

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
THE LAWRENCE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOARD**

ARTICLE I - TITLE

SECTION 1 This organization shall be called the Lawrence County Junior Fair Board.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1 The objective of this group shall be to promote youth development placing emphasis on agriculture, family and consumer sciences, science and leadership, to promote general community improvement. The group will promote the welfare of Lawrence County boys and girls through their exhibits and activities at the Lawrence County Fair and, whenever possible, the activities of the junior exhibitors shall be coordinated for the benefit of the total group by cooperating and assisting the Lawrence County Agricultural Society in any matter.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 Membership is open to youth between 14 and 18 years of age (as of January 1 of the current year) of 4-H, FFA and any other youth organization actively participating at the Lawrence County Junior Fair.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 Each representative will serve a two year term and cannot serve over two consecutive two year terms.

SECTION 2 The advisor or instructor of each organization of the Board will advise its members on the Board activities, but is not entitled to vote in a meeting.

SECTION 3 Membership shall consist of the following representation:

Ten (10) representatives from 4-H

One (1) representative from each county FFA chapter

One (1) representative each from any other youth organization that actively participates in the Lawrence County Junior Fair.

It will be the responsibility of each organization to fill the available positions on the Junior Fair Board.

SECTION 4 The position of a Board member who has missed three consecutive meeting shall be declared vacant. If members cannot attend the meeting they should call the Extension office or an officer, prior to the meeting. The dismissed member will not be eligible for the Junior Fair Board again. A letter of dismissal will be sent to the member and the advisor or instructor of the member's organization by the Junior Fair Board secretary.

SECTION 5 All Board members must be a member of their organization and shall continue in their organization while serving on the Board.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION

SECTION 1 Applications for members must be submitted to the Lawrence County 4-H Youth Development Agent by November 15. 4-H representatives shall be selected in December by an interview team consisting of the 4-H agent or a representative of the 4-H Committee, a representative of the Senior Fair Board and 3 representatives from the Junior Fair Board.

SECTION 2 An annual election of officers shall be at the organizational meeting in January.

SECTION 3 The term of office of members shall expire and that of elected members begin on January 1.

ARTICLE VI - ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1 The members of the Advisory Committee may be one Senior Fair Board member, one County Extension Agent, each FFA chapter advisor and any advisor of a youth organization that participates in the Junior Fair.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

SECTION 1 The Board will hold twelve regular meetings a year (one per month).

SECTION 2 The first meeting of the year will be held in January with the installation of new members and election of officers.

SECTION 3 Special meetings may be called by the president of the Board, or advisor, or advisory committee. Meetings can only be canceled by the advisory committee.

SECTION 4 All Junior Fair Board meetings will be open to the public and media.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

SECTION 1 The Junior Fair Board members shall elect the following officers: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other officer as deemed necessary, to serve for one year terms from the membership of the board.

SECTION 2 The President shall preside at the Sessions of the Board and see that rules of the organization are enforced. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings and business of the organization and the Treasurer will keep a record of funds, invoices and perform any other duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer.

SECTION 3 All officers shall be the Junior Fair Board Representatives to the Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board Representatives to the Senior Fair Board shall attend Senior Fair Board meetings and function as a communication link between the two boards.

ARTICLE IX - QUORUM

SECTION 1 A quorum will consist of 50% of the Board to transact business.

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ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Junior Fair Board by a two thirds vote of the members present provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Advisory Committee, and that each Board member has been notified one week in advance of the meeting for considering the amendment.