

4-H CLUB BYLAWS

Revised October 21, 2011

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be:

4-H Club

ARTICLE II – Object

The object of this 4-H club shall be:

- Operate in compliance with the stated authorized use of the official 4-H name and emblem, a federal mark protected by 18 U.S.C. 707.
- To promote the educational, cultural, social and life skills development of youth members through activities and projects, and ;
- To promote goodwill in our community and youth citizenship experiences by participating in service projects.
- The club's purpose is limited to the exempt purposes set forth in Internal Revenue Code section 501 (C)(3) and is hereby prohibited to engage, other than as an insubstantial part of its activities, in activities that do not further tax exempt purposes.
- The club dedicates all assets to 4-H tax exempt purposes upon dissolution.
- The club is prohibited to participate or intervene in a political campaign and from attempting to influence legislation.

ARTICLE III – Members

1. *Any* youth who will turn at least 5 years of age and be in Kindergarten by January 1 of the current 4-H year may become a Cloverbud member. Cloverbuds is a special membership category governed by separate policies. Please refer to the NM 4-H Policies and Procedures Handbook.
2. *Any* youth who has passed their 9th birthday or are 8 years old and in the 3rd grade, but not to exceed 19 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H year may be a member.

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3. Membership will be limited to _____ youth except as provided in paragraph a) below:
 - a) To promote family unity, an existing member's brothers or sisters may become members upon reaching the minimum age for membership, even in excess of the maximum membership.
4. Clubs may collect annual dues.
 - a) Our club membership requires annual dues of \$_____ (*insert "0" if none are required*). The Executive Board may waive dues where they find there is a *genuine* inability to pay because of financial limitations.
 - b) Members not paying their dues within the specified time will be dropped from the club membership.
 - c) Dues must be paid between the _____ monthly meeting and the _____ monthly meeting. Members accepted outside of these dates must pay their dues on or before the second monthly meeting after becoming a member.
5. To continue membership in good standing, members:
 - a) Must attend _____ percent of the regular meetings.
 - b) May not be absent from more than _____ consecutive meetings.
 - c) Must complete at least _____ project(s) to conclusion. (Club determines if the submission of a record book is required.)
 - d) Must make a demonstration, illustrated talk, speech or other subject matter presentation before the club each year.
6. Individuals whose membership has been revoked may rejoin the organization. However, members who lost membership more than _____ time(s) by failure to meet their obligations as a member may be permanently denied renewed membership in the club.
7. Members have the right to vote on all voting issues of the club.
8. Adult 4-H leaders shall be considered Associate members. Associate members shall have the right to address the membership, but they may not vote or hold office.
9. This club does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or ancestry regarding its leaders and members.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

1. The primary offices of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, _____, _____, and _____.
The offices of _____, _____, and _____ shall be optional, to be filled when there are sufficient qualified candidates.
2. Officers shall be responsible for those duties described in these bylaws and the parliamentary authority.
3. Term of office shall be from _____ to _____ or until succeeded in office.
4. Vacancies created by resignation, impeachment or events may be filled by a majority vote at any regular meeting.
5. No member may serve more than _____ consecutive terms in the same office.
6. Officers will be elected annually at the _____ monthly meeting.
7. The current President may appoint a nominating committee who will be responsible for identifying candidates. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on election day.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

1. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the _____
(1st through 4th) (day of the week).
2. A temporary change in the regular meeting date may occur by majority vote at a previous meeting.
3. Additional meetings may be called by a majority vote of the Executive Board, provided members receive _____ day's prior notice.
4. The minimum number of members needed to constitute a quorum to conduct business at a meeting will be _____ percent of the total membership.

ARTICLE VI - Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the club and _____.
2. The Board shall supervise the affairs of the club between regular meetings and have authority to conduct business on behalf of the club.
 - a) The Board is subject to the orders of the club, and shall report any actions to the membership at the next meeting.
 - b) No Board actions shall conflict with action taken by the club.

_____(Date)
Agents Signature

_____(Date)
Organizational Leader