

Pecan Valley FFA District Constitution and By- Laws

Article 1

Section A: The name and purpose of the organization shall be the Pecan Valley FFA District.

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 Pecan Valley FFA District is the same as outlined in Article II of the State FFA Constitution.

Article II Organization

Section A: The Pecan Valley FFA District of the Texas FFA Association is the district organization of students of Agricultural Science. It shall consist of local chapters in Pecan Valley 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 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 district committee will review all applications and score all applications based on the appropriate scoring rubric as provided by the state association.

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 Pecan Valley FFA District shall be a President and 1st Vice President, and eight other officers. The other officer positions are eight Vice Presidents. The Pecan Valley 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 the interview and test process for District Officer. 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 (scores of 50 – 100, 100 being the highest score), 1/3 Quiz, and 1/3 Popular vote. 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 top three candidates after the first round of voting will be in the runoff for the District President and First Vice President. 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 two Area Officer candidates. Both candidates will participate in the Area IV officer selection process and be eligible to run for Area President. After the completion of the Area IV officer selection process, the highest scoring area officer candidate from the Pecan Valley FFA District will run for the Area President position. The Presidential candidate will give a speech at the Area IV Convention and be voted upon by the area delegates. Each school may run two candidates for Area Officer.

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 or posters will be allowed.

Section D: Pecan Valley 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 Pecan Valley FFA Officers shall be installed at the District meeting.

Section F: Area officer candidates will be elected on 1/3 Interview (scores of 50 – 100, 100 being the highest score), 1/3 Quiz, and 1/3 Popularity. Delegates will be required to vote for only one nominee in the primary elections.

Section G: In case of a tie, the following procedure: The first tie breaker is the highest test score. If still tied, the highest interview score will break the tie. If still tied after the test and interview scores, the highest popular vote will break the tie.

Section H: Students may run for District Office or Area office, but not both offices.

Article IX Procedure for Election Student Officers

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

Section B: If for any reason the office of District President becomes vacant, the First Vice President will become District President. If for any reason the office of District First Vice President becomes vacant, the candidate that finished third in the district runoff will be First Vice 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, Conventions, and Contests

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 on the Spring Delegate Count as provided by the state association.

Section C: Team entry quantities: Each chapter will be allowed 2 entries for the following Leadership Development Events; Greenhand Creed, Senior Creed, Spanish Creed, Greenhand and Senior Quiz, and all Speaking Development Events. All others are restricted to one entry.

Section D: Sweepstakes will be determined by the following formula: Points will be awarded based on the number of entries in each event, up to 5 teams. In contests with 5 or more teams

competing, 1st place will receive 5 pts, 2nd- 4pts, 3rd- 3pts, 4th- 2pts, & 5th- 1 pt. Points awarded to teams in events with fewer than 5 teams competing will not exceed the number of teams competing. For example- In contests with only 2 teams competing, 1st place will receive 2pts, & 2nd- 1pt. The chapter with the highest point value will be named the sweepstakes winner.

Article XI Committees

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

Article XII Executive Committee

Section A: The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the District President, Vice President, District Secretary, District Treasurer and District Leadership Coordinator from chapter advisors. Each officer will serve a two-year term, except the secretary, treasurer, and leadership coordinator. These will be standing positions until the position is relinquished or the advisor leaves the district.

Section B: The District Executive Committee shall review decisions and proposals of the FFA District and the Texas Education final authority in all matters pertaining to the District 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 student voting delegates present at a district meeting. The FFA membership year shall be from August 1 to July 31.

Section B: The district dues deadline will follow the state dues deadline and districts will incur a \$25 late fee if turned in past the deadline. Fall dues must be paid prior to the beginning of the District LDE contest or the chapter is ineligible to compete. Spring dues must be paid prior to the beginning of Area CDE's or the chapter is ineligible to compete.

Article XIV Amendments

Section A: Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the district at least 40 Days prior to a district meeting. Amendments will be sent in writing to local chapters at least 30 days prior to any district meeting and will be voted on by the delegation.

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.

Section B: Lyrics will be required to be submitted at the time of entry to the talent contest, and they will be reviewed prior to the talent contest.

Article XVII District Leadership Coordinator Duties

The Leadership Coordinator will be responsible for planning the district banquet and scheduling district officer meetings. The Leadership Coordinator will also plan any district activities such as, but not limited to:

- . Maintain a student-led District Officer Team, with minimum monthly communication with the team and the team's advisors
- . Order Polos and Coordinate Official Jacket Order
- . Fall District Officer meeting in conjunction with District Advisor Meeting
- . District Greenhand Camp: Organize and orchestrate with district officers
- . District Banquet in December: Organizing and orchestrating the banquet with district officers. The teacher of the District President will have the first option to host the district banquet; if that school declines, it will refer back to the district.
- . District Convention in April: Organize and orchestrate with district officers.

Voted on and Approved by student delegates, May 12, 2025 at Area Convention.