

EVENT INFORMATION

Check your membership list to verify that all event participants have been reported as dues-paying members to the state and national offices. **Event participants must be on record as paying state and national dues by March 1, 2019. If dues have not been paid, event participants will be disqualified. If you are entering student names between February 20 and March 1, you should pay for their membership by credit card to ensure credit for their membership payment.**

There were multiple name/procedure changes to the competitive events this year; please be sure to use the posted state handbook and read the event information and correspondence from your regional director carefully.

1. Three new events were incorporated at the regional/state level: Hospitality Management, Political Science, Sports and Entertainment Management
2. SLC Online preliminary test events: *Banking and Financial Systems, Entrepreneurship, Future Business Leader, Global Business, Help Desk, Hospitality Management, Management Decision Making, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Network Design, Parliamentary Procedure, and Sports & Entertainment Marketing*; top three regional winners will now be allowed to take the online test prior to the SLC. Top 10 finalists (top 5 for Parliamentary Procedure) on the test portion will advance to finals on Saturday. Finalists will be announced at the opening session Friday evening.
3. All events with a *prejudged* component now allow first- and second-place regional winners to advance. Top-ten finalists will be announced at the opening session Friday evening.
4. Digital Video was edited to a 2-minute video to give students ample time to describe the production process.
5. No screens/projections units will be allowed; students should identify ways for the judges to see their presentations. Remember, no materials may be left with judges.

Due Dates. Event entries and forms are to be POSTMARKED BY the due dates indicated on the SLC 2019 Calendar. If your chapter's regional conference occurs after March 10, you are not required to include regional conference information in your Local Chapter Annual Report, but it still must be postmarked by the annual due date. **Skill events are due uploaded to the submission site by March 22, 2019.**

Before entering a state event, please review carefully the guidelines included in the 2018-2019 edition of the **Virginia FBLA State Handbook**. The Career and Technical Education Resource Center has made this a live document; we recommend that you do not download a copy but work from the currently published document. If edits are needed for clarification purposes, this allows you to work with the most up-to-date information.

Contestants must furnish their own No. 2 **sharpened** pencils/erasers and for written tests. **Four-function calculators will be provided.** Cell phones are not allowed in the testing room. Students may leave their cell with the event administrator outside the testing room. Because of some complaints about cheating, any students caught with a cell phone in the testing room will be escorted from the room, and the scantron will not be graded. We will make this announcement before each testing session commences. There are no exceptions to this regulation.

Chapters must earn 100 points (60 points for middle level chapters) to be recognized as Honor Chapters.

Refer to the [VIRGINIA FBLA STATE HANDBOOK](#) to determine eligibility to compete at the state level.

State Skill Events Testing: State tests for Computer Applications, Database Design and Application, Spreadsheet Application, and Word Processing will be administered by either the regional director or school site testing (ask your regional director which applies for your region). Remember, Format Guides are allowed in the testing area.

State Conference Pre-testing: Preliminary state tests for Banking and Financial Systems, Entrepreneurship, Future Business Leader, Global Business, Help Desk, Hospitality Management, Management Decision Making, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Network Design, Parliamentary Procedure, and Sports & Entertainment Management will be administered on-line prior to the SLC. Information will be sent to the advisers of the regional winners. Finalist will be announced at the conclusion of the Opening Session.