

**CONSTITUTION**

**Article I**

**Section I NAME**

Name: This organization shall be known as the Block and Bridle Club

**Section II OBJECTIVES**

First: To promote club awareness at Tarleton State University

Second: To promote a higher scholastic standing among students interested in the Agricultural industry.

Third: To bring about a closer relationship among all students.

**Article II**

**Section I MEMBERSHIP**

Members:

- A) Block and Bridle membership shall be open to all majors in support of the Animal Science department.
- B) A member must attend 85% of all scheduled events and/or meetings to be considered active.

**Section II DEPARTURE**

No member of the Block and Bridle Club shall be able to honorably depart from the club except by a majority vote of a quorum of the club.

**Section III EXPULSION**

- A) A member exhibiting unbecoming behavior may be expelled if the Executive Committee deems the offense inexcusable.
- B) Members who willfully obstruct the work of the club, or whose presence is injurious to the club, may be punished by expulsion if deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
- C) Any member who does not pay his/her dues by the set date shall be automatically excluded from membership in Block and Bridle. The date shall be set by the Executive Committee and shall be paid each semester.
- D) No officer shall be relieved of his/her office without formal charges and a duly held trial held by the club and approved by the

Executive Committee. A 2/3 vote of the club shall carry conviction if approved by the Executive Committee.

- E) No expulsion with the exception of those cases covered in C and D shall be made without formal charges and a duly held trial by the club and finding approved by the Executive Committee. A 2/3 vote shall carry the conviction.
- F) Members will be expelled if they fail to attend 85% of all scheduled events and/or meetings. A formal letter shall be issued from the Executive Committee.

**Section IV REINSTATEMENT**

- A) Any person who is expelled from the club for unbecoming conduct or for obstruction of the work shall not be eligible for reinstatement.
- B) Any person expelled from the club for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated at the beginning of the following semester as a member in good standing by payment of dues from the previous semester.
- C) Any person expelled for lack of attendance may be reinstated the following semester on probationary status. The probationary actions will be decided upon by the Executive Committee. If the terms are not followed, the violator will not be eligible for reinstatement.

**Article III**

**Section I EMBLEMS**

Symbol:

The symbol of the Block and Bridle Club shall consist of a large “B” with a meat cleaver and chopping block in the upper half, and a bridle in the lower half. The design of the symbol shall never be changed.

Colors:

The colors of the Block and Bridle Club at Tarleton State University shall be maroon and white.

The National Block and Bridle colors shall be royal purple and navy blue.

Flower:

The flower of the Block and Bridle Club at Tarleton State University shall be the yellow rose of friendship.

The National Block and Bridle flower shall be the lilac.

**Article IV**

**Section I EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The executive officers, ranking in order, shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

**Section II REPRESENTATIVE OFFICERS**

The representative officers shall consist of COAHS Representative, SGA Representative, and Show Team Representative.

**Section III ELECTION**

- A) The officers stated in Section I and II of Article IV shall be elected and installed before the end of each spring semester.
- B) The election procedures shall be decided upon by the executive committee and announced to the membership.
- C) The president shall abstain from voting in elections except in the case of a tie, the President shall be the deciding vote.
- D) Only previous executive officers shall run for the position of President. If necessary, a member can vote to suspend the standing rules.

**Section IV EXECUTIVE OFFICER DUTIES**

Executive Committee:

The executive committee shall consist of all officers listed in Article IV Section I. This committee shall investigate and report on all matters not specifically delegated to some other committee. Each executive officer shall chair at least one event and co-chair at least one event.

President:

The President shall preside at all meetings, enforce observance of the Constitution and By-laws, see that officers perform their official duties, inspect the results of the balloting when deemed necessary, sign all reports drawn by the Secretary and other official documents of the club, appoint committees not already provided for, keep an inventory of all Block and Bridle equipment, and attend all functions.

**Vice-President:**

The duties of the Vice-President shall be to assume the duties of the President in the absence of the president, and to assist in the promotion of the organization as the President may direct, serve as Parliamentarian, issue letters of active or inactive member status, maintain point system, plan all activities and complete paper work for events.

**Secretary:**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings, issue all orders and notices required, conduct all correspondence of the club, make annual report of the club, be responsible for membership attendance, send in an updated roster of members each semester to the National Officers, and add to the constitution all amendments passed by the club.

**Treasurer:**

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money due to the club, keep accurate account of all dues and assessments, pay all orders drawn by the Secretary and countersigned by the President, pay National dues, keep in an accurate roster of all paid members and report it to the Secretary, organize and plan at least one large fundraiser each semester.

**Historian:**

It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare and collect news notes and articles for the publication on all events sponsored by the club, submit articles for publication, keep an updated scrapbook, and submit the scrapbook for the competition at the National Convention.

**Section V REPRESENTATIVE OFFICER DUTIES**

**COAHS (2 Representatives):**

It shall be the duty of the COAHS Representative to attend all COAHS meetings and report back to the club all the COAHS upcoming activities. One (not both) of the COAHS Representatives elected must be a freshman elected in the fall semester. The other representative must not be a freshman.

**SGA (2 Representatives):**

It shall be the duty of the SGA Representatives to attend all SGA meetings and report back to the club all the SGA upcoming activities. One (not both) of the SGA Representatives elected must be a freshman elected in the fall semester. The other representative must not be a freshman.

Show Team Representative:

It shall be the duty of the Show Team Representative to attend all Show Team meetings and report back to the club all the Show Team upcoming activities. This representative will be selected by the Show Team. A Show Team Representative must attend all Block and Bridle Club meetings.

**Section VI FACULTY ADVISORS**

The faculty advisors are the official representatives of the faculty. It shall be their duty to advise the club when such advise is needed.

**Article V**

**Section I MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be held every other Wednesday unless otherwise announced.

**Section II QUORUM**

A quorum of the Block and Bridle Club shall consist of 2/3 vote of its members in attendance. A quorum must be present for the organization to conduct any business.

**Section III ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A) Sign in sheets
- B) Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and vote for approval
- C) Treasurer's report
- D) Committee reports
- E) Old business
- F) New business
- G) Announcements

**Article VI**

**Section I AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this constitution may be made by a 2/3 vote of the active members of the club, provided the amendment is presented at the previous regular meeting.

**Section II DUES**

Each member shall pay the treasurer twenty five dollars for each semester of membership. An additional ten dollars will be paid for membership into Show Team.

**Section III BY-LAWS**

- A) In all questions of parliamentary procedure, Gray's Rules of order shall be the authority.
- B) Upon entrance into the duties of his/her executive office, each executive officer shall be required to take the following oath administered by the current President:
  - a. I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of (naming office) and do all that I can to support the Constitution and By-Laws of the Block and Bridle Club.
- C) The By-Laws of the club may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the active members of the club at a regular meeting, provided the amendment has been announced at the previous meeting.

**Article VII**

**Section I NEW OFFICERS**

The officers provided for by this constitution, which have not been elected, will be elected at the next regular meeting.

**Section II RATIFICATION**

- A) A 2/3 vote of the active members present at the special meeting called to ratify this constitution shall be sufficient for ratification.
- B) This Constitution and By-Laws and any future amendments are subject to faculty and advisory approval.