

Waller FFA Chapter **Departmental Rules and Policies**

Active Membership

Membership in the Waller FFA Chapter shall be as follows:

High School: Student must be enrolled in an agricultural science course at Waller High School during the semester(s) of membership and pay dues according to the following schedule:

Local.....	\$ 21.00
District.....	\$ 2.50
Area.....	\$ 2.50
State.....	\$ 7.00
National.....	\$ 7.00
Total annual dues.....	\$ 40.00
T-Shirt.....	\$ 20.00
Total.....	\$ 60.00

Fall Membership Deadline: September 25th

Spring Membership Deadline: Feb 2nd

All students are required to pay dues in order to participate in any FFA activity

FFA Privileges

FFA Membership privileges are but not limited to the following:

- a) Exhibition of Livestock and Poultry (Local, County, State)
- b) FFA Team Competition (Example: LDE, CDE, Speaking, Ag Mechanics)
- c) FFA Award and Degree Programs (Example: Scholarship, Star, Proficiency)
- d) Leadership Opportunity Local and Above (Officer, Camp, Meeting, Convention)
- e) Regularly scheduled meetings.
- f) Participation in chapter fundraising activities.
- g) Participation in the chapter banquets.
- h) Participation in Community Service

FFA Expectations

Active FFA members must adhere to the policies set forth in the local constitution and bylaws, as well as, the rules and policies set forth in this document.

Meetings will be held on a Monday of each month they are on the calendar on our website. Parents are not required to attend but are advised to attend the Booster Club meeting which is held at the same time.

Active members must attend 7 of the 9 regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year in order to participate in ANY chapter activities. (See above FFA Privileges)

Junior FFA Membership

Student must attend school in the Waller I.S.D., grades (3-8); be at least 8 years old and must meet at least one of the following eligibility requirements:

Dues will be \$60.00 and must be collected by Sept. 25, 2023.

Junior FFA Privileges

Jr. FFA Membership privileges are limited to the following:

- a.) Exhibition of Livestock and Poultry above the local level.
- b.) Livestock Evaluation Team Competition.
- c.) Regularly scheduled meetings.
- d.) Participation in chapter fundraising activities.
- e.) Participation in the chapter banquets.

Jr. FFA Expectations

For those students that choose to exhibit their livestock or poultry projects through Waller Jr. FFA, the following is required.

- a.) If the student is part of both Waller Jr. FFA and a 4-H club, then they must declare which organization they will exhibit their livestock or poultry projects under at the time of any county or major show validation.
- b.) It is expected that students exhibiting livestock or poultry projects through the Waller Jr. FFA Program must attend at least **4** Jr. FFA meetings throughout the year in order to show.
- c.) Meetings will be held on a Monday of each month the dates are posted on our calendar on our FFA Website.

Chapter Officers

Chapter officers serve as a vital part of the Waller FFA program. It should be the officers' goal to lead by example and encourage other members to participate in chapter activities. The following positions will be considered annually on the local level. (See Constitution for selection procedures)

- 1. Local candidates for state office.
- 2. Local candidate for area office.
- 3. Local candidate for district office.
- 4. Chapter offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Student Advisor. In the event an officer is removed, resigned, or cannot fulfill their duties; roles will be absorbed within the team.

Eligibility and term limitations for local officers shall be as follows

- 1. Officer candidate must have fulfilled all requirements for the Green Hand degree; must have participated on at least one of the following: Texas FFA L.D.E. or Texas FFA C.D.E., and have an SAE that is fully recorded in the AET Record book.

2. Officer candidates must fill out and return an officer contract to apply and participate in an interview, exam, essay, and chapter vote.
3. The term limit for any member to hold a chapter office will be no more than three years.

Officer Election Process

1. A committee consisting of three or more individuals will interview and rank all candidates. The interview will be worth 30% of the total score.
2. The candidates will take an exam and be ranked based on score. The exam will be worth 15% of the total score. In the event of a tie score, candidates will be given the same ranking. Students will be given 45 minutes to complete the exam.
3. The candidates will write an essay and essay's will be ranked by a third party. The essay will be worth 15% of the total score. The essay topic will be revealed to all candidates at the same time prior to beginning the writing process. Students will have 60 minutes to complete the essay.
4. The members of the Waller FFA Chapter will also conduct a chapter vote on officer candidates that will be worth 20% of the total score.
5. The members of the Waller FFA will complete the application packet which is worth 20% of the total score.
6. In the event of a tie, the student with the highest placing in the interview will receive the position.

Team/Individual FFA Competitions

Leadership Development Events (LDE)

- Chapter Conducting (Jr. and Sr.)
- Skills Demonstration (Jr. and Sr.)
- FFA Quiz Contest (Jr. and Sr.)
- FFA Creed Speaking (Jr. and Sr.)
- Agricultural Issues Forum
- Job Interview
- FFA Radio
- Public Relations
- Ag Advocacy

Career Development Events (CDE)

- Livestock Evaluation
- Floriculture
- Farm Business Management
- Poultry Evaluation
- Veterinary Science
- Meats Evaluation
- Dairy Judging
- Milk Quality
- Forage
- Wildlife

The following is a list of contests in the FFA that the Waller chapter may compete in annually. Team member selection/appointment will be based on criteria developed by the team coach, or advisor.

Selection Criteria

- a.) Students will sign up for the event that he/she is interested in.
- b.) Once signed up students will be given scripts/study material in which they are expected to review/memorize by a deadline given by the coach.
- c.) Students will be given practice and competition dates. Any student who does not feel that he/she can be there those dates will be asked to step down from their respected contest.
- d.) In the event more than the required number to fulfill a team tryout, then it will be the coach's discretion on final team participants.
- e.) Students may be removed from a specific position or team at any time.
- f.) All final placement decisions will be made by the Ag Teachers as they see fit.

Eligibility/Dress for team/individual participation

- a.) All students, regardless of grade -level or contest event, must be academically eligible to compete in FFA contests.
- b.) LDE participants are expected to perform in official dress at each contest above the local level that the LDE team participates in. Official dress will be as described in the current FFA Manual.

Project Procurement and Management

The SAE is a vital part of the FFA Program. The local chapter encourages students to become involved by participating in an SAE. One example of an SAE is a livestock project for exhibition at livestock shows. The FFA advisors are available to help students with the selection and management process.

Guidelines to be followed for this Process

- 1. The FFA member shall sign up for whatever species that they are interested in exhibiting for certain shows by a date selected by the advisors.
- 2. If the student needs assistance with the selection of the project, then the parent/guardian must make contact with the advisor to discuss budget, quantity, and facility. (ex. John Ford- two sheep at 800.00)
- 3. The Waller FFA Chapter does not have a project barn for students to keep projects at for the duration of the feeding period.
- 4. Project visitations will be coordinated by the advisor and student.

The Waller ISD Agriculture Science Teachers (AST) shall be the final authorities of these rules and regulations and shall settle all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of connection with, or incidental to the program.

The Waller Independent School District, as an equal opportunity educational provider and employer, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in educational programs or activities that it operates or in employment decisions.

The chapter will participate as a show team.

1. The Waller AST's will be involved and or notified of the students purchasing SAE's. The AST must be kept in the loop if the project is to be shown under Waller FFA.
2. WISD AST's in charge of the species in question has final say as to whether an animal will be entered at Livestock Shows under the Waller FFA Chapter.
3. Transportation to livestock shows will be provided if there is a need and there are a reasonable number of members participating at the same time. This of course depends on trailers and trucks available at the time.
4. Waller ISD will adhere to any and all UIL rules.

The normal procedures for a student to attend a livestock show as part of the Waller FFA are as follows. For the safety and well-being of the student, there will be parental responsibility for the supervision as well as the expenses related to the animal project, i.e. feed, lodging, meals and transportation. Logistically, while at the livestock show, teachers and students work together on the animals. After they are finished, they depart for the day and meet back the next morning. When the students and parents depart the livestock show grounds, they are on their own-responsible for themselves, if under parent supervision. This is no different from a student going home from school. This is a standard and normal procedure for attending the shows and exhibiting these animals. This is another reason why there are no permission forms required of parents. The parent/guardian is present and assumes responsibility for the student.

County & Major Livestock Show Exhibition/Participation

Approved livestock show list where members can expect advisor supervision.

****Only if dates do not conflict with the Waller County Fair.**

1. Advisor will be available for supervision when **3 or more project entries of the same species** are exhibited in the show's breeding or market division.
2. In the event there is conflict between shows, the advisor will attend the show with the greater participation and representation of the chapter. If this occurs the parent would be expected to handle show arrangements.

Entry requirements and chapter guidelines

1. FFA members exhibiting a project as a part of their SAE, under the supervision of the local advisor at the county or major show level, must adhere to the policies stated in the show's premium book or list of rules. Exhibitors failing to comply with the show's rules can be suspended indefinitely.

2. Parents will be required to print, fill out, and submit completed Major show entry forms with proper signatures and notary to the Ag Science Dept. no later than October 29th for the Texas Majors. No entries will be accepted by the advisor after the deadline date set by the chapter. Parents/students will also be required to complete the quality counts test as needed. Go to <http://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/verification/> Click on "Take a test and become verified" enter name and DOB and select Waller FFA. Then take the test and keep Quality Counts Number for entry forms.

3. The advisors will coordinate a schedule of show related guidelines for exhibitors to adhere to (ie.--feeding times, clean-up shifts, etc.) while at the livestock show. Exhibitors failing to comply with those guidelines will be suspended from further project exhibition as a part of the Waller FFA.

4. Waivers for substitute exhibitors at major stock shows will only be allowed to those students experiencing illness, family business, or varsity athletic competition (participation in games that determine team advancement). Conflicts due to other non-district/team advancement games in varsity athletic competition will not justify the use of a waiver.

5. For information regarding specific livestock species please contact the following AST sponsoring and overseeing the species:

- Swine- Kaitlynn Barkley/Ralph Stokley
- Lambs/Goats- Chase Leblanc/Ralph Stokley
- Poultry- Chase Leblanc/Ralph Stokley
- Rabbits- Justin DiIorio
- Cattle- Justin DiIorio/Ralph Stokley

Student/SAE transportation and overnight accommodations:

1. Hauling arrangements to the livestock show will be coordinated by the advisors. Parent and/or guardians of students exhibiting an SAE will be asked to transport livestock. If you are needing an AST to haul an animal to either the county show, school show, or a major show, you must give supervising AST three weeks' notice of the event. Use of the school stock trailers will be available upon request. See trailer request policy.
2. Overnight accommodations will be coordinated by the advisor/parents. Students will be responsible for all of their expenses incurred.

TJLA (Texas Junior Livestock Association) disclaimer statement

1. Waller FFA members participating in TJLA activities will do so with the understanding that:
 - a.) Advisors are not required to supervise their project(s) while at a TJLA sanctioned event (other than the fore-mentioned major shows).
 - b.) The Waller FFA chapter will not be held responsible for participating in a TJLA event (with the exception of the fore-mentioned shows).
 - c.) Use of the school stock trailers will not be available for TJLA shows

Fundraisers

FFA members will be called upon periodically to assist the chapter's treasury by participating in fundraisers.

1. Examples: Meat, Cookie, Gift Sales.
 2. All members are encouraged to participate.
 3. High School FFA members that participate in LDE, CDE and SAE projects are required to sell a minimum of \$250 or they have the option to buy out for \$250.
 4. Officers- refer to Waller FFA Officer Application Packet for requirements
- Deposit and use of funds.
1. Funds will be deposited into the following: Waller FFA Activity Account
 2. The FFA advisors will determine the needs of the chapter and its members and will decide on how funds generated from fundraisers will be disbursed.

Travel to State & National Convention

Member selection process for travel to state and national FFA convention
The following criteria will be used to determine candidate qualifications for travel to the state and national convention. Priority status will be awarded for criteria noted with the symbol (+)

<u>Qualifications</u>	<u>Level of Participation</u>
-Award finalists or winners	State and National
-District and Area Officers	State and National
-Chapter Officers	State and National
-Chapter Members	National

Academic eligibility/Selection Process for travel to state & national convention

- Students planning to travel to the state & national FFA convention must be academically eligible to travel to these conventions.

Waller FFA Livestock Show and Sale

(Refer to "Annual Waller FFA Livestock Show & Sale Rules")

Appendix

See appendix for Greenhand and Chapter Degree Applications, Officer Contract, Trailer and Equipment Usage, and Membership and Rules Acknowledgment Form.

Kevin Moran, Superintendent
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2023-2024
Waller FFA and Jr. FFA Membership and Rules
Acknowledgment Form

Annual Membership for the Waller FFA and Jr. FFA Chapter runs for September 1 to August 31 each year. Members wishing to join are required to pay annual dues. This form along with dues must be received no later than Sept. 25, 2023. Make checks payable to Waller FFA.

In the spaces below please provide proper contact information

Parent or Guardian Contact Information

Parents Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent's Contact Phone Number _____

Current Email Address: (Please list both parents' email if applicable)

**By signing this document, I (we) are acknowledging that we read
the Waller FFA Constitution and Waller FFA Departmental rules
and agree to follow those rules as printed.**

Student Signature: _____

Student ID: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____