

Constitution and By-laws for the _____ Teen Republicans (TRS)

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the _____ Teen Republicans, herein and after to be referred to as TRS.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To bring young people into the Republican Party and to provide opportunities for them to find political expression and recognition;
2. To foster and encourage the activities of the Republican Party and to promote its ideals;
3. To collect, analyze, discuss, and disseminate information concerning political affairs and political philosophy; and
4. To advise, coordinate, and promote the activities of Teen Republicans.

ARTICLE III

1. Membership in this organization shall be limited to those teenagers between the ages of 13 and 19 who are willing to support the goals of the Teen Republicans.
2. Active members shall be those who have paid current club dues.
3. Only active members shall have voting privileges at any club meeting.

ARTICLE IV

1. This organization shall have the following elected officers: *Chairman*, *Vice Chairman*, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*. There is no term limit placed on any elected officer, but it is recommended that no one person hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.
2. The officers of the organization shall be elected for a term of one year and shall serve until their successors are duly elected.
3. The powers and duties of the elected officers shall be:
 - a. The *Chairman* shall be the chief officer of the organization and shall conduct all meetings of the general organization and the Executive Board. He/she shall make all committee assignments with the approval of the Executive Board, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. He/she shall have general supervision over all the organization's programs.
 - b. The *Vice Chairman* shall in the case of the resignation, disqualification, or absence of the Chairman, perform the duties of the Chairman. He/she shall be the overseer of all voter registration activities. He/she shall be the Chairman's chief assistant, and shall be responsible for such additional duties as may be prescribed for him/her by the Executive Board.
 - c. The *Secretary* shall keep the records and proceeding of the organization. He/she shall be responsible for the minutes of all meetings of the club and the Executive Board. He/she shall keep a record of all projects and official actions taken by the club.
 - d. The *Treasurer* shall be responsible for the funds of the club and shall keep a record of its receipts and expenditures. He/she shall submit reports on the financial condition of the club to each Executive Board meeting and shall submit an annual report in writing to the annual meeting each year.

ARTICLE V

1. Election of officers shall take place in the spring of each year at the annual meeting.
2. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by elections of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

The Chairman, with the approval of the Executive Board, has the permission to create various committees within the club. There will be no standing committees.

ARTICLE VII

1. The Executive Board shall conduct the affairs of the club between regular meetings. The members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers.
2. Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the Chairman or by a majority of the members of that Board.
3. A majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum necessary to conduct business.

ARTICLE VIII

The club may not endorse any candidates for Public office prior to the Republican Party primary or nominating convention; however, this does not prevent the club from distributing campaign literature from the individual primary candidates and other third party literature comparing the candidates' positions on various issues.

ARTICLE IX

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern all proceedings of the club, except when inconsistent with the constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE X

1. This constitution may be amended by a 9/10 vote of the delegates at any annual meeting or by a 9/10 vote of the members present at a special meeting called for the purpose of amending this constitution provided that all members of the club receive at least 10 days notice from the Secretary of the club stating the intention to amend the constitution.
2. No amendments shall take effect until the adjournment of the convention adopting them.

ARTICLE XI

This constitution shall be adopted by a 2/3 vote of all the members present and the designated Adult Advisor at a called meeting for the specific purpose of ratifying this Constitution