



ORANGE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the 4-H members of Orange County, in order to provide additional opportunities for personal development, leadership and growth, and to function as a tool of the 4-H program, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Orange County 4-H Youth Council.

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as the Orange County 4-H Youth Council.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Each organized 4-H club will have two (2) voting delegates and (2) independent members on the Council. Other 4-H members may attend County Council.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Ten (9) regular (September to May) meetings shall be held during the 4-H Youth Council year. Special meetings may be held when deemed necessary and meetings may be cancelled when deemed necessary by the 4-H Youth Council President and the 4-H Youth Council Advisor.

AMENDMENT TO ORANGE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

There has been a proposal to amend the Constitution on Article III to the Constitution; this section shall be replaced by:

Ten (10) regular (September to June) meetings shall be held during the 4-H Youth Council year. Special meetings may be held when deemed necessary and meetings may be cancelled when deemed necessary by the 4-H Youth Council President and the 4-H Youth Council Advisor.

This proposal was voted and approved September 5, 2013, amendment to be implemented in September 6, 2013.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

The elected officers shall be President, Vice-President, Council Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian, Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms. These elected officers shall compose the executive board, and shall act in the interest of the membership, at times other than council meetings. The President, Vice-President, Delegate and Secretary will serve as the Orange County voting delegates on the District 8 Council.

“Cause of Absence Clause”- Any county council officer may be replaced by another officer or newly elected official for missing two (2) meetings if unexcused or three (3) meetings if excused.

“Order of Succession clause”- If any Orange County council officer resigns, or is otherwise, removed from his/her position the order of succession to fill open seats will be as follows President←Vice-President←Secretary←Treasurer←Delegate←Alt. Delegate←Reporter←Historian←Sergeant-at-Arms←Parliamentarian. Each officer may decline the role and the seat opened to the next person in the order of succession.

ARTICLE V

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers of this council shall be elected at the last council meeting of the year and shall serve until their successors are elected and installed. Candidates for office are to be selected from active membership (membership qualifications, as stated in the By-Laws) who has completed County Council Election Application Form prior to the meeting. Candidates must be present to run for elected office. All officers will be elected at the election meeting.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT shall preside over all meetings of the Council, appoints and serves as an ex-officio member of all committees and performs other duties as required. The President shall only vote in case of a tie. The President represents Orange County as

a voting delegate on the OC 4-H Association, District, and State Councils.

VICE PRESIDENT shall serve in the absence of the President. The Vice-president shall chair a committee and represent the Council as a voting delegate on the OC 4-H Association and District Council.

DELEGATE represents the Council at the OC 4-H Association, District and State Councils and chairs a committee.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE represents at the Council at the OC 4-H Association, the District Council and State Council in the absence of one of the voting delegates.

SECRETARY shall keep minutes for meetings, call the roll, keep correspondence of the Council and represent the Council on the District Council.

TREASURER shall keep up to date with the financial dealings of the Council and present a report at meetings.

REPORTER shall assist with the preparation and writing of a quarterly newsletter.

HISTORIAN shall prepare slide show for the awards banquet as well as submit items for the state scrap book.

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS shall see that the meeting room is set up and returned to order following Council meetings.

PARLIMENTARIAN shall ensure that meetings are run according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Please refer to Orange County 4-H Youth Council officer positions for more information.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint all committees and may set up new committees when appropriate. The standing committees of the 4-H Youth Council shall be as follows:

1. Public Awareness(Kick Off event-Milk Run-Club Visits & Greeting guest)
2. County Events (Share the Fun, County Events/Fashion Revue, Central Florida Fair Booth)
3. Ways and Means and (Fundraising)

4. Community Service (Service learning project and drives).

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM

A quorum is present if two (2) representatives from five (5) organized 4-H clubs are present.

AMENDMENT TO ORANGE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

There has been a proposal to amend the Constitution on Article VII to the Constitution; this section shall be replaced by:

A quorum is present if representative(s) from five (5) organized 4-H clubs and independent members are present.

This proposal was voted and approved September 6, 2012, amendment to be implemented in September 7, 2012.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to the constitution must be sent to members at least a week prior to a Council meeting. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership of the Council present at the meeting.

ARTICLE X BY-LAWS

Additional By-Laws may be adopted for the successful operation of the Council.

AMENDMENT TO ORANGE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

*There has been a proposal to amend the Constitution: **Change "Orange County 4-H Council" throughout the Constitution to "Orange County 4-H Youth Council".***

This proposal was voted and approved September 6, 2012, amendment to be implemented in September 7, 2012.

AMENDMENT TO ORANGE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS.

*There has been a proposal to amend the Constitution: **Change "Member-at-large" throughout the constitution for "Independent member".***

This proposal was voted and approved September 6, 2012, amendment to be implemented in September 7, 2012.



ORANGE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

BY-LAWS

1. Regular meetings shall be held September through May of the 4-H year.

AMENDMENT TO ORANGE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL BY LAWS

There has been a proposal to amend the By-Laws on numeral 1 this section shall be replaced by:

Regular meetings shall be held September through June of the 4-H year.

This proposal was voted and approved September 5, 2013, amendment to be implemented in September 6, 2013.

2. Special Meetings may be called by the Executive Board.
3. To be a 4-H Youth Council member:
 - a) Have a current Florida 4-H participation and enrollment form on file in the Orange County 4-H office.
 - b) Enroll in a 4-H project, join a 4-H club or, join as Independent member.

For more information please refer to Orange County 4-H council Election Procedures.

4. Robert's Rules of Order shall constitute the authority for council parliamentary procedure not otherwise specified in the constitution or by-laws.
5. The 4-H Agents shall supervise the activities of council members at meetings and special events.

AMENDMENT TO ORANGE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL BY LAWS

There has been a proposal to amend the By-Laws on numeral 5 this section shall be replaced by:

The 4-H Agents and the Adult Advisor shall supervise the

activities of council members at meetings and special events.

This proposal was voted and approved September 5, 2013, amendment to be implemented in September 6, 2013.

6. This Council shall work cooperatively with the District 8 4-H Council and the Florida 4-H State Council in helping carry out the aims, objectives and programs of that organization; provided that such are consistent with the rules, objectives and programs of this Council.
7. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend Council meetings; however, only two (2) delegates from each club and two (2) independent members have voting privileges. Voting privileges of independent members are defined in the orange county council election procedures.
8. A 4-H member must be considered a senior 4-H member as of September 1st of the coming year to be allowed to run for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer or Reporter. An Intermediate 4-H member may run for either Sergeant-at- Arms, Historian or Parliamentarian.
9. Newly elected officers shall attend a training session before the new 4-H year begins. Officers are responsible for attending meetings with the 4-H Council Advisor.
10. The Council Executive Board with the help of the 4-H Youth Council Advisor or adult in charge will appoint a replacement officer if the current officer is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings or cannot fulfill their duties.
11. All clubs must attend three-fourths (3/4) of the meetings to remain in good standing with the Council. Members may run for council office if they have attended three-fourths (3/4) of the County Council meetings and have the approval of their adult leader.