

2025

Competitive Events Handbook

Creative Decision Making



Event Code

CD

Event Type

Team Event: 3-4 team members

Unleash Your Creativity with Creative Decision-Making!

Hey there, future problem solvers! This event is all about using your awesome brainpower to solve tricky problems in a super creative way. Get ready to work with others and generate solutions to real-world problems our partners face. This type of thinking is just what employers are looking for in a job applicant!

What's the Scoop?

Imagine you're in a world where you get to tackle challenging problems. You'll work together with your team to come up with cool solutions to tricky situations. It's like being a problem-solving superhero!

Let's Break It Down:

You'll dive into the world of decision-making. You'll learn how to analyze problems and work as a team to figure out the best solutions. You get to put on your thinking cap and work with others to make smart choices.

Get Excited:

This is your chance to use your creativity and teamwork to shine! You'll be amazed at how your brain can come up with amazing ideas to solve problems. Get ready to think outside the box and show off your problem-solving superpowers!



Event Guidelines

Get Ready for Creative Decision Making

This event is all about using your brainpower to tackle tricky problems in a creative way. Get ready to team up and show off your awesome thinking skills!

What's the Deal?

Picture this: You and your team will face a mystery problem. You'll work together to come up with a clever solution that no one else has thought of!

Let's Break It Down:

You're in for one round of exciting problem-solving. With your team of 3-4 members, you'll be given a secret problem to solve. You'll have 30 minutes to analyze it and brainstorm a solution. Then present that solution to a panel of judges.

Rules of the Game:

Remember, it's all about fairness and respect. You can't spill the beans about the secret problem until everyone's had their turn. If you do, there'll be consequences as per the rules.

Your Toolbox:

In the prep room, you'll find index cards, paper, and markers – everything you need to rock your solution. Just bring your thinking cap and pencils, nothing else.

Showtime:

When you're ready, you'll have 8 minutes to present your solution to a panel of judges. Use the notes and visuals you prepared earlier, but remember, no extra materials are allowed in the presentation room.

Game On!

Keep an eye on the time when preparing your presentation materials – there's a one-minute warning and then it's showtime. Once your 8 minutes are up, it's time to wrap up. The judges will have 3 minutes to ask questions and 3 minutes to evaluate your creative solution and how you present it.

Team Power:

All team members need to shine during the presentation. It's a team effort, and everyone's skills matter.

Get ready to impress with your creativity and teamwork!

Stage Recognition Opportunity: Winners should be prepared to present on-stage during our Closing Ceremony to share their Creative Solution to the National network. A representative from JAG National will reach out after the event is completed to coordinate the stage presentation. This opportunity is not guaranteed, and will be selected based on the impact of the student achievement and the time available for our Awards Ceremonies.

Judge Rating Sheet **Creative Decision Making**



Team:	Section:	Division:
Judge:	Judge Signature:	
Time In:	Tin	ne Out:

Statement of interest	Fair 0-2	Average 3-5	Good 6-8	Excellent 9-10	Judge Score
1. Content	Content is unclear and lacks depth.	Some relevant content, but lacks organization and depth.	Well-organized and relevant content.	Exceptionally organized, relevant, and insightful content.	
2. Engagement	Little to no audience engagement, monotone delivery.	Limited audience engagement, some variation in delivery.	Engages the audience with varied delivery and interaction.	Captivates the audience with dynamic delivery and interactive elements.	
3. Confidence	Speakers appear nervous and lacks confidence.	Speakers show some confidence, but with moments of hesitation.	Speakers appear confident and composed throughout.	Speakers exude exceptional confidence and composure.	
4. Body Language	Poor use of body language, lack of eye contact.	Some effective use of body language, inconsistent eye contact.	Effective use of body language and sustained eye contact.	Expert use of body language, enhancing the presentation impact.	
5. Transitions	Transitions between ideas are unclear and abrupt.	Transitions are somewhat smooth, with some hesitations.	Smooth transitions between ideas.	Seamless and polished transitions enhance flow.	
6. Time Management	Presentation significantly exceeds or falls short of allotted time.	Presentation slightly exceeds or falls short of allotted time.	Presentation is well-timed within the given time frame.	Expertly timed presentation hits the mark perfectly.	



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7. Audience Awareness	Little to no adaptation to audience reactions or needs.	Some awareness of audience reactions, with partial adaptation.	Adapts to audience reactions and engages their needs.	Expertly reads and responds to audience, creating a tailored experience.	
8. Originality	Presentation lacks originality and creativity.	Some elements of originality, but not consistently maintained.	Displays originality and creative elements throughout.	Demonstrates exceptional originality and creativity in all aspects.	
9. Overall Impression	Most of the competitor's posture, body language, and facial expressions indicated a lack of enthusiasm for the presentation. Movements were distracting.	Competitors appeared to be nervous and anxious during the presentation. It was evident they were excited and could benefit from more practice.	Competitors exhibited some level of confidence in his/ her presentation ability but seemed a little nervous.	Competitors presented with confidence. They were excited to share information about their solution.	
10. Professional Attire	The attire is unsuitable and unprofessional for the context.	The attire shows some professional elements but lacks consistency.	The attire is suitable and professionally consistent.	The attire is exceptionally appropriate and demonstrates a deep understanding of professionalism.	

Notes:	
Total Score Out of 100 total points.	