



## 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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