

Sample 4-H Youth Development Council Constitution

PROVISIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF 4-H AFFILIATES

The following provisions must be adopted as written into the entity's governing documents (i.e., Articles of Incorporation, Constitution) if the entity wants to join the Purdue 4-H Group Exemption Number.

1. The entity is organized exclusively for educational, scientific and charitable purposes, specifically to provide the youth who comprise the membership a non-formal education 4-H Youth Development experience through the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service.
2. No part of the net earnings of the entity shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers or other private persons, except that the entity shall be authorized to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes set forth in Article __. No substantial part of the activities of the entity shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the entity 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.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the entity shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization 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.
4. In the event of termination or revocation of a charter for, or dissolution of, this entity, all of the principal, income, and assets shall be transferred and assigned to the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of _____ County to be held to support future 4-H educational program efforts to include the formation of new 4-H entities.
5. The entity shall generate its federal tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code through a Group Exemption Number (GEN) to be issued to Purdue University, and it shall undertake any action so required by Purdue University and by Internal Revenue Service rules and procedures to ensure its inclusion in the GEN issued to Purdue University. The entity shall obtain an Employer Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service irrespective of whether a bank account is maintained by the entity. The entity shall comply with requirements for, and file with the Internal Revenue Service, annual information returns on the Form 990 Series applicable to the entity, and the entity shall file all other returns required by applicable law including Federal, State and local law. No consolidated Form 990 for subordinate organizations (i.e. entities) shall be prepared by Purdue University under the group exemption issued to it.