



Bill of Rights for Young People in 4-H Competitive Events

Young people participating in 4-H competitive events have a right to:

1. Decide if they will participate
2. Participate at a level appropriate to their maturity and ability
3. Realistic preparation
4. Have appropriate guidance by parents, volunteers and professional staff
5. Have feedback from compassionate, competent evaluators who base decisions on predetermined standards
6. Compete as a young person and not as an adult
7. Share in the leadership
8. Compete in a safe and healthy environment
9. Equal opportunity to strive for success
10. Be treated with dignity
11. Have fun.

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