

What Are the 4-H Volunteer Standards of Behavior?

Just like coaches sign a contract, you must read, agree to, sign and abide by a contractual agreement during your 4-H club advisor tenure. We refer to this as the 4-H [Volunteer Standards of Behavior](#). This agreement with your 4-H Volunteer Application is on file at your County Extension Office. Your signature on this agreement means you commit to the Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and the guidelines and policies established. Probation, suspension and/or termination with the Ohio State University Extension Program may result, if you violate the Standards of Behavior.

The 4-H Volunteer Standards of Behavior is your pledge to:

- Serve as a positive mentor and role model by exhibiting good sportsmanship, showing respect and being courteous.
- Promote and support Extension 4-H programs.
- Responsibly perform duties including handling animals, operating machinery, vehicles and other equipment to safe guard the well-being of your club membership.
- Uphold the rules, policies and guidelines established by the Ohio State Extension 4-H Youth Development Program
- Provide safe and healthy programs for all club members.
- Supervise members using positive behavior management strategies in a group setting, never intentionally being one-on-one with any 4-H member.

Uphold your 4-H coaching contract throughout your tenure.