

SECTION 50
Area XII Good Standing of Chapters Policy
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Section 50.1 Operating Philosophy, General Criteria and Eligibility

It is essential that chapters maintain a good standing within the national, state, area and district levels in order to ensure their members are eligible to compete for awards and recognition, compete in LDE, CDE and CDE activities, and act responsibly and with the best interests of the area at heart. In order to ensure this occurring, a policy to explain that intent is needed.

Section 50.2 Good Standing Status

In reference to the Area XII FFA Constitution, Article IX, Section B & C; a chapter shall be in good standing with the Area XII FFA Association when the following conditions are met:

1. All annual District, Area, State, and National dues have been paid to the appropriate entity by November 1 for the Fall semester and March 1 for the Spring Semester. Failure to submit payment by those deadlines will result in a \$25 late fee to be assessed to the chapter. The Texas FFA membership year runs from September 1 to August 31.
2. All reports have been submitted as requested by the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.
3. Provisions of the chapter constitution do not conflict with the Texas or National FFA Constitution and chapter activities are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America and the National FFA Organization.

Section 50.3 Suspension of Chapters

Any chapter not meeting the requirements for good standing shall be suspended in the following manner:

1. The Area Coordinator, with consent of the Executive Board of the Area XII FFA Association, shall notify local chapter(s) on receipt of evidence of a violation to the Area Constitution and/or Bylaws. (Non-payment of FFA dues, willful violation of established rules and procedures, and failure to submit a chapter program of activities on request are examples of violations to the Area Constitution and/or Bylaws.)
2. In the event a chapter is not in good standing with the Area XII FFA Association, the chapter in question and members thereof shall be denied the privileges of participation in all Area XII FFA Association activities until reinstated. Upon meeting the requirements of good standing, a chapter may be reinstated by action of the Executive Board of the Area XII FFA Association.
3. In the event a chapter is to be suspended, the Area Coordinator will notify, in writing (via email or US postal system), the local advisor of the school where the chapter is located, explaining the action taken and the corrective measures the chapter must complete for the chapter to be reinstated.

Section 50.4 Procedures for Reinstatement:

1. Chapters with unpaid dues, late fees or other balances of \$25.00 or more **related to FALL transactions** shall be declared to be delinquent as of **November 10**. This action will result in an additional late fee of \$25 to be assessed to the chapter.

2. Chapters with unpaid dues, late fees or other balances of \$25 or more **related to SPRING transactions** shall be declared to be delinquent as of **March 10**. This action will result in an additional late fee of \$25 to be assessed to the chapter.

3. Chapters declared delinquent will be prohibited from participation in all Area XII FFA sanctioned events until all such balances are paid in full. Advisors are encouraged to check their Texas FFA Roster account for any unpaid area dues, activities or fees assessed from **FALL activities and SPRING activities** and submit full payment amount to avoid being prevented from future registrations and participation in FFA events and assessed additional penalties or late fees.

4. The deadline for full payment for Fall activities is **December 1**.

5. The deadline for full payment for Spring activities is **April 1**.

6. Chapters with **ANY** outstanding balance as of **June 1** will be prohibited from participation in any Area XII FFA activity or event until full payment has been received.