
Local Food Co-Op Member Handbook & Standards

About this Community

Our local food co-op is owned by the people who shop and volunteer here. This handbook explains how membership works, how we price goods, and how we treat farmers, staff, and each other. We make our standards public so the co-op stays trustworthy and easy to navigate for new members.

Inside you'll find sourcing criteria and label clarity, volunteer and work-share expectations, bulk order logistics, cold-chain handling for deliveries, recall procedures, and how patronage refunds are calculated. We publish performance dashboards on waste reduction, local sourcing share, and member satisfaction.



Sample Rules / Principles

• Data Privacy & Payments

Stored data fields, access permissions, retention schedule, and PCI-aligned card handling basics. Purpose: clarify expectations and reduce friction for members. Measurement: publish quarterly participation, incident...

• Conflict Resolution & Community Standards

Respectful conduct policy, mediation steps, and consequences for repeat violations. Purpose: clarify expectations and reduce friction for members. Measurement: publish quarterly participation, incident counts, and...

• Member Meetings & Governance

Annual meeting agenda, board elections, and proposal/voting rules posted with deadlines. Purpose: clarify expectations and reduce friction for members. Measurement: publish quarterly participation, incident counts, and...

• Waste Reduction & Compost

Discount racks, donation partners, compost streams, and quarterly diversion metrics. Purpose: clarify expectations and reduce friction for members. Measurement: publish quarterly participation, incident counts, and...



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