



WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB BY-LAWS

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TO INSURE THE CONTINUED SUCCESS AND SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB, THE ORGANIZATION WILL OPERATE UNDER THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS:

Article I - Purpose

The purpose of the Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports Club is to give instruction, advice and guidance in the safe operation of guns and bows and to make opportunities available for total youth development. The program is to provide a knowledge base, skill development and wholesome attitude about safety, handling firearms, recreational shooting, citizenship, scholarship and leadership.

Article II - Membership

Section 1: The membership of this organization shall consist of students ages 9 through 19 (**must be 9 as of January 1st of current year and have not reached 19 as of January 1st**) living in **Washington** County as of January 1st. Any student that wishes to become a shooting sports member after the **membership** deadline must appear before the Washington County 4-H Council **and the 4-H Shooting Sports Executive Committee** and have special permission granted for membership. If the club should ever exceed 60 members, a waiting list will then be created.

Section 2: All members are voting representatives

Section 3: Certified coaches, coordinators, adult volunteers, extension agents will serve as an advisory group to the club.

Section 4: Kentucky 4-H age requirements determine possible length of membership.

Section 5: A member can be removed for continuous disregard of safe firearm handling procedures, continuous disruption of activities or horseplay during range work. This will be determined at the discretion of the corresponding certified coach.

Section 6: All members are to be on their best behavior and show manners and courtesy to others at all times.

Section 7: Any youth disciplined at school for continued fighting or any type of threatening actions will be asked to not participate in the club for a period of at least one year. Once the year has expired and the student is considered to be in good standing again at their school, their participation in the Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports

program will be reviewed.

Article III - Meetings

Section 1: Regular monthly meetings of the Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports will be held in the months prior to the start of weekly on-site practices.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the certified coaches, coordinators and 4-H agent.

Section 3: If for any reason a Washington County 4-H member cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting, the individual must notify the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Section 4: All members must attend at least a minimum of 50% of all scheduled practices to be eligible to participate in any 4-H Shooting Sports competition. However, it is strongly recommended that members attend as many as possible.
If a member misses more than 1 regular club meeting without an excused absence the individual will be automatically withdrawn from the club roster. Appeals shall be directed to the Extension Office and then coaches and club members shall vote on reentry. 4-H members, parents and volunteers are expected to follow the State 4-H Shooting Sports dress code at practices.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1: Officers shall consist of the Austin McBride Award recipient from the previous year.

Section 2: Officers shall serve a period of one year.

Section 3: To be eligible for an office, the 4-Her must have been a member of the club for two year.

Section 4: Officers shall perform all duties related to the office. Officers, coaches and club coordinator will comprise the Executive Committee.

Article V - Finances

Section 1: The funds of the club shall be deposited in the Springfield State Bank, Springfield, Kentucky and shall be withdrawn only on checks signed by the Treasurer(s).

Section 2: Dues will be collected at \$30 per member during the membership period (November-December) A Family with more than one child involved will pay \$25 for a 2nd child and \$20 for remaining children.

Section 3: Any additional funds held over from one 4-H year to the next can be used to reach

long term goals, provide scholarships or used as startup funds for the new club year.

Section 4: All 4-H Sharpshooters Club members, parents and volunteers will be expected to participate in club fundraisers. Major fundraising will take place during invitational shooting sports competitions sponsored by the club and during the local festival. Additional fundraising events may be added during the club year. Members that wish to not participate in fundraisers will be expected to make a \$100.00 donation to the club per member

Section 5: The 4-H Sharpshooters club will cover the cost for the state shooting competition. All other shooting competitions must be paid by the member in advance.

Article VI - Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to these By-laws may be made by vote of two-thirds of the membership present at any meeting or special meeting.

Article VII - Dissolution of the Club

Section 1: Upon the dissolution of the club, the net assets of the club, after payment of all debts, shall become the property of the Washington County 4-H Council.

