

4-H HORSE COUNCIL OF FULTON COUNTY CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the 4-H Horse Council of Fulton County. This club is chartered under the 4-H program of Fulton County Ohio State University Extension and is subject to all guidelines as established by the national, state, and county 4-H programs.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the 4-H Horse Council of Fulton County (hereafter called the Council) shall be:

- To help plan, conduct, and evaluate county-wide activities and projects benefiting the members of the 4-H horse clubs, subject to approval of the County 4-H Youth Development Professional.
- Inform other leaders and members about decisions at meetings.
- Encourage youth leadership in all aspects of the program.
- Recommend policies for the county 4-H horse program that conforms to local, state, and national regulations.
- To fundraise and disperse funds needed to run and maintain programs.

Article III: Ohio State University Extension Affiliation

The Council agrees to comply with all applicable OSU Extension policies and procedures governing Ohio 4-H and agrees that the County 4-H Youth Development Professional (hereafter called "4-H Staff") has all necessary and proper authority to oversee the Council to ensure the Council's compliance. OSU Extension is authorized to include the Council in a group tax exemption, and the Council will supply all necessary documentation to ensure the Council's inclusion in a group tax exemption.

Article IV: Authority

Roberts Rules of Order is the standard protocol for all parliamentary matters. The current edition will be referenced and used to the best of the ability of the council members. We operate under a system of Special Rules and Standing Rules to facilitate meeting and programs.

Article V: Membership and Voting of Regular Meetings

- A horse club is defined as a 4-H club with at least one youth taking a live equine animal project.
- The voting membership of the Council shall be one screened and approved adult advisor representative from each horse club.
- The 4-H Staff shall serve as an ex-officio member.
- Each club is allowed one vote regardless of the number of advisors, and assistant advisors, or club members.
- In the event of a tie vote, the presiding officer will have the final decision unless it is officer elections.

Article VI: Executive Board: Officers, Nominations, and Voting

- Only adult advisors may be elected as officers of the Council.
- All officers must be from separate horse clubs.
- Officers of the Council shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

- Nominations will be accepted from the floor.
- Council officers will be elected at the November meeting, to begin at the following meeting.
- Voting will be by secret ballot. The 4-H Staff and one non-voting club advisor will count ballots. In the absence of a second counter, ballots will be read aloud.
- The President shall annually appoint a Sergeant at Arms, who must be an adult voting member of the Council.
- Tie will constitute a re-vote until the tie is broken.

Article VII: Ex-Officio Members

Ex-Officio members will include 4-H Staff of Fulton County OSU Extension and other such members who may be appointed by the Council President.

Article VIII: Committees

Executive Board

There shall be an executive committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall represent their club on the executive committee. The committee shall be empowered to conduct business on behalf of the Council, subject to the Council approval.

Committees

The President shall appoint necessary committees and a chairperson to fulfill the necessary responsibilities and consult with the 4-H Staff as needed. All clubs are expected to actively serve on at least one committee.

Article IX: Meetings

- This Council shall meet 4 or more times per year.
- Special council meetings will be called as necessary, by the President, 3 members, or OSU Extension 4-H Staff.

Article X: Quorum

A quorum will consist of fifty plus 1% of the executive board but a lesser number may adjourn to a later date.

Article XI: Adoptions and Amendments

- This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote using the equal proportions method of the total number of 4-H equine project members enrolled in the current program year, after reading of the proposed changes at the previous meeting.
- Changes in the constitution must be immediately reported to the Fulton County OSU Extension office and are subject to 4-H Staff approval.

Article XII. Financial Reporting and Responsibilities

Section A. The Ohio 4-H fiscal year is defined as January 1 through December 31.

Section B. The Council will obtain and maintain its own Tax Payer Identification Number (TIN), also known as Employee Identification Number (EIN).

Section C. The Council Annual Financial Report in the format requested by OSU Extension must be submitted to the County Extension office every year by the date established by OSU Extension.

Section D. An annual IRS 990 filing (Form 990, 990EZ, or 990N, depending on Committee revenue) must be completed by May 15 for the previous tax year.

Article XIII. Use of Council Revenue

No part of the net earnings of the Council shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Council shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II. above. No substantial part of the activities of the Council shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Council shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution the Council shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation or unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, or unincorporated association contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

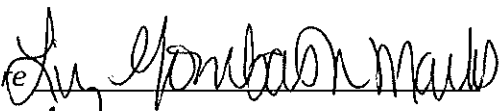
Article XIV. Prior to Dissolution

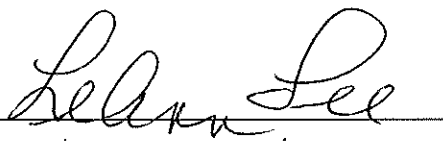
Prior to any dissolution, the defined voting body must discuss and vote on the disbursement of all assets of the Council to one or many non-profit organizations.

Article XV. Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Council assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

This constitution has been adopted by the members of the **4-H Horse Council of Fulton County** on **October 7, 2024.**

Signature 
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Council President
Date 10/7/24

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Print name LeAnn Lee
Council Secretary
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