

District Convention/ Degree Check Policy

District Officer Election Process

- District Officer applications must be emailed to the District President the Monday **before** the Sunday convention rehearsal and officer test.
- District Officer candidates must be in full official dress
- Officer speeches will be a maximum of 5 minutes at the end of 5 minutes the microphone will turn off.
- Candidates can not use props for their speech. Failure to comply the candidate will be disqualified.
- Speeches must begin on stage and end on stage. Failure to comply the candidate will be disqualified.
- Every voting delegate will vote for two candidates of their choice.
- We will bring back 40% of the candidates for a run off
- Run off speeches will be a maximum of 1 minute
- Voting delegates will only vote for 1 candidate in the run off
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken with the highest test score between the candidates. ** In the event of a tie on the test and popular vote we will open the voting between the two tied candidates only.
- Officer contract/ obligations and responsibilities form must be on file the Monday **before** the Sunday convention rehearsal and officer test.

Area Officer Election Process

- Area officer election process will consist of the following:
 - 40% popular vote
 - 30% test
 - 15% interview
 - 10% application
 - 5% writing prompt

- The top 2 candidates will advance to area
- Area Officer candidates must be in full official dress
- Speeches will be a maximum of 5 minutes at the end of 5 minutes the microphone will be turned off.
- Candidates can not use props for their speech. Failure to comply the candidate will be disqualified.
- Speeches must begin on stage and end on stage. Failure to comply the candidate will be disqualified.
- Every voting delegate will vote for 2 candidates.
- In the event of a tie the tie will be broken with the test score.

Talent Contest Process

- The Ricebelt District will directly follow the state FFA guidelines and rules for talent. (See the guidelines on the Texas FFA website).
- The Ricebelt will send two talent teams to compete at Area
- Voting delegates will vote for two candidates by plurality vote and the top two will advance.
- Talent forms and lyrics as well as the USB must be emailed to the District President the Monday **before** the Sunday convention rehearsal and officer test.
- Contestants must bring their songs on a USB the day of rehearsal.

**** Once the Ricebelt District Convention starts there will be no changes made to any process until next year.****

Students with Disabilities

- The Ricebelt District will follow the same process as the Texas FFA
The Texas FFA Board of Directors approved this language:
“The ADA and Section 504 require that accommodations be provided to individuals with disabilities when certain conditions are satisfied. Each case

will be decided on its own merits. In reaching its decision, the Texas FFA Association will follow application law and consider the following:

- Whether the requested accommodation (s) is “reasonable”;
- Whether the requested accommodation (s) is “necessary”; and
- Whether the requested accommodation (s) would “fundamentally alter the nature of” the competition, either because it would alter an “essential aspect of the contest” or give the student an unfair “advantage over others and, for that reason, fundamentally alter the character” of the competition.

**** All requests for accommodations must be submitted two weeks prior to the event for consideration****

Degree Check

- Any school with a student or students participating in the application process or speaking events must send one representative from their school to assist in the process of evaluating applications or judging.
- Schools bringing applications to be reviewed, must bring a completed application. (Please ask questions if you don't understand a part of the application.)