

EAST TENNESSEE FFA

Bylaws

- 1 The name of the ORGANIZATION shall be designated as EAST TENNESSEE FFA.
- 2 Purpose: To supplement and offer incentive to FFA members and chapters in the East Tennessee Region of the Tennessee Association FFA. This program will not conflict with policies and bylaws of the State Association, present or future.
- 3 Administration:
 - a) The governing body shall be known as the East Tennessee FFA Executive Committee and shall be composed of one District advisor or their designee representing each East Tennessee FFA district and the election of a Treasurer. District Advisors shall be elected by the advisors of his/her district. The Treasurer shall be elected annually by the East TENNESSEE FFA Advisors as a whole at the annual meeting, the Treasurer may come from any East Tennessee District and may serve consecutive terms. Furthermore, the TAAE East Vice-President, East Tennessee Board of Directors representatives (2), and the East Tennessee Regional Consultant shall be ex-officio members. The East Tennessee Regional Consultant or their designee will serve as Secretary.
 - b) The following officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee at the annual planning meeting: Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
 - c) The following sub-committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee:
 1. Financial Auditing Committee
 2. Banquet Committee
 3. WLC Selection Committee
 4. Other committees deemed necessary.
 - d) The Banquet shall be held in Knoxville area each year after the annual Tennessee FFA Association Convention.
 - e) The Executive Committee shall revise the rules and regulations governing the program annually and distribute copies to each chapter early in the school year.
 - f) The East Tennessee FFA Vice-President who served in this capacity the majority of the school year shall serve as Master of Ceremonies at the East Tennessee FFA Awards Banquet.

g) The annual meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual TAAE Conference/Convention.

4 Membership: Chapter members of each local chapter in good standing with the State Association shall be an active member upon payment of annual dues. A chapter in good standing will have its State and East Tennessee dues paid in full by February 1st annually. Any chapter which does not pay its dues by February 1st will be responsible for supplying all team scantrons and paying for those attending the banquet at a rate per person set by the Executive Committee in March annually. Additionally, the potential awards that may be provided by the region will be forfeited and the chapter will be ineligible for a WLC scholarship.

5 Finances:

a) Each chapter in good standing shall pay annual East Tennessee dues to finance the East Tennessee FFA Awards Banquet. Dues are payable at the beginning of each school year and should be paid by February 1st of the current school year. Dues shall be **\$100 per chapter annually**. Checks should be made payable to East Tennessee FFA and mailed to the school of the current elected Treasurer, listed at the end of these bylaws. Do not send East Tennessee Dues to the State FFA office. A reminder shall be sent to the advisors of delinquent chapters December 15th and a second notice, if needed, on January 15th.

b) Other contributions may be accepted from individuals, businesses or organizations to help finance the program.

c) The East Tennessee FFA treasurer and Executive Committee designee will handle all funds and a financial statement shall be published annually for the State Agricultural Education Teachers' Conference.

d) The Executive Committee designee shall serve as the second signature on signed checks and may or may not be part of the Executive Committee.

e) Five hundred dollars may be paid annually for incidental expenses.

f) Surplus funds not needed for the operation of the program shall be invested in a federally insured institution at the discretion of the treasurer and Executive Committee.

g) All checks not presented for payment in 60 days shall be removed from the books.

h) A maximum of \$1500 will be set aside to cover expenses incurred by the East Tennessee Regional Officers.

i) Two members from East Tennessee chapters in good standing shall be selected after application and shall be awarded a scholarship to attend WLC annually.

6 Activities of this organization shall conform with policies of the State Association FFA Awards Activities and, in addition, shall be governed by the following

a) All scantrons shall be provided for those chapters "in good standing" at each regional and state CDE or LDE.

b) All chapters must pre-register their team for a regional CDE or LDE at www.judgingcard.com by 9:00 PM 7 days before the CDE unless specifically instructed otherwise by the CDE or LDE host and or the East Tennessee Regional Consultant.

c) Process of advancing to state CDE or LDE

- District CDE/LDE – 1st and 2nd advance to Sub Regional
- Sub Regional CDE / LDE – 1st – 3rd advance to Regional
- Regional CDE/LDE – 1st and 2nd advance to State

CDEs / LDEs Affected By Sub Regional Process:

- FFA Creed
- Conduct of Chapter Meeting (formerly FFA Official Ceremonies)
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Prepared Speaking
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Employment Skills (formerly Job Interview)

d) Redistricting will be decided by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the executive committee present, after proper notification, if such a decision is deemed necessary.

7. Amendments: Any ruling by the State Association affecting this program automatically becomes a part of these bylaws. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee at a regular meeting.

Effective upon a two-thirds vote of East TN Teachers Present on July 15th, 2016 at the TAAE Convention in Murfreesboro, TN

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