Guidelines for Adults Working with Youth

“Winning isn’t Everything, …..but Striving to Win is.”

- Permit youth to determine their own involvement in competition.
- Provide a variety of competitive choices.
- Help youth develop an attitude that they are responsible for their actions and have control.
- Take a positive approach – praise youth for participation.
- Focus on developing skills and abilities – NOT on final scores or placing.
- Make expectations realistic.
- Play with, participate, support, and assist youth.
- Be a positive role model.
- Discuss what is learned.

In 4-H Competition, We Believe…
Participation for the love of the activity is more important than winning.