

CONSTITUTION
Of
Northeast District 4-H Horse Council of Virginia

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

This name of this organization shall be “The Northeast District 4-H Horse Council of Virginia.”

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSES

The purposes of this Council shall be:

1. To plan, implement, and evaluate Northeast District 4-H Horse Project Events
2. To coordinate the efforts of Northeast District County Horse Programs
3. To maintain and disseminate information for the betterment of the 4-H Horse Project
4. To give financial support to educational 4-H Horse Project Programs

The development of council members will occur through 4-H Council work, participating during Council meetings, district, state, regional, national and international 4-H Events, and other activities and by learning how to run a meeting with rules, patience and teamwork.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Nondiscrimination

1. Council membership shall be open to all enrolled 4-H Adult and Youth Volunteers supporting the Northeast District and willing to further its purpose. Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law.
2. Only two Adult Members and one Youth member from each Extension Unit shall be eligible to vote. It is the duty of each County agent to specify who these representatives are and to submit their names to the Council Extension Advisor and the Council Secretary. Alternates may be designated by the unit to stand in for voting members in their absence, so long as their names have been submitted by the unit agent to the Council along with the regular voting members.

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS

The officers of this council shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary. Council Officers do not have to be voting or alternate delegates in order to hold their office for the required term. Please see term limits in Bylaws.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMITTEES

The following committees should be appointed to serve the Council:

1. Budget Committee – shall prepare and submit an annual budget to the Council
2. Northeast District 4-H Horse Show and Clinic Committees – shall plan, implement, and evaluate the approved District 4-H qualifying Horse Shows and Clinics
3. Educational Contests Committee – shall help the Chairman of the contests in any way possible

ARTICLE 6 – MEETINGS

The council will meet consistently throughout the year either in person or electronically as agreed upon in the business meetings.

ARTICLE 7 – FINANCES

The Council will follow all Virginia Cooperative Extension and Virginia 4-H fiscal policies as well as state and federal regulations.

ARTICLE 8 – VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP

This Council is made up of volunteer members, who: are officially enrolled, participate of their own free will and without compensation or expectation of compensation beyond possible reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and perform tasks at the direction of and on behalf of the Virginia 4-H program. All 4-H Council members are expected to abide by the “Standards of Behavior for Virginia 4-H Volunteers”.

ARTICLE 9 – EXTENSION 4-H STAFF

The organization, program, and activities of this Council shall be under the general direction of the Northeast District 4-H Horse Council Extension Advisors or designated Extension personnel.

ARTICLE 10 – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution and termination of the Northeast District 4-H Horse Advisory Council of Virginia for any reason, the officers shall take full account of the Council’s assets and liabilities, and shall liquidate the assets and shall apply and distribute the proceeds there from in the following order:

- A. To the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Northeast District 4-H Horse Council of Virginia.
- B. To the setting up of any reserves that the officers may deem reasonable for the purpose of paying any unforeseen liabilities or obligations of the Council.
- C. After a waiting period of one year from the date of dissolution, if the Council fails to reorganize, the remaining balance shall be distributed to the State Horse Program for the purpose of program development directly related to the enrichment of the 4-H horse

program.

Each of the members shall be provided a statement prepared by the Northeast District 4-H Horse Council of Virginia outlining the assets, liabilities, and the distribution of assets upon complete liquidation. Upon compliance with these terms and the distribution of the funds, the Council shall cease to exist.

ARTICLE 12 – AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote cast by those in attendance.

SIGNATURES:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Lisa Powers

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Jen Panten

UNIT EXTENSION 4-H STAFF

OTHER EXTENSION STAFF

DATE ADOPTED