

A9 FFA TALENT CONTEST RULES (each contestant must submit a acknowledgement form individually) State Rules are followed with the exception of area specific rules posted in Bold/highlighted print.

1. **Each district may send two talent teams to the area talent contest.**
2. Each team will be allowed a maximum of EIGHT minutes to perform. The stopwatch will begin when the performance of the talent team starts (i.e. singing, playing, etc.) **The sound will be called/cut when 8 minutes is reached.**
3. Two talent team winners will be selected by plurality vote. Each delegate votes only once for two contestants.
4. Talent team members must be enrolled in high school and be a member of the FFA at the time of the district level election. All team members must be currently enrolled in an Agriscience course at the time of the district election, or have been enrolled in an Agriscience course during the current school year.
5. No additions may be made to talent teams after the district election; however, qualified substitutions will be permitted.
6. **A member of the team and the ag teacher/or parent needs to be present at the posted/emailed time & day of rehearsal for instructions and drawing of order, but individuals with the most knowledge of the performance setup are essential. At this meeting, order will be drawn and teams will be given 3 minutes on stage from set up to mike check. Rehearsal will be in reverse order drawn. If not present within 30 minutes of the posted time to meet, you will not be able to do a mike check/rehearsal.**
7. FFA Official Dress, is NOT required while performing in the state talent contest. The following standards of dress will be enforced:
 - a. No clothing with obscene or suggestive lettering or pictures
 - b. No clothing with beer, alcoholic beverage, drug, violence and/or sex promotions
 - c. No see-through shirts, blouses or shorts
 - d. No blouses or shirts that expose the midriff
 - e. Dresses, skirts, slits in dresses and shorts must be no shorter than extended finger length.
 - f. Other items not listed, but considered to be inappropriate, will not be allowed. Decisions concerning dress by the contest chairperson are final. Contestants are encouraged to discuss clothing which may be questionable with the contest chairperson during rehearsal.
8. No vulgar, profane, or inappropriate language will be tolerated. Reference to alcohol, drugs, violence or sex, will not be tolerated. Decisions concerning lyrics by the contest committee are final. Contestants are encouraged to discuss lyrics which may be questionable with the contest before or during the talent meeting.
9. **Lyrics to be sung or played must be emailed to rhett.wilson@crockettisd.net by Friday prior to rehearsal at 3pm in Word, Docs, PDF. Please do not send a picture of the lyrics.**
10. **Email lyrics and any specific needs on stage, ie. 2nd mike, handheld mike etc. to rhett.wilson@crockettisd.net prior to rehearsal to see if we can help you. Email or use Google Form**
11. **The convention hall sound system is all that the Area will provide. If you need any extra cords or plugs, please remember to bring your own. A9 or the host is not responsible for your specific talent team needs other than handicap accessibility and/or the speaker system in the hall.**
12. **No changes can be made after you email the lyrics unless not approved by Talent Coordinator, and then you will have 12 hours to submit a new song.**
13. There will be no derogatory references -- nothing in the songs or performance -- related to race, color, creed, or sex. No vulgar language or actions will be tolerated.
14. Prior to the contest during convention week, contestants are not to stage performances, whether they be arranged or spontaneous in nature, outside the scheduled performance and practice times. Violators will be disqualified.
15. No contestant or group will be allowed to leave the stage during their performance.

Contestant (each contestant must submit a acknowledgement form individually) Date

Parent/Guardian Date

Ag Science Teacher Date