

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
BOSQUE RIVER DISTRICT FFA,
AREA VIII ASSOCIATION,
TEXAS FFA ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Bosque River District FFA Association.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The objectives of the Bosque River District FFA Association, hereinafter referred to as the organization, shall be consistent with Section 3 of the National FFA Organization's federal charter, Public Law 81-740. The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials for agricultural education in accomplishing the objectives as set forth in Article II of the National FFA Constitution.

ARTICLE III – PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF CHAPTERS

SECTION A – A chapter shall be in good standing with the organization when the following conditions are met.

1. All annual district dues have been paid to the District Treasurer prior to November 1st for the fall semester and March 1st for spring semester. The Bosque River District membership year runs from September 1st to August 31st.
2. All reports have been submitted as requested by the district and area Associations.
3. Provisions of the chapter constitution do not conflict with the Area, Texas, or National FFA constitutions and chapter activities are in harmony with the ideas and purposes of the Area, Texas, and National Associations.

SECTION B – Any chapter not meeting the requirements for standing shall be suspended and reinstated in the manner listed in the Texas and National Constitutions.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization shall follow the guidelines set forth in the state constitution Article V, Sections A-F with the following exceptions:

SECTION A – Membership in this organization shall be of four kinds: (1) Junior, (2) Active, (3) Alumni, and (4) Honorary

SECTION B– There will be no collegiate membership on the district level.

SECTION C– Refer to Article V, Section F of the Area VIII Constitution

SECTION D– Each local chapter is entitled to send one delegate from its active membership to the District meetings. Chapters with an active membership in excess of 50 are entitled to send delegates to the District meetings as outlined in the schedule below:

For every 50 members there is 1 voting delegate. 51 members there are 2 voting delegates. 101 members is 3 voting delegates and so on with no limit for voting delegates as set forth by Texas FFA.

SECTION E – Honorary Membership (TEACHER) - An Agriscience teacher must meet the following conditions in order to be nominated for the Honorary State FFA degree:

1. Must have taught Agriscience for a minimum of three years in the District from which they were nominated and two consecutive years at the same school.
2. Must have been the Advisor of three State FFA Degree recipients or one American FFA Degree recipient.
3. Must be active in the Area and State Activities including training L.D.E. and C.D.E. teams.

ARTICLE V – DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE VI – PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

ARTICLE VII – EMBLEM

ARTICLE VIII – NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION

ARTICLE IX – STATE OFFICERS AND PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION

State Officer candidates must announce their intention of running for State Office at the District Degree Check (Officer Election) prior to the Area Convention.

ARTICLE X – THE STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Bosque River District Association shall follow the guidelines set forth in Articles V-X of the State FFA Constitution.

ARTICLE XI – OFFICERS

SECTION A – OFFICER POSITIONS

The offices of the Bosque River District FFA Association shall be as follows: President, First-Vice President, and eight Vice-Presidents. A previous District President may run again, but they can not hold the office of President. A member who has been an Area Officer may not serve as a District Officer. Students may not serve as an Area and District officer concurrently. The Advisor of the District President shall be the District Advisor.

SECTION B – VACATED PRESIDENCY TERM PROCEDURES

If the Presidency is vacated during a term, the First Vice-President shall become President. If the First Vice-President office is vacated, a new First

Vice-President shall be elected among and by the District Officers themselves. A Vice-President office will then be left vacant. If a District Officer moves during his/her term, then he/she may remain in office as long as he/she remains within the area covered by the Bosque River District and this constitution.

SECTION C – OFFICER DUTIES

The president and first vice president, elected each year, will perform all duties of the President and the vice president, as listed in the Official FFA Manual. The 8 district vice presidents, elected each year, will divide the other duties of the district officer team among themselves each year after the election.

SECTION D – DISTRICT OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

District Officers must hold the Chapter FFA degree while serving, however they may hold the Greenhand Degree when elected at the previous District FFA Meeting or Convention in the Spring.

SECTION E – DISTRICT FUNCTION REQUIREMENTS

All FFA members that submit their name for consideration of being elected an Officer of the Bosque River District should be willing to commit themselves to participating and attending ALL OFFICIAL BOSQUE RIVER DISTRICT FUNCTIONS. Officers are expected to attend all officially called Bosque River District Functions. District Officers must attend the Area VIII District Officer Leadership Conference as well as the Area VIII Chapter Officer Camp that is held in the summer each year in its entirety. Officers missing two district functions, without permission of the District President and District Advisor, will be removed from office, after due process has been served. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER SCHOOL RELATED FUNCTIONS AND ILLNESS (Documented by the medical & officer's advisor) WILL CONSTITUTE A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE FOR MISSING ANY DISTRICT FUNCTION.

SECTION F– OFFICER REMOVAL

In the event that a District officer fails to perform their prescribed duties, that officer can be removed from office by a majority vote of the district teacher officers through due process. In the event that an officer is removed from office or resigns, the rest of the officer team will absorb the duties of that officer for the remainder of the year.

Due process will be:

1. Presenting any infraction of the District Officer Rules to a majority of the current years teacher district officer team.
2. Notifying the offending officer the intent for removal.
3. Allowing the offending officer the right to defend his removal.

SECTION G – LIMITATIONS ON DISTRICT OFFICERS

1. No more than 2 District Officers may be from the same school.
2. The First Vice President may not be from the same school as the President.
3. A Vice President may be from the same school as another Vice President or as the President or First Vice President.
4. In the event two students from the same school get the two highest positions, the highest Vice President will rotate to First Vice President and First Vice President will then become the highest Vice President.

SECTION H – PROCEDURES FOR ELECTING THE DISTRICT VOTING DELEGATION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Voting delegates must be in official dress at the District Convention.
2. Current District or Area Officers or officer candidates cannot act as a voting delegate

ARTICLE XII – MEETINGS

SECTION A – Regular Bosque River District Meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee as to time and place.

ARTICLE XIII – DUES

SECTION A – The district dues may be set annually. Responsibility to alter dues shall be left up to the FFA Advisors of the District. If the need to alter dues does not arise, they shall remain as set the previous year.

SECTION B – Full local, district, area, state, and national dues must be paid by all active members in order to be eligible to participate in District FFA activities and to receive awards.

SECTION C – District dues will be set at \$2.00. This will eliminate the district contest fee, banner fees and pay for other misc district expenses.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the District Constitution or By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the local chapters of the district at least 30 days prior to the next succeeding district meeting, be reviewed by the district officers and submitted by them to the delegates in the district with recommendations. Amendments may be adopted or revisions made in the District Constitution at any district meeting by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates present.

BYLAWS

SECTION A – ORGANIZATION

The Bosque River District FFA Association is the organization of, by and for students enrolled in Agricultural Science and Technology programs. It shall consist of local chapters chartered by the Texas FFA Association. The organization shall consist of the following chapter:

- 249 Bruceville-Eddy
- 171 Clifton
- 191 Copperas Cove
- 200 Cranfills Gap
- 201 Crawford
- 271 Evant

306 Gatesville
402 Iredell
416 Jonesboro
437 Kopperl
480 Lorena
520 McGregor
530 Meridian
829 Midway
548 Moody
961 Morgan
954 Oglesby
814 Valley Mills
834 Walnut Springs
857 Whitney

SECTION B- DISTRICT CONTEST AND ENTRY FEES

No entry fees will be paid for district contest. All new contest will be determined by STATE REGULATIONS.

SECTION C – PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Each chapter will be allowed only one contestant. Each contestant will follow the rules of the Texas FFA Association Career Development Event Rules and Guidelines. The first and second place recipients will qualify for Area level competition.

SECTION D – TALENT TEAM CONTEST

No entry fee will be charged for a talent team. All rules of the state contest shall be applied at the district level. One team will qualify for Area level competition. First through third place banners will be awarded.

SECTION E – CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Each chapter is allowed to send only one team to the Area contest per category. Awards will be presented to the top 3 teams in the district. Career

Development Events will be conducted in accordance with rules of the State Career Development Event Rules.

SECTION F – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

The District shall send two winning teams to the Area level for each of the twelve events. Awards will be presented to the top 3 teams in the District. Leadership events will be conducted in accord with the State Leadership Development Event.

SECTION G – SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

Three plaques will be awarded at the District Banquet to the top three sweepstakes teams in both Leadership and Judging Competition. Ties in sweepstakes points will be broken as set forth in ARTICLE V, SECTION F of the BYLAWS of the Area Constitution.

SECTION H – SCHOLARSHIP, AWARDS AND DEGREE CHECK

1. All applications and record books for scholarships and degrees should be complete and turned in to be checked on the date of the District Convention. These applications may be taken home at the completion of District Check for corrections/additions.
2. All applications that must qualify to advance to Area MUST be completed and present at the time of the District Check.
3. All interview applicants must be in attendance and available for interviewing in Official FFA Dress.
4. All teachers in the Bosque River District will be assigned to designated committees to check and critique record books, applications and interview applicants.

POLICY

VOTING PROCESS

1. Each voting delegate will be allowed two votes for the first round of voting. Delegates will vote on their choice for President.
2. The president must be elected by a majority. To determine which candidates are to be in the runoff vote, the number of votes that the top candidates received will be totaled until that total is no less than a majority of the total number of votes. These top candidates will then be in the runoff. Delegates will only have one vote in the runoff ballot.
3. Procedure number 4 will be repeated until a single candidate has a clear majority, and that candidate shall be the President. The candidate finishing 2nd is the Vice-President.
4. The remaining officers will be decided by a plurality vote.
5. Should a tie occur among candidates, only those candidates will be included in the runoff for the final offices.
6. District officer candidates will take a written test made from Senior FFA Quiz materials the day of district officer elections. The popular vote will account for 60% of the final results and the test score will account for 40% of the final results.
7. Officer Contract will be added to the last page of the application. Failure to turn in the signed application and transcript will result in removal from the election process.
8. Speech time limit will be restricted to 2 minutes for district officers with a maximum 1 minute run off speech. No props will be allowed.

Procedures for the Election of Area & District Officer Candidates from the Bosque River District

Since the decision was made using a modified state officer process, a new system must be used. We previously elected 2 candidates with each having to receive a majority vote. Since “majority vote” is not used, we need to modify our system to make it fair for all concerned.

Step 1. Area officer candidates will take a quiz over the same materials as the state officer candidates before any speeches are given. The grade (0-100) will be multiplied by a factor of .4, with the resulting number curved to give the top scorer 40 total points and the others a lesser number. This provides a test weight of 40% and will be used throughout the election.

Example: Top test score is $65 \times .4 = 26 + 14 = 40$
All other candidates have 14 added to their score as well.

Step 2. Popular vote will be 60% of a candidate's score. Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to make a speech. Then each delegate will be given 2 votes. The votes each candidate receives will be counted as a percentage, which will then be multiplied by a factor of .6. The resulting number will be curved to give the top vote getter 60 points and the others a lesser number of points.

Example: There are 80 voting delegates who each cast 2 votes, for 2 different candidates, so the most possible votes for any candidate are 80. If the top vote getter receives 60 votes, that is 75% so it is figured: $.75 \times .6 = 45$ or 45% + 15 = 60
All other candidates will have 15 points added to their score as well.