

# REVALDINA DISTRICT FFA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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## ***Article 1: Name and Purpose***

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

**Section B:** The Purpose for which the Revaldina District has been formed is as follows.

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

### **Section A:**

The Revaldina District FFA is a member of Area VII Association and Texas FFA association, which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

**Section B:** The Revaldina District accepts, in full, the provisions in the constitution and by- laws of the Texas FFA Association, as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

## ***Article 3 Membership***

**Section A:** Membership in the Revaldina District is open to any school with an Agricultural Education Department meeting the requirement set up by the state constitution and residing in the Revaldina District.

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## ***Article 4: Emblem***

**Section A:** The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem of the Revaldina District

**Section B:** Emblems used by the Revaldina District shall be designed by the National FFA Organization.

## ***Article 5: Meetings***

**Section A:** Regular meetings will include fall and spring meetings and the Revaldina District Banquet. The Agri-Science teachers at their summer professional improvement conference will designate the dates. Special meetings of Agri-Science teachers or district offices may be called by the District Teacher President or any two Teachers of the Revaldina District 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 *The Parliamentary Guide for FFA* by Jarrell D. Gray will be used as the Parliamentary Authority. For Parliamentary Questions that are not addressed in *The Parliamentary Guide for FFA* by Jarrell D. Gray, *Robert's Rules of Order* will be used to answer these questions.

**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 quorum for any meeting of the Revaldina District shall be established for any official meeting to transpire. Since the Revaldina District does not have an official registration process for meetings, a quorum shall be officially established when at least one more than half of the official annual delegate count is in attendance. This quorum must be present at any regular meeting of which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the Revaldina District to any proposal.

## ***Article 6: Dues***

**Section A:** Dues for the Revaldina District will be ~~75 cents~~ two dollars (\$2.00) per member from each chapter.

**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 dues are to be paid by November 1st and Spring dues paid by March 1st. The Revaldina District Teacher Treasurer shall verify payment through the State FFA Electronic Roster System.

## ***Article 7: Amendments***

**Section A:** This constitution may be changed or altered at any regular Revaldina 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 Revaldina District at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the chapters present, 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.

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***BY-LAWS***

***Article 1: Fiscal Year***

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

***Article 2: Membership***

**Section A:** Active Membership (As covered by the Texas FFA Constitution and By-Laws)

***Section B: Dues***

**Section A:** Annual membership dues are to be ~~\$0.75~~ two dollars (\$2.00) per member and shall be paid through the State FFA Electronic Roster System.

***Article 3: Program of Activities***

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

***Article 4: Executive Committee***

**Section A:** The Executive Committee will consist of the district student officers, their advisors and the Elected District Teacher Officers. For those schools having more than one advisor, only one **advisor** will be eligible to vote.

**Section B:** The Executive Committee Teacher officers will be elected annually by the District teachers present at the Ag Teachers Conference during the first District Meeting of the conference.

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

**Section D:** The Executive Committee Officers will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

***Article 5: Revaldina District officers***

**Section A:** Revaldina District FFA Officers will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. The Advisor of the Revaldina District is the Advisor of the elected President.

**Section B:** Revaldina District Officer candidates must have met qualification for the Chapter FFA Degree, must have been an active FFA member for at least 12 months, must be completing at least their second calendar year of high school (9th-12th grade) i.e. August through May, and must be enrolled in high school for the duration of their office.

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**Section C:** Each chapter may send two (2) district officer candidates. All Chapters with candidates shall be represented in the top officer positions. If member chapters in the Revaldina District do not present six (6) official candidates then the Chapters that send a second candidate will be placed according to rank in the remaining offices. All officer candidates will be allowed to complete the pre-election process. Only the qualifying six candidates from the pre-election process will present a speech and be voted on by the membership.

**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 exam score of 20%, an interview score of 30%, and a score derived from the vote of the delegates present of 50%. The pre-election and election process is as follows:

1. Each officer candidate must be in Official Dress, according to the most current FFA manual, during the entire pre-election and election process.
2. Each voting delegate must be in official dress, according to the most current FFA manual, to perform his or her duties during the election process.
3. The pre-election process will include the following:
  - a) a completed application, which verifies the candidates' qualifications for district office, b) a test and written exercise, and c) an interview.
    - a. Each officer candidate must present a completed Revaldina District Officer application prior to administration of the test.
    - b. Each officer candidate should be prepared to demonstrate their knowledge of agriculture education, FFA, parliamentary procedure and the agriculture industry via a test. The test will be computer generated and taken on-line. The test will be generated by the Texas FFA District Officer Test Set Level One (1). In addition, a writing exercise to measure written communication skills using a prompt relevant to duties of a Revaldina district officer will be given. The state officer writing exercise rubric will be used to grade the writing exercise. The exam section shall comprise 20% of the candidate's score. The test, composed of 60 questions, shall comprise ~~85%~~ <sup>75%</sup> of the exam section and the writing exercise ~~15%~~ <sup>25%</sup> of the exam section, the composite of which shall be scaled to a factor of 0.2. The numerical value that is the difference between the top indexed score and the number 20 shall be added to all scores. The exam score shall be applied in each of the election rounds.
    - c. Each officer candidate will complete an interview process. A committee will conduct the interview process. The interview process will be comprised of one or

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more of the eight (8) interview rounds of the state officer selection process (Personal round – Introduction, One-on-One, Advocacy stand and deliver, Facilitation, Round Robin, Personal round – Conclusion). The state officer interview rubric will be used to grade the interview section. The interview section is scored on a 100-point scale and multiplied by a factor of 0.3. The numerical value that is the difference between the top indexed interview score and the number 30 shall be added to all scores.

- d. If FFA members are utilized as interviewers during the interview process each one must be in official dress, according to the most current FFA manual, to perform his or her duties during the interview process.
4. After completion of the pre-election process each qualifying candidate should be prepared to give a speech and answer a thought question. The speech time limit will be a maximum of 3 minutes.
5. After all speeches are complete each delegate will cast 2 votes. Using the Area and State Officer spreadsheet the top four candidates will advance to the runoff.
6. The four candidates advancing to the runoff will be given the opportunity to give a runoff speech. The runoff speech time limit will be a maximum of 1 minute. After all runoff speeches are complete each delegate will cast 1 vote. Using the Area and State Officer spreadsheet the runoff candidate with the highest combined score will become the President. The runoff candidate with the second highest combined score will become the Vice-President and all other officers will be assigned by combined score on the Official State and Area Officer Election Spreadsheet.
7. Officers will assume their duties upon officer installation at the Revaldina District Banquet
8. Prior to installation, all officers must sign a contract promising to fulfill all of their duties and engage in proper behavior at all times. Failure to fulfill these duties may result in removal from office by the Executive Committee.
9. If for any reason a student office becomes vacant, the Chapter from which the vacancy occurs shall elect another student officer. 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 (Vice President) shall become President. The chapter with the vacating President shall elect another student to replace the Vice President.
10. If for any reason the Chapter with the vacating officer chooses not to elect a replacement the vacancy will be open for election from the delegates to schools that are not represented by a current Officer. If this clause is declined then Chapters with current officers may have candidates to run for the available position.
11. Revaldina district will pay the fee for district officers to attend the Area VII leadership conference.

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***Article 6: Area and State Officer Candidate***

**Section A:** Each chapter may send unlimited Area VII and State officer candidates. The district will not limit the number of candidates who may apply for Area VII or State office.

**Section B:** All Area officer candidates must hold the Chapter FFA Degree, must be completing at least their second year in high school, and 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.

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

**Section E.** All Area VII & State officer candidates will follow guidelines for Area VII and State officer elections.

***Article 7: Jackets***

**Section A:** Revaldina District will pay for the District Officer Jackets.

***Article 8: Contests***

**Section A:** Fees and Awards

1. Entry's and Fees will be made and paid through Judging Card. Schools that are deemed not in good standing by the State and Area will be deemed "NOT IN GOOD STANDING" by the Revaldina District.
2. Awards for Leadership Development Events (LDE's), Career Development Events (CDE's), Speaking Development Events (SDE's), and Talent Events will be given as follows:
  - a) Where there are one (1) to six (6) entries banners will be given to first (1<sup>st</sup>) through third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place.
  - b) Where there are greater than six (6) entries banners will be given to the top fifty percent (50%) placings. In the event there are an odd number of entries the median placing individual/team will be awarded a banner.

**Section B:** Career Development Events will be held in conjunction with the Area VII contest. The Revaldina District will follow the rules set up by the state organization regarding number or teams and members. Placings for district will be based upon the contest ranking used for Area rankings. For events that do not have a state-qualifying contest the district placings will be taken from the results of the state contest for those events.

**Section C:** Leadership Development Events will be conducted in accordance with state rules at the Revaldina District contest in the fall.

**Section D:** Public and Extemporaneous Speaking events will be held at the same time as the

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Revaldina District check in the spring. State rules regarding these events will be followed.

**Section E:** Talent contest will be held at the Revaldina District banquet. State rules regarding this event will be followed.

**Section F:** Six sweepstakes awards will be given. The Revaldina Ag Teacher Secretary is responsible for obtaining placings and calculating sweepstakes winners. Rules for calculating sweepstakes winners are as follows.

1. The sweepstakes awards categories will be as follows:

- 1) Leadership Development Events in single teacher departments
- 2) Leadership Development Events in multiple teacher departments
- 3) Career Development Events in single teacher departments
- 4) Career Development Events in multiple teacher departments
- 5) Speaking Development Events in single teacher departments
- 6) Speaking Development Events in multiple teacher departments

2. The first five teams will receive the following points for each contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – 10 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 8 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 6 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – 4 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 2 points

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.

Leadership Development Events, Career Development Events, and Speaking Development Events will be conducted in accordance to state rules for placing of Revaldina district contests.

## ***Article 9: Revaldina District Degree Check***

**Section A:** The following accomplishments will be awarded at district check and recognized at the district banquet. All awards will be based on the state organization rules.

Star Awards: Greenhand, Chapter, State, American  
(including Production, Placement, Agribusiness, and Agriscience)  
Proficiencies

Scholarship candidates

Career Development Events winning teams

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Leadership Development Events winning teams

Speaking Development Events winning teams

Talent Event winning teams