

Constitution

ARTICLE I: Name/Identity

Section 1: Name

The name of this 4-H organization shall be the _____ 4-H Club.

Section 2: Motto

The club motto shall be *"To Make the Best Better"*

Section 3: Emblem

The club emblem shall be a green four-leaf clover bearing a white "H" on each leaflet.

Section 4: Pledge

The 4-H club pledge is:

I Pledge...

My Head to clearer thinking

My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service, and

My Health to better living, for

My club, my community, my country, and my world.

ARTICLE II: Mission and Purpose

Section 1: Mission of 4-H

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

Section 2: Purpose of Club

The purpose of the Club shall be to stimulate member's personal growth and development, to learn practical life skills, and to develop effective leadership and responsible citizenship. The Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III: Affiliation with UNL Extension and Nebraska 4-H Foundation

The Club agrees to comply with all applicable UNL Extension policies and procedures governing Nebraska 4-H and agrees that the County 4-H Youth Development Professional has all necessary and proper authority to oversee the Club to ensure the Club's compliance. Nebraska 4-H Foundation is authorized to include the Club in a group tax exemption. The Club will supply all necessary documentation to ensure the Club's inclusion in a group tax exemption.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Any boy or girl who turns nine (9) years old during the calendar year may become a member of this club regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation or disability. The last year of membership is the calendar year the member turns 19.

Youth who turn six (6) to eight (8) years old during the calendar year may be in Clover Kids.

Section 2: Size of Club

The Club shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members from at least two (2) different families. *(The maximum size of this club may be limited due to space limitations or the leader's available time or ability to accommodate more members.)*

Section 3: Re-enrollment

Members must re-enroll in 4-H each year.

Section 4: Code of Conduct

Participation in 4-H is a privilege and participants are expected to show respect and cooperation to 4-H leaders and other participants. Each member, volunteer and parent is expected to abide by the Nebraska 4-H Code of Conduct, Federal and State Policy. Youth and adult participants may be removed from 4-H programs or activities for misconduct.

ARTICLE V: Officers, Duties, Terms

Section 1: Officers

The officers of the Club shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and historian.

Section 2: Duties

The duties of the officers shall be defined in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

Meetings of the Club shall be called as specified in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VII: Fiscal Operations

Section 1: Fiscal Policies

The Club will follow all University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension fiscal policies, as well as state and federal regulations.

Section 2: Fiscal Year

The Nebraska 4-H fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.

Section 3: Employer Identification Number (EIN)

If the Club handles money, it will obtain and maintain an EIN.

Section 4: Required Financial Reporting

The Year End 4-H Club Treasurer's Report must be submitted to the county extension office every year by the date established by UNL Extension. In addition, an annual IRS 990 filing (Form 990, 990EZ, or 990N) must be filed by May 15 for the previous tax year. The extension office will file 990-N. If the Club is not eligible to file a 990-N, the Club is responsible for filing any other Form 990.

ARTICLE VIII: Use of Club Revenue

No part of the net earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II above. No substantial part of the activities of the Club shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Club shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution the Club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation or unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, or unincorporated association contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IX: Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Club, the members agree that all real property, including money, equipment and land, shall become the property of a recognized 4-H club or group with the approval of the local 4-H Council and the county Extension Educator responsible for 4-H. The last official duty of the club's organizational leader shall be to transfer club property and club records to the Extension office. Disbandment of assets of the club will be handled following the procedures outline in the Nebraska 4-H Policy and Procedure Handbook.

ARTICLE X: Amendment of Constitution

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote cast by those in attendance, providing notice has been given at the previous meeting.

Voted upon and adopted/revised:

Date: _____

Signature of Club Leader: _____