

# Turfgrass

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Turfgrass CDE is to foster students knowledge of the Turfgrass industry. Students must be able to identify grasses, weeds and equipment utilized in the industry.

**Team Score Format:** Teams shall consist of up to 4 members. Only the top 3 scores shall count toward the final team score.

## **Event Rules:**

- a. students must be a dues paying member of the FFA and enrolled in an agriculture classroom.
- b. students must provide (2) #2 pencils and a clean clipboard

## **Event Format:**

The Turfgrass CDE shall be made up of several parts. These can be individual or team efforts. The individual efforts are as follows:

- A. **Written Exam:** A 50 question multiple choice exam shall be given to all participants. This exam will come from MyCAERT and will be pulled from the following sections:
  - a. Turf and Lawn Management
    - i. TLM:C, TLM:D, TLM:E, TLM:F, TLM:G, TLM:H, TLM:I
  - b. Sports Turf Management
    - i. STM:C, STM:D, STM:E, STM:F, STM:G, STM:H, STM:I
- B. **Grasses:** 10 grasses will be selected by the contest superintendent for students to identify. Each grass sample shall be worth 10 points for a total of 100 points.
- C. **Weeds:** 20 weeds will be selected by the contest superintendent for students to identify. Each weed sample shall be worth 5 points for a total of 100 points.
- D. **Equipment:** 20 pieces of equipment will be selected by the contest superintendent for students to identify. Each sample shall be worth 5 points for a total of 100 points.
- E. **Pests:** 20 pest samples shall be selected by the contest superintendent for students to identify. This section shall be worth 100 points and can include the identification of the pest, lifecycles, mouthparts and/or follow up questions.

**Team Activity:** A team activity worth 150 points will be completed. This encourages students to work together to complete a problem solving activity. Samples of this activity can be found on the Turfgrass CDE page of [scaged.org](http://scaged.org)

**Tiebreakers:** In event of a tie, the following will serve as the tiebreaker for individual and team placings

- a. Written Exam Score, Turf ID score, Weeds ID Score, Pests ID Score, Equipment ID Score and finally Team activity.