

2022

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 governing body of that discipline and as facilities will allow.

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

Kansas 4-H reserves the right to cancel or modify event plans and rules based on COVID-19 related issues. These issues can include but are not limited to social distancing requirements and limited mass gathering requirements. We will work to share cancellations or modifications in a timely manner.

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.

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 State Office. They will then be sent out through K-State Research and Extension offices. Results will be posted on the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports State Matches page of the Kansas 4-H website.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Shooters must be 9 years old 4-H age, however, shooters must be 12 years old to participate in air pistol.

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

All 4-H ages are before Jan. 1, 2022.

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.

RULE BOOKS

BB Gun: [Daisy National Match](#), [NRA BB Gun Rules](#)

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

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

MATCH REGISTRATIONS

The match registration process will be outlined in the [Spring State Match Bulletin](#). The Spring Match Steering Group will verify that all entrants have qualified to participate in the state match.

TEAM DESIGNATIONS

Air Rifle and Air Pistol team members and alternates will be automatically selected by the Orion Scoring System. BB Gun team members must be declared before the first participant from that club or county shoots.

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS

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

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. Refer to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Qualifier Match Guide Book found on the Shooting Sports website for more information.
8. 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.
9. The use of Orion targets is encouraged at spring discipline-qualifying matches, but is NOT required.
10. For all Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and Air Pistol Silhouette matches, 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 12-13 year olds before Jan. 1, 2022 = Juniors
4-H age 14-18 year olds before Jan. 1, 2022 = Seniors

Teams will consist of two members with one alternate.

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 3.2 exception: All team members must shoot the same course of fire, so if a junior is on the team s/he must shoot as a senior and follow senior rules.

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 change over 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 Silhouette Rulebook. 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 current [NRA Silhouette Pistol Rulebook](#) 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.

Shoes extending above the ankle may be worn for the silhouette match.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire will be 20 targets fired in banks of five (5 rams, 5 turkeys, 5 pigs, and 5 chickens). The targets used will be 1/10 scale, freestanding metallic silhouettes (Daisy/Crosman type). Targets must be knocked completely over and in order from left to right to count. An out of sequence hit will be scored as a miss. There will be a 5-minute preparation period at the beginning of the match. During the match, a 30 second preparation period will immediately precede each 5-target string, which will be fired in 2 ½ minutes. Silhouette targets will be fired at varying distances (5 chickens at 10 yards, 5 pigs at 12.5 yards, 5 turkeys at 15 yards, 5 rams at 18 yards - Exact ranges to be determined by space available) for 20 animals in all. 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.

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, 2022 = Juniors
4-H age 14-18 year olds before Jan. 1, 2022 = Seniors

Teams will consist of four members with two alternates.

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 current [National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules](#).

The sling swivel must be removed in the standing position; except that on sporter rifles where it cannot readily be removed, the sling swivel must be adjusted so that it does not contact the hand or glove in the standing position (4.2.7 – New CMP Rulebook)

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 – New CMP Rulebook)

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.

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.

Qualifying score: 450 points out of a possible 600.

BB GUN

Age Requirements: 4-H age 9-11 year olds before Jan. 1, 2022 = Juniors
4-H age 12-15 year olds before Jan. 1, 2022 = Seniors

Teams will consist of five members with two alternates.

Follow the current edition of the [Daisy National Match Program rules](#) .

Rule 6.2.1 Update regarding [target heights](#).

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.

Coaching on the line is allowed but is limited to one coach per shooter only:

Two-way communications between coaches/observers is NOT ALLOWED. This includes verbal communication between coaches on the ready line and firing line.

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.