

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
GENERAL REGULATIONS  
FOR 4-H CLUBS**



All 4-H Projects are divided into a “Unit” classification and specific regulations governing individual projects should be carefully reviewed by the Club Leader and the club member.

1. Boys and girls who have reached their **6th** birthday by January 1st of the 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their **22nd** birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, are eligible for membership in a 4-H club, based upon the following:
  - (A) **Cloverbud Project** for 6, 7 and 8 year olds – Boys and girls who have reached their 6th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 9th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year. (See Cloverbud Project Regulations #6301 for specific unit guidelines.)
  - (B) **4-H Projects (general)** for 9 to 19 year olds – Boys and girls who have reached their 9th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 20th birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> of 4-H enrollment year. (See 4-H project specific regulations for specific unit requirements.)
  - (C) **Specialty Projects:**
    1. **4-H 20 & 21 Year Olds** – Young adults who have reached their 20th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year [20, 21 year old 4-H members] may take only the following projects: Junior Leader Project, and/or Self Determined Project, and/or Senior Management unit in a Project.
    2. **B.C. 4-H Ambassadors** – Young adults who have reached their 16th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year [16 -21 year old 4-H members] and who meet the requirements of / be selected as a B.C. 4-H Ambassador, will enroll in a Self-Determined project. (See B.C. 4-H Ambassador Program application form for details (B.C. 4-H Pub. #129). B.C. 4-H Ambassadors must be selected through a regional process.
2. A 4-H Club Shall:
  - (A) Consist of not less than six members between the ages of 6 – 21.
  - (B) Have one or more registered 4-H Leaders.
  - (C) Have an official 4-H club sponsor.
3. An existing 4-H club must enroll annually by **March 1st** to the District 4-H Key Leader. District Key Leaders have until **March 15th** for completed 4-H club enrollments and club assessment fees to be received by B.C. 4-H Provincial Council. **Please note:** As of 2007, 365-day enrolment is available for new member, new leader, or new club enrollment after March 1st for the first year of enrollment. 365-day enrollment must be forwarded to the B.C. 4-H Office and Key Leaders are to be advised by the leaders. The required number of days from start of a project to the 4-H Club’s Achievement Day is as specific regulations for each project.
4. Members may choose to enroll in a **maximum of four units** in one 4-H year, from a **maximum of four projects**.
  - “Project” is beef, clothing, junior leadership, self-determined, etc.
  - “Unit” is Unit, 1, 2, 3, etc. of each Project.
  - At the time of enrollment, members must select and identify the particular unit(s) they wish to enroll in.
  - A 4-H member may only be enrolled in the same unit once in a 4-H year.
5. A 4-H Club should endeavour to have a minimum of four members enrolling in any one project. A lesser number completing at Achievement Day will **not** eliminate them from achievement.

6. Each 4-H project must be inspected **at least once** by the club leader or someone designated by the leader, during the course of the project.
7. Only an animal or an article that is properly identified as a 4-H project and is an enrolled unit, shall be eligible to enter a 4-H Club Achievement Day, and appropriate 4-H Event classes and competitions at fairs, exhibitions, shows and sales.
  - (A) 4-H livestock projects are subject to identification check on Achievement Day, and 4-H Events. Projects must be the same as that identified on project identification forms. Incorrect identification will result in 4-H member being subject to enrollment suspension.
  - (B) A 4-H member is not allowed 4-H show rights of an animal after the sale of the animal.
8. A club member must maintain current records of costs and management of the 4-H project. A Record Book must be kept for each unit the member is enrolled in.
9. All club members, except those enrolled in units specifically designated not to be, must exhibit their project at the Achievement Day of the club and complete their record books by the deadline set by the leader in order that they may get credit for a year's achievement. Units that do not have to be shown on Achievement Day, such as multi-livestock projects and senior management projects, should either be:
  - (A) Exhibited at a senior member field day, etc.; or
  - (B) Inspected at home by the leader or someone designated by the leader.
10. Achievement certificates are awarded on the basis of work done by the club member throughout the entire year. Scoring is done by the club leader and/or designated person, based upon the following three categories:
  1. **MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
    - An assessment to determine achievement of unit level standard of husbandry and care for livestock projects, or project work and skill for non-livestock projects.
  2. **COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
    - A member must show his/her completed project at Achievement Day.
  3. **COMPLETION OF RECORD BOOK:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
    - A member must satisfactorily complete a project record book and turn it in to a club leader.

**Note:** Those members receiving "satisfactory" in all three areas will be awarded an Achievement Certificate.

Refer questions on the interpretation of any 4-H Club Regulation to your **4-H Key Leader**

or: **B.C. 4-H Provincial Council**

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### Background Information to General and Specific 4-H Regulations

General and Specific 4-H Regulations are for each individual 4-H member and individual 4-H Club to complete a 4-H year and achieve. (They are not designed to be used across or between any two 4-H members or 4-H Clubs competing or achieving at an inter-club event or competition.)

General Regulations are provincial 4-H policy governing each/all 4-H members/Clubs.



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