

# CONSTITUTION

## **Santa Clara County 4-H Club Council**

### Article I Name and Scope

#### Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Santa Clara County 4-H Club Council.

#### Section 2

There shall be only one such organization in the county, superior to and inclusive of 4-H Clubs, district councils, and advisory or sponsoring committees.

### Article II Purposes

#### Section 1

This Council is organized for the purpose of organizing and administering 4-H Club work in this county in compliance with the policies established by the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California which is authorized under Federal and State statutes for organizing and administering 4-H Club work in the State of California.

#### Section 2

The Council shall operate as a non-profit, non-political, educational organization, cooperating with the Agricultural Extension Service in the furtherance of 4-H Club work in California.

#### Section 3

The broad purposes for which this Council is organized shall be:

To provide a means for securing the concerted action of volunteer 4-H Club leaders in their efforts to supplement the work of the Agricultural Extension Service in the promotion, organization, and administration of the 4-H Club program;

To establish such district councils and advisory or sponsoring committees as are necessary to effectuate the work of the Council;

To develop and carry out a yearly program of events and activities for 4-H Club members and leaders;

To develop unity within the county by coordinating and standardizing the methods and procedures of the individual 4-H Clubs;

To provide for the training of 4-H Club leaders in organization and subject matter.

### Article III

#### District Councils

##### Section 1

Purpose. District Councils may be organized by the parent Council in order to increase the effectiveness and to strengthen the unity of the 4-H Club program in the county.

##### Section 2

Authority. District Councils shall operate under the same Constitution and By-Laws as govern the Council. Rules of procedure may be adopted by each District Council to govern its action in situation which are not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

### Article IV

#### Advisory and Sponsoring Committees

##### Section 1

Purpose. Advisory and sponsoring committees, made up of friends and supporters of 4-H Club work, may be organized to assist in the financing and promotion of the 4-H Club program.

##### Section 2

Organization. Such committees shall be organized by and under the direction of the County Director of the Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the County 4-H Club Council.

### Article V

#### Incorporation

##### Section 1

In case the Council wishes to incorporate, it shall incorporate as one County 4-H Club Council. Individual 4-H Clubs and District Councils shall not incorporate.

##### Section 2

Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws shall be in conformity with the sample Articles and By-Laws provided by the Attorney for the Board of Regents of the University of California.

### Article VI

There shall be no membership fees or dues.

## Article VII

### Use of 4-H Name and Emblem

#### Section 1

All uses of the 4-H Club name or emblem shall be consistent with the educational purposes, character-building objectives and dignity of the 4-H Club organization.

#### Section 2

The 4-H Club name and emblem shall not be used if it exploits or might be construed to exploit the 4-H Club movement. This will hold true in the case of locally originated contests and awards; money-raising activities; printed materials; supplies to be sold or provided without charge; and advertisements.

#### Section 3

By Act of Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, is the final authority for authorization for the use of the name and emblem of 4-H Club work. State and local 4-H organizations shall operate within that authorization.

#### Section 4

Local plans for the use of the 4-H name and emblem shall be cleared with the Agricultural Extension Service.

## Article VIII

### Amendments

#### Section 1

Procedure: Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the State 4-H Club Office by the County Director. Upon approval, in its approved form, the amendment shall be read at a regular meeting at least one month in advance of final action or shall be sent in a letter to every member one week before final action.

#### Section 2

Voting on amendments: Amendments may be passed at a regular meeting of the Council by a three-fourths vote of the active members present, providing the above procedure has been followed.

## Article IX

### Adoption

The adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws shall precede or be concurrent with the issuance of a charter to the Council by the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California.

The effective date shall be May 10, 1955.

[Charter issued May 1, 1956]

[Revisions: July, 1962; May 8, 1984; September 11, 1990.]