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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Chisholm Trail District

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Chisholm Trail District FFA Association and/or District 3.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The objective of the Chisholm Trail 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. ORGANIZATION

The Chisholm Trail 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 four counties: Hill, Hood, Johnson, and Somervell. Chapters included in the district are: Alvarado, Blum, Burleson, Burleson Centennial, Cleburne, Cornerstone Christian, Covington, Glen Rose, Godley, Granbury, Grandview, Itasca, Joshua, Lipan, North Central Texas Academy, Rio Vista, Tolar, and Venus.

ARTICLE IV. PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF CHAPTERS

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

1. All annual District dues have been paid to the District Treasurer prior to November 1 for the Fall semester and March 1 for Spring semester. The Chisholm Trail District membership runs from September 1 to August 31.
2. All fees for contests, conventions, camps, etc. have been paid and all reports have been submitted as requested by the District and Area Association.
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 V. MEMBERSHIP

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

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

1. 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. 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 VI. DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**ARTICLE VII. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

Chisholm Trail will follow the guidelines established by the Texas FFA Association.

ARTICLE VIII. EMBLEM

National FFA Emblem will be the Emblem of the Chisholm Trail District.

ARTICLE IX. NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION**ARTICLE X. 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 XI. THE STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Chisholm Trail District Association shall follow the guidelines set forth in Articles VI-XI of the State FFA Constitution.

ARTICLE XII. OFFICERS

SECTION A. The offices of the Chisholm Trail District FFA Association shall be as follows: President, First-Vice President, and eight Vice-Presidents. A member who has been District President or an Area Officer may not serve as a District Officer. The Advisor of the District President shall be the District Advisor.

SECTION B. 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 Chisholm Trail District and this constitution.

SECTION C. The officers of the Chisholm Trail District FFA Association shall constitute the District Executive Committee.

SECTION D. 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. Officers missing two or more District functions organized by or participated in by the District Executive Committee shall lose their privilege as District Officer, unless otherwise approved by the District Executive Committee. New officers need to attend the Area VIII Leadership Conference. This meeting is a privilege.

SECTION F. 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.

ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS

SECTION A. Regular organization meetings shall be determined by the district representatives of the Area Advisory Committee and/or the District Executive Committee at the Area Advisory Committee meeting or the Area VIII Leadership Conference.

ARTICLE XIV. DUES

SECTION A. The District dues shall be set annually. Responsibility to altar dues shall be left up to the FFA advisor of the District with the approval of the District Voting Delegates at the first scheduled district meeting. 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.

ARTICLE XV. AMEMDMENTS

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

ARTICLE 1. CONTESTS

1. All contests will be charged an entry fee per contestant/team.
2. Awards will be presented to first through third place contestants/teams.

SECTION A. Leadership Development Event.

1. This contest will be held at the District LDE Event.
2. Each chapter will be allowed only one entry per contest.
3. Leadership events will be conducted in accord with the State Leadership Development Event.
4. The District shall send two winning teams to the Area level for each of the twelve events.

SECTION B. Career Development Events.

1. This contest will be held at their respective Area and State events. District-level awards will be given at the District Convention.
2. Each chapter is allowed to send only one team to the Area vent per category. Awards will be presented to the top 3 teams in the district. Career Development Events will be conducted in accord with the rules of the State Judging CDE's.

SECTION C. Public Speaking Events.

1. This contest will be held at the District Convention.
2. Each chapter will be allowed only one entry per division.
3. State rules will be followed, and each contestant will bring the number of copies of their speech specified and turn them in 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
4. At least two judges will officiate the contest and at least one will be an Agriscience instructor. The first and second place recipients will qualify for Area level competition.
5. This contest shall be opened to the public.

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SECTION D. Talent Team Contest.

1. This contest will be held at the District Convention.
2. Each chapter will be allowed only one entry.
3. All rules of the state contest shall be applied at the District level. One team will qualify for the Area level competition.

SECTION E. Sweepstakes Awards.

1. Sweepstakes awards will be given at the CTD LDE Event and at the CTD Convention.
2. Three separate sweepstake calculations will be made using the following results: LDEs, CDEs, SDEs.
3. Awards will be given to the top three chapters in each category listed above. Ties in sweepstakes points will be broken as set forth in ARTICLE V, SECTION F of the BYLAWS of the Area Constitution.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES
Chisholm Trail District

ARTICLE 1. Teacher Officer Election Procedure

1. The District Teacher Officers shall consist of 5 Agriculture Science Teachers that teach within Chisholm Trail District who have served as FFA advisors for a minimum of 3 years, with the most recent 2 years being at the same school district.
2. District teacher officers are elected annually at the ATAT Conference and rotate each year through the following positions: Student Activity Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President.
3. Each officer that is elected serves a 5-year term, rotating through the above positions.
4. CTD District Teacher Officers work to ensure that the District Meetings, LDEs, and Convention run smoothly. They are responsible for securing judges, ordering tests and materials for contests, relaying information from Area and State FFA representatives, and ultimately serving as a place that CTD advisors can go to ask questions.
5. Election procedures for CTD Teacher Officers will follow Parliamentary Procedure during the ATAT conference.

ARTICLE 2. Area Officer Election Procedure

1. Each chapter can only enter TWO candidates for area office.
2. Each Area Officer Candidate must be entered on JudgingCard and submit an **application through Texas FFA.**
3. Candidates are selected based on the results of the following:
 - (40%) Area Officer Exam**
The test contains 100 questions over Parliamentary Procedures, the FFA Manual, Leadership Guide, and Farm Facts/Current Issues.
 - (60%) Popular Vote**
Candidates will be voted on by delegate representatives from the district. Specific election procedures are listed below.
4. Popular Vote – Voting Procedure

Officer Speech

1st Vote
(vote for 2)

1. Each candidate will present their candidate speech (no more than 3 minutes).
2. Each delegate will vote for 2 candidates on the ballot. The top 40% will give a runoff speech.

Runoff Speech

2nd Vote
(vote for 1)

3. Candidates give a runoff speech (no longer than 1 minute)
4. Each delegate will vote for 1 candidate for their 1st Area Officer.

3rd Vote
(Vote for 2)

5. The candidate with the highest combined score of test and popular vote will be the 1st Area Officer Representative for the CTD.

Runoff Speech

4th Vote
(Vote for 1)

6. Bring back all remaining candidates and repeat the above voting procedure for the 2nd Area Officer.

ARTICLE 3. District Officer Election Procedure

- 5. Each chapter can only enter TWO candidates for district office.
- 6. Each District Officer Candidate must be entered on JudgingCard and submit an application through Texas FFA.
- 7. Candidates are selected based on the results of the following:

(20%) District Officer Exam

The test contains 60 Questions over Parliamentary Procedures, the FFA Manual, and the District Officer Study Guide.

(30%) Interview

A minimum of TWO judges will be selected by the teacher officers to interview district officer candidates. These judges will either be agriculture instructors from a different district or community members with adequate knowledge of the requirements of a district officer candidate.

(50%) Popular Vote

Candidates will be voted on by delegate representatives from the district. Specific election procedures are listed below.

8. Popular Vote – Voting Procedure

Officer Speech

1st Vote

(vote for 10)

*skip if there are 10 or less candidates

2nd Vote

(vote for 2)

Runoff Speech

3rd Vote

(vote for 1)

4th Vote

(Vote for 2)

Runoff Speech

5th Vote

(Vote for 1)

- 1. Each candidate will present their candidate speech (no more than 3 minutes).
- 2. (*If there are more than 10 candidates running for district officer*)
Each delegate will vote for 10 candidates on the ballot – the 10 candidates with the highest combined score of test, interview, and votes will be the district officer team.
- 3. Each delegate will vote for 2 candidates for their choice of President.
- 4. The top 4 candidates will give run-off speeches (no more than 1 minute).
- 5. Each delegate will vote for 1 candidate to be the District President. The candidate with the highest combined score of test, interview, and votes will be the District President.
- 6. Each delegate will vote for 2 candidates for their choice of 1st Vice President.
- 7. Any candidates who did NOT already give a runoff speech can give a 1-minute runoff speech.
- 8. Each delegate will vote for 1 candidate to be the District President. The candidate with the highest combined score of test, interview, and votes will be the District 1st Vice President.