

# **Newberry Eagles 4-H Shotgun Club**

## **Article 1- Name/Identity**

### **Section 1- Name**

The Name of this Organization shall be the **Newberry Eagles 4-H Shotgun Club.**

### **Section 2-Motto**

The club motto shall be "**To Make the Best Better.**"

### **Section 3 - Emblem**

The club emblem shall be the in the outline of the state of South Carolina encompassing the 4-H clover, the state tree the Palmetto with firearms crossing at the base, and a eagle bursting through the sporting clay.

### **Section 4- Pledge**

The club pledge shall be:

*I pledge.....*

***My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, and My Health to better living, for My club, my community, my country, and my world.***

## **Article 2 - Mission and Purpose**

### **Section 1- Mission of 4-H**

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The South Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach, the involvement of caring adults, and the knowledge and resources of Clemson University and the land grant university system to empower youth to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society.

### **Section 2 - Purpose of Club**

The purpose of this club shall be to improve ourselves, our homes and our community.

### **Section 3 - Club Objectives**

The specific goals and objectives of the **Newberry Eagles 4-H shotgun Club** include, but are not limited to, those listed below:

1. Youth development is the number one goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. 4-H Shooting Sports provides an outstanding venue for nurturing human growth and development in the life skills identified by the National 4-H program such as: firearm safety, self-esteem, decision making, communications, responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence.

2. To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs and create an appreciating and understanding of firearm safety and competitive shooting sports at the state and national levels through participation in sanctioned events.
3. To enhance the development of self-concept, character, and personal growth through the demonstration, interaction and participation in the disciplines of sporting clays, skeet and trap.
4. To teach and advocate proper firearm safety, sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration,
5. To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship-and ethical behavior.
6. To expose participants to a wide array of vocational and life-long avocational activities related to shooting sports.
7. To strengthen family and friendships through the participation and education in shooting sports activities.
8. To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter education programs using educational methods and progressive development of skills and abilities.

### **Article 3 - Nonprofit Status**

This club is a nonprofit organization. Any funds received by the club for carrying out its purpose shall not accrue to the benefit but to benefit the 4-H program.

## **Article 4 - Membership**

### **Section 1 - Eligibility**

Any boy or girl in this country, ages 10 to 19 (As of January 1 of the current 4-H year, which spans from September through August), may become a member of this club by applying for membership the Newberry County Clemson Extension Office Agent and agreeing to live up to the standards set by the club. (However, the size of the club may be limited due to the space limitations or the leader's available time or ability to accommodate more members.) Membership shall not be denied on the basis of race, color, sex or religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status.

### **Section 2 - Responsibility**

Each member must attend 70% of the club meetings during the year. If a member is unable to attend any practice or meeting due to a valid excuse (such as sickness or important school or family event), the member must contact the club leader, secretary or president ***in advance*** to be excused. Each member should also complete an approved club project, keep a project book record up - to - date, and do a community service club event annually.

## **Article 5 – Certified Instructors**

The **Newberry Eagles 4-H Shotgun Club** requires that all team instructors be certified or trained by the National or State Level Instructors in the appropriate discipline to operate a live- fire range or to conduct any class or event in which firearms are handled. The following requirements must be met for the individual to become a 4-H Shotgun Instructor:

### 1. Age Requirement:

- a. Must be 21 years of age to become a certified 4-H Shotgun Sports Instructor.
- b. Assistant instructor must be 18 years of age: minimum of 1 year as a 4-H member in the shotgun disciplines of sporting clays, skeet & trap or successfully completed a state junior coaches training through 4-H; can only instruct youth under the direct supervision of the certified instructor present during instruction.
- c. Teen Leader must be 14 years of age; must have a minimum of 1 year as a 4-H member in the shooting sports disciplines of sporting clays, skeet , & trap. Teen Leader may instruct on when an adult certified (21 years of age) is in Direct supervision at a practice.

2. Must successfully complete all volunteer back-round checks and be clear of any Criminal history.
3. Must complete all required classes to become a volunteer with the Clemson University And 4-H.
4. Must complete and pass the 4-H Shotgun Instructors Course Workshop.
5. Must successfully retain a clean and clear back-round check in accordance to the requirements of 4-H and Clemson University.

## **Article 6 - Meetings**

### **Section 1 - Dates**

The club shall meet regularly twice a month for practice. During one of these practices for 30 minutes the club president will call to order a club meeting for approximately 30 minutes to discuss club business. Minutes will be taken and reported to the club leader along with a club budget. This information will be recorded and reported to the local extension agent on a regular basis.

The club leader and volunteers (Head coach & assistant coaches) will meet regularly to discuss team **work**, sportsmanship, squading due to shooter's ability and age. This will be the sole responsibility of the fore mentioned. In the event a shooters ability is questioned by anyone other than the coaching staff the matter must be addressed outside of the immediate event in a neutral area. If the matter cannot be resolved between the two parties involved then we will ask that a meeting be called between the club leader, the extension agent, the concerned party and the state advisor. The final ruling will stand with the decision of the state advisor.

### **Section 2 - Quorum**

A simple majority of members must be present to conduct official business of the club.

### **Section 3 - Order of Business**

The following order of business shall be followed at the club meetings:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Club rises, salutes the American Flag with the Pledge of Allegiance and the recites the 4-H pledge (to the 4-H flag)
3. Roll call
4. Minutes of last meeting
5. Treasurer's report
6. Report of committees
7. Old or unfinished business
8. New business
9. 4-H Leader's report
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment
12. Educational program/project work
13. Recreation/refreshments

## Article 7 - Committees

Standing and/or special committees will be created as needed. Members are expected to volunteer for committee assignments. The president has the authority to appoint committee chairs and members.

## Article 8 - Officers

The Officers of this club shall include: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter. Their duties shall be as follows:

- The president will preside at all meetings, uphold the constitution and adhere to parliamentary procedure.
- The vice -president shall assist the president.
- The secretary shall assist the vice president and keep the meeting minutes.
- The reporter shall keep the club history and keep a running record of club photos and feature news articles to the press and hold club members accountable for sending notes of thanks to contributors and donors. This will be noted in the 4-H Club Activity Report Annually.

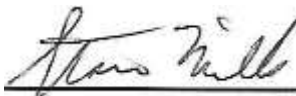
The officers will be elected at the first scheduled meeting of each season. Offices will be held for one year. Elections will be done by secret ballot. Only club members in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible for office. Any officer who neglects their office can be removed by the club leader and replaced by the next eligible officer.

## Article 9 - Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two - thirds vote cast by those in attendance, providing notice has been given at the previous meeting.

## Article 10 Dissolution

If this club disbands, all club assets shall be assigned to the Newberry County 4-H Program.



Volunteer Leader's Signature

10-24-14

Date