



Agriculture Identification Contest

Tips for Working with Your Students



REMEMBER . . .

Primary communication with Coaches and Sponsors is done through e-mail provided with the School/Group Registration done online. If you are not receiving e-mail information about the contest, check Spam/Junk folders on the computer and contact Academic Rodeo for assistance with getting the current information.

Deadlines exist for a reason. Please be aware of them and follow them. There is an **Academic Rodeo Calendar** in a true calendar format on the Getting Started page and an **Agriculture Identification Timeline** on the Ag ID page. If you have a problem with a deadline, please contact Academic Rodeo, realizing that usually it is not possible to make a change or give “grace” for deadlines. Often judging or other timings are scheduled close to the due date. To be sure your students get to participate, follow the deadlines.

The following tips and suggestions may be helpful to you in working with your students. Also read the General Information for All Coaches/Sponsors.

1. Review the **resources** available on the **Agriculture Identification Contest** page and provide them to your students.
2. Discuss the format of the contest with the students who will participate. Print the Worksheet they will use and practice with it if possible.
3. Remind students that they **MUST** answer the product name correctly to get any points for the questions about the product.
4. Each year, students score 0 because they begin their answers at Product #1 on their worksheets even though they are actually at other numbers. Before entering the contest area and again before beginning, students are reminded to match the number on the worksheet with the number in front of them when beginning to answer questions. Stress the importance of this to your students and practice if possible.
5. Read the information provided about each product in the Study Guide and discuss possible questions which could be asked about the product.
6. Encourage participants to visit grocery stores to see the various products.
7. Arrive promptly at your scheduled competition time. Pencils and clip boards will be provided for your participating students.
8. Remember that there is no limit on the number of students who may participate.