COASTAL BEND DISTRICT 11 4-H COUNCIL
Voting Procedures

OFFICER ELECTIONS
Officer elections of the District 11 4-H Council will be conducted during Leadership Lab. All candidates must complete an Officer Candidate Registration Form (2 pages) and submit it to the District Office to be **RECEIVED <u>no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday,</u> May 17, 2024.** The guidelines for campaigning are also included on the registration form. This form is attached and may also be downloaded from the District 11 4-H website: http://d114-h.tamu.edu

County Extension Agents should also make sure each officer candidate gets a copy of the District 11 4-H Council Officer Election Procedures. The election process will include scoring of each candidate's speech (20 points), popular vote (35 points), and an interview (45 points).

Based on District Council By-Laws:
• Age of Officer Candidates: All officer candidates must be at least 15 years old as of August 31 of the calendar year in which they are installed as a District Officer. The Chair and 1st Vice Chair must be at least 16 years old as of August 31 of the calendar year in which they are installed as a district officer.
• Term of Office: An officer is not eligible to serve the same office for more than one year. Officers shall be elected to a higher office if elected to an office a second time.

It is suggested that each county have their County 4-H Council nominate one delegate to run for District 11 4-H Council Office.

District 11 4-H Council Standing Rules state that the officer shall be elected from the members who are currently serving on District Council (as a current officer or a district council delegate). If these candidates are not eligible to run, or do not wish to run, the county may select a representative to run for district office in accordance with the county standing rules. Each officer candidate should be someone who is sincerely interested in and willing to fulfill the officer's duties. The term of office is September 1, 2024 thru August 31, 2025.

NUMBER OF DISTRICT OFFICER CANDIDATES
Counties may send ONLY one candidate to run for District Office.

VOTING DELEGATES
Each county may have up to 4 voting delegates. **COUNTY OFFICES SHOULD DESIGNATE ON 4-H CONNECT** the 4 voting delegates representing the county. Remember, graduated seniors may attend Leadership Lab but cannot be voting delegates. **The current, 2023-2024 District Council Officers**

who have graduated are NOT allowed to vote in the officer elections at Leadership Lab.

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District 11 4-H Council Officer Election Procedures
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The election of District 11 4-H Council officers will be broken down by the following categories & points:

Popular Vote	20
Speech	35
Interview	<u>45</u>
	100 maximum score

Candidates running for <u>re-election</u> will be eligible for an <u>additional 5 points</u> awarded by the current officer team. The award value will be determined by a consensus decision based on previous years' performance. Each officer will be allowed to give a maximum score of 5 points. Points from the officer team will be averaged to determine the additional points added to the candidates total score.

Officer Application
Candidates must complete a Coastal Bend District 11 4-H Council Officer Candidate Registration Form by the announced deadline, listing activities, leadership, and community service. The interview panel will refer to this information during the interview. APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO JT McClellen AT jt.mcclellen@ag.tamu.edu.

Popular Vote
The popular vote will be worth 20 points. Candidates may participate in the popular vote if they are a designated voting delegate. In the event leadership lab is canceled, voting will be held virtually.

Speech
The speech will be worth a total of 35 points. Candidates have a maximum of 3 minutes to deliver the speech. It will be evaluated by an anonymous individual(s), based on composition/organization and delivery. A question may be asked by the moderator to all candidates at the conclusion of each speech.

Interview
The candidate interview will be worth 45 points. Interviews will be conducted virtually before Leadership Lab. **Interview will be June 9, 2024 from 1-4 pm via Microsoft Teams.** Interviews will be scored using a predetermined scoresheet. Interviews will be conducted by a panel of judges (consisting of no less than 3 individuals including the highest ranking graduating council officer) and will be based on the following categories:
- Project experiences (10 points)
- Leadership (10 points)
- Community service (10 points)
- Other activities (5 points)
- 4-H knowledge / (10 points-2 questions)

Procedure of Elections
The candidates will then be interviewed by a panel of judges. The average of the scores from the judges will constitute the points given for the interview portion of the election process. At leadership lab (or other designated event) the district officer candidates will present a 3-minute (maximum time limit) speech to all voting delegates. The average of the judges scores will constitute the points given for the speech portion of the election process.

The popular vote will be taken, one office/position at a time, in the following order (round): Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman*, 3rd Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Chair, and Parliamentarian. The number of votes received during the popular vote will be recorded for each candidate. This number will be added to the pre-determined application, interview and speech scores. The candidate with the highest number of points in the first round of the popular vote will be announced as Chairman.

The popular vote for the second round, 1st Vice-Chairman, will be conducted next. The number of votes received during the popular vote will be recorded for each remaining candidate. This number will be added to the pre-determined application, interview and speech scores. The candidate with the highest number of points in the second round of the popular vote will be announced as 1st Vice-Chairman.

This procedure will be completed until all offices have been filled.*