

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAYS HARBOR 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of this organization is the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council.

The purpose of the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council is to implement the mission of the Washington State University 4-H Youth Development program through horse related projects and activities.

WSU 4-H Youth Development Mission Statement:

4-H youth development education creates supportive environments for all youth and families to reach their fullest potential. This will be accomplished through a systemic approach of foundation and mission driven science to meet our goals to:

- provide formal and non-formal experiential learning
- develop skills that benefit youth throughout life
- foster leadership and volunteerism in youth and adults
- build internal and external partnerships for programming and funding
- strengthen families and communities
- employ research based knowledge and the land grant university system
- embrace and expand the traditions of the 4-H Youth Program

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council shall consist of all currently enrolled 4-H individuals (adult and youth) interested in the 4-H horse project.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - Youth (senior classification) may serve as Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer with a currently enrolled adult volunteer mentor.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

1. Meeting will be held on the first (1st) Monday of the month.
2. There will be two mandatory meeting per year.

ARTICLE V VOTING

1. All currently enrolled 4-H volunteers as well as intermediate and senior youth members of 4-H will have voting privileges at the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council meetings.
2. A simple majority of eligible voting members is needed to pass agenda items once a quorum is established.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT PROCESS

1. By-laws may be amended or revised with a majority vote present.
2. 15 days written notice of the proposed amendment or revision must be given to all Grays Harbor 4-H members (youth and adults) prior to vote.

ARTICLE VII QUORUM

1. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the elected officers of the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council shall constitute a quorum.

BY LAWS
OF THE
GRAYS HARBOR 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

ARTICLE I OFFICER ELECTIONS AND TERM LIMITS

1. Election of officer positions will take place at the October meeting. Election of the President and Secretary will occur in odd number years, while Vice President and Treasurer elections will occur in even number years. The newly elected officers will take office at the closing of the meeting.
2. An officer term shall be:
 - a. Adult – One (1) year
 - b. Youth – One (1) year
3. Elected adult officers can serve four (4), one (1) year terms for a total of four (4) years of consecutive service.
4. Elected youth officers can serve four (4), one (1) year terms for a total of four (4) years of consecutive service.
5. All individuals must have one (1) year off the council before serving another term.

ARTICLE II COMMITTEES AND TASKS

1. There should be three (3) standing committees for the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council. Individuals will be appointed annually to serve on each of these committees.
 - a. Horse Camp
 - i. This committee exists to plan and implement 4-H Horse Camp.
 - b. Show/Clinic
 - i. This committee exists to plan and implement all shows and clinics for the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse project.
 - c. Executive
 - i. This committee exists to handle emergency situations. This committee will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Horse Superintendent, with the WSU 4-H Youth Development Educator as an ex officio member.
2. All other actions that need to be taken by the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council will be undertaken by task committees. These committees perform the task, report the progress, and then dissolve.

ARTICLE III RULES

1. “Robert’s Rules of Order” shall govern the business meeting of this Council.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. See attached position descriptions.

ARTICLE V USE OF FUNDS

1. The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council is a member of the Grays Harbor 4-H Council, which is a not-for-profit organization. An annual financial report shall be presented to the Grays Harbor 4-H Council. Funds received by the organization for carrying out its purpose can be used to assist members in good standing to attend clinics, shows, fair or other events supported by the Horse Council. Those requesting funding will need to provide a written statement of financial need to the Horse Council and will need to report to the Horse Council how attending the function benefitted them. This can be an oral or written presentation to the Horse Council. Members may only request this scholarship one time per 4-H year.

ARTICLE VI DISSOLUTION

1. The officers of the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council are directed, in case of dissolution of the organization, to assign all assets of the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council to the Grays Harbor 4-H Council, a non-profit organization, for the purpose of carrying out their objectives.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of this council, after the amendment has been proposed at least fifteen days previously at a 4-H Horse Council meeting and then made known in writing to all 4-H horse project members (youth and adults).
2. All bylaw amendments are subject to approval by the Grays Harbor 4-H Council as well as the 4-H Youth Development Educator.

ARTICLE VIII COMMUNICATION

1. A monthly activity/events report will be shared with Grays Harbor 4-H Council.
2. An annual financial report will be shared with Grays Harbor 4-H Council.

ARTICLE IX REPRESENTATION

Before being appointed by the 4-H Fair committee and the 4-H Youth Development Educator, the 4-H Horse Superintendent for the Grays Harbor county fair shall be recommended by the Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council to the Grays Harbor 4-H General Council Fair Committee.