

CONSTITUTION OF THE EATON COUNTY HDC

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ARTICLE I Section 1

NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the Eaton County Horse Developmental Committee (HDC).

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this organization shall be to help all 4-H members;

1. Develop leadership, self-reliance, good sportsmanship and other desirable traits.
2. Provide and promote educational opportunities for members to learn about the horse project.
3. Learn skills in horsemanship and understand the responsibility of breeding, raising and training horses.
4. Promote a greater love of all animals and develop a humane attitude toward them.
5. Most of all; have fun and fellowship with all horse people in all levels of competition.

ARTICLE III Section 1

OFFICERS:

Officers of this organization shall be a Youth Executive Board.

Section 2

Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3

Officers are elected yearly. The office of Treasurer will be elected every two (2) years. Officers will be nominated and elected into office in September. Officers will be limited to two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. Any vacancies will be filled by election. If an officer misses three (3) meetings, they may be dismissed from the board as determined by the board, advisor, and 4-H staff. Only HDC members will be allowed to run for office.

ARTICLE IV Section 1

MEMBERSHIP:

All 4-H horse project members are eligible to be in HDC. All registered 4-H leaders are eligible to be advisors of HDC. HDC advisors will be appointed by 4-H staff.

Section 2

Each registered 4-H horse club will be allowed to have up to six (6) delegates to vote. The delegates may be different people at each meeting. All the delegates will be youth. No one person can represent more than one horse club per meeting.

ARTICLE V Section 1

COMMITTEES:

Committees may be raised at any time. Adult chairs will be appointed as needed by the Youth Executive Board and delegates.

Section 2 The President shall appoint three (3) delegates (one adult and two youths) to audit books at least once a year.

Section 3: Standing committees shall include fundraising and education. Chairs shall be voted on at the September meeting.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS:

Section 1 Meetings shall be held in September, December, and March on the second Wednesday of that month at 6:30 p.m. at the Eaton County Extension Office (unless otherwise specified), and an educational opportunity in June.

Section 2 Special meetings may be held whenever deemed necessary on the call of the Youth Executive Board.

Section 3 A quorum, consisting of at least six (6) 4-H members who are in the horse project and are registered with Eaton County 4-H, must be present to vote on officers. All other decisions may be conducted with the delegates present.

ARTICLE VII EDUCATION

Section 1 An educational opportunity, such as a workshop or clinic, will be held each June.

Section 2 Clubs with horse members will be encouraged to be featured at meetings to provide education (for example, games such as trivia quizzes or jeopardy, presentations, arranging for a speaker, etc. to learn about various aspects of the horse project including but not limited to nutrition, fitting, showmanship, attire, sportsmanship, tack care, etc). Clubs who sign up and provide an educational opportunity will earn \$50 for the club to use for educational experiences in the club (limit one \$50 award per club per year).

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS:

Section 1 Amendments may be made once a year to these by-laws. Signed suggestions may be submitted in writing to the executive board, discussed at one meeting, voted on at the next and go into effect immediately.

Section 2 A copy of this constitution will be online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/horse_development_committee and emailed to those registered in the horse project following any changes.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION:

Section 1 In the event that this organization is dissolved, all records and monies shall be relinquished to the Eaton County MSU Extension office. Any money relinquished is designated for use in the 4-H Eaton County horse program.