

## **Campaigning and Unfair Advantage Policy Missouri FCCLA State Leadership Conference**

Candidates must be in business casual or professional attire as stated in the state approved dress code to run for a state or national office. Campaigning, which includes but is not limited to, soliciting/asking for votes, verbal word of mouth, and distribution or posting of printed materials in support of the candidate or bearing the candidate's name, including business cards, fliers, posters, and any material that would give the candidate an unfair advantage shall not be allowed by candidates or their supporters. Also, it is the candidate's responsibility to keep all social networking sites free of any information pertaining to elections.

During the elections process, all officer candidates are prohibited from using electronic devices (cell phones, PDAs, etc.) The purpose of this policy is to prohibit communication between officer candidates, spectators, voting delegates, or resources which might give the candidate an unfair advantage during the election process.

If a member or chapter advisor of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America feels than an officer candidate has violated one or both policies such violation must be reported, in writing, to the headquarters room at the State Leadership Conference. Alleged violations must be reported prior to the close of the voting process. This allegation will be investigated by the members of the State Executive Council and State Advisor and may lead to disqualification. The decision to disqualify shall be a majority vote of the State Executive Council members in attendance. Candidates currently serving as State Executive Council members shall not participate in the investigation or vote. The decision of the State Executive Council and State Advisor is final.

In the event of the disqualification of all state president candidates, the 2014-2015 State Executive Council will appoint a 2015-2016 State President and State 1st Vice President with approval of the State Advisor. Appointment will be by majority vote.

In the event of the disqualification of all National Officer Candidates the position will remain vacant.

Disqualified candidates shall remain a member of the executive council.

*Approved by the State Executive Council, July 2014*