

# Wildcat District Judging Teams

**KEEP IN MIND THAT DIFFERENT CONTEST MAY HAVE DIFFERENT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THEM. THOSE WILL BE COMMUNICATED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.**

**Wildcat District requires youth to be a minimum of 12 years old to travel to State Sweepstakes weekend in August (Livestock, Skillathon, Quiz Bowl, Meats Contest) with volunteers or agents. Other contests requiring travel and involving youth under 12 will be handled on a case-by-case basis.**

## **Horse Judging**

Description of the event.

**Coach:** Coach needed.

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### **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – NEO Aggie Day March 28<sup>th</sup>
- **State** – **Kansas 4-H State Horse Judging Contest Guidelines:** The primary objective of the 4-H Horse Judging Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter, including structure and movement, in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. These contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.
  - **CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY**
    - Intermediate: 9-13 years of age as of January 1 of the current year
    - Senior: 14-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year
    - Contestants must be enrolled in the 4-H horse project in the county or district they represent.
    - There is no limit to the number of individuals and teams Extension units may enter in each age division. Teams are to be made up of three or four members. When four members are entered, the three team members with the three highest overall scores will make up the team's score.
    - Any 4-H member who has participated in a post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive event that would be of a similar nature and in the same subject matter area is ineligible to compete in the state horse judging contest. A competitive event is defined here as an event open to more than one educational institution (or its students) in which scores are kept and awards are offered to any or all participants.

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- Previous Kansas State Horse Judging Contest senior winners are eligible for state competition but may only participate at the national contest one time.
- **TEAM REQUIREMENTS:** Teams are to be made up of three or four members. When county/district does not have enough participants to fill a team, composite teams are accepted with members from bordering counties/districts. Counties/districts should establish a composite team prior to the contest and be practicing together.
- **CONTEST FORMAT**
  - 6 – 8 classes (2-6 halter and 2-6 performance).
  - Intermediate division will give 2 sets of oral reasons. Senior division will give 4 sets of oral reasons.
  - Halter classes may be represented by the following breeds and types including, but not limited to: Quarter Horse, Conformation Hunter, Appaloosa, Arabian, Paint, Morgan, Miniature, and Draft breeds. Performance classes may include Western Pleasure, Reining, Ranch Riding, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Trail, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Horsemanship.
  - Halter horses will be judged as sound. Performance will be judged as seen (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly). Horses will not be handled by the contestants, but time will be provided in halter classes for close inspection and to observe the horses at a walk and trot. AQHA Novice Amateur rules will be used in all performance classes. All tack and attire will be considered legal provided it is used properly.
  - All classes will be considered potential reasons classes with at least one set of oral reasons coming from the halter classes. Two minutes will be allowed for each contestant to give oral reasons to the judge (over 2 minutes will be severely penalized by an automatic 25 point deduction).
  - Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons. Contestant's placing card will not be offered to them upon entering the reasons area.
- **National** – Only Senior Teams are eligible for the national contest. The top senior team is offered an opportunity to compete at the 4-H designated National Contest held in conjunction with the Western National in Denver, CO. As a result of the State Contest. When determining eligibility for the national contests, the regional and national rules will supersede the Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest rules. Senior contestants may compete multiple times in the State Contest but may only participate at the national contest one time.
- **Current Funds Available:** None

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## ***Meats Judging***

Meat judging involves the evaluation of livestock carcasses and meat wholesale cut classes. There are many characteristics that we look at while evaluating and ranking the class, including trimness, and muscling factors, along with the overall quality of the meat. All these factors combined will affect the final product we buy in the grocery store. Most contests will include classes of beef, pork, and lamb carcasses, as well as beef and pork wholesale cut classes.

***Coach: Dick VanWinkle***

***Agent Subject Matter Contact:*** Katie Townsend [krohling@ksu.edu](mailto:krohling@ksu.edu)

## ***Competitive Levels:***

- ***Area*** – Contest typically held in June in Yates Center
  - Each District Extension Unit may enter teams of three or four enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the extension district. The three contestants with the highest scores will make up the team total for each category and overall scores. The contestant with the lowest score is still eligible for individual awards.
  - An unlimited number of individuals may participate in this contest
  - Open to youth 7-18 before January 1
  - *\$10 for all contests that day (meats, livestock, skill-a-thon)*
- ***State*** – Held during State Sweepstakes weekend in August
  - Each District Extension Unit may enter teams of three or four enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the extension district. The three contestants with the highest scores will make up the team total for each category and overall scores. The contestant with the lowest score is still eligible for individual awards.
  - Up to 5 individuals from each county (who are not already on a meat judging team) are allowed to compete in the individual meat judging competition. Therefore, a county may enter up to 9 total youth (team of 4, plus 5 individuals) in each age division for the state 4-H meat judging contest.
  - The Intermediate Division is for 4-H members 9-13 years old before January 1. The Open (Senior) Division is for 4-H members 14-18 years old before January 1 OR a 4-H member of any age who would like to be considered for the individual Livestock Sweepstakes awards.
  - Individuals who have judged as an official team member at the designated National 4-H Meat Judging Contest at the American Royal are not eligible to compete as a team member. They may participate as an individual contestant but will not be eligible for awards. Their score will be counted towards individual sweepstakes awards. If an individual served as an alternate for the National 4-H Contest but did not actually participate in the contest, they retain their eligibility for the state contest.

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- Contestants who have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) course work or training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of this contest are not eligible to compete
- **National** – High performing individual seniors may be selected for the KS All-Star team and compete with other All-Star members at the National Americal Royal Contest. The winning state senior (open) team is eligible to attend the National Western Roundup in Denver as a district/county team. Any youth selected for the all-star team can not compete with their district/county national team at Denver.
- **Current Funds Available: None**

### **FCS (Family and Consumer Science) Judging**

Contest subject areas range greatly depending on the year. Traditional cooking, sewing, and home financial questions are common but questions could cover a wide variety of family and consumer topics. For example, the topics for the 2022 state fair included: Active Wear, Backpacks, Fundraising, Smoothies, Subscription Shopping, Toothpaste, Wearable Technology. The contest has more elements at the state fair than at the area contest.

**Coach: *Coach needed***

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### **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – Contest typically held in June in Emporia.
  - 9 and older (requirements).
  - Individual contest
  - Contest typically only includes the judging classes
- **State** –State Fair: Participants can only register as a team. Individuals are not permitted to enter this contest. Each team must have at least 2 members and no more than 4 members.
  - Youth ages 9-13, as of January 1 of the current year, are eligible to participate in the Intermediate division.
  - Youth ages 14-19 as of January 1 of the current year, are eligible to participate in the Senior Division.
  - The FCS judging contest will include three components:
    - 1. Judging classes - These categories are chosen from the same list that the Western National Roundup uses for their contest
    - 2. Group Think - modeled from the Western National Roundup. In this activity, youth work as a team to come up with a solution to the challenge presented. The team will be judged/scored as they complete this activity.

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- 3. Hands-on puzzle experience - group works together to solve a series of puzzles using information/knowledge from the categories in the study guide.

- **National** –none

**Current Funds Available:** none

### **Livestock Judging**

Livestock judging consists of carefully analyzing animals and measuring them against a standard that is commonly accepted as being ideal. Livestock judging also has been defined as a study of the relationship between an animal's form and function.

Classes will consist of placings and reasons/questions.

**Coach:** Keith Martin

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** 4-H Team

### **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – contest typically held in June in Yates Center
  - \$10 for all contests that day (livestock, meats, skill-a-thon)
  - Each County Extension Unit may enter one team of three or four enrolled 4-H members. Each District Extension Unit may enter teams of three or four enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the extension district. The three contestants with the highest scores will make up the team total for each species and overall scores. The contestant with the lowest score is still eligible for individual awards.
  - Unlimited number of individuals may compete
- **State** – Contest at Sweepstakes weekend in August
  - Each County Extension Unit may enter one team of three or four enrolled 4-H members. Each District Extension Unit may enter teams of three or four enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the extension district. The three contestants with the highest scores will make up the team total for each species and overall scores. The contestant with the lowest score is still eligible for individual awards.
  - Up to 5 youth from each county are allowed to compete as an individual in the livestock judging competition.
  - Members must be 9, but not yet 19, before January 1 of the current year
  - If a team has one or more members who are under 14 years of age, that team will be ineligible to qualify for any national competition.
  - Individuals who have judged as an official team member or as an alternate at the designated National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, are not eligible to compete as a team member. They may participate as an individual contestant but will not be eligible for awards. Their score will,

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however, be counted towards individual sweepstakes awards. If an individual served as an alternate at the National 4-H Contest but did not actually participate in the contest, they retain their eligibility for the state contest.

- Contestants who have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) course work or training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of this contest are not eligible to compete.
- **National** – Top ranking livestock judging individuals will be invited to participate with the Kansas All-Star Team, the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (NAILE) in Louisville, KY.
  - First, second and third place Extension Unit teams (if qualified) will have the option to choose in which contest they prefer to compete. The National Western Livestock Judging Contest in Denver, CO; the American Royal in Kansas City, MO, or Aksarben in Grand Island, NE. Choices of location will be determined by teams in order of their placing

### **Current Funds Available: estimated: \$ 3,944.71 waiting on 2022 sweepstakes costs to clear**

- *At the Wildcat Extension Judging Team meeting November 1, 2022 livestock judging team members met after the district team meeting to discuss the funds listed above. The vote at the meeting was to spend the funds on the state sweepstakes contest held every year in Manhattan vs livestock judging camps and local contests. The goal is to pay for all entry fees, hotels, etc. At the state contest and for youth to pay for all contests leading up to state if they wish to participate. This can and will be re-evaluated at the start of each year (October).*

### **Livestock Skill-a-thon**

Participants in these events will learn about different breeds of livestock, external parts of livestock, skeletal anatomy of livestock, feedstuffs used in livestock diets, equipment using in raising and showing livestock and in processing meat, wholesale and retail cuts of meat derived from livestock, expected progeny differences (EPDs), common calculations used to measure animal performance and profitability, judging hay, judging meats, and judging performance classes of livestock.

### **Coach: Nicole Small**

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** Wendie Powell [wendiepowell@ksu.edu](mailto:wendiepowell@ksu.edu) and 4-H Team

### **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – Contest typically held in June at Yates Center
  - \$10 for all the judging contests that day (livestock, meats, skill-a-thon)
  - Each County Extension Unit may enter one team of three or four enrolled 4-H members. Each District Extension Unit may enter teams of three or four enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the

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extension district. The three contestants with the highest scores will make up the team total for each category and overall scores. The contestant with the lowest score is still eligible for individual awards.

- Unlimited number of individuals may participate
- Junior Division 7-13 and Senior Division 14-18
- **State** – State Sweepstakes weekend in August
  - Each County Extension Unit may enter one team of three or four enrolled 4-H members. Each District Extension Unit may enter teams of three or four enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the extension district. The three contestants with the highest scores will make up the team total for each category and overall scores. The contestant with the lowest score is still eligible for individual awards.
  - Up to 5 youth from each county (who are not already on a skillathon team) are allowed to compete as individuals in the skillathon competition
  - Members must be 9, but not yet 19, before January 1 of the current year. If a team has one or more members who are under 14 years of age, that team will be ineligible to qualify for national competition. All one age division.
  - Individuals who have competed as an official team member or as an alternate at the designated National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest (NAILE) in Louisville, KY are not eligible to compete as a team member.
  - Contestants who have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) course work or training for postsecondary competition in the subject area of this contest, including animal science courses, livestock quiz bowl contests, or academic quadrathlon-type contests, are not eligible to compete.
  - No contestant shall wear any clothing, pins, or badges that will in any way reveal their identity or the county/district which they represent. No hats are to be worn.
- **National** – The champion team will qualify for the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest at NAILE in Louisville, KY, given all team members are eligible. All contestants must be 14 & older.

**Current Funds Available:** Same fund as quiz bowl - \$3,967.32 (as of 9/7/22)

### **Livestock Quiz Bowl**

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round.

**Coach: Nicole Small**

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** 4-H Team

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## **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – none
- **State** – Livestock Quiz Bowl has one division. A team consists of four individuals and one alternate (if desired). Contestants must already have reached his or her 9th birthday, and may not have reached his or her 19th birthday, before January 1. If a team has one or more members who are under 14 years of age, that team will be ineligible to qualify for competition at the designated National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl at NAILE in Louisville, KY.
  - Contestants who have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) course work or training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of this contest, including academic quadrathlon-type contests or any related collegiate livestock quiz bowl contest, are not eligible to compete.
  - Individuals who have competed in the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl contest at Aksarben (prior to 2019) or NAILE are not eligible to participate in this contest.
  - There are no individual entries in this contest, only teams. Districts may enter as many teams as there are counties comprising their district
- **National** – The Champion Livestock Quiz Bowl team (if all members eligible) will be given the opportunity to participate in the National Invitational 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl at NAILE in Louisville, KY. Eligible senior teams must meet age and all other qualifications established by national rules. Teams with one or more members under age 14 as of January 1 of the current year are ineligible to compete at the national contest. If the Champion team is ineligible or declines to participate, the opportunity will be offered to the Reserve Champion team and so on

**Current Funds Available:** Same fund as skill-a-thon - \$3,967.32 (as of 9/7/22)

## **Crops Judging**

4-H Crops and Weeds Contests help 4-H members develop their skills in plant and seed identification. This activity can be a vital part of the 4-H Crops Project. When 4-H'ers become members of a team, they learn how to work with one another and to respect the differences of each individual. In addition, as they learn to identify plant and seed samples, they gain an appreciation for the importance of attention to detail and improve their decision-making skills.

**Coach:** Brian Elsworth

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** James Coover [jcoover@ksu.edu](mailto:jcoover@ksu.edu)

## **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – Contest typically held in June in Emporia. \$10 for all contests that day at challenge day. 9-18 before January 1.



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- **State** – Held the first weekend of the Kansas State Fair.
  - Intermediate division (age 9, but not yet 14) and senior division (age 14, but not yet 19) before January 1 of current year
  - Each District Extension Council may enter teams of four regularly enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the Extension District in each division. The score of the three highest team members being totaled for the team score. An individual may compete for individual awards if less than three persons are available to form a team
- **National** – No national contest

**Current Funds Available:** \$259.96 joint account with horticulture team

### **Horticulture Judging**

The contest shall consist of plant identification, quality judging, and a knowledge test. This could include ornamentals, vegetables, fruits and grasses.

**Coach: Brian Elsworth**

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** Jesse Gilmore jr637@ksu.edu

### **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – Contest typically held in June in Emporia. 9 and over to be considered for awards. \$10 for all contests that day at challenge day
- **State** – Contest held in Manhattan on a Saturday in August.
  - Intermediates must be 9 thru 13 before January 1 of the current year. Seniors must be 14 thru 18 before January 1 of the current year.
- **National** – Contestants at past national contests had to be a minimum of 15 years of age at the time of the contest. May only participate one time.

**Current Funds Available:** \$259.96 joint account with crops team

### **Wildlife Contest**

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Contest - The major objectives are for youth to gain an understanding of wildlife management including ecological principles, basic life history of a variety of species, use of management techniques to enhance habitats, and for participants to develop leadership skills. There are five parts to the contest: (1) wildlife identification; (2) general wildlife knowledge; (3) on-site recommendation of wildlife management practices; (4) writing a one-page management plan for a rural setting and; (5) defending that plan in an oral interview. The written management plan is a team activity.

**Coach: Brian Elsworth**

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** Adaven Scronce, adaven@ksu.edu

### **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – No contest

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- **State** – Junior (9-13) and senior (14-18) divisions. Teams and individuals can compete, teams are 3-4 individuals. The state contest is usually held the beginning of May.
  - \$5 entry fee
- **National** – Qualify for nationals by winning the state contest, only the senior division team is eligible to go to the national contest.

**Current Funds Available: None**

### **Poultry Judging**

Eight Classes to be Judged: a. hens judged on past production b. ready to cook carcasses to be graded on USDA quality grades c. ready to cook parts to be graded on USDA quality grades d. breaded, boneless, processed poultry products e. parts identification f. exterior egg grading g. interior egg grading by candling h. interior egg grading by broken out

**Coach: *Coach needed***

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** (Name)

### **Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – No Contest. May be local contests at aggie days
- **State** – At Kansas State Fair, second Saturday
  - Intermediate 9-13 and Senior 14-18 as of January 1
  - *Teams composed of 3-4 members; unlimited individuals*
  - *District may enter the same number of teams as counties in the district (4) for each age division*
  - *If a district/county enters a state team, they must provide a volunteer to help with the contest*
  - Contestants who have competed at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest are not eligible to compete in this contest.
  - Contestants who have participated in postsecondary course work or training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of this contest are not eligible to compete.
- **National** – Must be 14-18 years old. The first-place Senior team plus the first-place Senior individual will represent the state at the national contest.
  - Teams should be prepared to give oral reasons (element not at state)

**Current Funds Available: None**

### **Rabbit Judging**

Evaluation will consist of four classes with four animals in each class. Rabbits will be provided by KSRBA members. A time limit of seven minutes per class is allowed. Placing will be recorded on forms provided. No written or oral reasons are required

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**Coach:** *Coach needed*

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** (Name)

**Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – none
- **State** – At Kansas State Fair, second weekend
  - MUST be exhibiting rabbits at the state fair in the 4-H/FFA division to participate
  - Age divisions:
    - 15 years and older
    - 13 and 14 years old
    - 11 and 12 years old
    - 9 and 10 years old.
- **National** – none

**Current Funds Available:** *none*

## **Photography Judging**

### **Major Objectives:**

*The photography judging team's objectives are to better understand camera functions and composition rules. Using knowledge gained the team will take individual tests on knowledge, critique several sets of images ranking them in order per subject matter, and be faced with a "problem" class where the team member will identify an issue in a photograph and explain what is wrong.*

**Coach:** Eric Marr, emarr@ksu.edu

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** 4-H Team

**Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** –SE Area Challenge Day, typically in June in Emporia:
  - Intermediate 9-13
  - Senior 14+
    - 7- and 8-year-olds can participate but are not eligible for awards.
- **State** – The State 4-H Photography Judging Contest takes place on the first Sunday of the Kansas State Fair. The contest will consist of six classes of photographs, one problem class and a knowledge test.
  - Intermediate 9-13
  - Senior 14+
  - Cost will be \$10 per team or \$5 per individual per Extension Unit
  - Each District Extension Board may enter, in each division, teams of three or four regularly enrolled 4 H members equal to the number of counties comprising the

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Extension District. Counties or Districts may not enter a team plus individuals in a division.

- **National** –none

**Current Funds Available: \$0.00**

### **Dairy Judging**

Description of the event.

**Coach: None**

**Agent Subject Matter Contact:** Wendie Powell wendiepowell@ksu.edu

**Competitive Levels:**

- **Area** – (requirements)
- **State** – (requirements)
- **National** – (requirements – age, number of times able to compete)

**Current Funds Available: (\$\$)**

### **4-H Financial Policy (Section 11)**

All accounts and all expenditures of funds of the local extension unit, from whatever source derived, are subject to authorization and approval of the local board and the Director of K-State Research and Extension. The director and local boards are accountable for all funds generated for extension programs. This includes all funds collected/raised in the name of extension 4-H programs including clubs and other extension affiliated groups. All clubs, project clubs, other affiliated 4-H groups, and the 4-H Council operate according to policies and procedures determined by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Internal Revenue Service, K-State Research and Extension, and the local board. K-State Research and Extension staff are not allowed to be signatories on 4-H group or club account(s).

**11.3: Fundraising** programs using the 4-H Name and Emblem may be carried out for specific educational purposes. Such fundraising programs and use of the 4-H Name and Emblem on or associated with products and services for such purposes must have the approval of the appropriate extension office (local, county, state, or national level). Critical elements of these regulations and guidelines include: All moneys received from 4-H fundraising programs, except those necessary to pay reasonable expenses, must be expended to further the 4-H educational programs. 4-H is considered a non-profit entity; funds must not be accumulated or held over in an account without a proper spending plan. Private support moneys should be: • Given and used for priority educational purposes. • Accounted for efficiently and fully.

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11.4: **Raffles** Due to the recent changes in 2015 Kansas law, it is now possible for nonprofit and education entities to conduct raffles. Refer to the Kansas raffle amendment SCR 1618 for state statute requirements <http://www.ksrevenue.org/bingoraffle.html> A raffle has three components: prize, consideration (ticket cost) and chance (luck). If a raffle is held, it must be conducted under the following conditions and policy. Raffles must be transparent and open, so there is no question that the raffle is above board. There also must be an equal chance for winning and equity for everyone who purchases a ticket. To read more about raffles visit: [https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee\\_resources/forms/admin\\_forms/KSU8-45a\\_b.pdf](https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/forms/admin_forms/KSU8-45a_b.pdf)

### Wildcat Extension District Account/Fundraising Guidelines:

- Teams should consult the agent contact for each team when planning a fundraising effort. The agent will help the team determine who checks should be made out to (council, team, foundation, etc.) and assist with other coordinating efforts.
- Established accounts are held within Wildcat Extension Education Foundation and teams can ask for an updated statement.
- Teams should establish a purpose and plan for spending the funds and submit a brief write-up of how the money will be spent to the team agent.