***2024 Sandyland District Conference Meeting 7/23***

The following Policies are recommendations and will not go into effect unless voted upon and passed at the 2024 ATAT Conference at our Area 8 Session at 10:15 AM Tuesday July 23rd 2024

As Stated by our Area Coordinator, Policies are developed by ASTs and the District Constitution must be voted upon by active members.

The goal of this document is to put our processes on paper and have backing as we move forward. This will allow all teachers and advisors the opportunity to know the ins and outs of District and allow for clarity in all aspects of the Sandyland District.

Proposed Revisions-

**Sandyland District Policies**

Policy 5-

ADD Sandyland District will Pay for 2 Advisors to attend ALC to represent the District & oversee District Officer Team; along with elected Leadership Coordinator if necessary

Policy 7-

**Strike Out Application and Insert Resume( See TX FFA Job Interview Rubric for criteria for Resume) To be scored 10% for District Candidates ONLY**

**\*\*AREA OFFICER PROCESS WILL FOLLOW AREA 8 FORMAT with APPLICATION\*\*\***

(From TX FFA Job Interview Below)

 E. Résumé -

1. The contestants must submit a single-spaced résumé using 8½” x 11” white paper.

2. The résumé is to be single-sided only, typed and not to exceed two pages total.

3. The body of the résumé shall be in 11-point Times New Roman font.

4. The résumé must be non-fictitious and based upon their work and educational history.

Resume will be scored based off of the Texas FFA Job Interview Resume criteria, with changes to omit some areas not applicable for our officer candidates.( EX. employment objective, weight of areas)

ADD- Policy 9

Sandyland District Scholarships

Sandyland District will award $500 scholarships each year to deserving Seniors from our District that qualify for the Texas FFA Scholarship and submit their scholarship application to the Area to be scored. Selection Criteria is as follows:

* Must be in good standing with Chapter, District, Area & State Association
* Must complete Application and be Submitted by Area & State Guidelines
* District will use scores from Area & State to determine order of selection with the highest scored candidate receiving the 1st scholarship, so on and so forth.
* Sandyland District will award up to TEN scholarships per year

(No more than $5,000 across given scholarships)

**Sandyland District Officer Contract**

**Page 1- Bullet #6. Strike Out- Exceptions to this include County & State Level Shows, that are approved by the L.D.C.)**

**AMENDMENT- StrikeOut - County & State Level Shows… INSERT FFA Sanctioned Events**

***Sandyland District Policy Adopted Summer 2023***

***Sandyland District Policy 1***

***Registration, Late Fees Policies***

1. All Entries for District Events must be entered on Judgingcard.com. (This includes District LDE, Area/ Regional & Straight to State CDEs, District SDE, Officer Candidates) All Events at District Level will be $10 per event.

1. LDE times will be randomly drawn and sent to the district at least 1 week prior to the contest– switching times that conflict with students and advisors in multiple events will be handled among participating chapters

1. There will be a sign up for LDEs(on Judgingcard), SDEs and CDEs signup will be on the district convention sign up link on Judgingcard. Entering teams on this link to help with banner ordering

1. Entries not entered by the set deadline will incur a $50 Late Fee per late event

***Sandyland District Policy 2***

***LDE Policies***

1. All State Approved LDE contests will count towards sweepstakes points

1. Scoring procedure will be as follows
   1. 1st- 10 points
   2. 2nd 9 points
   3. 3rd 8 points
   4. 4th 7 points
   5. 5th 6 points
   6. 6th 5 points
   7. 7th 4 points
   8. 8th 3 points
   9. 9th 2 points
   10. 10th 1 point
   11. 11th .9 points
   12. 12th .8 points
   13. 13th .7 points
   14. 14th .6 points
   15. 15th .5 points
   16. 16th. .4 points
   17. Ect…

1. LDEs will be conducted in accordance with state guidelines

1. Judges names will be submitted to Judges Committee by Fall District Meeting or Deadline set by the Judges Committee

1. Judges committee will be responsible for contacting and following up with names submitted

1. Top Two Teams in each contest advance to Area Contest

1. Third Placed teams in certain contests are required to judge or provide quality judges for area contest on yearly rotation as set by Area Coordinator( Can be found on Area Website)

1. Jr & Sr Quiz will use FBM Scansheet as scantron. Scantrons will need to be purchased by your chapter available through Judgingcard.com.. The district will not be responsible for providing scantrons.

***Sandyland District Policy 3***

***CDE Policies***

Each chapter is allowed to send only one team to Area per category.  The CDE’s will be conducted in accordance with state guidelines.  **The following contest will count towards the CDE Spring Sweepstakes:**

* **All Spring Contest at Tarleton State**
* **Region 5 Wildlife**
* **Area Tractor Tech**
* **Area Applied Ag Engineering**
* **Area Meats @ TAMU**
* **Plant ID – TVCC Contest**

**For qualifying and non-qualifying teams at area the following will count towards the sweepstakes:**

* **1 Team from District – 5pts**
* **2 or more teams – 10 pts**
* **Top 1-3 teams in our district will be awarded banners no matter how many teams compete.**

***Registering to compete at certain CDE contests will be on Judgingcard.com– additional registration for district participants at various CDEs will be under Sandyland District Convention link to help coordinate banner orders***

Sweepstakes Scoring procedure will be as follows

1. 1st- 10 points
2. 2nd 9 points
3. 3rd 8 points
4. 4th 7 points
5. 5th 6 points
6. 6th 5 points
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* Sandyland District Will Follow Texas FFA CDE Guidelines

***Sandyland District Policy 4***

***Speaking Events Policies***

Each chapter is allowed to send only one team per category.  The SDE’s will be conducted in accordance with state guidelines.  **The following contests will count towards the SDE Spring Sweepstakes:**

* **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
* **Jr. Prepared Public Speaking**
* **Sr Prepared Public Speaking**
  + **Animal Science**
  + **Plant Science**
  + **Agricultural Technology & Communication**
  + **Ag Business**
  + **Ag Policy**
  + **Natural Resources**
* **Soil Stewardship Speaking**

SDE times will be randomly drawn and sent to the district at least 1 week prior to the contest– switching times that conflict with students and advisors in multiple events will be handled among participating chapters

***Sandyland District Policy 5***

***Teacher Officer Policy***

***(Process is defined in Constitution as below)***

**Membership on the Board of Directors (Teacher officers) has followed a rotation basis;**

**however, this may be done only with the general consent of all Agriscience teachers**

**present.**

**Section A. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve a one-year term and rotate to the Vice**

**President position.**

**Section B. The Vice President shall serve a one-year term and rotate to the President**

**position.**

**Section C. The President shall serve a one-year term and rotate off the Board of**

**Directors.**

**Section D. Elections shall be held during the Agricultural Science Teachers Professional**

***In order to be up for Teacher Officer Nomination, teachers must have taught a minimum of 3 years as an ANFR teacher and 2 years in the Sandyland District.***

***Election of District Leadership Coordinator***

***District Leadership Coordinator position will be voted upon and elected every TWO years.***

***District Leadership Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the District officer team and will be present at ALC, CLC, District Planning meetings, Fall District Meeting and Spring Convention and help the officer team in preparing for these events throughout the year with assistance from The Presiding and First Vice District Officers Advisors.***

***Sandyland District will pay for current district officers to attend ALC***

***Add- Sandyland District will pay for 2 advisors to attend ALC to represent the District and oversee officer team; along with elected Leadership Coordinator if necessary***

***Sandyland District Policy 6***

***District Officer Contract & Responsibilities***

***See Officer Contract – discuss in detail at fall teacher meeting***

***Sandyland District Policy 7***

***District & Area Officer Election Policy***

Procedure for electing District officers will be as follows:

1. No chapter can run more than 2 candidates for a district office.
2. On the first vote, each voting delegate will cast 10 votes for the district officer team.  The top 10 candidates with a combined score of application, test, interview, and vote will be the district officer team.  In the event of a tie to fill the remaining officer position, we will have a run – off between those two candidates in the tie.
3. On the second vote, the delegates will vote for 2 candidates for their choice for president.  The top 4 candidates with a combined score of application, test, interview, and vote will be in the run-off for district president.  *Each candidate will give a one minute run – off speech*.  After the run – off speech, the delegates will vote for 1 candidate for district president.  The candidate with the highest combined score of application, test, interview, and vote will be the district president and the candidate with the next highest combined score of test, interview, and vote will be the district 1st Vice President.
4. **District officer candidates will take a online test made from Senior FFA Quiz materials, turn in District officer Application, and complete a interview the day of district officer elections The Quiz will count 30%, Application 10%, Interview 20%, and popular vote will count 40%**

**Proposed Policy Change- Strike Out Application and Insert Resume( See TX FFA Job Interview Rubric for criteria for Resume) To be scored 10% for District Candidates ONLY**

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Election Summary –

1st vote – 10 candidates for district officers chosen from the total combined score of application test, interview, and vote. —Top 4 highest scores after vote 1  will give a 1 minute run-off speech.

2nd vote – vote for 2 candidates.  – This will determine President & First Vice

 Speech time- Speeches are limited to 2:30 minutes

***Area Officers Election***

Sandyland District will follow Area 8 Guidelines for electing Area Officers

***Speech Times are set at 2 minutes & 30 Seconds***

***Sandyland District Policy 8***

***Degree & Award Policies***

1. ***All Lonestar Degree applications, Star Awards, Chapter Awards, Proficiencies and John Justin/ Ryan Mott Applications must be present at District Degree Check/ Convention to be viewed and advance to Area.***
2. ***Each Chapter is allowed to send 1 Star and Proficiency in each category to the District Check***
3. ***Multiple Applications in each category will be subject to scoring and interview***