

Big Muddy FFA District Constitution

(As amended at the Summer Meeting, June 2006)

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the *Big Muddy FFA District*.

Article II. Objectives of the Organization

The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the organization's federal charter,

Public Law 81-740. The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials for vocational education in accomplishing the following objectives:

1. To further benefit the education of agriculture education students.
2. To organize and conduct Career Development Events.
3. To organize and conduct Leadership activities.

Article III. Organization

Section A

The Big Muddy FFA District is the organization of, by, and for students enrolled in agricultural education programs. It shall consist of chartered, local chapters.

Section B

Members of the Big Muddy FFA District shall be determined by the Montana FFA Association. Members shall be those chapters that reside in the Big Muddy FFA District as determined by the boundaries of the district.

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Section C

The District Chairperson shall be the FFA Advisor rotating each year and denoted on the attached Big Muddy CDE Rotation sheet.

Section D

The permanent location for District Leadership School shall be in Wolf Point. The rotation of Career Development Events is on the attached “Big Muddy CDE Rotations” sheet.

Section E

The DLS and CDE rotation may be amended by a majority vote of the District Advisors, either in person, via electronic mail, or telephone.

Article IV. Procedures for Determining Standing of Chapters

A chapter shall be in good standing with the district when the career development fee has been paid to the district treasurer by the deadline.

Article V. Career Development Events

Section A.

All Career Development Events, which are covered by the Career Development Event Handbook, and conducted by/for the **Big Muddy FFA District** shall adhere strictly to the guidelines that are expressly written in the current Career Development Event Handbook which is available from the National FFA Organization. There shall be no “implied, understood, or expressed rules”. Any changes or alterations of event rules must be in writing and agreed upon by a majority of the Big Muddy District advisors, and made available to all district members no less than two weeks prior to the Career Development Event.

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Section B.

Any Career Development Events which are conducted by/for the **Big Muddy FFA District**, and are not covered by the Career Development Event Handbook from the National FFA Organization, shall adhere strictly to the guidelines which are expressly written in the current Montana Activities and Awards Bulletin. There shall be no “implied, understood, or expressed rules”. Any changes or alterations of event rules must be in writing and agreed upon by a majority of the Big Muddy District advisors, and made available to all district members no less than two weeks prior to the Career Development Event.

Section C.

In the event that any Career Development Events are conducted by/for the **Big Muddy FFA District**, and are not covered by the Career Development Event Handbook or the Montana Activities and Awards Bulletin, the guidelines and rules shall be determined by a majority vote of the Big Muddy District advisors. These guidelines shall be in writing and made available to all district members no less than two weeks prior to the Career Development Event.

Section D.

The Big Muddy FFA District will also recognize an overall sweepstakes winner and two sweepstakes categories based on the accepted district CDEs. There will be an Ag Production Division (Agronomy, Livestock Evaluation, Ag Mechanics, Farm Business Management, Ag Sales, Floriculture) and a Leadership Division (Extemporaneous Speaking, prepared Public Speaking, Greenhand, Creed Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure) with the top three chapters being awarded in each of the three sweepstakes category.

1. The Big Muddy FFA District will award all points towards sweepstakes by actual event placing, with the lowest score winning.
2. If an individual or team ties, one tie all tie will be the accepted rule.
3. All Career Development Event tests, practicums, activities and final score sheets or an average of the score sheets will be returned for each CDE to each participating chapter.
4. Each chapter in the Big Muddy FFA District will pay a career development fee of \$100 to the district treasurer by the designated deadline.

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5. The Parliamentary Procedure CDE will be judged by four Big Muddy FFA District advisors. Three to judge the presentation and one to judge the minutes of each presentation based on National CDE guidelines. Two of the four judges will be changed annually with no judge being able to judge more than two consecutive years. The district host of the Parliamentary Procedure CDE will determine the judges, based on the above criteria. 2000-2001 will begin the rotation.

6. One Big Muddy FFA District advisor, each, will administer the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE and the Prepared Public Speaking CDE the day of the event. No advisor will administer these CDEs for more than two consecutive years. 2000-2001 will begin the rotation.

7. The Greenhand and FFA Creed Speaking CDEs will be judged by three impartial judges (of which may be an advisor(s) without a competing member). The judges should be from the agricultural industry and have previous or continual FFA knowledge/involvement. The accepted Greenhand CDE is that accepted by a majority vote of the district advisors. The accepted score sheet for the FFA Creed Speaking CDE is that which is listed in the National CDE guidelines.

Article VI. Amendments

The Big Muddy FFA District Constitution may be amended any time by a majority vote of the district advisors at any meeting where there is a quorum, or via roll call vote over the telephone or electronic mail.

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