

2023-24 Competitive Events Guidelines

Parliamentary Procedure (Collegiate)



Parliamentary Procedure provides collegiate members with the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge around competencies in parliamentary procedure. This competitive event consists of an objective test.

Event Overview

Division: Collegiate

Event Type: Individual

Event Category: Objective Test, 100-multiple choice questions (breakdown of question by competencies below)

Objective Test Time: 50 minutes

NACE Connections: Career & Self-Development

Equipment Competitor Must Provide: Pencil, Computer

Equipment FBLA Provides: One piece of scratch paper per competitor

Competencies

- Motions in General
- Main Motion
- Subsidiary and Privileged Motions
- Incidental Motions
- Motions that Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly
- Organization and Conduct of Meetings
- Voting, Nominations, and Elections
- Serving as Parliamentarian in Meetings
- Writing and Interpreting Bylaws and Other Governing Documents
- Boards and Committees
- A Professional Parliamentarian

Note: There is no test composition available for this event.

State

Check with your State Leader for state-specific competition information.

National

Policy and Procedures Manual

- Competitors should be familiar with the Competitive Events Policy & Procedures Manual, found on the Competitive Events page on www.fbla.org.

Eligibility

- FBLA membership dues are paid by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on April 15th of the current program year.
- Members must be registered for the NLC and pay the national conference registration fee in order to participate in competitive events.
- Members must stay in an official FBLA hotel to be eligible to compete.

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- Each state may submit four entries per event.
- Each member can compete in up to two individual/team events and one chapter event (Community Service Project or State of Chapter Presentation).
- If competitors are late for an objective test, they will be allowed to compete until such time that results are finalized, or the accommodation would impact the fairness and integrity of the event. Competitive event schedules cannot be changed. Competitive events start in the morning before the Opening Session of the NLC.
- Picture identification (physical or digital driver's license, passport, state-issued identification, or school-issued identification) is required when checking in for competitive events.

Recognition

- The number of competitors will determine the number of winners. The maximum number of winners for each competitive event is 10.

Event Administration

- This event is an objective test administered online at the NLC.
- No reference or study materials may be brought to the testing site.
- No calculators may be brought into the testing site; online calculators will be provided through the testing software.

Tie Breaker

- Ties are broken by comparing the correct number of answers to 10 pre-determined questions on the test. If a tie remains, answers to 20 pre-determined questions on the test will be reviewed to determine the winner. If a tie remains, the competitor who completed the test in a shorter amount of time will place higher.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- FBLA meets the criteria specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act for all competitors with accommodations submitted through the conference registration system by the registration deadline.

Penalty Points

- Competitors may be disqualified if they violate the Competitive Event Guidelines or the Honor Code.
- Five points are deducted if competitors do not follow the Dress Code or are late to the testing site.

Electronic Devices

- All electronic devices such as cell phones and smart watches must be turned off before competition begins.