

Ellis County 4-H Shooting Sports Club Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution

Article I - Name

The name of this club shall be Ellis County 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H Club.

Article II - Purpose

The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Program strives to develop important life skills in young people, helping them to become responsible, happy, productive members of society. Its leadership works to expand the Program in order to involve as many youth and their families as possible. Appropriate recognition, through traditional 4-H channels such as record books and awards, as well as nontraditional methods, is used to inspire and reward Shooting Sports Project participants.

Specific objectives are:

- * To develop life skills in youth, including: Self esteem, decision making, communications, concern for community, and inquiring minds.
- * To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs.
- * To reach as many youth as possible, such that Shooting Sports is recognized as a major 4-H project in Kansas, through continual growth of the project.
- * To provide a safe, controlled environment for the learning of safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment.
- * To provide positive competition opportunities for participants who desire to compete, both through self-competition and in competition with others.
- * To expose participants to the broad array of careers and life-long avocational activities related to shooting.
- * To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
- * To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- * To help participants and their families to cope with the dangers that put youth at risk, including competition and stress.

Article III - Membership

4-H Club Membership: 4-H Club membership is open to all youth between the date of their 7th birthday through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19. 4-H Club membership is open to all youth without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or public assistance. All 4-H members must enroll each year.

Article IV - Officers

The officer of the club shall include the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and two 4-H Council representatives. Each shall perform the regular duties of these offices.

Article V - Meetings

The regular meeting of the club will be held at: the Gold Building at the 4-H Fair grounds on the third Sunday of the Month, unless notified in advance.

Article VI - Amendment

The constitution may be amended by a (simple or 2/3) majority of the total membership at any regular meeting (or -provided notice of such amendments shall have been given at a previous meeting).

Article VII - Club Leadership

The club shall be under the direction and guidance of County Coordinator. There will be state certified instructors for each of the disciplines offered. All adult volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Information Profile.

Article VIII - Dissolution Clause

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining funds must be contributed the county/district 4-H (Events) Council, local 4-H Foundation or 4-H Fund or the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Remaining funds must not be distributed among any 4-H members, 4-H volunteers or families participating at the time of the club's dissolve.

Bylaws

Article I - Election of Officers

The elections of the 4-H shooting sports club will be held in October of each year.

Article II - Duties of Officers

President - shall preside at club meeting, and may call special meetings as needed.

Vice-president - in absence of president perform president's duties.

Secretary - shall keep minutes of club meetings; write correspondence pertaining to club business, record attendance.

Treasurer - shall maintain funds and report to club financial records of money received and paid. Provide the Extension Office with end of the year reports.

4-H Council Representatives- There shall be two representatives elected that will attend Ellis County 4-H Council and report at the next meetings.

Junior officer may also be elected if appropriate.

Article III- Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of members present for the regular meeting.

Article IV - Rules of Order

Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the meetings of the club.

Article V - Order of Business

Agenda outline: 1) Call to order, 2) Roll call 3) 4-H Pledge and flag salute 4) Minutes, reading and approval; 5) Treasurers Report 6) Reports of instructors and Leaders; 7) upcoming activities 8) Old business; 9) New business; 10) Announcements; 11) Adjournment.

Article VI - Financial Reporting

The treasurer of the club will make a report at each meeting and annually the club will submit the Financial Audit Report to the Extension Office as requested.

Article VII - Additional Club Policies

Each 4-Her signed up for a shooting sports discipline will be a member of the shooting sports club, even if they have enrolled in another club. Therefore each member will have a say in the clubs activities, rules, and expenses.

Each member shall pay a discipline fee by the third practice. At the current time the discipline fee is \$10.00 for each discipline, except shotgun which is \$20 a year. If a youth is unable to pay the discipline fee, because of financial hardship, the fee will be waived.

Each member is expected to work the 4-H food stand at the Ellis County Fair in July.

Each member is expected to help with any fund raising activities.

4-H Youth that attend the 4-H national match and comes back to the club and reports on the event in detail will receive \$100.00 to help reimburse expenses incurred.

There will be state certified instructors in each of the disciplines offered by Ellis County. Training expenses will be reimbursed to the instructor if they will instruct for a period of at least two years after training occurs.

Article VIII - Amending Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.