

# **DISTRICT 4 AREA XII FFA Constitution**

## **Article 1: Name & Purpose**

**Section A:** The name of this organization shall be the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT. Members are hereby referred to as FFA members.

**Section B:** The Purposes for which the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT has been formed are as follows.

1. To develop competent, aggressive rural & agriculture leadership.
2. To create & nurture a love of the country life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of young men & woman in themselves & their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agriculture occupations, & careers.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual agriculture programs.
6. To encourage members to improve their local environment, home & it's surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, improve culture, train for useful citizenship, & foster patriotism.
9. To participate in cooperative effort.
10. To encourage & practice thrift.
11. To provide & encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.
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## **Article 2: Organization**

**Section A:** The BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT is a member of Area XII Association & Texas FFA Association, which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

**Section 8:** The BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT accepts, in full, the provisions in the constitution & by- laws of the Texas FFA Association, as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

## **Article 3 Membership**

**Section A:** Membership in the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT is open to any school with an Agricultural Education Department meeting the requirements set up by the state constitution & residing in the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT.

## **Article 4: Emblem**

**Section A:** The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem of the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT

**Section B:** Emblems used by the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT shall be designed by the National FFA Organization.

### **Article 5: Meetings**

**Section A:** Regular meetings will include fall, winter & spring meetings and BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Convention. The AgriScience teachers at their summer professional improvement conference will designate the dates. Special meetings of AgriScience teachers or district officers may be called as needed. The district advisor should be informed of any district officer meetings.

**Section B:** Standard meeting paraphernalia will be used at each meeting. Standard ceremonies and Jarrell D. Gray's Parliamentary Procedure will be used.

**Section C:** Meetings concerning district business will be designated and delegates should be present to transact business. These delegates are specified by the State Constitution.

**Section D:** A majority of the chapters listed in the Secretaries roll of membership will constitute a quorum and this quorum must be present at any regular meeting of which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT to any proposal.

### **Article 6: Dues**

**Section A:** Dues for the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT will be DUES per member from each chapter which will be set annually at the September meeting.

**Section B:** Chapters will be considered as active and in good standing when District, Area, States, and National dues are paid in full. All Fall semester dues are to be paid by November 1<sup>st</sup> and Spring semester dues are to be paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Full payment of dues must be mailed (**POSTMARKED by respective date**) to the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Teacher Treasurer.

### **Article 7: Amendments**

**Section A:** This constitution may be changed or altered at any regular BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT meeting by two-thirds vote of chapters present, providing it is not in conflict with the State or National FFA Organization. Notice of proposed changes to the constitution must be sent to each chapter a minimum of 30 days prior to the meeting in which the changes will be voted.

**Section B:** By-Laws may be adopted to fit the need of the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the chapter president, providing such By-Laws do not conflict with State or National FFA Organization. Notice of proposed changes to the By-Laws must be sent to each chapter a minimum of 30 days prior to the meeting in which the changes will be voted.

## **DISTRICT 4 AREA XII FFA BY-LAWS**

### **Article 1: Fiscal Year**

**Section A:** The fiscal year will be from August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

### **Article 2: Program Activities**

**Section A:** BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Officers will develop a program of activities listing official district functions to include fall & spring meeting, district banquet, & district leadership contest. Other functions officers may decide on should also be included. All expenses will be pre-approved by the executive committee.

### **Article 3: Executive Committee**

**Section A:** The Executive Committee will consist of the AgriScience Executive Committee, district officers & their advisors. *\* for those schools having more than one advisor, only one will be eligible to vote.*

**Section B:** The Executive Committee will have full power to act as necessary for the district in accordance with actions taken at district meetings & various regulations or By-Laws adopted from time to time.

### **Article 4: BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT District officers**

**Section A:** BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Officers will consist of the President, 1st Vice-President, and 5 Vice-Presidents. No two officers shall come from the same local chapter unless there is a lack of candidates from the district.

**Section B:** The advisor(s) of the District President shall serve as the District Co-Advisor(s). A District Leadership Coordinator/Advisor shall be elected by the Brushy Creek District governing body in accordance with Area XII policy.

**Section C:** DISTRICT 4 AREA XII District Officer candidates must have met the qualifications for the Chapter FFA Degree during their year of service. Candidates must have been an active FFA member for the entire current school year. Candidates must be completing at least their second calendar year of high school (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) i.e.-August through May, and must be enrolled in high school for the duration of their office.

**Section D:** Officers will be elected annually by a majority of delegates present at the spring district meeting. The officers shall be elected by a combination of 60% process scores and 40% Score based on a score derived from the constitution. The District officer election process will be examined and modified annually by the Executive Committee and will be available 30 days prior to the District Convention. The election process is as follows.

1. Each chapter may send two district officer candidates.

2. Officer candidates must submit a Texas FFA District Officer Application, official transcript and a signed district officer guidelines form
3. Each officer candidate should be prepared to take an exam using the study guide and reference material for the DISTRICT OFFICER STUDY GUIDE published by the Texas FFA.
4. Each officer candidate should be prepared for an interview and writing prompt following the state officer selection process and policy published by the Texas FFA.
5. Each officer candidate should be prepared to give a speech, and answer a thought question. The speech time limit is a maximum of 3 minutes
6. Round 1 of voting: Each delegate will have 2 votes. By majority votes, the candidate field will be narrowed to seven candidates using the ranking from the scores listed above.
7. Round 2 of Voting: Each delegate will have 1 vote. The vote will be inserted into the formula again and the highest score will become the President, the runner-up will be the 1 st Vice-President, and additional offices continue in descending order of scores will be called vice-presidents.
8. Each candidate's scores will determine their rank in officer position. Each chapter with two candidates will decide the primary and secondary candidates. Secondary candidates will only complete the process if there are not enough candidates to fill the District Officer positions.
9. Officers will assume their duties upon officer installation at the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Convention.
10. If for any reason a student office becomes vacant, the executive committee shall fill the office with a qualified officer from the slate of officer candidates at the immediately prior elections. If for any reason the office of president should become vacant, the student officer who received the next highest score in the election for president shall become president.
11. Student officers shall serve from one student convention through the next succeeding convention and shall not be re-elected, or be eligible for re-election to another BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT student office.

**Article 5: Area & State Officer Candidate**

**Section A:** Each chapter may send two Area XII Candidates to the District Convention and Officer Selection Process and an unlimited number of State officer candidates to the state process.

**Section B:** The top 2 Area Officer Candidates will complete the Area Officer Election Process at the District level. The top two candidates with the highest score will advance to Area XII to serve as Area Officers.

**Section B:** All Area officer candidates must hold the Chapter FFA Degree, must be completing at least their third year in high school & must be enrolled in high school for the duration of their office.

**Section C:** All states officer candidates must hold the Lone Star FFA Degree at the time of their election to state office. The district will not limit the number of candidates running for state office.

**Section D:** All Area & State officer candidates must complete an application verifying their qualifications prior to running for office.

**Section E:** All area & state officer candidates will follow guidelines for area and state officer elections.

**Article 6: Jackets and Camp**

**Section A:** The District will pay for the District Officers' jacket and one unified officer team shirt.

**Section B:** The District will pay for the district officer's Area XII Leadership Camp fees.

**Article 7: Contests**

**Section A:** Fees and Awards

1. Fees will be paid according to instructions on the entry form distributed by the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Treasurer

2. Awards will be given in the following manner:

- a. Three awards in events with five or less teams
- b. Four awards for events with six to ten teams
- c. Five awards in events with greater than eleven teams.

**Section B:** Career Development events will be held in conjunction with the Area Contests. The BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT will follow the rules set up by the state organization regarding number of teams and members.

**Section C:** Leadership Development Events will be conducted in accordance to State and National Rules at the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT contests in the fall.

**Section D:** Public and Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Development Events will be held at the same time as the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Check in the Spring. State and National Rules regarding these events will be used.

**Section E:** Talent Contest will be held at the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT December meeting. State rules regarding this event will be followed.

**Section F:** Two sweepstakes awards will be given, one for Leadership Development Events and one for Career/Speaking Development Events. The BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Ag Teacher Secretary is responsible for obtaining placing and Calculating Sweepstakes winners. Rules for calculating Sweepstakes Winners are as follows.

1. Points will be distributed to the placing teams based on the number of teams participating by giving one point for each of the teams participating with a maximum of 10 points to 1<sup>st</sup> place. All teams placing tenth or below will receive one point for each team participating.

2. An example for placing teams and what they will receive is:

*11 teams participating:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place --- 10 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place --- 9 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place --- 8 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place --- 7 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place --- 6 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place --- 5 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> place --- 4 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> place --- 3 points
- 9<sup>th</sup> place --- 2 points
- 10<sup>th</sup> place --- 1 point
- 11<sup>th</sup> place --- 1 point

*4 teams participating:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> place --- 4 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place --- 3 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place --- 2 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place --- 1 point

3. The school with the most points will be the winner of the sweepstakes award. In the event of a tie, the school with the most first place teams will be declared the winner. If a tie still remains, the school with the most second place teams will be declared the winner.

4. Leadership Development Events and Career Development Events: Will conducted in accordance to State and National Rules at the BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Competitive Events.

**Article 8: BRUSHY CREEK FFA DISTRICT Degree Check/District Banquet**

The following accomplishments will be awarded at district check and recognized at district banquet. All awards will be based on the State Organization Rules. Star Awards Greenhands, Chapter, State, American, (including Production and Agribusiness), Proficiency, and scholarships candidates. Career Development Events and Speaking Development Events winning teams will also be recognized at district banquet.

**Article 9: Delegate Apportionment**

Chapter voting delegates will be apportioned based on the current state processes and numbers posted annually.