CONSTITUTION OF THE COLORADO FFA ASSOCIATION AND/OR FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I. Name

Section A: Name: The name of this organization shall be the Colorado FFA Association. Recognized units of the organization may officially use the letters FFA and/or the words "Future Farmers of America" to designate the organization, it's units and/or members.

ARTICLE II. Objectives of the Organization

The primary objectives of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the organization's federal charter, Public Law 105-225. The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials in vocational education to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in agricultural education which prepare students for a wide range of careers in agriculture, agribusiness, and other agriculture-related occupations.

2. To strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective usage of their time; by learning to assume responsibility; and by developing competencies in communications, human relations, and other social abilities leading to the intelligent choice of a career and successful employment or entrepreneurship in the agricultural industry.

3. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism, and thrift; and which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources of the community.

4. To encourage and recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters.

ARTICLE III. Organization

Section A: Organization: The Colorado FFA Association and/or Future Farmers of America is the State Association of, by and for students of vocational education for agricultural occupations. It is composed of affiliated local chapters located in Public Secondary schools providing organized instruction in Agriculture education under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts and the Colorado State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. Collegiate chapters may also be organized and chartered under jurisdiction of the Colorado FFA Association and/or the Future Farmers of America.

Section B: Active FFA chapters shall be chartered only in public secondary schools where systematic instruction in Agricultural Education is provided as an approved program though the Colorado State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. In case the local department of agricultural education in which a chartered chapter of FFA is discontinued, the status of the charter shall be governed by Article IV, Section "B," #4 of the National FFA constitution; but in any event, it must be surrendered at the end of a 36-month period from date of discontinuance of the department if Agricultural Education is not in operation.

Section C: Members of local chapters shall meet, organize, adopt a constitution not in conflict with the State or National constitutions, elect their own officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the State Advisor for a charter in the State Association. After this application has been approved by the State Executive Committee, the members of the local chapter or collegiate chapter may meet and be recognized as Future Farmers of America.

Section D: Collegiate Membership: Collegiate membership may include students enrolled in agricultural courses and former active members of chartered local chapters who are enrolled in a two- or four-year institution having a collegiate chapter.

Section E: District Organization: The State organization may be divided into district organizations for the purpose of holding one or more district meetings per year, in addition to or in connection with district contests. Local FFA chapters situated in the same territory may organize and have the same duties and functions for the district organization as for the State organization, except advancing FFA members to the State Farmer degree or electing delegates to the National FFA Convention or acting in lieu of the State organization.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

Membership in the FFA organization shall be of four kinds: (1) active, (2) alumni, (3) collegiate, and (4) honorary.

Section A: Active Membership: Any student who is regularly enrolled in agricultural education is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter upon receiving majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. Members may retain their active membership until November 30, following the fourth national FFA convention after graduating from high school. A member who is in good standing at the time of induction into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of active service without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. The time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of four conventions following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings. Members participating in the six-months Armed Service Program shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual, however, may retain active membership beyond the 23rd birthday.

Section B: Alumni Membership: Membership shall be open to former active FFA members, collegiate or honorary FFA members, present and former professional agriculture educators, parents of FFA members, and others interested in and supporting the FFA.

Section C: Collegiate Membership: Collegiate membership may include students enrolled in agricultural courses and former active members of chartered local chapters who are enrolled in a two- or four-year institution having a collegiate chapter.

Section D: Honorary Membership: Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agriculture education and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree in the local chapter, Honorary State FFA Degree in the State Association, and the Honorary American FFA Degree in the National Association.

ARTICLE V. Degrees and Privileges

There shall be four degrees of active membership based on achievement. These are: (1) Greenhand FFA, (2) Chapter FFA, (3) State FFA, and (4) American FFA. The national organization shall set the standards for Greenhand FFA, Chapter FFA, State FFA and American FFA degrees.

Section A: Greenhand FFA Degree: On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Greenhand FFA Degree may be conferred by the chapter:

1. Be regularly enrolled in a vocational education course for an agricultural occupation and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural occupation program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto and Salute.
3. Describe the FFA emblem, colors and symbols.
4. Explain the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Have satisfactory knowledge of the history of the organization.
6. Know the duties and responsibilities of FFA members.
7. Personally own or have access to Official FFA Manual.
8. Submit written application for the Degree for chapter records.

Section B: Chapter FFA Degree: On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Chapter FFA Degree may be conferred by the chapter:

1. Must have received the Greenhand Degree.
2. Must have completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level.
3. Have satisfactory knowledge of the local constitution and of the local program of activities.
4. Satisfactorily participated in at least three official functions in the chapter program of activities.
5. Have earned and productively invested at least $150 by the members own efforts or worked at least 45 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, and developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
6. Demonstrate ability to effectively lead a group discussion for 15 minutes.
7. Demonstrate five parliamentary procedure abilities.
8. Demonstrate progress toward achievement of an Agricultural Proficiency Award on the local level.
9. Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the Principal or Superintendent.
10. Submit application for the degree for chapter records.
11. Meet other requirements as established by the chapter and/or State Association.

Section C: State FFA Degree: On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the State FFA Degree may be conferred by the State Association:

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months).

2. While in high school, must be enrolled in at least the second year of instruction in a vocational education course for an agricultural occupation; if out of high school, must have completed the equivalent of two full years of systematic secondary school instruction (360 hours) in addition to a supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience program.

3. Have earned and/or productively invested at least $2,500 by the member's own efforts from their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program or worked (other than scheduled class time) at least 750 hours in a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program as reported on page 11 line 26e.

4. Demonstrate leadership ability by:

a. Performing ten parliamentary procedure activities.

b. Giving a six-minute speech.

c. Serving as an officer and/or committee chairman, or a participating member of a major committee.

5. Have a satisfactory scholastic record, certified by the local agricultural education instructor and principal or superintendent.

6. Participate in the planning and completion of Chapter Program of Activities.

7. Participate in seven FFA activities above the chapter level.

8. Meet other requirements as established by the State Association.

9. A full and complete application must be submitted by a qualifying candidate in order to receive the State FFA Degree. A full and complete application includes:

A. Current completed American FFA Degree application including all pages and check sheets and all signatures on Colorado Cover A,

B. Print dates on all pages must match, with the exception of the signature page.

The State Advisor will then review the records and submit a recommendation to the governing body of the State Association. This body will nominate at the regular State Convention the candidates who have earned the State FFA Degree.

Section D: American FFA Degree: On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the American FFA Degree may be conferred by the National Organization:

1. Must have the State FFA Degree and have been an active member for at least the immediate past 36 months and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities at the local chapter and State Association.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years of systematic secondary school instruction in a vocational agricultural occupation (540 hours), or have completed the program of vocational

education in agriculture offered in the school last attended, have been out of high school for at least 12 months prior to the convention at which the degree is granted, and have in operation an outstanding supervised farming and/or other agricultural experience program which must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope with records to substantiate such accomplishments.

3. Have earned and productively invested at least $7,500 or have earned and productively invested at least $1,500 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours x $3.33 plus dollars must be equal to, or greater than the number 9,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.

4. Show outstanding ability as evidenced by leadership and cooperation in student, chapter and community activities and have a satisfactory scholarship record certified by the local superintendent or principal of "C" or better.

ARTICLE VI. Officers and Procedures for Election

Section A: Officers: The officers of the Colorado FFA Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel and four Executive Committee Members. The State Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State Convention of FFA members. The officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective office.

Section B: Qualifications: All elected officers of the Colorado FFA Association must hold the State FFA degree. A chapter may submit no more than two applications for a state office.

Section C: Term of Office: The term of office shall be one year or until their successors are elected. State officers shall not be re-elected to office, nor be eligible for another state office.

Section D: Nomination and Election of Officers: The nominating committee shall submit one name for each office to be filled. The report will be submitted to delegates at the State FFA Convention. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Nominations shall be made for a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel and four Executive Committee Members.

Section E: Loss of Office and/or Privileges: Violations in the Colorado Code of Misconduct by a member will result in the loss of the individual's office and/or privileges.

Section F: Vacancy in State Offices: The State FFA Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies in office. In the event a quorum of the Executive Committee cannot be obtained, the Convention Nominating Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancies.

Section G: District Officers: The District organizations shall elect at least a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sentinel. The District Advisor shall be from the school of the District President. District officers shall be elected annually at a regular district meeting.

Section H: Local Chapter Officers: The officers of the local chapter shall be at least a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sentinel. The local Advisor shall be the Agricultural Education Instructor(s) in the local school.

ARTICLE VII. State Executive Committee

The State FFA Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the organization. The delegate body is the governing body during the time the delegates are officially assembled.

Section A: Composition:

1. The voting members of the State FFA Executive Committee shall be the ten officially elected State FFA Officers.

2. The State Advisor and Executive Secretary shall be ex officio (non-voting) members.

3. The State FFA Executive Committee will be composed of four Agricultural Education teachers elected by the Colorado Agricultural Education Teachers Association. (Refer to the Colorado Agricultural Education Teachers Association Constitution and Bylaws for term lengths.) They shall be non-voting ex officio members. They must be approved by the State Advisor after they are elected.

Section B: Duties:

1. The Executive Committee shall:

a. Be responsible for the transaction of necessary business between meetings (conventions).

(1) Review and approve receipts and disbursements.

(2) Be responsible for the welfare of the organization.

(3) Select all individual and chapter awards and degrees from applications sent in by local chapters.

(4) Establish the number and boundaries of districts.

(5) Fill vacancies in executive committee.

(6) Uphold the Colorado FFA Code of Ethics and Colorado Code of Misconduct.

Section C: Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times per year. The committee shall meet on call of the President, with the approval of the State Advisor or Executive Secretary. At least five days prior notice shall be given all members of the committee except for any meeting the President may call during a scheduled event.

Section D: Quorum: A majority of the Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII. Meetings

Section A: State Convention and Leadership Conference:

1. A convention shall be held at least 45 days prior to the National Convention at a time and place determined and approved by the State FFA Executive Committee. The purpose for holding the convention will be to elect officers, receive reports, amend the constitution and bylaws and conduct other business as may be properly conducted.

2. Each chapter shall be entitled to two voting delegates to the State Convention.

(1) Quorum shall be 2/3 of the eligible delegates present at the State Convention.

(2) In extreme emergency the State Convention may be rescheduled or canceled by the State FFA Executive Committee and/or the State Advisor.

Section B: National Convention:

1. The delegates for National convention will consist of two official delegates from each state association to be designated as chair and vice chair of the state delegates from each state association to be designated as chair and vice chair of the state delegation, plus additional official delegates based on the individual state association's percentage of national FFA membership.

ARTICLE IX. Committees

Section A: Types of Committees:

1. Standing Committees: The President of the Colorado FFA Association shall appoint five standing committees annually; (1) the Nominating Committee, (2) the Auditing Committee; (3) the Program of Activities Committee (4) the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and (5) the Resolutions Committee.
2. Special Committees: Other committees may be appointed as necessary by the President.

Section B: Membership: The Vice President of the State Association shall supervise all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

1. Standing Committees: Members of standing committees are selected from active members serving as delegates to the Annual State FFA Convention and Leadership Conference.

2. At least one adult local FFA Advisor shall serve in an ex officio capacity for each committee with the exception of the nominating committee.

Section C: Duties of Committees:

1. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination the names of candidates for the various state officers.

2. The Auditing Committee shall review the financial records and reports of the State Association, and report to the delegates at the State Convention.

3. The Program of Activities Committee shall review the State FFA Program of Activities and recommend changes to the delegate body at the State FFA Convention.

4. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall review the State FFA Constitution and Bylaws and recommend to the delegate body changes which may be considered by the State Executive Committee and State Association.

5. The Resolutions Committee shall consider resolutions at the State Convention for overall improvement of the Colorado FFA, as well as make recommendations to the delegate body for a site to hold the State Convention two years in advance.

6. The duties of Special Committees shall be those as outlined by the President and/or the State Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X. Ethics

The Colorado FFA Association accepts the Code of Ethics as adopted by the delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention and as revised at the 1995 National FFA Convention:

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.

3. Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.

4. Respect the rights of others and their property.

5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.

6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.

7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.

8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.

9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.

10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.

11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

ARTICLE XI. Emblem

Section A: The emblem of the National FFA Organization shall be made up of five symbols; namely; (1) the plow, representing the tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the rising sun, representing progress and a new era of agriculture; (4) a cross-section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and is grown in every state, and (5) an American eagle surmounting the cross-section of the ear of corn, indicating the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also carry the three letters, "FFA" and the words "Agricultural Education."

Section B: Emblems shall be uniform in all associations and recognized units thereof. All members are entitled to wear the emblem.

Section C: "Greenhand Degree" holders are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem degree pin; "Chapter FFA Degree" holders are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem degree pin; "State FFA Degree" holders are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm; and "American FFA Degree" holders are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

Section D: "Honorary Chapter FFA Degree" holders are entitled to wear either the regulation silver emblem degree pin or a similar pin in gold; "Honorary State FFA Degree" holders are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm; "Honorary American FFA Degree" holders are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

Section E: Collegiate chapter members and advisors are entitled to wear an owl of special design.

ARTICLE XII. Official Dress

The official dress was amended to meet the National FFA standards at the 2005 Colorado FFA Convention. The current National FFA standards are as follows:

Section A: ***Official Dress for female members will include a black skirt, white collared blouse with an official FFA scarf, black dress shoes with closed toes and heels, black hosiery, and an official FFA jacket zipped to the top. The skirt should be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom with all slits at appropriate lengths.***

Official Dress for male members will include black slacks, a white collared shirt with an official FFA tie, black dress shoes or boots, black socks and, an official FFA jacket zipped to the top.

ARTICLE XIII. Amendments

Section A: Amendments to the State Constitution shall be submitted in writing by any member or chapter to the State Executive Committee 45 days prior to the Annual State Convention of the Colorado FFA Association. The State Executive Committee shall submit these suggested amendments to the delegates at the State Convention with their recommendations. Amendments may also be introduced during the convention with the approval of 2/3 of the delegates present. Amendments may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present.

BYLAWS OF THE
COLORADO FFA ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. Membership and Dues

Section A: Unified Membership: Membership is established in the FFA by the payment of unified dues on state and national levels and is not available separately. Membership is established by the payment of dues and by the fulfillment of other required obligations.

Section B: Membership Year: The Colorado FFA Association membership year shall be from September to September.

Section C: Fiscal Year: The Colorado FFA Association shall operate on a fiscal year of July 1 through June 30.

Section D: Colorado FFA Association Membership Dues: The Colorado FFA Association Membership Dues shall be fixed by vote of the official delegates present at the State FFA Convention. The final date that dues may be paid is May 1 of the current membership year. Annual State dues shall be seven dollars ($7.00) per member with the additional two dollars ($2.00) to go to officer expenses. Individuals who have not paid dues at the time of applying for the State FFA Degree, State awards or other privileges presented by the Colorado FFA Association are ineligible to receive them.

Section E: District Dues: The dues of any district organization shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates at a district meeting.

Section F: Chapter Dues: The dues of any local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the members of that chapter.

Section G: Due Dates for Membership Dues:
1. All chapters must have submitted their original current year roster and unified dues by the official state due date, and all new add members must be added to the chapter's roster and paid their unified dues by March 1 for the new add member to be eligible to participate at any State Career Development Event.

2. Furthermore, all chapters and their members must follow the above guidelines to be eligible to receive any individual or chapter awards from the Colorado FFA Association.

(Revised by the Delegates at the 77th State FFA Convention 2005)

ARTICLE II. Degrees and Privileges

Section A: Procedures for Selection of State FFA Degree: Candidates must meet the qualifications as set forth in the Official FFA Manual and State Constitution and complete the standard application as supplied by the State Association. For additional information on State FFA Degree selection, refer to the following:

1. State FFA Degree Application.

2. FFA District and State Procedures for reviewing State FFA Degree Applications.

3. State FFA Degree Application Direction Sheet for completion of the application.

4. State FFA Degree Check Sheet.
Selection of the degree recipients will be by the Colorado State FFA Executive Committee based on the procedures outlined above.

ARTICLE III. Duties of State Officers and the Executive Committee

Section A: Duties of Officers:

President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the State Convention and all Executive Committee meetings. The President shall call one State Convention each year at such place and date as to be determined by the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint all committees and may serve as ex officio member of all committees.

Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President and be responsible for coordinating all committee work. The Vice President shall also be responsible for compiling the State Officer Report at the State Convention.

Secretary: It shall be the Secretary's duty to prepare and present the minutes of all meetings, present an agenda for each meeting, and attend to all official correspondence for the Association.

Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to present a Treasurer's Report at each meeting, act as custodian of state funds, assist in preparing the state budget, and assist in maintaining the financial records of the State Association.

Reporter: It shall be the duty of the Reporter to assemble the Colorado FFA Today Magazine and prepare the State scrapbook and assist the Vice President in preparing the State Officer Report. The Reporter shall be responsible for submitting news articles to the FFA New Horizons magazine.

Sentinel: It shall be the duties of the Sentinel to welcome special guests and to introduce guests in addition to caring for the meeting room and paraphernalia. The Sentinel shall assist the President in maintaining order.

Executive Committee Members: It shall be the duty of Executive Committee Members to represent the Colorado FFA Association at official activities and to work with all FFA members toward the development of competent and aggressive agricultural leaders. Specific duties of the Executive Committee Members are:

1. FFA Foundation Board of Trustees and assist the office manager as requested.

2. Act as State Historian compiling the state scrapbook.

3. Act as Advertising Editor for the Colorado FFA Today Magazine.

4. Prepare officer assignment sheets at each executive committee meeting and assist the state FFA Secretary as requested.

The Executive Committee Members select these duties among themselves.

Section B: Duties of the State Advisor, Executive Secretary, and Elected Advisors (Agricultural Education Teachers): It shall be the duty of the State Advisor to advise the State FFA Executive Committee, delegates and committees on matters of policy and assist the State Officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs.

State Executive Secretary: It shall be the duty of the State Executive Secretary to: (1) issue charters to local chapters, (2) keep the official records of members and the progress of the organization, (3) receive all reports from local chapters, (4) assemble the convention proceedings, Summary of Convention Awards, (5) assemble complete and accurate records of all meetings including the Executive Committee meetings, (6) assist the State Treasurer in keeping accurate financial records, (7) be in charge of arrangements for the Annual State Convention and leadership conference, (8) perform such other duties as directed by the State FFA Executive Committee and/or the State Advisor.

Elected Advisors--Agricultural Education Teachers: It shall be the duties of the elected advisors (Agricultural Education Teachers) to: (1) attend all regularly scheduled meetings, (2) assist the State FFA Officers in selecting all degree and award recipients, (3) perform those duties in conducting the State FFA Convention as assigned by the State FFA Executive Committee, State Advisor and/or Executive Secretary, (4) perform other duties as requested by the State FFA Advisor and/or Executive Secretary.

Section C: Additional Duties and Responsibilities: All officers shall participate in the Colorado Career and Technical Student Organization leadership training, the State Judging Contest, State Convention, Chapter Visitation, State Fair and National Western Stock Show, National Leadership Conference for State Officers, and other official functions as assigned by the State Advisor and/or State Executive Secretary.

Section D: Procedures for Selection of Nominating Committee: Nominating committee members will be selected prior to the State FFA Convention based upon the following criteria and minimum qualifications:

1. A nominating committee consisting of nine official state convention delegates—one from each of the four regions (a region would be a grouping of 4 districts) of the state, and five others selected at large—shall study and review the qualifications of each eligible candidate. This committee shall submit its nominations to the delegates assembled at the state convention. There will also be three Adult consultants (non-voting members) to the committee, appointed by the State Advisor, to serve a three-year term. One consultant will be a past state officer, one will be from business and industry, and one from agricultural education. Their roles will be defined in the State Officer Selection Handbook.

2. In order to be eligible, a delegate must be a bona-fide FFA member, have attained the Chapter FFA Degree prior to the convention, have been continuously enrolled in agricultural education classes and actively involved in the FFA for a minimum of seventeen (17) months prior to the State Convention, and have attended one convention prior to the time he/she will be serving on the nominating committee. The delegate could be a graduated member.

3. A delegate shall not be eligible to serve on the State Officer Nominating Committee if that member is involved in any contest or activity that requires that committee member to be absent from the committee process.

ARTICLE IV. Procedure for Chartering Local Chapters

(Refer to the application to charter a chapter in the Colorado FFA Policies and Procedures Handbook.)

Section A: A local FFA Chapter shall be considered to be in good standing with the State FFA Association when the following general conditions are met:

1. All current annual unified dues and membership information is sent in to the State Office.

2. The annual "FFA Program of Activities" for the coming year is submitted to the State Office.

3. The "Annual FFA Report" is submitted to the State Office.

4. No provisions of chapter constitution are in conflict with the State and National FFA Constitution, Bylaws, or Federal Charter. Activities are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the State and National Organization.

5. In case any local chapter is not in good standing with the State Association at the time of the opening of a State Convention, the delegates in State Convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the State governing body, to withdraw the charter and refuse such chapter official representation at the State Convention. When such action is taken, the chapter in question and members thereof shall be denied the regular privileges of the State Association. Upon meeting the requirements for good standing, a chapter may be reinstated by action of the State governing body, not earlier than 10 days after the closing date of the

State Convention during which it was not in good standing.

6. In case a local department of agricultural education in which a chartered chapter of FFA is located is discontinued, the chapter so involved may be permitted to operate officially for a period not to exceed 36 months from date of the discontinuance of the department, providing proper supervision and guidance can be given to the chapter work by a person having the approval of the local school administrator and the State Advisor. Local chapter charters must be surrendered to the State Advisor at the end of the 36-month period if a local department of agricultural education is not again in operation in the school at that time.

ARTICLE V. Policies

Section A: Approval of Policies: All policies governing the operation of the Colorado FFA Association shall be approved by the delegates at the State FFA Convention and/or the State FFA Executive Committee.

Section B: Administration of Policies: All policies approved shall be outlined in the State FFA Policies and Procedures Handbook, and shall be governed or administered by the Colorado FFA Executive Committee or any other body assigned by the State FFA Executive Committee.

Section C: Roberts Rules of Order: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the guide in all cases to which they are applicable in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws, the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws or special rules of order adopted by this Association.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments

Section A: Amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted by any member or chapter. Any Bylaw changes will be submitted to the delegates for their consideration. Changes in the Bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE VII. Standing Rules

1. The Constitution and Bylaw Committee shall have the power to make grammatical and spelling alterations, that do not alter the intent or effect, to all proposed amendments by a majority vote without the approval of the body of delegates prior to submission to the assembly.
2. A resolution or constitutional amendment offered by an individual member shall be in writing, signed by the maker and seconder-each of whom shall be a voting member of the convention-and sent directly to the desk of the Secretary.
3. All constitutional amendments shall be referred without debate to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for a recommendation and grammatical or spelling correction.
4. The Resolutions Committee shall have the power to make grammatical and spelling alterations, that do not alter the intent or effect, to all proposed resolutions by a majority vote without the approval of the body of delegates prior to submission to the assembly.
5. A resolution or constitutional amendment offered by an individual member shall be in writing, signed by the maker and seconder-each of whom shall be a voting member of the convention-and sent directly to the desk of the Secretary.
6. All resolutions except those proposed by the Executive Committee or standing committee, and all recommendations made in reports of officers or committees of the convention that are not in the form of resolutions, shall be referred without debate to the Resolutions Committee; resolutions proposed by the Executive Committee shall be present directly to the Convention.
7. The Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect any recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention, with the Committee's own recommendation as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the Committee, except questions which the Committee by a vote of two-thirds of its members may decide not to report.
8. The convention by a majority vote may suspend the rules above and immediately consider a question by a majority vote.

9. No member may speak in debate more than twice on the same question on the same day or longer than ten minutes, without permission granted from the assembly by a two-thirds vote.
10. The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the convention in all cases to which they are applicable and which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the Association and these standing rules.