

**AREA 1 FFA**  
**OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES**  
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**Purpose**

The purpose of this CDE is to develop public speaking skills, promote the proper presentation and delivery of Official FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies as outlined by the official FFA Manual, and to promote the proper identity and standards of Official Dress as outlined by the official FFA manual.

**Format of Event**

1. Each team will be composed of seven active members who may be in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and **not** participating in their Greenhand year of FFA. Team members **must** be currently enrolled in a Jr. High Ag Class. Each team will consist of a President, Vice - President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Student Advisor.
2. All team members must be in official dress; according to the Official FFA Manual.

**Female Official Dress**

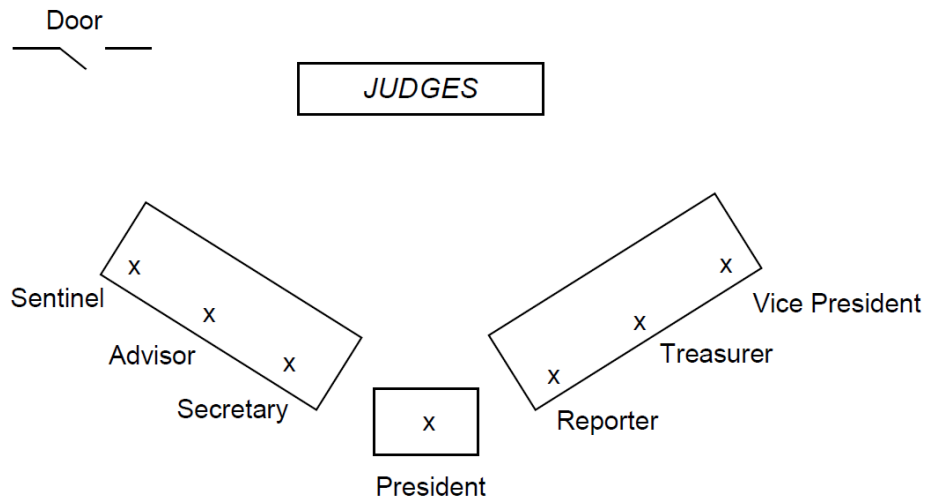
- Black Dress Shoes with a closed heel and toe
- Black nylon hosiery
- Black skirt
- White collared blouse
- Official FFA scarf
- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top

**LADIES:** *Skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than 2 inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat. Black slacks or jeans may be appropriate for traveling and outdoor activities.*

**Male Official Dress**

- Black dress shoes or boots
- Black socks if visible
- Black slacks *or jeans*
- White collared shirt
- Official FFA tie
- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top

## ROOM SET-UP



3. The sentinel will be required to arrange the paraphernalia for the meeting (refer to the Official Manual). This will be done prior to other team members proceeding to their stations. The event Superintendent will designate the front of the room to the sentinel.
  4. After members enter the room, the President will seat the members and begin the presentation.
  5. At the conclusion of the Opening Ceremonies a motion to Adjourn shall be made by any member. The motion is to be seconded and voted on by general consent or majority vote. This will be the transition into Closing Ceremonies. Following Closing Ceremonies, questions will be asked of each member. Each question will be the purposes of the Motions in Gray's Parliamentary Guide.
  6. At the conclusion of the ceremony and while all members are present, the sentinel will place all meeting paraphernalia on the storage table.
  7. A panel of 2-4 judges will make the final decision on the placing.
  8. The top 2 teams from each district will advance to the Area 1 Contest.
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