



ORANGE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURES



- 1. Who is eligible to run for office?**
 - Current 4-H members (see point 2 for further details)
 - Meet age eligibility guidelines
 - Cloverbuds and Junior division 4-H members are *ineligible* to run for officer positions
 - Intermediate division youth *may only run* for the offices of Sergeant of Arms, Historian and Parliamentarian
 - Senior division 4-H members may run for any officer position
 - Officers can serve no more than two terms in the same officer position
 - Submit a completed “Orange County 4-H Council Election Application Form” with all necessary signatures to the 4-H office by *May 1st at 5:00 PM*
- 2. What do I have to do become a 4-H member?**
 - Have a current Florida 4-H participation and enrollment form on file in the 4-H office
 - Enroll in a 4-H project
 - a. Join a 4-H club
 - b. Join as a member-at-large. A member-at-large participates in independent, self-directed learning under the supervision of an adult mentor.
- 3. What are the requirements of an Orange County 4-H Council officer?**
 - No more than two unexcused absences
 - Participation in Officer Trainings and monthly Officer Teleconference
- 4. What rules exist for campaigning?**
 - Campaigning shall be limited to the night of the election meeting
 - Candidates are permitted to spend *no more than \$20* on campaign promotional materials
- 5. How does the election work?**
 - Current County Council officers preside over the election, therefore they cannot vote in the election
 - Elections will proceed in the following order: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Reporter, Sergeant-at-arms, Historian, Parliamentarian
 - Elections are conducted in a manner consistent with Parliamentary Procedure. Individuals must be formally nominated by another 4-H member. This nomination must then be accepted and seconded in order for youth to be eligible to run for office.
 - All nominees will have two minutes to give a speech in support of their candidacy
 - Upon the completion of nominee speeches, paper ballots will be handed out to all eligible voting delegates
 - Votes will be counted in a secure location by the Council President under the supervision of the 4-H Agent Advisor
 - Upon announcing the election winner we will proceed to the next officer position
 - In the event that there is a tie, the candidates with the two highest vote totals will be given one minute to speak in support of their candidacy. After this a second vote will be taken.
- 6. Who votes for council officers?**
 - Each 4-H club should send *two voting delegates* to the election meeting. The appointment and/or selection of voting delegates shall be decided by an individual club in accordance with their bylaws
 - Members-at-large will conference approximately 15 minutes prior to the election meeting in the Azalea Room to select *two voting delegates*. The appointment of delegates will be decided by a secret paper ballot. This election will be refereed by the 4-H Council Advisor.
 - Upon arrival delegates should report to the check-in table
 - At check-in delegates will receive a name tag and be assigned to a special seating area
 - Only registered delegates are permitted to vote in the election
- 6. Individuals who fail to comply with the above rules are ineligible to run for office**
- 7. Officers serve from the day after the election through the end of the next election**