

4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code Agreement

According to policy set forth by the Sussex County 4-H Program Advisory Council in concurrence with Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Department of 4-H Youth Development and further endorsed by the Executive Committee of the NJSF®/SCFHS, the following statement and 4-H Code Of Conduct shall apply to all 4-H members, their parents, legal guardians, and volunteer 4-H leaders.

The Sussex County 4-H Youth Development Program will adhere to the 4-H Code Of Conduct as outlined below and additionally endorses all behavior policies as noted in the official International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) code of behavior for exhibitors. The IAFE code will be prominently posted in agricultural exhibit areas.

No 4-H fair project entry form will be accepted unless both the 4-H member and parent/guardian sign this agreement.

NOTE: Violations of any aspect of the 4-H or IAFE Code Of Conduct will be immediately reported to the NJSF®/SCFHS Agricultural Superintendent. Immediate corrective action will be taken with further disciplinary action to follow upon detailed investigation of the infraction or incident.

4-H Code of Conduct

1. The health, safety, and welfare of others must be respected at all times.
2. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times. Profanity, foul or abusive language, inflammatory statements, derogatory comments or physical altercations toward any group or individual are not permitted.
3. Participants are expected to participate in all scheduled club activities at the NJSF/SCFHS.
4. 4-H members are required to wear exhibitor name tags/or numbers for proper identification while on the grounds or participating in a 4-H event.
5. Participants are responsible for following the instructions of all 4-H staff and event 4-H volunteer leaders.
6. All behavior or language of a sexual nature at 4-H events is inappropriate and unacceptable. Dignified and respectable behavior is expected at all times from youth and adults.
7. Curfew hours must be strictly followed.
8. Behavior during free time is subject to the supervision of 4-H staff and 4-H club leaders.
9. Previous set Dress code standards for the event must be met by all participants (i.e., no sexually suggestive, culturally insensitive, tobacco or alcohol industry sponsored shirts, inappropriately cut shirts, shorts, pants or skirts, etc.).
10. Possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications may be dispensed by adult chaperones only with written authorization provided by the parent/guardian on the 4-H Event Permission Form filed for the event.
11. With the well being of self and others, smoking and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited in all animal barns.
12. Care and respect for property, personal and institutional, is expected at all times. Theft, possession of missing property is prohibited.
13. Unauthorized possession, distribution or use of weapons, ammunition or fireworks is prohibited.
14. Honesty is expected at all times from 4-H members. Dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism and forgery are inappropriate actions.

Signature of Participant in 4-H Event

Signature of Parent or Guardian