

South Carolina FFA Center

DISCIPLINE POLICY

- I. **REVIEW BOARD:** A Review Board will be responsible for hearing cases and making decisions regarding disciplinary action. The person in charge of the event shall appoint the Board members at the beginning of the event. The Review Board shall consist of the following: three FFA Advisors, up to two event staff members, and three FFA members. (The person in charge of the event shall serve as chair.) The Review Board may be convened by the person in charge of the event, or at the request of the accused FFA members.
- A. When a FFA member is summoned to appear before the Review Board, the chairman of the event will make sure the FFA member has an adult appointed by the student at least thirty (30) minutes before the hearing to serve as his/her advisor and counselor for the hearing before the Review Board.
- B. FFA members accused of the following will be required to appear before the Review Board: (1) possession or use of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages, (2) theft, misuse, or abuse of public or private property, (3) sexual misconduct, (4) unauthorized possession of weapons, ammunition, or fireworks, and (5) unauthorized absence from the premises of the event.
1. If the FFA member is found by the Review Board to be in violation of any of the above infractions, his/her parents/guardians will be notified; the FFA member will be sent home immediately at parents/guardians expense and suspended from participation in Region and State FFA activities/events for twelve (12) months.
 2. Suspected criminal activity will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority.
- C. FFA members accused of any of the following may be required to appear before the Review Board: (1) breaking curfew or disturbing the peace, (2) unexcused absence from the activities of the week, (3) unauthorized use of vehicles during the event, (4) use of tobacco during the event, and (5) willful disobedience.
- If the accused FFA member is found in violation of any of the above items in sect. C and receives discipline issued by the Review Board, his/her parents/guardians will be notified, and the FFA member may be sent home immediately at the parents/guardians expense and may be suspended from participating in Region and State FFA activities/events for up to six (6) months.
- II. **NOTIFICATION PROCESS:** If a FFA member is found in violation and is to be sent home, the person in charge of the event will notify the appropriate FFA Advisor and Principal.