

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Elections Guidelines

Revised Summer of 2017

The following are guidelines set forth by the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are subject to revisal.

1. No campaigning shall be allowed at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF), other than at times specifically designated by the K4-HYLC. Campaigning shall be defined as the active solicitation of votes or support for or against a candidate or candidates for the K4-HYLC. Candidates shall not distribute handouts, fliers, or any other promotional or campaigning material.
2. During the interview process, each candidate will be scored/ranked on the quality of their interview.
3. Candidates moving forward from the interview process will present a speech and be asked questions pre-determined by the Election Committee before the 4-H'ers/Delegates from their area/region.
4. Before candidate speeches and questioning, roll shall be taken to ensure that voting delegates receive the correct number of ballots.
5. During candidate speeches and questioning, candidates will be given three minutes for their speech as well as three minutes to answer the pre-determined questions; therefore, each candidate will have up to six minutes.
6. If a candidate runs out of time during their speech or questioning, they will be allowed to finish their current sentence in a timely manner.
7. During candidate speeches, audience members shall remain quiet. No questions, cheers, or jeers from the audience will be accepted.
8. During candidate speeches, all candidates not speaking shall remain in the hallway until all speeches are completed.
9. After all candidates have finished their speeches and questioning, all candidates for that area/region will be brought back for delegates to see one more time; polite applause is then permitted.
10. Candidates are then dismissed to the hall to wait until ballots are counted.
11. Each county from its respective area/region will receive two ballots provided that a minimum of two delegates from said county are present at the time of elections. If only one delegate is present from a county, said county will only receive one ballot.
12. Districts will receive two ballots times the number of counties in said district provided delegates are present from each county (item #8 applies for districts).
13. Voting delegates may vote for up to three candidates per ballot and are strongly encouraged to confer with each other before making decisions.
14. Voting delegates may not vote for a candidate more than once per ballot. If a candidate receives more than one vote on a single ballot, only one vote will be counted.
15. Ballots shall not be filled out until the completion of all candidate speeches and questioning.
16. Ballots shall be filled out using an ink pen to ensure that the ballots are not compromised.
17. All voting delegates shall remain in their designated voting room until all votes have been counted and any potential ties are broken.

18. If there is a tie between two candidates, candidates will be given the opportunity to speak again for up to two minutes and one minute to answer a predetermined tie-breaker question.
19. In the case of a tie in the run-off election, a coin flip shall be conducted with both candidates present. The candidate whose last name is first in alphabetical order shall call the coin flip. The winner of the coin flip shall be considered a winner of the election.

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