

CONSTITUTION OF EASTERN REGION 4-H ALL STARS

(Effective January 1, 2025)

(Latest changes approved by delegation to 2024 Fall Conference)



ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Eastern Region 4-H All Stars and shall be associated with the 4-H Development programs of The University of Tennessee Extension and Tennessee State University Extension.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of the organization shall be to encourage service through both individual and cooperative efforts. The motto of this organization shall be “Service,” and it shall stand ready to lend its aid to any worthy cause in the promotion of both rural and urban life. Each individual member shall be expected to make a personal application of the motto.

ARTICLE III – QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Eastern Region 4-H All Star organization shall include the following:

Section 1. Active Members: The active All Star membership will consist of those members who have been chosen from the roll of eligible 4-H Honor Club members and who have been initiated at one of the biennial conferences.

Section 2. Honorary Members: Power is delegated to the executive committee to grant honorary lifetime membership at the discretion of the committee. (See Article X, Section 1 for definition of Executive Committee)

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND THEIR SELECTION

The officers of this organization shall be Chief (President), Deputy Chief (Vice President), Scribe (Secretary), Eagle Scout (Parliamentarian), Elder Scout, At-Large Scout and four Area Scouts. The officers shall be selected annually and shall serve only one year in any one office. There shall also be a Regional Advisor who serves as the Treasurer. He/she must be a member of the Regional Extension Staff and may serve for any number of years. (See Article X, Section 1 for definition of Executive Committee) (See Constitutional Supplement for further definition of positional duties)

ARTICLE V – MEETING

This organization shall hold semi-annual conferences. Business of the organization shall be conducted at both conferences and officers elected at the spring conference. The organization shall hold any additional sessions that the Executive Committee deems necessary and in the interest of the organization, following approval by the Regional Advisor. (See Article X, Section 1 for definition of Executive Committee)

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENT

This constitution and by-laws may be amended at any session of a conference by two thirds majority vote of the members in attendance at the conference, provided suggested amendment shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. **Due notice of the proposed amendments shall be made available to all active members at least thirty days in advance of the Regional All Star Conference, at which time a vote is to be taken on said amendments.** (See Article X, Section 1 for definition of Executive Committee)

ARTICLE VII – SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Active Members.

A. Each county shall have the privilege of recommending as many nominees for membership as meet the requirements.

B. The following qualifications should be considered in the selection of nominees: 1. Active 4-H Club member

2. The member may be initiated anytime during the Fall or Spring conference of his/her freshman year or any succeeding year that he/she has been an active 4-H member.
3. Completion of one year of active 4-H Club work immediately prior to initiation.
4. Must be a member of the Tennessee 4-H Honor Club.
5. Complete an All Star application and pass the initiation test that is administered prior to the conference.
6. Outstanding leadership ability.
7. Commendable character.
8. Above-average project work.
9. Willingness to serve.

C. New Initiates will complete the online application and email it to their 4-H Agent. The form can be found on the All Star website. New Initiates will also complete the New Initiate Test which is located on the All Star website. This will be completed and submitted by the deadline which will be set by the Regional Advisor.

D. Applications for membership in Eastern Region All Stars shall be submitted prior to Conference. All applications are subject to the review of All Star Council, the Regional Advisors, the six agent advisors, and any other regional personnel. Such reviewers reserve the right to reject any applications found unsuitable.

Section 2. Transfers from other Regions in Tennessee

The Eastern Region All Stars will accept transfers from other Regions using the following procedure:

The 4-H Agent in the Eastern Region County where the transfer member resides will contact the Regional Advisor to get them added to the Eastern Region All Star roster.

Section 3. Membership Restrictions

Upon termination of 4-H membership, active membership in All Stars will automatically cease-

ARTICLE VIII – FUNDS

Section 1. Initiation fee

The Eastern Region 4-H All Star organization initiation fee will be \$8.00 per member to be paid to the Regional Advisor. Of this amount, \$5.00 will be paid to the State All Star Advisor before January 1 of each year for the purpose of state dues. The remainder will go into the general treasury for general operation of the Eastern Region All Stars. This fee is subject to be waived by the discretion of the Regional Advisor.

Section 2. Funds

General Fund: This fund shall consist of all monies collected for initiation fees and other fundraising projects.

ARTICLE IX – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Chief shall preside at all meetings and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of president, as described in the official position description of Eastern Region All Star officers.

Section 2. The Deputy Chief shall assist the Chief in conducting the work of the organization and in his/her absence would assume his/her duties. He/she will also perform other duties as described in the official position description of Eastern Region All Star officers.

Section 3. The Scribe shall keep record of all meetings and shall publish a quarterly newsletter. and perform other duties as described in the official position description of Eastern Region All Star officers.

Section 4. The Eagle Scout will serve as parliamentarian. He/she will also locate and present the selected members to the Chief during the Initiation ceremonies and perform other duties as described in the official position description of Eastern Region All Star officers

Section 5. The duties of the Elder Scout shall be to provide help to and preside over area scouts, serve as a contact for 4-H agents and area scouts, take photos at events to be used in promotional materials, and perform other duties as described in the official position description of Eastern Region All Star officers.

Section 6. The primary duty of the At-Large Scout will be to promote All Star participation and attendance from counties who struggle to have representatives at All Star events and conferences.

Section 7. There shall be four area scouts, one from each sub region, that are responsible for assisting with sub regional activities for the region they represent. They also will serve on the All Star Council,- assist with all All Star activities as needed or as determined by the Regional Chief, and perform other duties as described in the official position description of Eastern Region All Star officers.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Regional All Star Advisor to receive and disburse all funds of the organization.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of Eastern Region All Star Council members, the Regional Advisor, and the 4-H Agents who serve as agent advisors.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of this committee (1) to conduct the executive business of the region, (2) to consider amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and to make recommendations concerning them to the region, (3) to investigate and conduct all cases of recall, (4) to review recommendations for membership (5) to hold business meetings of the Executive Committee as needed to transact any business that should be acted upon at that time, these meetings to be called by the Chief.

ARTICLE XI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at a session of the annual Spring Conference, and shall be, with the exception of area scouts, elected before the induction of new members at conference.

Section 2. Nominees for all offices shall not have passed the 11th grade as of January 1 of the current year.

Section 3. Assumption of Office: Officers shall take office at the conclusion of Spring Conference.

Section 4. One scout representing each sub region shall be elected. This election will take place on the Sunday morning. This will allow for members to run who were not elected in the general officer election on Saturday. If there are no eligible candidates from that sub region present, then an additional at-large scout will be elected from the entire region.

Section 5. Eligibility for State Office: Any currently serving All Star Officer who has been an All Star for two years is eligible to run at the second Roundup of their membership.

Section 6. Selection of Elder and At-Large Scouts: Both of these positions will be selected by the Eastern Region All Star Advisors based on an interview conducted at the conference. Candidates wishing to run for this office will need to complete an officer application and have it turned in by the officer application deadline. These candidates will not be eligible to run for any other officer position except for Area Scout (only if they have never served in this position.)

Section 7. Resignation or Recall of a Council members other than Area Scouts: In the event of an officer resignation or recall of any council members other than Area Scouts, the order of succession, with the exception of Scribe, will be At-Large to Elder, Elder to Eagle Scout, Eagle Scout to Deputy Chief, Deputy Chief to Chief. An application will be

opened to fill the At-Large position with final selection being made by the Executive Committee. The moving into another position as described above will not disqualify one from running next term for that office.

Section 8. Area Scout Resignation or Recall: In the event an Area Scout resigns or is recalled, an application will be opened for a new Area Scout from that area. Final selection will be made by the Executive Committee with preference given to the second place in that Area Scout election if a second place existed. The moving into another position as described above will not disqualify one from running next term for that office.

ARTICLE XII – RECALL

The chapter shall have the right to expel from membership anyone it deems unworthy. Charges brought against a member must be referred to the Executive Committee for investigation and said committee must give the accused the opportunity to defend himself/herself. A vote shall be taken by the Region following the report of the Executive Committee. A three-fourth vote is required for the expulsion of a member. (See Article X, Section 1 for definition of Executive Committee)

ARTICLE XIII – QUORUM

One half of the active All Stars registered for a semi-annual conference shall constitute a quorum at any session of the conference.

ARTICLE XIV – RULES OF ORDER

Robert’s Rules of Order will be followed in conducting all business of the organization, except in cases where other rules of procedure are specifically designated by this Constitution and its By-Laws.