**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. OJECTIVES 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.

1. 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.

SECTION G. Procedure for electing the 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 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 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 or the district president. The candidate with the highest combined score of 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. To elect a First Vice-President the Procedure will be the same as was used to elect the President. ***No runoff speech will be given in this election***.

5. Vice-Presidents will be elected in a separate round of voting in which delegates are allowed two votes. They will be decided by plurality vote. Should a tie occur among candidates, only those candidates will be included in the runoff for the final offices. The final decision in which candidates are eligible to hold office will be determined by ARTICLE IX SECTION F of this constitution.

6. Each district and area officer candidate will be able to give a campaign speech not lasting more than 3 minutes.

7. Each district officer candidate and area officer candidate will be asked three one questions following their speech. One question will be from the Official FFA manual, one question will be from Parliamentary Procedure Guide, and the final The question will be a thought question. These questions will be decided by the district officers in charge of the election, the area officers, and state officers present. These questions should be selected immediately prior to the election process and approved by the district advisor.

**Election Summary**

**1st vote-10 candidates for district officers chosen from the total combined score of test, interview, and vote.**

**2nd vote- vote for 2 candidates. Top 4 will be in the run-off for president. Top 4 will give a 1 minute run-off speech.**

**3rd vote- vote for 1 candidate of the top 4 for president. Top score with vote, interview and test will be the president and next highest score with vote, interview and test will be vice president.**

**Additional Information:**

**The quiz, interview, and vote will be counted for each candidate each time a vote is taken.**

**Quiz -20%**

**Interview- 30%**

**Vote- 50%**

**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

SECTION A. Public Speaking Events.

An entry fee will be charged for each contestant and first through third places will be awarded. Each chapter will be allowed only one contestant. 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. 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. This contest shall be opened to the public.

SECTION B. Talent Team Contest.

An entry fee will be charged for each team and first through third place plaques will be awarded. All rules of the state contest shall be applied at the District level. One team will qualify for Area level Competition. This contest will be held at the District Convention.

SECTION C. Career Development Events.

Each chapter is allowed to send only one team to the Area Event 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 E. Leadership Development Event.

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 F. 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.

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