

## **STAR CLARIFICATIONS – 2011-2012**

Each adviser/chapter should have **two** STAR resources:

- Nebraska STAR Handbook (2011-2012 edition) –Available on state FCCLA website in August
- **Check page 5 of the Nebraska Handbook, to determine events recognized in NE**
- National STAR Manual (2011-2012 edition) – Available on National website in September

Chapter advisers must *contact the state office with any questions* concerning either state or national events.

STATE EVENTS – Clarifications will continue to come from state staff and, if needed, the chart below will be updated each summer reflecting those clarifications.

NATIONAL EVENTS – Chapter advisers should read the “Question and Answer Guide” that is periodically updated on the national website for clarifications related to national events. If guidance cannot be found there, then the question should be directed to state staff. If the state staff does not know how to respond, the question will be directed to the national STAR Coordinator. Upon receiving a response from nationals, the question and response will be posted on the FCS listserv. No additional clarifications regarding national events will be added to the chart found below effective summer of 2009.

A few items have been deleted and one revised (noted by the date) based on the changes that were made in the national rules since the clarification was initially provided.

EVENT	YEAR	CLARIFICATION (Latest clarifications are in shaded boxes)
General	2003	Districts are encouraged to establish a written policy dealing with the ability to participate and/or a standard penalty when a deadline is not met for District events.
	2004	<b>Advancing from District to State</b> – Events must receive either a Silver or Gold to advance from District to State; only exception is the Junior High Parliamentary Procedure written test. . .two students per district may advance regardless of medal received at district level.
	07-08	<b>Binders/Notebooks</b> – “All states will be required to use the most current binder/notebook as of the 2007-08 school year.” Source: March 2006 State Adviser Bulletin
	06-07	<b>Bibliography</b> – The works cited listing in the Nebraska STAR Handbook will remain as a model; however, students are free to use MLA, APA or any other recognized style manual. Evaluators will be reminded that the following pieces of information are required for print materials: author, title, publisher, and date. For web citations, author (if known), title, web address and date retrieved. The entire listing should be alphabetized.

	08-09	<p><b>Registration and Orientation at State Event</b> – Applies to all events – state and national</p> <p><u>Registration</u> – This section will be completed by state STAR staff prior to SLC. Points awarded:</p> <p>— 2 – If no reminders are required</p> <p>— 1 – If one reminder is needed</p> <p>— 0 – If more than one reminder is needed</p> <p><u>Orientation</u> - At least one student <i>or representative</i> in each event must attend the orientation <i>and submit the required event materials</i>. Points awarded:</p> <p>5 – Representative on time</p> <p>3 – Representative 2-5 minutes late</p> <p>0 - Representative more than 5 minutes late</p> <p>Note: If a representative does not appear prior to the end of orientation, that presentation will be moved to the last available time slot.</p> <p>See Point summary form with each event to see how the 10 points are awarded.</p>
	10-11	<p>District Advisers send in the registration form, thus, points are not deducted at the state level for late registrations. There is a Point Summary Form with each event at the National Level. This is in-line with Nationals, as state advisers send in registrations for states. Points will be deducted if students do not attend Orientation. It is the “Check In”. This is when file folders, etc are handed in, in NE.</p>
	08-09	<p><b>If three students are entered in an event, but only one was able to present at the District level, who is eligible to participate at State?</b></p> <p>If their non-participation was unexpected (i.e. illness, funeral) and they were originally part of the team that prepared the materials, they may participate at the state level. That decision is left to the discretion of the Chapter Adviser.</p>
All events requiring either file folders or Project Identification Pages	2003	<p><b>Labels on file folders</b> should follow the guidelines as found in the Nebraska STAR Handbook.</p> <p><b>Information on the Project Identification Page</b> should follow the guidelines as outlined in the specific event. It is important to carefully read and follow these guidelines; there are variations among events. Nebraska is in the Central Region.</p>
Events requiring portfolios	2006	<p><b>Plastic protector pages</b> - The National STAR Coordinator recommends that only a single page be place in each page protector and in cases where multiple pages are inserted, tape the protector page shut at the top. That will assure that it will be counted as only one page.</p>
Events for Sr High	2011	<p><b>Presentation levels</b> - If a junior level student does or is involved in a SR level project, they will present at that level at Districts, State and National. If the Jr member is part of a team with Sr level students, they will participate as a SR member at District, State, and National levels.</p>
Illustrated Talk, Consumer Issues, Family Challenges & Issues, and Health & Wellness	2003	<p><b>Proof of Presentation</b> – Only Illustrated Talk and the three Nebraska STAR events require proof of presentation; do NOT include proof of presentation with any other event.</p> <p>Illustrated Talk states that photos, news clippings and/or thank you notes may be used as proof. Also, each of the presentations must be to different groups.</p>
	2006	<p><b>Proof of Presentation</b> – Language related to documentation of prior presentation changed to be consistent with the national Illustrated Talk event; removed language related to signature of one or more observers.</p>

	07-08	<b>Proof of Presentation</b> – The presentations given to fulfill this requirement should consist of most of the information and follow most of the rules, but may be adjusted to meet the needs of the audience before which it is presented.
Consumer Issues, Family Challenges & Issues, and Health & Wellness	2005	<b>Question</b> – Students want to use a three-way backboard rather than posters. Is that okay? <b>Response</b> – The rules allow for any type of visual aid so the backboard is acceptable.
Applied Tech, Career Investigation, Entrepreneurship, Job Interview	2004	<b>Portfolios</b> – An official FCCLA STAR Events Binder/notebook must be used in these events at all levels . . . District, State and National. When purchasing the official “STAR Event Binder” from API, be certain that you are ordering the correct binder. Also available for purchase are items labeled “portfolios” and “notebook” (3-ring); neither of these are acceptable. The official STAR Event Binder is available in either red or white with FCCLA embossed on the spine and a clear plastic sleeve on the front into which a cover page may be inserted.
Applied Tech, Career Investigation, Entrepreneurship, Job Interview	2004	<b>Decorative and/or informative Cover</b> – Participants may elect to place a decorative and/or informative cover into the plastic sleeve; this page is NOT counted toward the maximum number of pages allowed in the event.
Applied Technology	07-08	State evaluators have remarked that producing a simple powerpoint is probably not sufficient any longer as a project (especially at the senior high level); the competition has moved beyond that degree of difficulty.  The technology application may be used during the presentation, but it is not required. If desired a tabletop easel may be used to place the portfolio on during the presentation; it would be considered a prop.
Chapter Service and Chapter Showcase	2004	<b>Manual Project Identification Pages</b> – Notice that “For project identification pages, mounted on a scrapbook page, graphics and decorative elements must be outside the 8 ½ x 11 page and must not touch or overlap the project identification page.”  “ <b>Official</b> ” scrapbook – Participants must use the official scrapbook offered for purchase from API.
	2005	<b>Question</b> – Do page protectors need to be taped shut? <b>Response</b> – At state, they will NOT be required to be taped closed. The response from Nationals: “I would recommend that only a single page be placed in each page. Some students did tape the page protectors to avoid having multiple paged documents counted as more than one page. Although the rules do not say that the pages have to be taped, I would advise students to be careful with putting multiple pages inside.”
	2005	<b>Question</b> – Is it permissible to use the provided table to lean the manual on as the presentation is given? <b>Response</b> – Yes
	2005	<b>Question</b> – Students would like to use a muted red, white and blue background with a star that covers most of the page. There is a ribbon format with word printed several times on the ribbon. Is this a graphic or

Chapter Service and Chapter Showcase		content? <b>Response</b> – (National STAR Coordinator) This would be considered content. The ribbon would probably fall under decorations or graphic elements, but the words become content.
	06-07	<b>Display Set Up at State</b> – Display must be set up at time indicated on schedule and announced during orientation. Failure to do so will result in students being able to give their presentation without the display; which would result in an automatic bronze medal since many points are based on the quality of the display. Note: This is a variation from the national rules in which case there would be a disqualification.
	2008	<b>Question</b> – Can we use the FCCLA symbol on the Table of Contents page? <b>Answer</b> – Yes
Entrepreneurship	2005	<b>Question</b> - Students are preparing a power point for their oral presentation, but we are stumped as to how to show the training manual that all students must complete. <b>Response</b> - The best idea would be to include either the table of contents or the cover of the training manual in the portfolio, and then use the power point to showcase some of the content contained in the training manual. Because stacking/overlapping is not allowed, the training manual would have to be separated and each page counted as one page; that may not "fit" into the page requirements.
Focus on Children	2008	<b>Question</b> - Can a PowerPoint presentation be projected onto a Screen? <b>Response</b> – Yes, but students must bring their own computer and it must be in a self-contained unit within the dimensions of the display.
Illustrated Talk	2005	<b>Project ID Page</b> - This is the only Project ID page that does not state that Chapter Name is required. This was called to the attention of the National STAR Coordinator. In the meantime, go with what is stated in the manual, but do not count off if they include Chapter Name.
	2008	<b>Question</b> – Can students use a Powerpoint instead of using posters? <b>Response</b> – Yes
	2011	<b>Question</b> -In Illustrated Talk, on page 68 where it talks about the file folder, it doesn't say anything about having an Outline in the file folder. However, on page 70 on the STAR Events Point Summary Form, in the list for the File Folder, it looks like you would get a point deducted for not have a Presentation Outline. <b>Response</b> - Thank you for catching this - the presentation outline bullet point should NOT be on the rubric on page 70. We will be making corrections to the manual later this fall and will post revisions at that time. Please let me know if you find other discrepancies. Christine.
Interpersonal Communications	2005	<b>Question</b> - Students made a booklet with conflict resolution skills. Can this be given to evaluators? <b>Response</b> – Do not include in file folder as that would result in deductions. Handouts are not acceptable so students would be limited to using it as part of their oral presentation only.
	2005	<b>Question</b> – Can students use a power point with no music? <b>Response</b> - They can use a power point (without audio) ONLY if they actually used that power point during the "act" phase of their project; they cannot prepare or develop a power point just for the event itself. Note: In this event, students must use visuals that were used while they were carrying out their project; they cannot prepare ANYTHING exclusively for the presentation portion of the event.
	2008	<b>Question</b> – Students did a webpage, display case in the library. Do they

		<p>show them pictures or do they put that in poster form?</p> <p><b>Response</b> – Neither is acceptable. Participants cannot produce something just for the purpose of the presentation; it must have been used during the actual carrying out of the project.</p>
Focus on Children	<p>2005</p> <p>2005</p> <p>2005</p>	<p><b>Question</b>– If lights are used on the display, is the cord considered a part of the display and need to meet dimension requirements?</p> <p><b>Response</b> – The lights would; the cord would not.</p> <p><b>Question</b> – Can the project ID page and Planning Process page be placed on the table in front of the board display?</p> <p><b>Response</b> – Yes, the area in front of the display board is considered a part of the display; just be sure everything stays within the dimension.</p> <p><b>Question</b> – Can the surveys that were completed be put in a binder, along with skit scripts and placed on the table within the display?</p> <p><b>Response</b> – Scrapbook, flip charts, manuals and photo albums are NOT allowed.</p>
Job Interview	2006	Evaluators should interview (ask questions) students; this is not a presentation event, although students may use their portfolio as they respond to questions.
National Programs in Action	2011-2012	<p><b>Question:</b> In the STAR Competition Manual, on p. 166 under procedures &amp; time requirements, #4, it says the oral presentation may be up to <b>10 minutes in length</b> ( a change from previous years when it was 15 minutes). On p. 167 under the heading ORAL PRESENTATION, it says the oral presentation may be up to <b>15 minutes in length</b>.</p> <p><b>Can you tell me which one is correct?</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> The correct time should be 10 minutes for the oral presentation. It is no longer 15 minutes.</p>
Online STAR Events	2011-2012	Because the Online STAR Events are still STAR Events, Nationals and NE will maintain the one STAR Event per member rule. Members can, though, participate in a Skill Demonstration Event at the national cluster meetings, and choose to participate in a STAR Event at the regional/district/state level. If they would qualify for national competition in both areas, they would need to choose one event only for competition in July.