

# ***Bastrop FFA Elections Policy***

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**Article I.** This policy, in addition to the constitution and bylaws, shall govern Bastrop FFA elections policy and procedures.

## **Article II. Annual Election of Officers Timeline and Events**

**Section A.** The process for the annual election of officers shall begin in March of each year. At the March chapter meeting the upcoming elections will be announced, application and contract made available, and dates of interview and test provided.

**Section B.** Before the April chapter meeting, prospective candidates shall fill out an application, sign the officer contract, complete the written exam on the assigned day, complete the interview process, purchase FFA official dress excluding jacket, and prepare a two-minute speech outlining why they should be elected.

**Section C.** At the March chapter meeting nominations will take place. Candidates must be nominated by a member in order to become a candidate for office. After which candidates, in official dress, will give their two-minute speech. This will be followed by a secret ballot vote by members. Candidates may then vote.

**Section D.** Official results for officers will be given at the annual banquet in May.

## **Article III. Calculation of Annual Officer Election Results**

**Section A.** Officers shall be selected by a combination of written exam score weighted at twenty percent, their interview score weighted at forty percent, and a secret ballot vote of members weighted at forty percent.

**Section B.** The written exam shall be created by the chapter advisors. It shall consist of 50 questions both multiple choice, short-answer, and/or fill in the blank. The references for the questions shall include: any pertinent governing document, the current edition of Gray's Guide for Parliamentary Procedure, the current edition of Questions and Answers from Jarrell D Gray's Parliamentary Guide for FFA, and the National FFA Manual. There shall be one mandatory testing day decided by the advisors and announced at the March chapter meeting. At their discretion, the advisors may offer a make-up day at which testing prospective candidates may receive a maximum of half credit on their test with exception of participation in other qualifying UIL event(s).

**Section C.** The interviews shall be conducted by a panel consisting of up to three other persons of their choosing. The candidates will complete their interview in FFA official

dress. The mandatory date for the interviews will be announced at the March chapter meeting. At their discretion, the advisors may offer a make-up day at which the interviewing prospective candidate may receive a maximum of half credit on their interview with the exception of participation in other qualifying UIL event(s). An advisor approved rubric will be used by interview panelists and provided to officer candidates after the March meeting with application.

**Section D.** The secret ballot vote shall consist of members indicating which nominated candidates, who have completed the required forms, in order, they would like to see as an officer. Secret ballot vote will be tallied by advisors based on the chart below

Position	Points
President	7
VP	6
Stud. Advisor	5
Secretary	4
Treasurer	3
Reporter	2
Sentinel	1

*If additional officer positions are deemed necessary by the chapter advisors, they will be added and the chart will be adjusted accordingly.*

#### **Article IV. Election of Delegates**

**Section A.** An election for chapter delegates may be initiated as outlined in Gray's Guide for Parliamentary procedure at a general chapter meeting or special meeting called for that purpose..

**Section B.** If delegates are not elected by the chapter they are selected by the advisors.