

Red River FFA Association

Constitution & Bylaws

Article I Purpose

Section A: The name and purpose of the organization shall be the Red River 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 Red River FFA Association is the same as outlined in Article II of the State FFA Constitution.

Article II Organization

Section A: The Red River FFA Association of the Texas FFA Association is the district organization of students of Agricultural Science. It shall consist of local chapters in Red River District of Area IV chartered by the state and national associations. Section B: Members of new Agricultural Science departments shall meet, organize, and 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 District Degree Check

Section A: Applicants for these awards 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 chairman of the Lone Star FFA Degree Checking Committee in each district will submit all applications from the district on the date of the area awards and degree check meeting to the area committee chairperson. All applications must have been checked by the district committee prior to the area meeting. 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 for one award and one application is complete and one is not complete, except for the signatures, the one that is complete advances. In the event that there is more than one complete application, then they must be judged. If we receive two applications that are incomplete, it will be left up to the judges' discretion.

Section E: All books and applications for any award must be present at the district degree check to be considered for an award.

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 Red River FFA Association shall be a President, 1st Vice President and 6 Vice Presidents. A signed district officer agreement is required to be considered for any office. The Red River FFA President and other officers shall be elected at the District Convention by a majority vote of the delegates. Speeches by the candidates will only be given once and will be limited to 3 minutes. No props shall be used. Candidates will be elected by a combined score consisting of test score, interview and total of popular votes. The test will account for 30% of the candidate's score, the interview will count for 30%, and the vote will account for 40%. The top 8 candidates giving speeches on stage will be determined after the tally of the test and interview scores. Information about the test can be found in the Red River District Policy.

Section B: Two candidates from each school may run for a district office. There can be two candidates from each school that can be voted into any level of office

Section C: The officers shall be elected annually and can serve no more than one full term.

Section D: Red River 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 Red River FFA Officers shall be installed at the District Convention. Section F: State and Area officer nominees will follow state and area guidelines.

Article IX Procedure for Election of Student Officers

Section A: If, for any reason, a student office becomes vacant, officers will be moved up in rank based on their election ranking.

Section B: Voting delegates are required to sign in and sit in the appropriate delegate section.

Section C: Voting will be completed by ballot. Delegates vote for two candidates.

Section D: If a voting delegate does not vote how they are instructed to do so, that ballot will be inadmissible.

Section E: All candidates are required to wear official dress according to the Texas FFA Standards and be in compliance before the start of the election process or be disqualified.

Section F: The district will elect two Area Officer candidates at the District Convention. More information about the election process can be found in the Red River District Policy.

Section G: The district will nominate a State Officer candidate at the District Convention. More information about the nomination process can be found in the Red River District Policy.

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 current Texas FFA State Delegates Counts:

Article XI Committees

Section A: The President of the Red River FFA Teachers' Association shall appoint the various committees that are necessary in carrying out the total program of work for the District Association.

Article XII Adult/Teacher Executive Committee

Section A: The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the District President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Leadership Coordinators .

Section B: The District Executive Committee shall review decisions and proposals of the FFA Association and the Texas Education Agency and have 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.

Section E: The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend a rule in extenuating circumstance.

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. Dues amount can be found in the Red River District Policy. The FFA membership year shall follow Texas FFA State guidelines.

Article XIV Amendments

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

Article XV Parliamentary Procedure

Section A: The most recent addition of Jarrell D. Gary's "Parliamentary Guide for 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 Leadership Coordinator.

Article XVI Talent

Section A: Each chapter may enter one talent team at the district talent contest. Texas FFA talent guidelines will be followed. Each contestant will be responsible for their own equipment.

Article XVII Leadership Coordinators Duties

The district teachers shall nominate and elect two leadership coordinators The leadership coordinators will be responsible for planning the district banquet, district convention, and scheduling district officer meetings.

Article XVII District Contests

Section A: Contest rules (a) All contests will be conducted using the rules and guidelines of the Texas FFA Association with the exception of articles found in the Red River District Policy.

Section B: District Sweepstakes (a) A district sweepstakes award will be awarded in the fall and in the spring. The fall sweepstakes shall be known as the LDE Sweepstakes and be awarded based on the cumulative results of all Fall Leadership Development Events. The spring sweepstakes shall be known as the CDE Sweepstakes and be awarded based on the cumulative results of all of the state-sanctioned spring career development events. There will be a multi-teacher and single teacher division. (b) Sweepstakes points will be awarded to the top four teams in each contest based on the following scale: 1st Place – 4 Points 2nd Place – 3 Points 3rd Place – 2 Points 4 th Place – 1 Point (c) For contests which there is no district event, scores from the next highest event (area or state level) will be used to determine district placing and sweepstakes scores. In the event of a tie between schools, the number of first places will determine the winner. If still tied, then the number of second places will determine the winner. So on and so forth.

Section C: Judge Selection (a) Judges for district events will be selected by the District Ag Teachers Association President. (b) The advisor for 3rd place finishing teams will be required to judge or provide a quality judge for that LDE event at the Area level. (c) Chapters that enter a speaker in any public speaking contest must provide at least one judge at the district contest.