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State 4-H Shooting Sports

Spring Match Rules

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GENERAL RULES

IT IS THE SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW AND ABIDE BY THE RULES!!!

All disciplines will be following the [National Minimum Standards & Best Management Practices](#) AND the governing body of that discipline as facilities will allow unless otherwise indicated.

Disqualification will occur if there is any violation of these rules.

Eligibility

Shooters become eligible for State competition after earning the designated score during a single relay at a qualifying match. Contestants can only shoot once towards the qualifying score per discipline at a qualifying match.

Ear and eye protection will be required as needed by each discipline.

All guns must be in a case when being transported.

RULE BOOKS

BB Gun: [NRA BB Gun Rules](#)

Air Rifle: [CMP National Standard Three Position Air Rifle Rules](#), [NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules](#)

Air Pistol: [NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules](#) , [USAS-NRA Air Pistol Rules](#)

EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING

Equipment and clothing may be checked at the match during check in and on the line.

AWARDS

Awards will be given to the top 5 Senior and top 5 Junior individuals where applicable, and the top 3 teams in every discipline.

Any awards and targets not picked up at the end of the match will be sent to the Kansas 4-H Headquarters. They will then be sent out through K-State Research and Extension offices. Results will be posted on the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Homepage of the Kansas 4-H website as soon as possible after the match.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age to participate in State Shooting Sports competitions is 4-H Age 9 unless otherwise noted. (Age before January 1 of the participating year).

Juniors are 13 and under; Seniors are 14-18, unless otherwise indicated.

KANSAS 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE FOLLOWED (See Kansas 4-H Participation Form). ONE WARNING WILL BE GIVEN. A SECOND OCCURRENCE OF AN INFRACTION WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION

MATCH REGISTRATIONS

All registrations must be approved by the discipline instructor of the participant's unit to verify eligibility and then by the Extension Unit's 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator & Extension Agent. All parties will work together to submit registration for state matches. The Spring Match Steering Group will verify that all entrants have qualified to participate in the state match.

TEAM DESIGNATIONS

All match teams will be automatically selected based on top aggregate scores shot at the state match event.

1. For County Extension units, there may only be one team from each county unit.
2. For Extension Districts, there may be as many teams as there are counties in the district if the participants are registered as a district.

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS

Teams representing Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Match will be chosen based on **individual aggregate scores** at the state match and eligibility (4-H age and not previously competed in the discipline at Nationals). Eligibility for Air Pistol and Air Rifle is 4-H age 14-18.

Post-Secondary Restriction – Participants shall not have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive collegiate shooting sports event at any level. A competitive event is defined here as an event open to more than one educational institution (or its students) in which scores are kept and awards are offered to any or all participants.

Team Coach selection – Coaches are recruited based on counties the team participants are from, their rank, and coach availability. **Coaches must be 4-H certified discipline instructors.**

QUALIFYING EVENTS

1. All qualifying events must submit a *Request to Host Form*, *Match Bulletin*, and *Match Registration Form* to be approved by the state match committee a **minimum of 30 days prior** to the match or qualifying shoot being held.
2. Match Registration Forms must include the Coordinator and Extension Agent signatures, and a Discipline Instructor signature for each discipline youth may compete in.
3. Qualifying events are not required to be a competitive match as long as the correct state match rules are used to shoot for score.
4. All scores sent in must be approved by the local Shooting Sports Coordinator/Extension Agent and respective Discipline Instructor. **ALL scores MUST be sent in, both qualifying and non-qualifying within seven days of the match.**
5. Pre-shot targets will not be allowed for a qualifying score for the state match.
6. The match bulletin and registration form will be posted on the Shooting Sports website for all qualifying events.
7. When requesting to host a spring discipline-qualifying match, the date of the match must be after the last fall state match, and when requesting to host a fall discipline-qualifying match, the date of the match must be after the spring state match.
8. The use of Orion targets is encouraged at spring discipline-qualifying matches but is NOT required.
9. **For Air Rifle and Air Pistol – only .177 caliber flat-nose wadcutter pellets will be allowed.**

A yearly review of qualifying scores for each discipline by the Spring Match Steering Group is to occur.

SPRING MATCH

AIR PISTOL

Age requirements: 4-H age 10-13 year olds before Jan. 1 of current year = Juniors
4-H age 14-18 year olds before Jan. 1 of current year = Seniors

Teams will be automatically selected based on top scores shot at the state match.
The 2-member team may consist of Junior and/or Senior competitors.

Must have a current signed Hand Gun Permission Form on the firing line with shooter.

Clear Barrel Indicators (CBI) long enough to protrude from both ends of the barrel, or Clear Chamber Indicators (CCI) will be required for all qualifying matches and the state match.

Eye protection is required for anyone in front of the ready line.

Follow the current [USAS-NRA Air Pistol Rules](#) with the following exceptions/clarifications:

Rule 5.1 exception: All shooters will fire from a standing unsupported position. Juniors may use either one or two hands. Seniors must only use one hand.

Rule 5.2.2 exception: Coaching is allowed on the firing line during the sighting period only.

Rule 5.3 exception: The match will consist of unlimited sighters and 40 record shots in two segments with a changeover period. Sighting shots are allowed in Segment 1 ONLY.

- a. Segment 1 will include 5 minutes for sighters followed by 20 minutes for 20 record shots.
- b. Segment 2 will include 5 minutes for Preparation Time / Dry Fire followed by 20 minutes for 20 record shots.

Athletes may place pistol support stands or boxes on the bench or table to rest their pistols between shots. The total height of the bench or table with a support stand or box on it may not exceed 1.00 m.

All pistols (including repeaters) must be loaded with only 1 pellet at a time (single shot mode)

Shooting Positions:

1. 10 Meter Paper Match
 - a. Juniors will fire from an unsupported standing position using either a one-hand or two-hand hold with arms extended.
 - b. Seniors will fire from an unsupported standing position using a one-hand hold with the shooting arm extended for bulls-eye.
2. Silhouette Match
 - a. Only standing positions may be used, two-hand holds permitted but the hands and arms must be free of the body and may not touch beyond the wrists (NRA Pistol Silhouette Rule 5.8)

AIR PISTOL (continued)

Silhouette Match:

Silhouette Air Pistol will use the applicable sections of the latest edition of the [NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules](#). Junior and Senior divisions, teams, etc., will be the same.

Any air pistol, .177 caliber, equipped with any sights that do not project an image on the target and having a safe trigger. (Scopes or red dot optical sights allowed.)

Follow the **latest edition of the** [NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules](#) with the following exceptions/clarifications:

All silhouette scoring will award 10 points for a hit and 0 points for a miss.

Orion scorecards will be used to score air pistol silhouettes.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire will be 5 chickens at 10 yards, 5 pigs at 12.5 yards, 5 turkeys at 15 yards, and 5 rams at 18 yards in banks of 5 animals. The targets used will be 1/10 scale, freestanding metallic silhouettes (Daisy/Crosman type). Silhouette targets will be fired at varying distances - Exact ranges to be determined by space available). Breaking ties will be accomplished by number of hits in the following order: rams, turkeys, pigs, and chickens. If a tie still exists, a shoot off of rams will determine the winner, with shooters firing alternate shots until one shooter misses while the other shooter achieves a hit. **If a participant is absent for the tie-breaking session, they will be awarded the lower placing.**

Qualifying Course of Fire:

Shoot 40 shots at a State Match Committee approved event.

Refer to the current rulebook for information on targets and/or scoring.

Qualifying score: 280 points out of a possible 400.

Juniors: Choice of one- or two-handed, unsupported.

Seniors: One-handed, unsupported.

AIR RIFLE

Age requirements: 4-H age 9-13 year olds before Jan. 1 of current year = Juniors
4-H age 14-18 year olds before Jan. 1 of current year = Seniors

Teams will be automatically selected based on top scores shot at the state match.
The 4-member team may consist of Junior and/or Senior competitors.

Clear Barrel Indicators (CBI) long enough to protrude from both ends of the barrel, or Clear Chamber Indicators (CCI) will be required for all qualifying matches and the state match.

Follow the latest edition of the [National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules](#).

Non-verbal coaching is anything that conveys a message to the athlete without the use of words, either spoken or written. Non-verbal communication would include body language, facial expressions, gestures, etc. (Clarification from CMP regarding 5.2.2)

Rule 2.3 exception: Either Clear Chamber Indicators or Clear Bore Indicators may be used.

Eye protection is required for anyone in front of the ready line.

Silhouette Match:

Silhouette Air Rifle will use the applicable sections of the latest edition of the [NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules](#). Junior and Senior divisions, teams, etc., will be the same.

Any .177 caliber sporter air rifle approved for 3P competition as defined in rules 4.2 of the [National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules](#), equipped with any sights that do not project an image on the target (scopes or red dot optical sights allowed), and weighing no more than 11 pounds with scope.

Follow the latest edition of the [NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules](#) with the following exceptions/clarifications:

All silhouette scoring will award 10 points for a hit and 0 points for a miss.

Orion scorecards will be used to score air rifle silhouettes.

Course of Fire:

Due to range limitations, the course of fire will be 10 chickens at 20 yards and 10 pigs at 30 yards in banks of 5 animals. The targets used will be 1/10 scale, freestanding metallic silhouettes (Daisy/Crosman type). Breaking ties will be accomplished by number of hits in the following order: pigs then chickens. If a tie still exists, a shoot off of pigs will determine the winner, with shooters firing alternate shots until one shooter misses while the other shooter achieves a hit. If a participant is absent for the tie-breaking session, they will be awarded the lower placing.

Qualifying Course of Fire:

Shoot 60 shots in 3P at a State Match Committee approved event.

Refer to the current rulebook for information on targets and/or scoring.

Course of fire will follow the current ISSF format: Kneeling, Prone, then Standing.

Qualifying score: 450 points out of a possible 600.

BB GUN

Age Requirements: 4-H age 9-11 year olds before Jan. 1 of current year = Juniors
4-H age 12-Actual age 15 years old at 1st shot of the match = Seniors
Competitors may compete until their 16th Birthday. The eligibility of competitors is determined by the date of the first shot going down range.

Teams will be automatically selected based on top scores shot at the state match.
The 5-member team may consist of Junior and/or Senior competitors.

Follow the latest edition of the [NRA BB Gun Rules](#).

Clear Chamber Indicators should not be put in BB Guns as this is NOT SAFE.

Eye protection is required for anyone in front of the ready line.

Off-hand stands may be used to hold equipment and/or support the gun between shots in the standing position.

Qualifying Course of Fire:

Shoot 40 shots in 4P at a State Match Committee approved event.

Refer to the current rulebooks for information on targets and/or scoring.

Qualifying score: 335 points out of a possible 400.