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2025-26 HIGH SCHOOL

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO COMPETITIVE EVENTS

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

Members are now eligible to re-compete in individual and team events, provided that:

- Members placing in the <u>Top 10</u> at a prior State Leadership Conference are ineligible.
- Members placing in the <u>Top 10</u> at a prior National Leadership Conference are ineligible.
- Any content (such as slide decks, reports) must be new to the current year.
- The member must still meet the grade-level requirement, if applicable.

This aligns with the national FBLA policy, which allows students to re-compete at a National Conference provided they did not place in the Top 10 at a prior National Leadership Conference.

OBJECTIVE TESTS – NOW ON-SITE AT THE SLC

No more remote testing! All objective testing, including individual events and objective test components for team events, will be held <u>during</u> the State Leadership Conference.

- Students are now limited to competing in **three (3) objective or production tests** *(previously 5)* **plus** one (1) performance or role play event. Chapter events are excluded from this restriction.
- **All students will be required to bring/use a laptop computer for their testing**.
- Mobile phones will <u>not</u> be allowed for testing. No exceptions.
- Students will be expected to close all other programs on their computer, as deviating from the test to any other program or notification will stop the test and process the score at the time of the deviation.
- Internet access will be provided by the conference.
- For team events, all member(s) must individually test <u>at the same time</u> (*must start at same time*).
- Proctors will be provided at the State Leadership Conference.

This is new for the 2026 State Leadership Conference. Because all testing will be on-site, limitations are placed on the maximum number of Objective or Production Test events an individual competitor may enter. Plan on having students bring their own laptop devices. If you have concerns about this policy, please contact Jr. Calton at jcalton@ohiofbla.org.

NEW COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- **Data Science & AI (Artificial Intelligence)** – *Individual Event, Objective Test*
- **Financial Planning** – *Team Event, Presentation with a Topic*
- **Introduction to Retail & Merchandising** – *Individual Event, Objective Test, 9th & 10th Grade Only*
- **Introduction to Supply Chain Management** – *Individual Event, Objective Test, 9th & 10th Grade Only*
- **Public Administration & Management** - *Individual Event, Objective Test*
- **Real Estate** - *Individual Event, Objective Test*
- **Retail Management** - *Individual Event, Objective Test*

RETIRED/DELETED COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- **Financial Math** – *skills are showcased in other events*
- **Introduction to Financial Math** - *skills are showcased in other events*
- **Public Policy & Advocacy** – *knowledge is a part of the new event, Public Administration & Management*
- **Spreadsheet Applications** – *skills are a portion of the Computer Applications Event*
- **UX Design** – *knowledge is best showcased as a skill in other events, such as Coding & Programming*
- **Word Processing** – *skills are a portion of the Computer Applications Event*

CHAPTER EVENTS MAJOR MODIFICATIONS

- **American Enterprise Project** – *retired nationally, <u>this will be a **State Event** Only</u>*
- **Partnership with Business Project** – *retired nationally, <u>this will be a **State Event** Only</u>*

These events were retired nationally due to low participation. National FBLA added a note that the modified <u>Event Planning</u> event could be an avenue for chapters that continue American Enterprise or Partnership with Business Projects. Winners at the SLC for these two events will still receive state recognition.

EVENT NAME CHANGES

In these events, students are ineligible to compete if they placed in the Top 10 at a prior State or National Conference under the old event name.

- **Accounting** – *formerly <u>Accounting I</u>*
- **Advanced Accounting** – *formerly <u>Accounting II</u>*
- **Career Portfolio** – *formerly <u>Electronic Career Portfolio</u>*
- **Customer Service** – *formerly <u>Client Service</u>*
- **Event Planning** – *formerly <u>Introduction to Event Planning</u>, now a team presentation, all grades eligible*
- **Technology Support & Services** – *formerly <u>Help Desk</u>*

MAJOR EVENT FORMAT CHANGES

- **Broadcast Journalism** – *Competitors will show a pre-recorded news segment to the judges*
- **Computer Applications** – *Removed the objective test, Database section removed*
- **Introduction to Public Speaking** – *Added a Question-and-Answer portion*
- **Public Speaking** – *Added a Question-and-Answer portion*
- **Supply Chain Management** – *formerly an objective test, now a Team Event, Presentation with a topic*

MINOR EVENT FORMAT CHANGES (Timing, Devices, Preparation Time)

- **Coding & Programming** – *Three devices may now be used during the presentation*
- **Computer Game & Simulation Programming** – *Three devices may now be used during the presentation*
- **Customer Service** (formerly Client Service) – *Updated prep and presentation times*
- **Impromptu Speaking** – *Updated prep and presentation times*
- **Introduction to Programming** – *Three devices may now be used during the presentation*
- **Mobile Application Development** – *Three devices may now be used during the presentation*
- **Technology Support & Services** (formerly Help Desk) – *Updated prep and presentation times*

ADDITIONAL ADVISER RESOURCES & LINKS

For the most up-to-date Competitive Events Guidelines, please use the following links:

- *New!* **Ohio FBLA All-In-One Resource Guide** – *with links to Event Guidelines*
  - ***For PDF, click HERE***
- *New!* **Ohio Competitive Events Website Page**
- **2025-26 Topics for Competitive Events**
- **National FBLA Competitive Events Resources** – Rating Sheets, national guidelines, key components, knowledge areas and objectives.