, individual and team pre-registrations are due to the National PAS Executive Director on or before the designated date. The designated date will be posted on the website and shared via email.

Any changes to individuals must be brought to the orientation session or at the registration table at the national conference prior to the start of the competition. The specific time for the orientation session will be set in the conference program.

#### **General Rules:**

- Participants will only be eligible to compete in the following list at the national level per year:
  - ONE individual specialist area
  - ONE team event
  - College Bowl
  - Either a Career Planning or Career Progress award area
- Participants may not compete in more than one individual specialist area, more than one team event, or more than one award area in the Career Planning or Progress events.
- Any participant who achieves 1st Place as an individual or as part of a team at Nationals will not be eligible to participate in the same program in the coming years.
- Participants must clearly and legibly write their name and identify which career program area they are in.
- Participants need to provide a NON-programmable calculator, two No. 2 pencils and erasers. Please read specific rules for additional materials needed. CALCULATORS WILL NOT be provided. It will be the responsibility of the participant to be prepared at the event.
- Each individual is highly encouraged to write a general unsealed thank you letter to the career program area sponsor. Thank you letters should be submitted at the beginning of the competition.
- If possible, write thank you letters on local or state PAS stationary. Participants will be responsible for their own thank you stationary and their own writing utensils.

#### **National Awards and Recognition:**

First, Second, and Third place teams and individuals will receive an award. Teams will receive one award for the school. Cash prizes can and will only be awarded for a sponsored career program area after the event's expenses have been covered.