**AMARILLO DISTRICT (DISTRICT 1, AREA 1) FFA**

**DISTRICT CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

# TEXAS FFA ASSOCIATION

“All rules and policies existing or developed by the National FFA Organization, Texas FFA Association, and Area I FFA Association will supersede these rules when relevant to the district level.”

ARTICLE I

Name and Purposes

Section A. The name of this organization shall be “Amarillo District FFA, Area I, of the Texas FFA

Association.

Section B. Chapters of this association shall be assigned by the Area I FFA Association or the Texas FFA

Association through the districting process of those entities.

Section C. The mission and strategies of this association, hereinafter referred to as the organization are as

follows:

 1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.

 2. Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our wellbeing.

 3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.

 4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.

 5. Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experiences.

 6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.

 7. Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.

 8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.

 9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.

 10. Promotes healthy lifestyles.

 11. Encourages excellence in scholarships.

ARTICLE II

Organization

Section A. The Amarillo District FFA of Area I Association of the Texas FFA Association is the District

organization of students in district chartered by the state Association.

Section B. Members of new Agriculture Science Departments shall meet, organize, adopt a constitution, and formulate a program of work not in conflict with National, State, Area I, or the Amarillo

District FFA Constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section A. Active (As covered by Article V Section B. of the National Constitution)

Section B. Alumni (As covered by Article V Section C. of the National Constitution)

Section C. Honorary (As covered by Article V Section E. of the National Constitution

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section A. The Officers of the Amarillo District FFA Association shall be as follows:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel and Student Advisor.

Section B. Officers of the Amarillo District FFA are subject to meeting the following requirements:

1. Must be at least a 2nd year FFA member and hold the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Elected by chapter delegates at the district convention.
3. No member may serve more than one term.
4. Be eligible according to the no pass / no play rule.

Section C. Election of Amarillo District FFA Officers: information and procedure:

1. Each candidate must fill out a district officer application and sign a contract with the Amarillo District.
2. No handout materials or wall posters will be allowed at the convention.
3. District wide materials mailed in advance of the convention are not permissible.
4. There will be no parties hosted by the candidates at any time during the district convention.
5. District officer candidates will not be allowed to use props during their campaign speeches. Audience participation by the general corporate audience without reference to any individual is not considered the use of a prop. Signs in the audience are prohibited. Having a specific member or group of members identified by proper name participate is considered to be the use of a prop. (Such as calling a person's name).
6. District officer candidate speeches will be no more than five minutes in length. The candidate will be given a warning at 4:40 minutes into their speech and then will be asked to stop at the five-minute time limit. There will be no runoff speeches.
7. The candidate will be asked one thought question after giving their speech in front of the District Convention.
8. Candidates will take the state written officer exam, which consist of 60 questions. They will be given 65 minutes to take the test.
9. The weighted election process would be 20% written test, 30% interview process, and 50% popular votes cast by the delegates at the district convention. The formula used in the election process will be: (Popular vote/Possible popular vote x .50) + (test score/possible test score x .20) + interview rank/possible interview rank x .30) = 100**. There will not be an interview on the district level; each candidate will receive full credit.**
10. Each chapter is allowed 1 district officer candidate. However, if there is not enough candidates to fill all of the officer positions, a chapter may run an alternate candidate. The alternate candidate cannot be elected to an office any higher than original candidates will fill. Example, if there are 4 officer candidates then the alternate can only be elected to the position of reporter or lower. Alternates must take the exam and present a speech.
11. Voting Delegates: Each chapter shall have 1 voting delegate per 50 members on the chapter roster as submitted to the state association.

Section C: The Amarillo District FFA Association will pay for the district officers:

1. FFA Jackets
2. Meals at the Amarillo District Banquet
3. Meals at all Amarillo District officer meetings.

Section D: All Amarillo District FFA Officers MUST attend in its entirety:

1. All district meetings and banquets.
2. District planning meetings.
3. The Area I FFA Leadership Conference
4. The Area I FFA Convention
5. The State FFA Convention

E. The Amarillo District FFA President’s advisor(s) will be responsible for:

1. Officer team preparing for district meetings, conventions, and camps.
2. Contacting and relaying information to all district officers and their advisors.
3. Ordering the officer jackets.
4. Insure that all officers meet to plan meetings and required activities.
5. In charge of district, area, and state elections at the district convention and make the necessary ballots.
6. Develop thought questions for district, area, and state election.
7. Prepare and organize for the district fall meeting and spring banquet.
8. Resolve conflicts with the officer team.

F. Issues that arise with the Amarillo District FFA officers will be resolved in the following ways.

1. Contact the officer’s advisor.
2. Write a letter to the officer explaining their duties; a copy will go to the parents, advisor, and the school superintendent.
3. Contact all ag teachers in the district to inform them of the issue.
4. Vote on replacing the officer.
5. The replacement officer will be the next highest-ranking officer or student advisor.
6. If a new officer is to be elected, then the current officers may change the office on their FFA jackets at their own expense.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committees

Members of the Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

Section A. The District Officers shall serve as a committee with the local Advisors to select and check

entries for the Advanced Degrees and all other district FFA awards.

Section B. The District President may appoint additional members to serve on the committee, or committees, if needed.

Section C. A quorum for executive committee meetings shall consist of a majority of the Executive

Committee members.

Section D. An Executive Committee meeting may be called by the District FFA President after concurrence with the District Advisor.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section A. The District shall hold at least four regular meeting each year.

Section B. 1st Meeting: This meeting shall be held in the early fall at which time the following business

will be transacted:

 1. Set up organization procedures.

 2. Discuss the District Constitution and By-Laws and offer any amendments.

Section C. 2nd Meeting: District Leadership Events. At this time the winners for all District Leadership

Contests will be selected and teams will be certified to represent the District at the Area I Leadership Contest.

Section D. 3rd Meeting: This meeting will be the District FFA Awards Banquet at which time the following business will be transacted:

 1. Elect one member to represent the District as the Area Officer Nominee and compete

for Area President.

 2. Elect one Talent Team to represent the District at the Area Convention in the Talent

Contest.

3. Vote on any proposed amendments to this constitution.

 4. Elect and install new district officer team.

Section E. 4th meeting: This meeting will be used to select winners of all advanced degrees and other FFA awards and scholarships and to hold the district public speaking contest.

1. All applications must be complete and finished or they will be disqualified.

Corrections may be made, but all blanks must be full to be judged.

2. All eligible applications will be scored and corrections or critiques will be written to

help each student.

Section F. Regular meetings of the FFA District shall be held at the same time and school at which the

District Agricultural Science Teacher’s meetings are held.

ARTICLE VII

Dues

Section A. The District FFA dues shall be $2.00 per chapter member, payable by November 1st of each

year.

Section B. Full local, district, area, state, and national dues shall be paid by all active members in order to

be eligible to participate in District FFA activities and awards.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to the Constitution

Section A. All changes to this constitution must be submitted in writing to the district president at the first

fall meeting of the district. These changes will be mailed to all chapters via their advisor’s email

addresses at least 30 days prior to the district banquet. A two-thirds vote of the delegate body at

the district banquet will be required to adopted any amendments to this constitution.

Section B. Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum shall exist when 51% of the voting delegates registered

for an event are present and able to vote.

ARTICLE IX

Parliamentary Procedure

Section A. The newest version Gray’s Parliamentary Guide for FFA shall be followed as the guide for

conducting business.

Section B. The advisor of the winning Sr. Chapter Conducting team for that year shall serve as the

parliamentarian for all meetings and resolve all disputes regarding parliamentary law.