

# Gillespie 4-H Robotics Code of Conduct Agreement

Thank you for your interest in the Gillespie 4-H Robotics Project. Our goal is that youth members learn to work as a team, build and program their robot, and research and present the topic that the team has chosen and have a wonderful time doing so. This project takes a good deal of teamwork and focus, and we just want to make sure that all participants know and understand what they are signing up for.

Participating in the 4-H Robotics program requires that members and coaches enroll in 4-H each September through the online 4-H Connect system ([texas.4honline.com](http://texas.4honline.com)) and submit a membership enrollment fee of \$20.00/member. This fee increases to \$25.00/member after October 31st. Participants must be enrolled through the Texas 4-H Connect system by the second practice.

All coaches are adult volunteers who are doing this on a volunteer basis and coaches will be screened through the 4-H Youth Protections Standards Procedures.

NOTE: Some team members have signed up because they enjoy building with Legos™, and while building is one of the components of this program, most building will occur in the first 1-4 practices. After about the 4<sup>th</sup> practice, there won't be much building with Legos™.

**In addition to the Code of Conduct that each 4-H member agrees to abide by during enrollment (these can be found by visiting [texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu)) the robotics project Code of Conduct expectations and Disciplinary Actions are listed below:**

## Code of Conduct

1. I will be courteous and possess good manners.
2. I will cooperate with all reasonable instructions issued by my coaches, county agents, and tournament officials.
3. I will use language that is kind and courteous and refrain from making profane, insulting, threatening, or inflammatory remarks and physical actions.
4. I will not leave the practice location, group if I am on a field trip, or tournament location at any time without permission of my coaches.
5. I will show respect for others and the robotics program property. I will avoid unnecessary roughness and theft of room furniture and equipment.
6. I will assume responsibility for the consequences of my actions if disciplinary action is taken.

## Disciplinary Action

In the event of a violation of the code of conduct...

- 1) The coaches will inform the parents of the violations that have occurred and the coaches may ask the youth participant to be removed from an activity during practice.
- 2) If the violations continue to occur, then the coaches will contact a County Extension Agent at the Extension Office. The 4-H Agent, coaches, and parents/guardians will then come up with a reasonable plan to attempt to manage the 4-H member's behavior, which might involve the guardian being asked to physically remain with their youth member throughout the duration of practices, field trips, and tournaments.
- 3) If repeated attempts are made to manage code of conduct violations and violations continue, then that 4-H member will be asked to leave the program.

## Reimbursements for being asked to leave the program

Practices 1-5 = 50% refund

Practices 6+ = 0% refund

4-H member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_