

Ground Rules for Family Council Meeting

These ground rules are suggested where a Family Council has been set up with an appointed Chairperson. However, they can still be used for a “normal” family meeting when the family wishes to discuss important family issues that may or will affect the business/farm.

Where there is no Family Council established, have the family read and discuss the following ground rules and ensure they are followed. Make sure one person is elected as the Chair.

1. Keep the conversation rational by not getting personal
2. Conversations need to be respectful and focus on the issue at hand
3. If you think it is becoming personal - please refer to the agreed ground rules and tell the chair
4. Based on the ground rules, the Chair reserves the right to close down a conversation, if necessary
5. Some issues may need to be ‘parked’ and dealt with later
6. All agreements reached are to be written down
7. Everyone can expect to be listened to
8. Once an agreement has been reached, people are expected to abide by it
9. Everyone agrees to follow the requests of the Chair
10. One person talking at a time

Should you need further information or assistance with using these ground rules or running a family meeting, please feel free to call Bob Selden on 027 565 1110 or Phil Pryor on 027 411 8820.

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