



Module 5 – Competing with Honor - Handout 2


Pre-Competition Spectator Guidance

The following can be read at the beginning of any competitive 4-H event. It is used to set the expectations for the spectators.

“Welcome to today’s _____ event. We would like to remind you that in Missouri 4-H character does count. 4-H’ers are encouraged to make character the ground rule for this competition and we ask that you as spectators cooperate and support the values promoted by Missouri 4-H.”

Or the following information printed as a card can be distributed at registration or as people arrive.

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Missouri 4-H Supports Character

In Missouri 4-H character does count. We encourage you and your 4-H'er to make character the ground rule for this competitive event. Good sportsmanship is the key.

Trustworthiness – demand integrity, honesty, promise-keeping, loyalty

Respect - demonstrate class; be a good sport, don’t talk trash or be boastful, respect officials

Responsibility - be accountable, pursue excellence

Fairness - never cheat, use recognized standards, don’t show partiality or prejudice

Caring – show empathy and compassion

Citizenship - play by the rules, acknowledge acts of good sportsmanship

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Pre-Competition Participant Guidance

The following should be stated at the participants’ orientation meeting prior to any competition.

“We encourage you to remember that in Missouri 4-H character does count. Character is the ground rule for all our events. Good sportsmanship is key. Be respectful of other competitors and compete fairly.”