

**HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
CONSERVATION AWARENESS PROGRAM
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the Conservation Awareness Program (CAP) is to give interested youths and organized groups an opportunity to learn about, appreciate, and understand Hawaiian soil and water resources.
2. The contest is a means to give the program participants an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned about Hawaiian soil and water resources, work together, have a feeling of belonging, and contribute to the team.
3. Recognition and awards are given as incentive for students to participate in the program.

B. PARTICIPATION

1. Any organized group of young people with an adult advisor may participate.
2. All contestants must be at least 14 years old on the date of the contest and must not have graduated from high school prior to the current year.

C. ISLAND CONTEST

1. Each island (Molokai/Lanai combined) is responsible for selecting contestants to represent the island in the state contest.
2. Individual districts may conduct their own contest to determine a team to be their representative at the county contest.
3. All contests shall be conducted by the districts in accordance with the training guide specified by the CAP.
4. The entire youth group shall be considered a single team. If less than three members from an organized group are present, students may enter as individual participants.
5. The three highest individual scores from a team will determine the team score. The team with the highest score shall be declared the contest winner. The top 4 individuals on the winning team will represent the island in the state contest. Substitutions may be allowed, pending outcome of altered scores and approval of the Conservation Awareness Program – Land Judging Contest Committee.
6. Awards shall be given to the winners.
7. Any contestant who was a member of a state winning team may not be eligible to participate in the island contest the following year. Any individual that has participated in the National Land Judging Contest will not be eligible to compete in the island contest. The island/County/District CAP Committee will have the option to allow prior members of a state winning team to participate in their contest as competitive participants.

8. Individuals shall do their own work. Individuals using unauthorized material or not doing their own work will be disqualified.
9. Only informational material or equipment issued by the contest committee shall be permitted during the contest. Clipboards and slope finders will be permitted upon inspection by contest officials. Use of the land judging guide will not be permitted.
10. Contest results determined by the CAP Committee are final.
11. Selection, identification, and evaluation of sites shall be the responsibility of the CAP Committee.

D. STATE CONTEST

1. Names of the participating individuals representing the various islands must be submitted to the State CAP Committee 2 weeks before the state contest.
2. The state contest shall be conducted by the host district and assisted by the State CAP Committee in accordance with the training guide specified by the CAP.
3. The three highest individual scores from a team will determine the team score. Each team will consist of 3 to 4 members. The team with the highest total score shall be declared the contest winner.
4. Awards shall be given to the winners.
5. Individuals on a state winning team may not be eligible to participate in the state contest the following year. Any individual that has participated in the National Land Judging Contest will not be eligible to compete in the state contest. The Island/County/District CAP Committee will have the option to allow prior members of the state winning team to participate in the state contest as competitive participants.
6. Individuals shall do their own work. Individuals using unauthorized material or not doing their own work will be disqualified.
7. Only informational material or equipment issued by the contest committee shall be permitted during the contest. Clipboards and slope finders will be permitted upon inspection by contest officials. Use of the land judging guide will not be permitted.
8. Contest results determined by the CAP Committee are final.
9. The host of the state contest shall be designated by the State CAP Committee a year in advance.
10. Selection, identification, and evaluation of sites shall be the responsibility of the CAP Committee.
11. The team winning the state contest may represent Hawaii in the national contest. The team must meet the qualification standards established by the national contest. If the team winning the state contest does not meet the national qualification standards, the next highest qualifying team will be eligible to represent the state.
12. Financing for the trip to the national contest will be the responsibility of the individual contestants and/or their sponsors.

GLOSSARY

1. District - Soil and Water Conservation District
2. CAP - Conservation Awareness Program
3. Organized Group - Youths and adult advisor, including but not limited to Department of Education class, 4-H Club, FFA Club, or other affiliation.

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