

# Cole County 4-H & FFA Fair Board Constitution

## **Article 1 – Name**

This fair board shall be known as the Cole County 4-H & FFA Fair Board of Cole County, Missouri, established September 25, 1996.

## **Article 2 – Purpose**

1. To plan and coordinate the Cole County Youth portion of the fair
2. To provide a safe environment for the all exhibitors, animals and exhibits during their stay at the fair.
3. To improve the quality of club projects made by the youth
4. To encourage cooperation among all youth of the county
5. To maintain the *youth's youthful* interest in the improving the quality of ~~livestock, crop and agricultural projects, experiences, and~~ enterprises as well as the general quality of life in Cole County.

## **Article 3-Membership**

Membership is open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, *ancestry*, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, family status, *protected veteran status*, sexual orientation, *gender identity, or gender expression*. *This is not interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the armed forces of the United States of America.*

## **Article 4 – Officers**

The officers of this Fair Board shall be President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## **Article 5-Executive Committee**

*The Executive Committee will consist of one person representing superintendents based upon their respective responsibilities. The Executive Committee will consist of a representative from each of these areas: Exhibit Building, Miscellaneous, Shooting Sports, Animals, Livestock, Finance/Marketing, and Constitution & Bylaws.*

## **Article 4 – Superintendents** (moved to By Laws)

~~Areas of superintendents will be Exhibit Building, Market Swine, Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Swine, Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Horsemanship Poultry/Rabbits, Cats, Dog, Shooting Sports, Hams, Fashion Review or other approved superintendents.~~

## **Article 6 – Voting Advisory Representatives**

~~Voting Areas of Advisory~~ representatives shall consist of *one* individual from the *all 4-H clubs within Cole County, Russellville FFA, Eugene FFA, Nichols Career Center FFA, Calvary FFA, Blair Oaks FFA* the Jefferson City Jaycees, and any other *organizations* who might benefit the 4-H and FFA program.

1. Cole County 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters shall elect one ~~voting advisory~~ representative. All 4-H clubs and FFA chapters will select their ~~voting advisory~~ representative by December 31. In the event a new club/chapter is established after this date, that club/chapter will have 30 days after their month of establishment to select a ~~voting advisory~~ representative. The person selected as a ~~voting advisory~~ representative must be in good standing with the 4-H Club/FFA Chapter for a minimum of one year. If the Fair Board President is a ~~voting~~ representative, that club/chapter will appoint another ~~voting Advisory~~ representative so that voting rights remain equal.
2. Any other areas of ~~voting Advisory~~ representatives listed above shall send no more than one member in good standing with their organization to act as a ~~voting advisory~~ representative on the Fair Board. If the Cole County 4-H/FFA Fair Board President is a ~~voting Advisory~~ Representative from an organization that

benefits the 4-H and FFA Program, that group will appoint another ~~voting Advisory~~ Representative so that voting rights remain equal.

**Article 7 – Voting Membership and Quorum**

The voting membership shall consist of the following officers: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, all Superintendents and 4-H club & FFA chapter ~~voting Advisory~~ representatives. Thirteen voting members in attendance shall be considered a Quorum.

**Article 8 – Meetings**

The meetings will be held monthly or as decided by the Fair Board President and the location of each meeting will be determined by the Fair Board President.

**Article 9 - Finances**

~~The Fair Board will follow safe and sound financial management in the operations of all activities related to the operations of the Cole County 4-H & FFA portion of the fair. The Fair Board will follow University of Missouri Extension and Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development Missouri Cooperative Extension and Missouri 4-H fiscal policies. as well as state and federal regulations concerning nonprofit entities.~~

**Article 10 – Volunteer Leaders**

A youth volunteer is anyone including 4-H member, FFA member age of 14 years or older. Adult volunteer leaders are individuals who are beyond 4-H and FFA membership age. The volunteer has enrolled in the 4-H and FFA program as a volunteer and of his/her own free will, without compensation or expectation of compensation beyond possible reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, performs a task at the direction of the Fair Board and on behalf of the 4-H and FFA program. All volunteers are expected to abide by the *Code of Conduct Six Pillars of Character* set forth by the 4-H program and have received 4-H volunteer orientation and training prior to joining this Fair Board

**Article 11 – Dissolution and Termination**

Upon dissolution and Termination of the Fair Board the existing members agree to the following procedures:

The Fair Board shall be terminated and dissolved by a majority vote of the membership in favor of dissolution and termination of the Fair Board. The members shall also vote on how to disburse the Fair Board assets and liabilities. If this Fair Board dissolves or fails to reorganize without a vote of the members, the assets and liabilities become the property of the Cole County Extension Center after a waiting period of one (1) year. During the one (1) year waiting period, the current treasurer at the time of dissolution and termination will maintain the assets & liabilities associated with the Fair Board. Any assets remaining after the one (1) year waiting period will be awarded as scholarships determined by the Cole County Extension Council.

**Article 12 – Amendments**

Providing notice has been given at the previous meeting, this constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by simple majority votes of the voting membership.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cole County 4-H/FFA Fair Board  
President

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cole County 4-H/FFA Fair Board  
Secretary

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Date Adopted