

SOUTH PLAINS (2) 4-H COUNCIL STANDING RULES
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The District 4-H Council is an advisory committee which assists in making plans and executing these plans on a district basis.

Delegates to District 4-H Council shall be elected from the membership of the 20 county 4-H councils in the counties.

1. **NAME** - The name of this organization shall be the South Plains (2) 4-H Council.
2. **PURPOSE** - The purpose shall be to promote and encourage 4-H club work and to coordinate 4-H activities in the district.
3. **Functions** -
 1. Advise district Extension staff on program for 4-H youth.
 2. Facilitate representation on the Texas 4-H Council
 3. Maintain linkage with county 4-H Councils
 4. Assist with the development and implementation of district events and activities.
 5. Maintain liaison with the district 4-H leaders' association.
 6. Provide opportunities for 4-H youth to learn democratic principles and procedures.
 7. Interpret the 4-H program to the public.
 8. Others as needed.
4. **MEMBERSHIP** - Membership of the District 2 4-H Council is open to 4-H members regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Whenever necessary, the district Extension agents shall have the option of appointing members at large in order to insure a balanced membership.
 - A. **Members** - Current District 2 Council executive committees and two delegates elected or chosen by each of the 20 county 4-H councils of the District 2 counties. A Delegate at Large may also be elected, they must represent a minority
 - B. **Age** - Council members shall be between the ages of 14 and 18 as of August 31st of the calendar year.
 - C. **Term** -Members should be elected annually and shall be able to serve for two years, preferably not consecutively.
 - D. **Replacement** - Should a county's representative become ineligible to serve, the

county may elect a new representative. The county representative elected to complete the term shall be eligible to serve one complete term as county representative.

5. **OFFICERS** - Officers of the District 2 Council shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Delegate at Large, Secretary/Treasurer, and Public Relations Chairman.
 - A. **Who** - Officers shall have experience on their county council and be available to serve for a full term. Any 4-H'er in the South Plains (2) District who meets other requirements detailed, shall be eligible.
 - B. **Age** - All officers must be at least 16 years of age or older on August 31st of the 4-H year they serve; they must not be 19 years of age by August 31st of the 4-H year they serve.
 - C. **Special Requirements** - The President and First Vice-President need at least three years of 4-H membership including the current year.
 - D. **Term** - The term of office for all officers shall be from September 1 to August 31. Officers shall not be eligible for the same office for more than one term. A delegate who has served as President may never be elected First Vice-President or a delegate who has served as First Vice-President may never be elected President or a delegate who has served as Delegate at large may never be elected First Vice-President or President, or no delegate may be elected President or Vice-President that violates the Texas 4-H Council standing rules. No person may hold more than one office at one time on the District 2 4-H Council.

6. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. **Annual Meeting** - An annual meeting for election of officers shall be held prior to July 3, the time and place to be designated by the Executive Committee.
- B. **Election** - Qualified delegates interested in seeking council office must apply to the District Extension Office by April 15, preceding District Elections by submitting an application/nomination form. Each application will be judged by a committee of Extension agents. The committee's recommendation will constitute 25% of the vote. At the election meeting, each candidate will present s two minute speech.

No nominations will be taken from the floor. Elections should be by ballot. A majority constitutes an election.

- C. **Reports** - Officers and committee chairmen shall give reports of the work that has been done during their term of office at the annual meeting.

7. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Delegate at Large, Secretary-Treasurer, and Public Relations Chairman. The preceding President may serve as advisor at the first meeting but will not have a vote. The Executive Committee shall elect members to fill vacancies in the District Council offices.
8. **STANDING COMMITTEES** - Standing committees shall be the South Plains (2) 4-H Leadership Camp, District Roundup and Fashion Show, Electric Camp, Gold Star Banquet and Food Show/Nutrition Quiz Bowl Committees. Members of the Executive Committee shall serve as chairmen of the various committees. These committees shall be on a rotating basis. Each Council member will serve on one committee.
9. **ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES** - Additional committees may be appointed at any time and in any way the Executive Committee determines advisable.
10. **VOTING BODY** - The voting body shall consist of the membership as defined in Rule 4. Each of the counties shall have three votes to cast in elections or business votes, if they have a "Delegate at Large" position. If the 'delegate at large' is not present, each county shall have only two votes. Each of the delegates must be present to cast their vote. Each delegate may cast only one vote.
11. **MEETINGS** - In addition to the annual meeting, there shall be other meetings called by the Executive Committee as needed.
12. **QUORUM** - A quorum shall consist of a majority of delegates present.
13. **STATE COUNCIL** -Delegates to the State Council will be the President, Delegate at Large, and the First Vice-President. Alternates to the State 4-H Council will be in this order: Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Public Relations Chairman.
14. **ADVISORS** - The District 2 4-H Council shall have two county Extension agents as advisors to be appointed by the District Extension Directors. Each standing committee shall have advisors that will also be appointed by the District Extension Directors.
15. **AMENDMENTS** - These rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.
16. **SPECIAL RULE** - There shall be no alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor) in possession of any 4-H member traveling to, from, or during 4-H activities. All members must sign a current State 4-H Code of Conduct form.