

CHELAN COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM CLUB AND MEMBER POLICIES

I. NAME

A 4-H club shall choose its own name, providing it is not a duplicate of another club name in the county.

II. 4-H PLEDGE

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.

The National 4-H Club Motto: "To Make The Best Better"

III. PURPOSE

4-H club organize to help youth:
develop life-skills which include sound decision-making, good communications,
and positive self-esteem. The 4-H project activity is the vehicle through which
these life-skills are learned.

IV. MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB STATUS

SECTION 1

- A. 4-H membership is open to all youth kindergarten through age 19 without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, or economic status, in accordance with Washington State 4-H Policy.
- B. Single-member clubs or family clubs are acceptable.
- C. An activity fee will be required of each member and leader. This fee must be paid before enrollments are processed or participating in 4-H activities. Medical insurance is included in this fee.

SECTION 2

A 4-H club is defined as a combination of its leaders and members for the purpose of the following definitions and policies:

- A. The Extension Office must be notified by a club when its status is being altered.
- B. Funds and properties raised in the name of 4-H cannot be divided among the club members, according to Federal Law.
- C. Club assets belong to the club, not to any individual member of the club.

- D. 4-H funds and properties must be used for 4-H only.
- E. Double signatures are recommended to be used on 4-H club bank accounts.
- F. DISBANDING CLUB: A club that has chosen to go out of existence.
- POLICY: All of the assets (money, equipment, awards, etc.) of the club are to go to the County 4-H Leaders' Council.
- G. INACTIVE CLUB: A club which does not have a club leader but the members are still interested in the club continuing to function.
- POLICY: The assets of an inactive club shall be held by the County 4-H Leaders' Council for four months in hopes a new club leader will be found. If no club leader is found during that four-month period, the club will be considered disbanded and the "Disbanding Club" policy will be implemented. No other club will be allowed to take the name of the inactive club until after the four-month waiting period.
- H. MERGING CLUBS: Clubs wishing to merge members, leaders, or assets into one club.
- POLICY: One club's name will be used and the other name(s) dropped, or the group may take a completely new name. The new club leader will be indicated on the enrollment form. To merge, there must be a supporting vote from the majority of the merging clubs' members.
- I. SPLITTING CLUB: When a portion of the members and/or leaders of a club break away and form their own club.
- POLICY: When a club splits, the club's assets will remain with the original club. The 4-H agent must be notified in writing. The new club, its leaders, and members must complete the enrollment process; activity fees are not paid again, if already paid in the original club.

V. PROJECTS

SECTION 1

- A. If members or parents desire a large number of projects, a the matter shall be discussed with club or project leaders before a decision is made.
- B. A member **must complete all projects** in which he is enrolled to be eligible for a completion pin, except for conditions beyond control of the member. To complete a project, a member must do a demonstration and finish a Record Book at least at the club level. A project cannot be dropped after June 1.

VI. RECORD BOOKS

SECTION 1

- A. 4-H members must keep a 4-H Record Book of their projects to receive a completion pin at club level.
- B. Record Books must be submitted for county judging for their scores to be used for County Project Awards.
- D. The official Chelan County 4-H Leaders' Council publications for 4-H record book keeping are "Record Book Guidelines for County Competition" and "Record Book Judging Score Sheet".

VII. DEMONSTRATIONS

SECTION 1

- A. Demonstrations must relate to a project area the member is carrying. The four project areas for demonstrations are: Home Economics, Horse, Livestock, and General. Only one judged demonstration is required for county project awards.
- B. Each member shall give a demonstration in his or her club in ~~each~~ one project area the member is carrying. The member may then give only one demonstration at County Demonstration Day.
- C. Demonstration scores for "Project Awards" may come from any public demonstration (given outside their club), judged by properly trained judges, using the 4-H Demonstration Evaluation form, with prior approval of the 4-H office.
- D. Scores for the "Demonstration Awards" must come from Demonstration Day only.
- E. County Demonstration Days will be held annually. Members will give one demonstration to qualify for County Fair, State Fair, and county Project and Demonstration Awards.
- F. Members will receive ribbon designation only for demonstrations given according to Item C above. Premium money and ribbons will be awarded for demonstrations given at Fair only.
- G. There shall be a sign-up for all demonstrations two weeks in advance of County Demonstration Day.

VIII. EXHIBIT OR PARTICIPATE IN CHELAN COUNTY FAIR

SECTION 1

- A. 4-H members may exhibit or participate in county contests and activities and at the County Fair.
- B. In order to participate in the 4-H Division at Chelan County Fair, a member must have submitted to the Record Book Committee an up-to-date Record Book in each project in which he intends to exhibit.
- C. Each 4-H member should ask his leader early in project work about available contests and activities.
- D. Fair exhibits are to be judged on the Danish system by competent judges with standards as a basis. Fourth place ribbons will not receive a cash award.
- E. 4-H members who wish to participate at County Fair must abide by all Fair regulations.
- F. 4-H members showing a Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, or Meat Goat at Fair must keep a Quality Assurance Health Record for that animal and turn it in at weigh-in.

IX. MEMBER AWARDS

SECTION 1

- A. In order to qualify for an award, 75% of the maximum points must be attained in that project.
- B. Only one judged demonstration, as specified in Article VII, Section 1.A, need be given for points to qualify for project awards.
- C. In order to qualify for a completion pin, a member must fulfill all club requirements in addition to the county Record Book and Demonstration requirements.