



## **BY-LAWS**

### **WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR JUNIOR FAIR BOARD**

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## **ARTICLE ONE**

### **ORGANIZATION NAME**

The official name of this organization shall be Wharton County Youth Fair Advisory Council.

## **ARTICLE TWO**

### **PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the Wharton County Youth Fair Advisory Council is to coordinate the 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, and FCCLA Chapters in a countywide sponsorship of promoting the objects of good agricultural practices throughout all of the farm youth organizations of Wharton County, Texas. The objectives are as follows:

- (1) To promote the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition and its programs.
- (2) To use the facilities of the various youth farm organizations to increase the knowledge of all members and the experience in breeding, raising and marketing livestock and farm products, and general food production and preservation, and to disseminate through each youth organization the exchange of ideas among the members thereof.
- (3) To support the programs of all of the farm youth organizations.
- (4) To provide counsel as required to the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition and to coordinate the activities of the youth farm organizations with programs of the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition.
- (5) To be a non-profit organization.

## **ARTICLE THREE**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

(1) **SOURCE OF MEMBERSHIP**. The membership shall consist of qualified representatives, one from each of the following farm organizations:

a. BOLING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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| 1. FFA Chapter   | 1 Member |
| 2. FCCLA Chapter | 1 Member |

b. EAST BERNARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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| 1. FFA Chapter   | 1 Member |
| 2. FCCLA Chapter | 1 Member |

c. EL CAMPO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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| 1. FFA Chapter   | 1 Member |
| 2. FCCLA Chapter | 1 Member |

d. LOUISE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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| 1. FFA Chapter   | 1 Member |
| 2. FCCLA Chapter | 1 Member |

e. WHARTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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| 1. FFA Chapter   | 1 Member |
| 2. FCCLA Chapter | 1 Member |

f. WHARTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS 1 Member Each

g. WHARTON COUNTY AT-LARGE \* See note below.

\*The number of at-large members will be determined based on the number of clubs. This number will be in addition to club members to equal 50 members.

## **(2) QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

- a. Each member shall be at least fourteen (14) years of age and not older than nineteen (19) years on January 1 of the year following the organizational meeting of the council of each year and said member shall have advanced no further than the beginning of his Senior high school year at the beginning of the August term of each year.
- b. Each member shall be a qualified member of the farm organizations listed in ARTICLE THREE sub-paragraph (1) above.
- c. Each member must be a current exhibitor in the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition.
- d. Each member must be chosen through the application process.
  - All applicants will submit all required application documents.
  - A committee will choose 50 members for the Wharton County Youth Fair Junior Fair Board.
    - The committee will select a representative for each of the Wharton County clubs.
      - Clubs will be notified of the chosen representative. If the chosen representative is not in good standing with the club, they will have a period of 7 days to notify the Wharton County Youth Fair Junior Fair Board.
    - The committee will select at-large representatives. This number will be determined by the number of clubs. \*See Article 3.
- e. Each member must be in good standing with the Wharton County Youth Fair Junior Fair Board.
- f. Each member must be in good standing with this Wharton County Youth Fair organization.

## **(3) REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION PROCESS.**

- a. Every applicant must submit an application and all required documents by the posted due date.
  - i. The application documents will include: application form, resume, and letters of recommendation from **both** a 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA club leader **and** a Wharton County Youth Fair Director.
- b. A committee made up of Wharton County Youth Fair directors, former Wharton County Youth Fair Junior Fair Board members, and volunteers will review the applications.
- c. Representatives will be chosen for each of the county clubs and all other applications will be placed into the at-large pool.

(4) **MEMBERSHIP FEES**. There shall be no membership fee for members but each member is encouraged to become a member of the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition.

## **ARTICLE FOUR**

### **MEETINGS**

(1) There shall be at least eight (8) meetings per year. However, additional meetings may be held when necessary to complete the work and carry out the activities and programs of the organization. The Wharton County Youth Fair Advisory Council shall meet in Crescent on the third Monday in August, September, October, November, January, February, March, and April at 7 o'clock p.m. Special meetings may be called as needed by the President and the President shall have authority to change the started regular meetings by giving notice in writing ten (10) days in advance of the new setting.

(2) Members of this Council must attend each meeting unless they notify the adult leader in advance. Such notice may be given by written notice (email or text) or telephone.

(3) If any member has two (2) unexcused absences from the meetings in one fair year, he or she will be ineligible for future membership and be removed from current membership.

- Excused absences include UIL or school activities.

(4) One-half (1/2) of the membership of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the council.

(5) The order of business shall be:

- a. Roll Call
- b. Officers reports
  1. Reading of minutes
  2. Treasurer's report
  3. Other committee reports
- c. Old business
- d. New business
- e. Special programs
- f. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

### **OFFICERS**

The officers of the Council shall be:

- (1) President
- (2) Vice President
- (3) Secretary
- (4) Treasurer
- (5) Reporter
- (6) Chaplain

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The officers shall be elected through an election process consisting of an application, interview, and majority vote by ballot. Members must have 1 year experience on the Wharton County Youth Fair Junior Fair Board. Members will receive officer information at the August meeting. They shall serve one year term to begin immediately after election.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN**

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- (1) **PRESIDENT**. The President shall preside at all meetings as required, appointed committees, and approve the reports of the officers and committee chairman.
- (2) **VICE-PRESIDENT**. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer and shall be responsible for any special programs presented to the Council and shall serve as Chairman of any fund raising activities.
- (3) **SECRETARY**. The Secretary shall record minutes at all regular meetings and shall keep up to date record of enrollment and attendance of members. The Secretary shall also keep and conduct all the Council's correspondence as directed by the President and/or the Council.
- (4) **TREASURER**. The Treasurer shall receive and care for all money belonging to the Council, shall pay bills as directed by the membership, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, shall

be prepared and upon request, give a Treasurer's report at each meeting, shall finalize the Treasurer's records for audit at the close of the year, and shall serve as a member of any fund raising committee.

(5) **REPORTER**. The Reporter shall advertise all fundraisers and special activities in our local newspapers, on radio stations, and social media accounts and shall serve as the contact for those members that are not able to attend meetings.

(6) **CHAPLAIN**. The Chaplain shall offer reflective, non-judgmental listening to members and lead us in prayer at monthly meetings and other events.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT**

### **DELEGATE TO WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AND EXPOSITION**

#### **GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The President of this Council shall attend all general membership meetings of the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition and shall be the Delegate of this Council without vote to the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition General Board of Directors unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of this Council. The Delegate's obligation is to attend all General Board meetings of the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition and to report matters that have been passed by the Council and to disseminate for distribution to all members of the youth organizations any actions of the General Board and progress reports of the committees concerning the programs of the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition.

## **ARTICLE NINE**

### **AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that there is a quorum.

## **ARTICLE TEN**

### **DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of this Council, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities, any remaining assets will be turned over to the Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition.