**2018-19 Barbers Hill FFA Officer Contract**

A. It is a privilege to serve as a chapter FFA officer. All officers must be held to high standards as they are representing the Barbers Hill FFA Chapter and are looked upon for guidance and leadership for the membership. Officers may be suspended temporarily or removed permanently **(these offences will be noted)** from their position by violating any of the following rules and guidelines:

1. Officers must memorize their parts in opening and closing ceremonies.
2. Must attend all required functions of the Barbers Hill FFA Officers.
	1. The majority of these will be given to the officer team at the summer officer retreat and the remaining dates will be given before the school year starts.
3. Ability to set an example for other members through positive actions both inside and outside of the classroom.
	1. DAEP or 2 ISS assignments in one school year. **(will result in immediate removal of office)**
	2. Severe legal issue with the law **(will result in immediate removal of office)**
4. Give precedence to FFA over other activities when there is no chance to work out a compromise.
5. Absence from more than 1 monthly meetings or officer meetings without prior approval by advisor.
6. Cooperate with other officers and maintain a friendly attitude with them, always working as a team.
7. Accept and carry out all responsibilities of your elected office.
8. Must maintain a passing average of a 70 or higher in all on level classes and must maintain an average of a 60 or higher in advanced classes (AP, Pre AP, or Dual Credit)
9. Maintain an average of 80 or higher in all Barbers Hill Agriculture Science classes.
10. Abide by the National FFA Code of Ethics and School Policies outlined in the Barbers Hill FFA handbook rules.
11. Students may not use, possession, conceal, transmit, buy, and/or sell alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs or other controlled substance, or tobacco products. **(will result in immediate removal of office)**
12. Disruption of school or FFA activity due to improper behavior or persistent discipline problems. **(will result in immediate removal of office)**
13. Use of profane, indecent, or obscene language in school or on FFA trips.
14. All officers must attend all of the scheduled end of the year banquet practices, or they will not be allowed to participate in the FFA banquet.
15. Officers must sell at least 20 items in the meats and sweets fundraiser each year.

B. Officers must abide by the ethics, guidelines and responsibilities identified above on this signed officer contracts. Failure to abide by these rules may lead to disciplinary action, which are identified at the bottom of this contract. In the case of

 severe situations such as problems with breaking the law or breaking school rules that may not be specifically outlined on

 the officer contract, officers will be required to appear before an FFA Officer Review Board. This FFA Officer Review

 Board will be made up of administration (if the offence is serious enough) and the FFA Advisors. This review board will determine the consequences for the officer’s actions. In this situation, removal from office may be a possible end result. The officer will have an opportunity to plead his/her case to the board before the decision is made.

C. The following strikes will be taken to reinforce the established rules and guidelines for officers.

1. **Strike One** - If an officer violates a rule (not a rule resulting in immediate dismissal) or does not meet the requirements listed above they will receive a written or verbal warning.

2. **Strike Two** - If an officer violates another or the same rule (not a rule resulting in immediate dismissal) he/ or she will be required to have a meeting with the Ag teachers and their parents and discuss their commitment to the BH FFA officer team.

3. **Strike Three** - If an officer violated another or the same rule for a third time they, their parents and their administrator will be called in for a meeting to inform the student of their removal of the officer team.

D. Unexpected circumstances or other important commitments may keep officers from fulfilling the requirements listed

 above. In the event that an officer can not fulfill a specific requirement he/she must provide the chapter Advisors with a

 written explanation from another party outlining the specific circumstances. The written notification must be provided

 within no more than 2 days before the event begins. A maximum of 3 written explanations will be accepted throughout the officer’s term.

E. In the case that an officer does get removed from office, no special election will be held for that office. Their part will be skipped during opening ceremonies at meetings and the banquet. In the event that the President or Vice President were removed from office we will shift officers up for opening and closing ceremonies at meetings and banquets only.

F. In all cases of officer removal, the advisors will conference with the principal of the school or their designee before dismissing an officer from the officer team. (Decisions will be made by the advisors and principal, and they will be based upon the severity of behavior and/or persistent behavior)

The following requirements must be met in order for a member to run for an officer position:

1. Must hold the FFA Greenhand Degree.
2. Must have never been removed from the Barbers Hill FFA officer team.
3. All officer candidates are to know and agree to abide by the FFA Code of Ethics.
4. All officer candidates are to have commendable citizenship and conduct records. A candidate must have not been retained in the school guidance system during his or her high school term for drug use or handling.
5. All officer candidates who have offences resulting DAEP due to fighting, firearms, or alcohol will not be eligible to run for office the current school year.
6. Officer candidates shall meet the following respective scholastic requirements:
	1. Chapter officer candidates must have an average of "B" or better in past Agricultural Science courses and have an overall average of "C" or better in courses taken the six weeks immediately preceding officer elections.
7. Membership dues for the Barbers Hill FFA are paid for the school year they are running and when they hold office.
8. FFA members running for an office must complete the Barbers Hill FFA Officer Application and submit it to the Ag Science Teachers/FFA Advisors on or before the due date that will be posted in the Barbers Hill Ag department. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!**
9. FFA members running for an office must take the Barbers Hill FFA Officer Exam. The date set for taking the Barbers Hill FFA Officer Exam will be posted in the Barbers Hill Ag department. Questions will be based on the FFA Manual and Parliamentary Procedure.
10. FFA members running for an office must go through a panel interview on a date to be determined and posted in the Barbers Hill Ag department. All officer candidates must be in official dress. If they are not they will not be interviewed. Officers must be on time for the test and interview (unless prior permission has been granted by the Ag teachers) or otherwise will be disqualified from running for a Barbers Hill FFA officer position.
11. All officers must agree to abide by the FFA Officer Rules as created each year by the Chapter Executive Committee and sign a statement agreeing to abide by them.

**By signing this application; “I hereby agree to follow the chapter, district, and national constitutions accordingly. I will also follow and abide by the rules of the chapters POA (Program of Activities). I will fulfill my duties and expectations that are required by me as a chapter officer and at any time that these duties are not fulfilled, I will be asked, by the chapter advisor, to resign from my respective office.”**

**“It is truly, in the best interest of the Barbers Hill FFA Chapter and myself, to help the chapter become more successful, and it is my intent to put forth my best efforts in reaching this objective.**

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