

Youth Member Code of Conduct

The code of conduct shall be signed by each youth member and parent/guardian with the current year enrollment. A 4-H youth is not eligible to participate in the 4-H program without this agreement. As a 4-H youth participant/member you have the responsibility of representing all 4-H members to the public. Therefore, you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that respects individual rights, safety and property of others, and reflects favorably on your state, county and club, as well as yourself. You are expected to observe the following guidelines.

1. The possession and use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, and/or drugs other than prescribed medication is prohibited. Use of tobacco products by youth members is prohibited.
2. Obscene and discriminatory language, rough housing, and insubordination will not be tolerated.
3. Members and leaders must demonstrate respect for each other and the public.
4. Display of overly affectionate attention between individuals is prohibited.
5. Damage to, or destruction of property belonging to others is prohibited.
6. Animal abuse of any kind is prohibited.
7. Display of unsportsmanlike conduct is prohibited.
8. Be an example of how to accept what life has to offer - good and bad - and how to live with the outcome of exhibiting your project.
9. Wear neat, clean and appropriate attire; including shoes, boots, or appropriate footwear at all times.

Report any infractions to the superintendent/club leader/event coordinator.

Penalties for infractions(s) may include any or all of the following:

- Placing the member on probation for involvement in further 4-H events and/or termination of 4-H membership.
- Assessing the member the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage or destruction of property.
- Releasing the member to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities.
- Withholding premiums and/or sending the member home from 4-H activities or events.

Parents/guardians will be notified if penalties are necessary.

For members and parents/guardians: We understand this agreement is to ensure the safety of the 4-H youth member and ensure conduct and behavior that will result in each participant receiving the full benefit of enjoyment and educational experience from this 4-H affiliation/event. It is not intended to place undue restrictions upon participants.

For youth members: I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that infractions of this code will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

For parents/guardians: I have read the code of conduct and understand that I am responsible for my child or ward's behavior. I give permission to the staff in charge to administer the code.

I understand that the WSU Extension County 4-H program may have policies that are more restrictive than the state policies, but not less restrictive. In the event that the County 4-H program has additional agreements required for enrollment, a hard copy form will be provided for signature.

Yes, we agree. (Place an "X" in the box.).

Youth Member Signature _____ **Date:** _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date:** _____
4-H Club Leader _____ **Date:** _____

Club Agreement for

Print name of your club

Replace this page with your club agreement if your club has its own agreement.

“We have agreed upon the following expectations for members who participate in the club:”

- Attend a majority of club and project meetings. Notify leader in advance if a meeting will be missed.
- Participate in a majority of club community service activities.
- Give a public presentation, demonstration, or illustrated talk, at county or club level. (Juniors and above)
- Keep an updated record book throughout the year, bring it to each club meeting, and turn it in promptly for review when requested by leader. (Juniors and above)
- Serve as an officer, committee chair, or committee member. (Juniors and above)
- Take leadership roles as volunteered or assigned, and follow through with commitments made. Parents will support their children in fulfilling these roles, as needed. (Juniors and above)
- Show interest and curiosity about new skills and knowledge.
- Be cooperative and dependable at club meetings.

By: _____ Date _____
Member’s Signature

By: _____ Date _____
Parent or Guardian’s Signature

By: _____ Date _____
Club or Project’s Leader Signature