**Breathitt FBLA Bylaws**

**Section I. Requirements to Maintain Club Membership**

Chapter members are expected to maintain high standards at all times as outlined in the following section.

**Article 1. Member Conduct**

Chapter members are expected to represent the Chapter with dignity. In keeping with this expectation, any member who commits a.) violation of school policy that results in disciplinary action or b.) a criminal act that results in a violation of general law may be expelled from the club. The expulsion decision will be based on the severity of the violation, and will be at the sole discretion of the FBLA advisers and the ATC principal.

**Article 2. Member Attendance of School**

Chapter members are expected to maintain good attendance within their home high school as a sign of their commitment to dedication. Any chapter member who has missed more than **ten (10) days** of school may be subject to expulsion from the club. The expulsion decision will be based on the reason for the absences, and will be at the sole discretion of the FBLA advisers and the ATC principal.

**Article 3. Member Grades**

Chapter members are expected to maintain good grades as a sign of their commitment to excellence. Chapter members are expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA (unweighted). Any chapter member whose GPA falls below this mark will be subject to expulsion from the club. The expulsion decision will be based on the reason for the low GPA as well as the effort the member is actively putting into increasing the GPA. The expulsion decision will be at the sole discretion of the FBLA advisers and the ATC principal.

**Section II. Member Participation**

Chapter members are expected to participate in chapter activities.

**Article 1. Fundraising**

Because it costs a great deal of money to be an active club, it is important that members be willing to either a) participate in fundraising activities and raise enough money to allow for activities, or b) pay for bussing, admission fees, etc out of their own pocket. Members who choose to raise the funds necessary to participate must sell a minimum amount of goods. The amount that must be sold in order to participate in any activity will be set by the FBLA advisors.

**Article 2: Community Service**

In order to participate in any end-of-the-year activities, members must participate in at least 2 community service activities.  These activities include but are not limited to: nursing home activities, Dr. Seuss Reading Day, working carnivals at the elementary schools, contributing to Toys for Tots, helping with the winter coat drive, or any other activity deemed appropriate by the FBLA advisers.

**Article 3: Attendance of Meetings**

Members are expected to be present at the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Members are excused from attending meetings for the following reasons:

* Members who *have not* met the requirements found in Section I of this document *are not* allowed to attend the meetings.
* Members who must take a test, quiz, or exam during a regularly scheduled meeting time *should not* attend the meeting in question.
* Members who are legitimately sick *are not* required to attend a scheduled meeting.

**Section III. Procedures**

**Article 1: Trips during school closure**

In the event school is closed and there is a planned FBLA trip, the trip is cancelled. In the event that any fees were paid that are non-refundable, neither FBLA, the school, nor the advisors are responsible for repaying said fees.

**Section IV. Requirements for being an Officer**

In order to run for office, you must meet the following requirements:

* Must have been an FBLA member for at least one year
* Must have at least a 3.0 un-weighted grade point average or higher

In order to keep the officer position once elected the student must meet the following requirements:

* Miss no more than 10 unexcused days of school for the  school year
* Acquire no more than 5 unexcused tardies for the school year
* Serve no more than 1 day of ISS
* Maintain a 3.0 unweighted gpa or higher for the school year
* Must attend 90% of club activities and functions

In the event these conditions are not met, the next eligible person who was defeated during the election will assume responsibilities of said office.