

Cross Timbers FFA Association Constitution and By- Laws

Article 1

Section A: The name and purpose of the organization shall be the Cross Timbers FFA Association. Recognized units of the organization may officially use the letters “FFA” and / or the words “Future Farmers of America” to designate the organization, its writs, and / or members thereof.

Section B: The purpose of the Cross Timbers FFA Association is the same as outlined in Article II of the State FFA Constitution.

Article II Organization

Section A: The Cross Timbers FFA Association of the Texas FFA Association is the district organization of students of Agricultural Science. It shall consist of local chapters in Cross Timbers District of Area IV chartered by the state and national associations.

Section B: Members of new Agricultural Science departments shall meet, Organize, adopt a Constitution and By-Laws.

Article III Procedure for Determining Standing of Chapters and Members

Section A: This procedure shall be the same as outlined in Article IV of the State Constitution.

Article IV Membership

Section A: this membership in this organization shall be of three kinds-Active, Alumni, and Honorary. Active will be defined by Article V, Section C of the State Constitution; Alumni by Article V, Section D; and Honorary by Article V, Section F of the State Constitution.

Article V Active Membership, Degrees, and Privileges

Section A: This will be the same as Article VI sections A, B, C, D, and E of the State FFA Constitution.

Article VI Procedure for Choosing FFA Degrees and Other Competitive Student Awards

Section A: Applicants for these degrees will submit to their district FFA organization for checking and approval at the spring meeting designated for this purpose. The application, when approved by the district will then be submitted to the area association at the time of the awards and degree check meeting. The area committee will evaluate and select the number of applications to be sent to state.

Section B: The area committee will review all applications from districts.

Section C: Applications must be prepared neatly on forms supplied by the state and national associations.

Section D: If you receive two applications and one is complete and one is not, the completed one advances. In the event that there is more than one complete application then they must be judged. For competitive student awards, only completed applications will be judged and advanced.

Article VII

Emblem

Section A: This article is the same as the state constitution Article VII, Section A, B, C, and D.

Article VIII Officers

Section A: The officers of the Cross Timbers FFA Association shall be a President and 1st Vice President, and eight other officers. The other officer positions are eight Vice Presidents. The Cross Timbers FFA President and other officers shall be elected at the District meeting by a majority vote of the delegates. Each school may run two candidates through interview and test process. The top ten candidates will advance to speech level and be voted upon. Delegates will be required to vote for three nominees in the primary election. Top two ranking candidates will be elected by majority and the remaining eight will be elected by plurality. Percentages on which the elections will be based are as follows: 1/3 Interview (preset scores of 50 – 100, 100 being best), 1/3 Quiz, and 1/3 Popularity. This formula will be used to elect all officers. In runoff same interview and quiz score will be reapplied to new popularity vote in formula. The runoff procedure is as follows for district candidates: If the sum of the second and third place candidates vote is more than the first place candidates, all three will be in a runoff. If the vote count for the first place candidate is greater than the sum of second and third the runoff will only be between second and third candidates. Each delegate will be allowed one vote in the runoff.

Section B: At a district meeting preceding the Area IV convention, each district will select a candidate for Area President and Vice President. Same guidelines will take affect as district officers. Only the candidate selected for Area President will be eligible to compete for the area president office. After the president is selected, the other candidates for president become Area Vice Presidents.

Section C: The officers shall be elected annually and can serve no more than one full term. District wide materials mailed out in advance are not permissible. No handout materials of posters will be allowed.

Section D: Cross Timbers officers must hold at least the chapter FFA Degree and must have been active in their local chapter. They must be in high school during the year in which they serve as District Officer.

Section E: The Cross Timber FFA Officers shall be installed at the District meeting.

Section F: State officer nominees will follow state guidelines.

Section G: Area officer candidates will be elected on 1/3 Interview (preset scores of 50 – 100, 100 being best), 1/3 Quiz, and 1/3 Popularity. Delegates will be required to vote for two nominees in the primary elections. The top two nominees will qualify for the runoff. Delegates will vote for one nominee in the runoff. In the runoff the same interview and quiz score will be reapplied to a new popularity vote in the formula.

Article IX Procedure for Election Student Officers

Section A: The Area Officers and the candidate for state officer from the district will be selected and nominated annually by the district organization.

Section B: If for any reason a student office becomes vacant, the district from which the vacancy occurs shall elect another student officer who received the second highest number of votes in the election for President shall become President.

Section C: The officers of the Area, District and local Chapters shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Student advisor, and other officers if desirable.

Article X Meetings and Conventions

Section A: A District Convention (Meeting) shall be held annually except in case of extreme emergency as declared by the governing body.

Section B: Each local chapter is entitled to send delegates from its active chapter membership to the District Convention (Meeting) based upon the following:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Voting Delegates</u>
1-50	1
51-100	2
101-150	3
151-200	4
201-250	5
251-300	6

Article XI Committees

Section A: The President and /or Advisor of the Cross Timbers FFA shall appoint the various committees that are necessary in carrying out the total program of work for the District Association.

Article XII Executive Committee

Section A: The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the District President, District Secretary, and Advisor of District President.

Section B: The District Executive Committee shall review decisions and proposals of the FFA Association and the Texas Education final authority in all matters pertaining to the District Association within the policies of the State FFA Association and the Texas Education Agency.

Section C: The District Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year at time and place designated by the President.

Section D: The Committee may designate the Chairperson and two members of the Executive Committee as a governing committee, when the Committee is not in session, shall have and exercise the powers of the Committee subject to its confirmation.

Article XIII Dues

Section A: Annual membership dues in the District organization shall be fixed by a majority vote of the Ag Teachers present at a district meeting. The FFA membership year shall be from August 1 to July 31.

Article XIV Amendments

Section A: Proposed amendments to the District Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted in writing to District President at least ten days prior to any district convention. These proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the local chapters of the district at least fifteen days prior to the next succeeding area convention. Amendments may be adopted and / or revisions made to the Area Constitution and By-Laws at any area convention by a two –thirds vote of the official delegates present.

Article XV Parliamentary Procedure

Section A: Jarrell D. Gary’s “Parliamentary Guide form the FFA” shall be used as the Final authority governing actions of all District meetings.

Section B: The acting Parliamentarian for all District meetings shall be the District FFA President.

Article XVI Talent

Section A: The talent contest will follow state guidelines.

Article XVII District Advisor Duties

The teacher of the district president will serve as the district advisor. The advisor will be responsible for hosting and planning the district banquet, and scheduling district officer meetings.

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