



Good Sportsmanship + Ethical Decisions = 4-H Success



Sportsmanship begins with the Golden Rule
“Do unto others as you would have them do
unto you.”

Play by the rules. Don’t look for ways to
get around the rules. Rules are for everyone
including YOU.

Open your mind to others – listen and learn
from 4-H advisors and other members.

Respect your competitors in and outside of
the show ring. Be a gracious winner and a
dignified loser!

Think before you act! Consider the
consequences of your actions. You, your
family and 4-H’s reputation are at stake.

Show perseverance. Stick to your 4-H
project goals, responsibilities and
commitments.

Model the 4-H motto, “*To Make the Best
Better*”, teach others how to care for and
show their project animal.

Always show your gratitude. Thank
sponsors, buyers, advisors, show officials,
judges, parents and others who helped you.

Never express anger towards your project
animal, the judge or other exhibitors. Do
not yell, hit or blame.

Set a good example. Actions speak louder
than words.

Help portray a positive image for 4-H and
the animal industry. Keep your animal and
stall area clean and presentable at all times.

Integrity means using approved fitting and
grooming practices and demonstrating
positive behavior.

Performance in the show ring is about being
a CHAMPION member, not necessarily
having the champion animal.

Always stay INFORMED! Rules, policies
and guidelines change – read them carefully
and take appropriate ACTION!

Never blame others for your mistakes. Take
responsibility to meet project requirements
and entry deadlines.

Do the RIGHT THING! Make ethical
decisions that do not put you or your animal
at risk!

Exhibit the six pillars of character –
trustworthiness, respect, responsibility,
fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Trust by consumers’ begins with your
ability to produce a high quality, safe and
wholesome project. Adhere to Ohio’s
Livestock Tampering Rules: Don’t tamper.

Honesty is always the best policy. Tell the
truth. Do not falsely represent your animal
or their records.

Initiate good citizenship ...help others and
“*Make A Difference*” in your community.

Character is measured by everything you do
and don’t do. “*Make the Best Better*” in all
your 4-H actions.

Success with your 4-H project begins &
ends with being a **GOOD SPORT** &
making **ETHICAL DECISIONS**.



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