§ 8.4  

National Institute of Food and Agriculture as used in this part means the Federal agency within the United States Department of Agriculture that administers Federal agricultural cooperative extension programs.

State Cooperative Extension Service as used in this part means an organization established at the land-grant college or university under the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914, as amended (7 U.S.C. 341–349); section 209(b) of the Act of October 26, 1974, as amended (D.C. Code, through section 31–1719(b)); or section 1444 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3221).


§ 8.4 Basic premises.

(a) The 4-H Club Name and Emblem are held in trust by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States Department of Agriculture for the educational and character-building purposes of the 4-H program and can be used only as authorized by the statute and according to the authorization of the Secretary or designated representative.

(b) The 4-H Club Name and Emblem may be used by authorized representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Services, the land-grant institutions, and the National 4-H Council, according to these regulations, for serving the educational needs and interests of 4-H youth.

(c) Any use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem is forbidden if it exploits the 4-H programs, its volunteer leaders or 4-H youth participants or the United States Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Services, or the land-grant institutions, or their employees.

(d) The 4-H Club Name and Emblem shall not be used to imply endorsement of commercial firms, products, or services.

§ 8.5 Revocation of present authorizations.

Effective September 16, 1985, authorization permits for the use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem presently in effect will be revoked. However, such authorizations may be renewed upon written request.

§ 8.6 Authorization for use.

(a) The Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture may grant authorization for use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem:

(1) For educational or informational uses which the Cooperative Extension Service deems to be in the best interests of the 4-H program and which can be properly controlled by the Cooperative Extension Service.

(2) For services to youth which the Cooperative Extension Service determines it is not in a position itself to perform.

(b) Authorizations, when issued, will be valid for specified purposes and periods of time only. Application forms for requesting authorization to use the 4-H Club Name and Emblem may be obtained from the Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

(c) Granting an authorization to an individual, organization, or institution for a specific use does not preclude granting a similar authorization to another individual, organization, or institution for the same or a similar purpose.

(d) All uses of the 4-H Club Name or Emblem shall be consistent with the educational purposes, character-building objectives, and dignity of the 4-H program and the 4-H Club Name or Emblem shall be given a position of prominence. It is not permissible to superimpose any letter, design, or object on the 4-H Club Emblem, or to materially alter its intended shape.

(e) Specific authorization is not required to use the 4-H Club Name or Emblem in media such as newspapers, periodicals, and radio and television programs when such use is primarily for educational or informational purposes. Likewise, specific authorization is not required to use the 4-H Club