

## 2005 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL “Action Taken” on Recommendations

### A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **4-H Member Code of Conduct**—Snohomish. Recommends that a code of conduct for 4-H members be developed and adopted for use within the State of Washington to address appropriate attire and behavior.

**Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council:** Add ‘/volunteer’ after ‘member.’ Add to the end of the recommendation, “A committee consisting of 50% youth will be formed to develop this code of conduct.”

**Action:** Referred to the State Advisory Board and the Core Committee. Core Committee member, Jan Klein, will lead the workgroup charged with addressing this recommendation.

### B. GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Table Setting Activity Scorecard**—Snohomish. Recommends that the *Table Setting Activity Scoresheet* be revised.

**Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council:** Change the word ‘redone’ to ‘revised.’

**Action:** The State 4-H Food Committee is reviewing all Food Activity scorecards and activity descriptions. Revision drafts are anticipated to be presented to leaders at the 2006 State 4-H Forum.

2. **On the Spot Kitchen Activity**—Clark. Reinstate the ‘On the Spot Kitchen Activity’ at State 4-H Fair.

**Accepted by 4-H Council.**

**Action: Rejected.** The State 4-H Fair Board rejected this item and recommended that the county resubmit the recommendation with state-wide participation data to justify holding this activity in the future. Reasons for rejection included expense to conduct this activity, low participation levels, and lack of manpower. Other items considered were how much refrigerator space was taken away from other contestants and a required 3-hour time slot. Participants do not need to qualify in

this contest at the county level as they may qualify in Foods for All Occasions and then do On-the-Spot at state.

- 3. My Favorite Food Contest**—Pierce. Remove the poster requirement from the 'My Favorite Food Contest.'

**Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council:** From Class 28, "Favorite Foods," remove the last sentence from item D. and create a new lot for "Exploring Foods Around the World," using score sheet C1068.

**Action:** Referred to the State 4-H Food Committee and 4-H Fair Board. There will be no change in contest requirements for the 2006 4-H State Fair.

- 4. Fashion Revue**—Pierce. Revise EM0682, *Personal Data Sheet*, deleting "State Fashion Revue," and adding "Daily Fashion Revue Junior."

**Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council:** Remove 'the top of' before EM0682, added words 'Daily Fashion Revue Junior checkbox' and removed 'State Fashion Revue checkbox.'

**Action: Accepted.** Revision will be made (this publication will also be changed to online-only when revised).

## C. EQUINE

- 1. Equine**—Spokane. Clarify pg. 40 (PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*), International Flags Race - knocking over can and/or barrel.

**Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council:** As written in supporting statement.

**Action:** The State 4-H Horse Equine Committee has addressed this issue as follows—rules for International Flags are to be clarified and consistent with Oregon so that knocking over either one equals 5 seconds and knocking over both would equal 10 seconds penalties. The clarification will be effective in the 2006-2007 4-H year.

- 2. Equine**—Cowlitz. Provide riders of horses with physical challenges (with) the opportunity to participate in county and/or state events by modifying the rules of the contest guide (PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*), especially related to the Performance Horse division.

**Rejected by 4-H Council:** The issue is covered in the State Horse Contest Guide, PNW574, pg. 6, paragraph 3.

Clarification from the State 4-H Equine Committee: It was agreed that this

statement would allow adjustments to accommodate the horse for valid medical reasons. For instance, allowing use of a hackamore on a horse with an injured tongue. This will be referred to the Oregon/Washington Curriculum Committee for clarification in the next issuance of the Contest Guide.

Riders with physical challenges are accommodated on a per request basis. See the following statement for further explanation:

#### Washington State 4-H Youth with Disability Guidelines

The 4-H Youth Program of Washington State University, through its curriculum, programs, and events, provides a supportive environment for diverse population groups with over-arching respect for individual's personal values and ideas. 4-H takes seriously its responsibility to offer educational programming opportunities, equitably to all qualified persons who can be reasonably accommodated.

Parents of youth with disabilities seeking accommodation, need to ensure that 4-H leaders are informed of the disability. The parents and youth should work with staff and leaders to insure that the 4-H experience is a positive one for all youth involved. 4-H Leaders and event officials should make all reasonable accommodations to allow youth with disabilities to participate in 4-H activities. These accommodations may include assistance from another person for the event or activity.

The steps in the accommodation process are:

1. A needed accommodation needs to be communicated to the event or program staff.
2. Event or program staff will evaluate all accommodations requests to insure that the requests can be provided. The program staff will always strives to make all reasonable to make accommodations for our 4-H Youth.
3. If accommodation is not requested at least ten days in advance, we cannot guarantee the availability of accommodation on site at the event.
4. If the event or program organizer needs additional support, they should contact their county 4-H Youth Educator, or State 4-H Staff for assistance with these accommodations as needed.
5. In events where the member is being tested or judged to specific criteria, those criteria may not be compromised by any accommodations. All youth to be judged, must be measured buy the same criteria.

## D. DOGS

1. **Dogs**—Spokane. Revise the *State 4-H Fair Premium Book* (pg. 55, Obedience Dogs, Item 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence) to read, “In the event an exhibitor shows two or more obedience dogs at the county show, the dog must receive a blue or red ribbon in fitting and showing/showmanship. Delete the next 3 sentences; keep the last two sentences (of Item 3).

**Rejected by 4-H Council:** Recommendation to submit to the State Dog Committee for further review, as the intention of the recommendation is subject to several interpretations.