

# Constitution and By-Laws

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF  
THE TENNESSEE 4-H COUNCIL

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Tennessee 4-H Council and shall be the governing body of 4-H in Tennessee.

ARTICLE II

Qualification of Members

Section 1. The membership of the Tennessee 4-H Council shall consist of the following.

1. Four Senior representatives – one from each of the four Extension districts.
2. One junior representative from each of the four Extension districts for each 1500 or major fraction thereof of senior 4-H members (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) in the district on October 1, of the previous year, not to exceed a maximum of three (3) not a minimum of (1) representative per district.
3. Two Representatives-at-Large
4. The President of the Tennessee 4-H Council
5. The Big Chief, Lesser Chief, and Scribe of the Tennessee 4-H All Stars.
6. The Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Speaker of the Senate of the Tennessee 4-H Congress.
7. The President of the Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers.
8. The Chairman of the:
  - a. Tennessee 4-H Foundation
  - b. 4-H Committee of Volunteer Leaders
  - c. Tennessee 4-H Alumni

Section 2. No person shall occupy one position on the Council at the same time he/she is occupying another position on the Council.

### ARTICLE III

#### Officers

The officers of the Council shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary. The officers shall be elected annually and shall serve only one year in any one office.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Meeting

The Council shall hold bi-annual conferences at intervals of approximately six months. Special meetings may be called by the Council President, following approval by the state 4-H staff.

### ARTICLE V

#### Amendment

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at anytime during the State 4-H Roundup by a three-fourths majority vote of the delegates in attendance at Roundup, if (1) suggested amendments have been approved by the state 4-H staff and by a two-thirds majority vote of the State Council, (2) due notice of the proposed amendments have been mailed at least thirty (30) days in advance of Roundup to county agents for distribution to the delegates to Roundup, at (3) suggested amendments have been presented at a session of Roundup at least one day but no more than five days before the vote is taken.

### ARTICLE VI

#### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Tennessee 4-H Council shall consist of the following:

1. President, Tennessee 4-H Council
2. Governor, Tennessee 4-H Congress
3. State All Star Big Chief
4. Secretary, Tennessee 4-H Council
5. President, Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### Selection of District Representatives

Section 1. At the designated time during State 4-H Roundup, delegates shall meet by districts and elect from their midst a nominee for President of the State Council, who, if not elected, shall become a district senior representative. He/she shall be in the eleventh grade as of January 1 of the current year and shall hold membership in the Tennessee 4-H Honor Club. They shall take office at the end of Roundup.

Section 2. Junior Representatives. Following the election of senior representatives, each district shall elect from their midst their junior representative(s) who shall be in the tenth grade as of January 1 of the current year and shall hold membership in the Tennessee 4-H Honor Club. They shall take office at the end of Roundup.

Section 3. At said district meetings, each district shall elect one alternate senior representative and one alternate junior representative. These alternate representatives shall meet the same eligibility requirements as a regular representative.

The senior alternate representative shall become the senior representative in the event the person nominated for President by his/her district is elected to that office. The person elected as Vice President shall also serve his/her district as representative.

When a district representative is unable to fulfill the duties, the alternate representative shall become a representative as long as necessary. A district representative may resume the duties (provide he/she has not resigned) by notifying the President and the state 4-H staff that he/she is able to do so. In the event there is no alternate district representative, a member from the district may be appointed to fill the position by Extension Supervisors and State Council members from the district.

Section 4. The two Representatives-at-Large shall be appointed by the Dean of the Agriculture Extension Service. The Representatives-at-large shall be in the tenth or eleventh school grade as of January 1 of the current year and shall hold membership in the Tennessee 4-H Honor Club.

### ARTICLE II

#### Election of Officers

Section 1. The President and Vice President shall be elected from the four nominees for President by secret ballot by the delegates to State 4-H Roundup. Each delegate shall have one ballot on which to vote for two of the nominees for President. The candidate receiving the highest total vote shall be elected President. The candidate receiving the second highest number

of votes shall be elected Vice President. Ballots, on which more or less than two (2) candidates have received votes, shall be considered void.

Section 2. At the first Council meeting, following Roundup, all members of the Council shall elect a Secretary from the representatives – excluding those who represent the districts the President and Vice President represent.

### ARTICLE III

#### Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall perform all other duties that usually pertain to the office of President.

Section 2. The Vice President shall assist the President in conducting the work of the Council. In the President's absence, the Vice President shall assume the duties of presiding officer.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and shall make at least three copies of the same, one for the records of the Secretary, one for the President, and one for the state staff, and shall be responsible for the distribution of the same.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Vote Eligibility

Only Tennessee senior 4-H members who are official delegates attending State 4-H Roundup are qualified to vote on any question pending before the assembly at Roundup or in any election at Roundup.

### ARTICLE V

#### Quorum

Section 1. Two thirds of the delegates registered for State Roundup shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the delegates at State Roundup.

Section 2. Thirteen members of the Council shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council.

ARTICLE VI

Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed in conducting all business of the Council, except in which cases other rules of procedures are specifically designated by the Constitution and its By-Laws.

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