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HANDBOOK

Introduction

The Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports program encompasses the initiative goals of volunteer leadership, capacity-building for youth and families, and environmental stewardship with commitments from the Louisiana State University AgCenter. Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports is an active program that is attractive to both youth and adults. It uses positive learning and interaction with youth and adult role models. The disciplines are modeled after the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and are administered by nationally certified state leaders consisting of extension personnel and volunteers.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes so that they may become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

The program is designed to:

- Assist youth to learn safe and responsible use of shooting equipment.
- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- Enhance self-confidence, self-concept, decision-making, character, personal development, responsibility, and sportsmanship.
- Develop leadership and citizenship within 4-H parameters for youth and adults.
- Expand 4-H membership and involve more volunteer adult leaders.
- Strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
- Create an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.
- Encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through hunting/fishing and related activities.
- Develop an understanding of the principles of wildlife management.
- Complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter educational programs.

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ARCHERY EVENTS

BAREBOW, GENESIS, RECURVE AND COMPOUND

Only Seniors competing with a Compound or Recurve Bow in all 3 divisions- FITA Round, Field Round and 3-D Round- can qualify for Nationals. Juniors and Seniors (not trying to qualify for Nationals) will have to choose the Modified FITA Division using any of the 4 bows (Bare Bow, Recurve, Genesis and Compound). The Modified FITA is the field of fire that we have traditionally shot in Louisiana. In the Modified FITA Division, 4-Hers can participate in two of the 4 bow categories listed.

Any bow that uses pulleys or cams is deemed a compound. Note that, while the three governing bodies for the three different events have slightly different requirements or restrictions-for the sake of simplification- the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Program uses one standard for equipment – for ***all events***. Procedural rules, course of fire, scoring, etc. will follow the NGB unless otherwise noted.

EQUIPMENT STANDARD:

	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
RECURVE	One adjustable sight pin or multiple hunting style sight pins may be used; clicker and kisser buttons permitted; Participants may have as many sight pins as deemed necessary; Torque compensators are permitted.	String peeps and mechanical release aids.
COMPOUND (freestyle)	Release aids, String peeps, optical sights, spirit levels; 60 lb. maximum draw weight.	Overdraws may not place the arrow rest further than 6 cm from the pivot point of the bow.
BARE BOW and GENESIS	The bow must be bare, except for the arrow rest. Bowstring: center serving with one/two nock locators is permitted. The serving ends must not be visible to the competitor when the bow is at full draw. Arrow rest: Adjustable or moveable pressure button or arrow plates are acceptable.	String peeps and mechanical release aids. AIDS FOR AIMING NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PERMITTED. NO device may be used to assist the finger release.
ARROWS	Must meet AMO minimum weight standard; 6 grains arrow weight per pound bow peak draw weight. Minimum of 6 arrows preferably the same color are required.	No arrows larger than 23/64ths in diameter are permitted.
OTHER EQUIPMENT	Hip/ground quiver, armguard, and finger protection MUST be used; safety glasses are optional.	

MODIFIED FITA ROUND – Junior and Senior Event

TARGET	60cm and 40cm faces, 5-color face
DISTANCE	10, 15 and 20 meters in that order (Bare Bow and Genesis) 10, 20 and 30 meters in that order (Recurve and Compound)
COURSE OF FIRE	2 ends of 6 arrows each from 10, 15 and 20 meters (Bare Bow and Genesis); for a total of 36 shots 2 ends of 6 arrows each from 10, 20 and 30 meters (Recurve and Compound); for a total of 36 shots
TIME LIMIT	4 minutes per 6 arrow end
SCORING	10-1 from the center outward, Tie breaks will follow the NGB Rules.
NGB RULES	USA Archery/FITA
INFORMATION	http://www.archeryworldcup.org/UserFiles/Document/FITA%20website/05%20Rules/01%20C&R%20Book/2008RulesENG_Book2.pdf

FITA ROUND (Partial Round) – Senior Event Only

TARGET	122cm and 80cm faces, 5-color face
DISTANCE	60, 50, 40, and 30 meters in that order
COURSE OF FIRE	1 end of 6 arrows from 60 meters; 2 ends of 6 arrows each from 50, 40 and 30 meters;
TIME LIMIT	4 minutes per 6 arrow end
SCORING	10-1 from the center outward, Tie breaks will follow the NGB Rules.
NGB RULES	USA Archery/FITA
INFORMATION	http://www.archeryworldcup.org/UserFiles/Document/FITA%20website/05%20Rules/01%20C&R%20Book/2008RulesENG_Book2.pdf

FIELD ROUND (Partial Round) – Senior Event Only

TARGET	NFAA targets of sizes selected by the management and appropriate to the course
DISTANCE	Marked distances within the range of 5 to 60 yards.
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 14 targets with at least one fan and one walk-up target, 4 arrows per target.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will move through the course expeditiously and avoid delays
SCORING	5, 4, 3 from the center outward. Tie breaks will follow NGB rules
NGB RULES	National Field Archery Association
INFORMATION	http://www.nfaa-archery.org/field/styles.cfm

3-D ROUND – Senior Event Only

TARGET	3-D targets as selected and placed by the management
DISTANCE	Unmarked distances from 5 to 50 yards Recurve maximum distance: 40 yards, Compound maximum distance: 50 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 30 targets, one arrow per target.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will move through the course expeditiously and avoid delays. Lost arrow search is limited to 2 minutes
SCORING	<i>Fred Bear Scoring</i> will be used: +10 (10 or 12 ring); center vital zone, +5 (8 ring); vital zone +1 ethical pass, (limited to maximum of 5 ethical passes) 0 clean miss -5 non-vital zone (NEGATIVE 5) Tie breaks will follow the NGB rules
NGB RULES	International Bowhunters Organization
INFORMATION	http://www.ibo.net/rules (except scoring & equipment as noted). In consideration of time, no shooter may glass the target from the shooting stake after taking his or her shot. Participants may glass the target prior to shooting, but are reminded of the time restriction for their shot.

AIR PISTOL EVENTS

All events are “single pistol” matches, meaning participants are to shoot the entire course of fire of that event with the same pistol. No pistol changes will be allowed between stages. Only one pistol per shooter allowed on the line. All air guns are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when the gun is not being fired.

A junior may shoot **two** of the four allowed shooting positions and only once per position. A junior team consists of 4 members competing in the **same** shooting position from the same parish. If a junior competes in two positions, he/she may be on two different teams, one for each position.

SLOW FIRE –BULLSEYE – Junior Event Only

TARGET	NRA B-40 or B-40/4
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 40 shots, 20 shot strings, 5 shots per bull
TIME LIMIT	1 minute per record shot (20 minutes per string) 10 min preparation time, 15 min for unlimited sighting shots.
EQUIPMENT	Any .177 caliber (4.5 mm) air pistol weighing less than 3.3 pounds with a trigger pull of at least 17.6 ounces, metallic sights only. Overall size is limited to those that will permit the pistol to be enclosed completely in a rectangular box having inside dimension of 420mm x 200mm x 50mm (approximately 16.35” x 7.87” x 1.76”). Pellets must be single loaded. Any supplies needed while on the firing line will be provided by the shooter. (Examples: Ammunition, Tables, Chairs, Sandbags, Blocks, Spotting Scopes)
SHOOTING POSITION	May compete in two of the following positions (PPP Rules 5.1.2 to 5.1.5): Basic Supported Sitting, Advanced Supported Sitting, Two-Handed Standing, One-Handed Standing
RULES	<i>NRA-USAS Progressive-Position Pistol Rules</i> <i>NRA International Style Pistol Rules C116500</i> (Most Recent Printing)
INFORMATION	http://usashooting.org/downloads/ppp_rules.doc Download - http://nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp Purchase - http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=Rulebooks

Seniors must compete in all **three** events. A senior team consists of 4 members from the same parish. The top 4 overall senior shooters will have the opportunity to represent Louisiana at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational.

SLOW FIRE –BULLSEYE - Senior Event Only

TARGET	NRA B-40 or B-40/4
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 40 shots, 20 shot strings, 5 shots per bull
TIME LIMIT	1½ minute per record shot (15 minutes per string) 10 min preparation time, 15 min for unlimited sighting shots.
EQUIPMENT	Any .177 caliber (4.5 mm) air pistol weighing less than 3.3 pounds with a trigger pull of at least 17.6 ounces, metallic sights only. Overall size is limited to those that will permit the pistol to be enclosed completely in a rectangular box having inside dimension of 420mm x 200mm x 50mm (approximately 16.35" x 7.87" x 1.76"). Pellets must be single loaded. Any supplies needed while on the firing line will be provided by the shooter. (Examples: Ammunition, Tables, Chairs, Spotting Scopes)
SHOOTING POSITION	One hand, standing
RULES	<i>NRA International Style Pistol Rules CI16500</i> (Most Recent printing)
INFORMATION	Download - http://nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp Purchase - http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=Rulebooks

TIMED FIRE/RAPID FIRE COMBO – Senior Event Only

TARGET	NRA B-40 or B-40/4
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to a total of 40 record shots; strings of 5 shots; 5 shots per bull
TIME LIMIT	Timed-fire: 20 seconds per string of 5 shots Rapid-fire: 10 seconds per string of 5 shots
EQUIPMENT	Only pistols utilizing the 12.0 gram disposable CO ₂ powerlets are allowed. Revolver or semi-automatic; capable of firing 5 rounds; .177 caliber (4.5mm) weighing less than 3.5 pounds with a trigger pull of at least 2.0 pounds. Any sights - that do not project an image on the target. Any supplies needed while on the firing line will be provided by the shooter. (Examples: Ammunition, Tables, Chairs, Spotting Scopes)
SHOOTING POSITION	Two-handed unsupported. Hands and arms must be free of the body and may not touch beyond the wrists (as silhouette) or one-hand; standing.
RULES	<i>NRA International Style Pistol Rules CI16500</i> (Most recent printing)
INFORMATION	Download - http://nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp Purchase - http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=Rulebooks

AIR PISTOL SILHOUETTE – Senior Event Only

TARGET	1/10 scale metallic silhouettes
DISTANCE AND COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 10 chickens at 10 yards, 10 pigs at 12.5 yards, 10 turkeys at 15 yards, 10 rams at 18 yards in banks of 5 targets and shooting from left to right on each bank of targets
TIME LIMIT	30 seconds ready time and 2 ½ minute firing time for each bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT	Any air pistol caliber .22 or smaller equipped with any sights that do not project an image on the target and having a safe trigger. Any supplies needed while on the firing line will be provided by the shooter. (Examples: Ammunition, Tables, Chairs, Spotting Scopes)
SHOOTING POSITION	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 Rule 5.8).
SCORING	Target must be knocked over or from its stand in order to be scored as a hit. Targets not knocked over or hit out of order will be scored as misses.
RULES	<i>NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules CS16830</i> (Most recent printing)
INFORMATION	Download - http://nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp Purchase - http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=Rulebooks

AIR RIFLE EVENTS

All air guns are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when the gun is not being fired.

NATIONAL STD THREE-POSITION SPORTER AIR RIFLE-Jr and Sr Event

TARGET	NRA AR 5/10
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	3 x 20. 20 shots each position: prone, standing, and kneeling in that order; (60 record shots)
TIME LIMIT	1 1/2 minute per record shot prone, 1 1/2 minutes per record shot kneeling, 2 minutes per record shot standing.
EQUIPMENT	.177 caliber air rifles may not exceed 7.5 pounds; metallic sights are permitted; trigger pull must be a minimum of 1.5 lbs.
APPROVED RIFLES	Rifles that are officially approved include Daisy 753/853/953, Daisy 887, 888, Crosman 2000, Daisy XSV40, Air Arms T-200. Any rifle not included in this list but complies with the requirements of the Sporter Air Rifle as stated in the National Standard Rules may be submitted for a decision prior to the competition and may be added to the list of approved rifles.
CLOTHING	Shoes are restricted to soft, low cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankles. No boots are permitted. A shooting glove may be worn, but no shooting jackets are permitted. Up to two sweatshirts are allowed. A pin or button may be used as a sling keeper in the prone or kneeling positions. Shooting shirts and 4-H shooting sports vests are permitted
RULES	<i>CMP 2006-2008 National Standard Three-position Air Rifle Rules, 6th Ed.</i>
INFORMATION	http://www.odcmp.com/3P/Rules.pdf

SPORTER AIR RIFLE EVENT (STANDING) – Sr only Event

TARGET	NRA AR 5/10
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	40 shots standing
TIME LIMIT	2 minutes per record shot standing
EQUIPMENT	177 caliber air rifles under 7.5 pounds with metallic sights are permitted. Trigger pull must be a minimum of 1.5 lbs.
APPROVED RIFLES	Rifles that are officially approved include Daisy 753/853/953, Daisy 887, 888, Crosman 2000, Daisy XSV40, Air Arms T-200. Any rifle not included in this list but complies with the requirements of the Sporter Air Rifle as stated in the National Standard Rules may be submitted for a decision prior to the competition and may be added to the list of approved rifles.
CLOTHING	Shoes are restricted to soft, low cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankles. No boots are permitted. A shooting glove may be worn, but no shooting jackets are permitted. Up to two sweatshirts are allowed.
RULES	<i>CMP 2006-2008 National Standard Three-position Air Rifle Rules, 6th Edition</i> –except for course of fire as noted.
INFORMATION	http://www.odcmp.com/3P/Rules.pdf

BB GUN

Bona-fide 4-H members within the following age guidelines are eligible. They must be at least 9 years of age on or before December 31, 2008 and must not have passed their 15th birthday after December 31, 2008.

This is an International BB Gun Championship (IBBGCM) qualifying match. The NRA 5 meter BB Gun Rule Book and the Official Match Program (OMP) will guide this contest. Consecutive Match Exclusion: Individuals who fired as regular members of a team in the IBBGCM are excluded from firing as a team member in the state and IBBGCM for the following year. This rule assures that new shooters will get a chance to compete.

TARGET	NRA 5-Meter BB gun target AR-4/10
COURSE OF FIRE	40 shots, four positions - 10 shots each position at 5 meters (16 feet 4 ¾ inches). Order of firing shall be prone, standing, sitting and kneeling.
TIME LIMIT	One minute per record shot, (10 shots in 10 minutes for each stage /position)
EQUIPMENT	Any shoulder held smoothbore BB gun with metallic sights, in which the propelling force is developed through the use of a compressed spring, gas or compressed air. No alterations of factory manufactured BB guns may be made except as provided in these rules. The total weight of an unloaded BB gun may not exceed 6 pounds, excluding the sling.
SCORING	Each shooting position will be worth 100 points.
AMMUNITION	Only round .177 (4.5mm) lead or steel BB's are permitted
RULES	<i>NRA BB Gun Rules (REVISED JULY 1, 2008)</i> Official Match Program (IBBGCM)
INFORMATION	http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp http://www.ibbgcm.com/

HUNTING SKILLS EVENTS

The Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Matches are based on the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Rules; all hunting skills events will be based on the content of the 4-H Shooting Sports Hunting curriculum, NRA Hunters Guide, and Federal Wildlife guides. This is a national hunting skills evaluation. Any species covered in the listed resources may be part of the contest, including any game or furbearing animal north of Mexico in North America. Participants may expect some focus on local species, which may vary from region to region – but events will only include species found in the listed resources.

All events will be individual events open to Juniors and Seniors; there will be no team competition at the regional or state contest. The top 4 (Senior) individuals will be given the opportunity to represent Louisiana at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Hunting contest. Participants should bring their own clipboard, pen or pencil, and orienteering compass (no GPS units). A small ruler or tape measure is recommended.

Participants can provide their own archery equipment, firearms and ammunition for the live-fire events, but they must meet the restrictions listed below. Equipment will be provided if necessary.

HUNTER DECISION-MAKING – Junior and Senior Event

EVENT DESCRIPTION	This is a decision-making event, with a scenario and four possible choices for each of the stations. Participants rank the choices in order based upon their knowledge of the wildlife materials. Participants may be asked to give oral or written justification for their ranking. This event is similar to a 4-H judging contest. Any equipment or methods included in 4-H manuals may be included in this event.
COURSE	Up to 20 decision-making stations based upon content of the resources listed above will be used in this section.
TIME LIMIT	Maximum of 5 minutes per station (plus adequate time, up to thirty minutes) for written justifications or to prepare for oral justifications.
SCORING	50 points per station. If reasons classes are used, they will be worth 50 points per reasons class. Event officials will determine the correct placing and the point cuts for each class; a Hormel “calculator” is used in the scoring.

WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT – Jr and Sr Event

EVENT DESCRIPTION	This event includes wildlife identification & management, and wildlife management techniques or problems. Participants will be asked to identify specimens or parts of specimens (skulls, skins, wings, single feathers, antlers/horns) tracks, scat or other signs. Questions relating to relatively simple wildlife management or ecology may be posed, e.g. habitat preference, breeding or loafing habitat, primary activity times, etc.
COURSE	A minimum of 15 stations and up to 50 stations requiring identification, analysis, or interpretation; up to 100 additional questions may be asked about wildlife habitat, breeding, groups, classifications, identifying marks, management, and specific game species characteristics or traits.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will move through the course expeditiously without undue delay; time limit is one hour after beginning of test.
SCORING	To be determined by Event Officials.

HUNTING SKILLS – Junior and Senior Event

EVENT DESCRIPTION	Any skill-based element in the manual may be tested in this event, including map and compass reading, aerial photo interpretation, live firing with smallbore rifle, muzzleloading rifle, shotgun or archery equipment, track and sign interpretation, selection of a stand or blind site, and more. This event may include any hunting-related skill. For example, it may include a written test consisting of <i>True</i> or <i>False</i> questions, multiple choice questions, matching, lists, or fill-in the-blank questions that would include questions from the above listed resources about any aspect of hunting skills, such as backpacking, land navigation, map/compass navigation, GPS navigation, orienteering, first aid, cutting instruments, firearm ballistics, proper hunting clothing, hunter ethics, safety, ammunition, proper handling of game animal after harvest, etc.
COURSE	No set course can be predicted, as it will depend on the terrain, facility, skills selected for testing, etc. Stations for each Hunting Skill task will be designed as needed. Live-fire situations will not be "formal" courses of fire, but will seek to imitate hunting situations.
TIME LIMIT AND SCORING	As determined by the Event Officials.

<p>EQUIPMENT <i>Necessary equipment and supplies required for the live-fire portions of this event can be provided by participants or Equipment will be provided if necessary.</i></p>	<p>Only in case of malfunction may a participant change firearm or bow during the activity. No Rangefinders permitted.</p> <p>Shooting Equipment must meet the following guidelines:</p> <p><u>Smallbore rifle:</u> limited to sporter rifles (hunting-style stocks, sporter barrel); maximum weight including sights of 8.0 pounds with safe hunting triggers (at least 2.5 pounds). Scopes no greater than 6X. If variable scopes are used, they must be taped by the Range Officer before the beginning of the event at no greater than 6X. Range-finder reticules are not permitted. Standard velocity .22 LR ammunition or high velocity .22 LR ammunition is allowed...no "hyper" velocity rounds. A hunting-style sling no more than 1 ½ inches in width is permitted.</p> <p><u>Shotgun:</u> 12 gauge or smaller, capable of 2 shots without reloading, with standard target or field loads of no more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot and shot no larger than #8. No high brass, maximum loads.</p> <p><u>Muzzleloading rifle:</u> (hunting style stocks only, no target rifle modifications such as thumbhole stocks, adjustable butt plates, forearm wider than 2 inches, adjustable comb, forearm rail, etc.) Limited to patched round balls only, with no more than 60 grains of black powder or its velocity equivalent. Metallic sights, either open or peep, are the only ones permitted - no scopes. Traditional or in-line rifle, .40 caliber or greater, with any ignition type permitted.</p> <p><u>Bow:</u> (no crossbows) suitable for hunting, drawing no more than 65 pounds with suitable arrows tipped with field points only, are permitted. Hunting sights that are fixed with no more than 4 sighting pins that neither magnify nor project an image on the target are permitted. Stabilizers are limited to a maximum length of 12 inches. All shooting will be at unmarked distances. Bare bow, recurve, and compound distances may differ or scoring may be adjusted to compensate for the different styles.</p>
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MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE EVENTS

Course of Fire for each event below would be the maximum number of shots taken.
The Range Master will determine the number of shots taken on the day of competition.

EQUIPMENT STANDARD:

EQUIPMENT	<p><u>Rifle:</u> Any traditional or non-traditional NMLRA Conventional muzzle loading rifle (in-lines permitted)</p> <p><u>Sights:</u> Metallic – non-traditional permitted (open or aperture)</p> <p><u>Position:</u> Standing –no slings</p> <p><u>Ignition:</u> percussion cap, or flintlock. No 209 primers will be permitted</p> <p>Maximum charge of 60 grains of black powder or its equivalent is allowable. There are no limits on the caliber. <u>All events are restricted to patched rounds balls only.</u> No open powder containers are permitted on the firing line except when powder is actually being measured. Any open container will become the property of the range officer. A separate powder measure must be used to carry the powder from the container to the muzzle of the gun. No rifle may be capped or primed until on the firing line and the command to fire has been given by the range officer.</p>
RULES	NMLRA Muzzle Loading Rifle—except as noted
INFORMATION	http://www.nmlra.org/store.asp?CatID=3

25 YARD NOVELTY—Bottles and Haffner Critters combo—Jr and Sr Event

TARGET	NMLRA Bottle Target (TG2427), and NMLRA Haffner Combination Target (TG901)
DISTANCE	25 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 10 record shots on each target, 2 per bull, (20 record shots max)
TIME LIMIT	80 minutes total running time; May be run in 2 series of 10 shots; 40 minutes/series
PROJECTILE	Patched soft lead round ball only
SCORING	<p>Bottles: as outlined on the target. Completely within neck-10 pts; nicking the neck-7 pts; within body-5 pts; nicking the body -3 pts.</p> <p>Haffner: highest scoring area touched by ball (Note: The latter is less stringent than standard NMLRA scoring.)</p>

50 YARD BULLSEYE – Junior and Senior Event

TARGET	NMLRA 100 yard 8 ring targets (TG2406)
DISTANCE	50 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 20 shots standing. Sight-in shots permitted but as part of the total running time
TIME LIMIT	80 minutes total running time. May be run in 2 series of 10 shots - 40 minutes/series
PROJECTILE	Patched soft lead round ball only
SCORING	Highest scoring area touched by ball. Note: The latter is less stringent than standard NMLRA scoring.

MUZZLELOADING RIFLE SILHOUETTE – Junior and Senior Event

This is a 4-H 'hybrid' event that fits neither NRA Black Powder Silhouette nor NMLRA Silhouette. The steel silhouette and distances are used in order to allow the use of an NRA smallbore silhouette range and standard NRA targets.

TARGET	½ scale metallic silhouettes (NRA Hunter Pistol) 20 targets
DISTANCE	5 Chickens at 40 meters, 5 pigs at 60 meters, 5 turkeys at 77 meters, 5 rams at 100 meters
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 5 targets at each distance, one shot per target fired upon in order from left to right
TIME LIMIT	20 minutes per bank of 5 targets
PROJECTILE	Patched soft lead round ball only
SCORING	Target must be knocked over or from its stand in order to be scored as a hit. Targets not knocked over or hit out of order will be scored as misses.

SHOTGUN EVENTS

The Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Matches in Skeet, Trap, Sporting Clays and 5-Stand are based on the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Shotgun events. The Louisiana contest for senior shooters will be 150 target race of these events to determine the winners. The facility and shoot management will determine the events to be shot. The junior shooters contest will be a 75 target race to determine the winners.

An individual may choose to shoot in just a skeet, trap, sporting clay and/or 5-stand portion of the contest, but will not be considered to attend the national event. The top 4 overall senior winners, determined by combining the scores of skeet, trap, sporting clays and/or 5-stand and have not competed in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Shotgun Event, will be given the chance to represent Louisiana.

NO release triggers are permitted. Ties will be broken for each contest as explained in the contest event below.

Louisiana also offers a State-only 4-H Modified Trap competition for beginning or less experienced shooters. Individuals who choose to shoot Modified Trap may not compete in the other shotgun events.

4-H Modified Trap – Junior and Senior Event

EVENT	Louisiana 4-H Modified Trap
COURSE OF FIRE	2 rounds (25 targets each) consisting of singles from stations 1, 3, and 4, report doubles from station 2 and simultaneous (true) doubles from station 5.
TRAPS	Any $\frac{3}{4}$ cock manual machine may be used. Swivel bases may be used for different target presentations. Report doubles will be thrown from two machines sitting side by side. True doubles may be thrown from one machine, or two machines sitting side by side. NO electric trap machines will be used.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay; shooters are responsible to be at the designated range before their squad shoots, or face the possibility of not shooting.
PRACTICE SHOTS	Junior shooters (age 9 – 13) will be allowed 2 practice shots at 2 single targets at their first station of the tournament.
TIE-BREAKERS & SCORING	Tie break will be done to establish the top ten individuals and the top five teams only. In case of a tie, between individual shooters the tie will be broken by the longest string; if still tied, doubles will be thrown, starting at station 1 and working toward station 5. If the tie has not been broken by the time the shooters finish station 5, the presentation of the targets will be rearranged accordingly. Team placing will be determined by its members' cumulative score. Scoring of doubles will follow the rules set forth by the National Sporting Clays Association.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the National Sporting Clays Association.
INFORMATION	http://www.mynsca.com/image/downloads/2007%20Rule%20book%20revised.pdf

SKEET – Junior and Senior Event

EVENT	Standard NSSA (American) skeet
COURSE OF FIRE	1 round (25 targets) for Juniors and 2 rounds (50 targets) for Seniors consisting of singles and doubles from stations 1, 2, 6, and 7 and singles from stations 3, 4, 5, and 8.
SHOOT-OFFS	Doubles from stations 3, 4, and 5; miss and out by station.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay; shooters are responsible to be at the designated range before their squad shoots, or face the possibility of not shooting.
TIE-BREAKERS & SCORING	Tie break will be done to establish the top ten individuals and the top five teams only. This event will follow the NGB rules for tie breaks. Team shoot-offs will follow the same procedure, each team firing as a squad at one station. Team placing determined by the cumulative score of the top 3 individuals of a team at each station. All teams shoot one station before advancing, if required.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the NGB.
RULES (NGB)	National Skeet Shooting Association
INFORMATION	2009 NSSA Rule Book

TRAP – Junior and Senior Event

EVENT	Standard ATA (American) trap (16 yards)
COURSE OF FIRE	1 round (25 targets) for Juniors and 2 rounds (50 targets) for Seniors consisting of five targets from each of five shooting stations at 16 yards.
SHOOT-OFFS	Five targets from stations 1 and 5 from the 21 yard line. Management may increase the distance to 27 yards if required to break ties.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay; shooters are responsible to be at the designated range before their squad shoots, or face the possibility of not shooting.
TIE-BREAKERS & SCORING	Tie break will be done to establish the top ten individuals and the top five teams. This event will follow the NGB rules for tie breaks.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the NGB.
RULES (NGB)	Amateur Trap Association
INFORMATION	2009 ATA Rule Book

SPORTING CLAYS –Junior and Senior Event

For the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Match, this event will feature sporting clays and/or 5-Stand course as set by the management. This portion of the contest is flexible depending upon the capabilities of the facility and the determination of the match management.

EVENT	Sporting Clays
COURSE OF FIRE	Any combination of 50 targets for Seniors and 25 targets for Juniors .
SHOOT-OFFS	5 pairs as arranged by the event management.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay; shooters are responsible to be at the designated range before their squad shoots, or face the possibility of not shooting.
TIE-BREAKERS & SCORING	Tie break will be done to establish the top ten individuals and the top five teams. Shooting order and position determined by the match officials. Placing determined by the highest total of targets broken out of the round of 5 pairs (10 targets). If ties persist then the range officials may establish 5 new or different pairs for another round, etc. Team ties broken by same process. Teams will shoot as a squad and the cumulative score of the high 3 individuals will determine the score/placing.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the NGB. Chokes tubes may be changed between stations only.
RULES (NGB)	National Sporting Clays Association
INFORMATION	2007(revised) NSCA Rule Book

5-STAND - Junior and Senior event

EVENT	5-Stand
COURSE OF FIRE	Any combination of 50 targets for Seniors and 25 targets for Juniors .
SHOOT-OFFS	5 pairs as arranged by the event management.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay; shooters are responsible to be at the designated range before their squad shoots, or face the possibility of not shooting.
TIE-BREAKERS & SCORING	Tie break will be done to establish the top ten individuals and the top five teams. Shooting order and position determined by the match officials. Placing determined by the highest total of targets broken out of the round of 5 pairs (10 targets). If ties persist then the range officials may establish 5 new or different pairs for another round, etc. Team ties broken by same process. Teams will shoot as a squad and the cumulative score of the high 3 individuals will determine the score/placing.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the NGB. Chokes tubes may <u>NOT</u> be changed once the shooter has shot his/her first shot.
RULES (NGB)	National Sporting Clays Association
INFORMATION	2007(revised) NSCA Rule Book

SMALLBORE PISTOL EVENTS

Per BATF regulations, all pistol shooters under the age of 18 must have in their possession a written permission statement from their parent or guardian stating their permission to possess and fire pistols. We suggest a simple statement, reduced to card size with the name of the youth, a parent's name, address, as well as their signature, and that of a witness and dates. The participant can laminate this card and keep it with their shooting kit. In accordance with federal laws pertaining to youth and pistols (see Youth Safety Handgun Act), the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program prohibits the transportation of a pistol for any reason by a youth under 18 years of age; arrangements must be made for an adult to transport all pistols.

All events are "single pistol" matches, meaning participants are to shoot the entire course of fire of that event with the same pistol. No pistol changes will be allowed between stages. Only one pistol per shooter is allowed on the line. ***NO BOLT ACTION PISTOLS, INCLUDING CANNON BOLT, TURN BOLT, OR STRAIGHT BOLT, WILL BE PERMITTED.***

CAMP PERRY ROUND (modified) – Senior Event Only

TARGET	NRA B-8
DISTANCE	25 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	10 shots each slow fire, 15-timed fire and 15-rapid fire; (40 record shots)
TIME LIMIT	Slow fire: 5 minutes (10 shot string) Timed fire: 20 seconds per 5 shot string Rapid fire: 10 seconds per 5 shot string
EQUIPMENT	Any small-bore pistol or revolver firing the .22 rim fire long rifle, long or short cartridge with a sight radius no greater than 10 inches, and a trigger pull no less than 2 pounds. (Rule 3.4-except iron sights only.) Equipped with any sights that do not project an image onto the target.
SHOOTING POSITION	One-hand standing
RULES	<i>NRA Pistol Rules CP16650</i> (Most Recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp

SLOW-FIRE BULLSEYE – single stage – Senior Event Only

TARGET	NRA B-8
DISTANCE	25 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	All slow-fire; 40 record shots at 25 yards
TIME LIMIT	10 shots per 10 minute string
EQUIPMENT	Any smallbore pistol or revolver firing the .22 rimfire long rifle, long or short cartridge with a sight radius no greater than 10 inches, equipped with any sights that do not project an image onto the target and a trigger pull no less than 2 pounds. (Rule 3.4, any sights.)
SHOOTING POSITION	One-hand standing
RULES	<i>NRA Pistol Rules CP16650</i> (Most Recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp

SMALLBORE HUNTER PISTOL SILHOUETTE – Senior Event Only

TARGET	½ scale metallic silhouettes
DISTANCE AND COURSE OF FIRE	All shooting in banks of 5 targets, shooting from left to right; 10 chickens at 40 meters, 10 pigs at 50 meters, 10 turkeys at 75 meters, 10 rams at 100 meters. 40 record shots.
TIME LIMIT	30 second ready time and 2 minute firing time for each bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT	Any factory available smallbore pistol weighing no more than 5.0 pounds, chambered for the .22 rimfire long rifle cartridge and having a factory standard barrel length of no more than 12 inches measured from breech face to muzzle equipped with any sights that do not project an image on the target and a safe trigger. (NRA Pistol Silhouette Rule 3.1 and 3.2) <i>No bolt action pistols, including cannon bolt, turn bolt or straight bolt will be permitted.</i>
SHOOTING POSITION	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 wrist (NRA Rule 5.8)
SCORING	Target must be knocked over or from its stand in order to be scored as a hit. Targets not knocked over or hit out of order will be scored as misses.
RULES	<i>NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules CS16830</i> (most recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp

Pistol Permission Card

I _____ give my
 permission to _____
 To possess and fire a handgun until July 30, 2009 at which time
 it may be extended.

 Parents signature Date

 Witness signature Date

SMALLBORE RIFLE EVENTS

Only Seniors competing in all 3 divisions - Smallbore Silhouette, NRA Three-Position and CMP Sporter Rifle - can qualify for Nationals. Juniors and Seniors (not trying to qualify for Nationals) will have to choose CMP Sporter Rifle or NRA Three-Position only.

SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE RIFLE (NRA Rule 3.2) – Senior Event Only

TARGET	1/5 scale metallic silhouettes
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 10 chickens at 40 meters, 10 pigs at 60 meters, 10 turkeys at 77 meters and 10 rams at 100 meters
TIME LIMIT	15 second ready time and 2 ½ minutes firing time per bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT	Any safe smallbore rifle chambered for the .22 long rifle, long or short cartridge and weighing no more than 10 lbs 2oz pounds including sights. Any sights, Telescopic or Metallic may be used. Must meet stock dimension and other requirements in NRA Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Rules. No thumbhole stocks will be allowed. Any safe trigger.
SHOOTING POSITION	The standard standing position used in position shooting is permitted.
SCORING	Target must be knocked over or from its stand in order to be scored as a hit. Targets not knocked over or hit out of order will be scored as misses.
RULES	<i>NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules CS16820</i> (Most recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp

NRA THREE-POSITION – Junior and Senior Event

TARGET	A-50 (50 meters) or the A-51 (50 yards)
COURSE OF FIRE	20 shots in each position – prone, standing, and kneeling – in that order at 50 meters (or 50 yards); 60 record shots
TIME LIMIT	One (1) minute per record shot prone; two (2) minutes per record shot standing; and one and one-half (1-1/2) minutes per record shot kneeling.
EQUIPMENT	Any safe .22 caliber rimfire rifle chambered for .22 short, .22 long, or .22 long rifle cartridge may be used in smallbore 3-position; no restriction on barrel length or overall weight of rifle and accessories.
SIGHTS	Metallic sights, non-corrective
AMMUNITION	Solid point (40 grains) standard velocity; match or target ammunition
RULES	<i>NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules CR16750</i> (Most recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp

CMP SPORTER RIFLE – Junior and Senior Event

Please read carefully, as there are event rules listed that may not be found in the CMP rules.

CMP Rimfire Sporter Rule R 1.0 - Intent and Spirit of Sporter Rules. The intent of CMP Rimfire Sporter rules is to promote target competitions with .22 caliber rimfire rifles that are restricted to low-cost, readily available, sporter-type rifles typically used in informal target shooting, plinking or small game hunting. Any rifle configuration or item of equipment not mentioned in these rules or that is contrary to the intent and spirit of these rules is prohibited.

Note: In Timed Fire and Rapid Fire stages: after the "Load" command, all actions must be locked open prior to the "Start" command. Manually holding the action open is not permitted. Actions may not be unlocked or closed until the shooter is in the firing position with firearm safely pointed down range.

TARGET	B-19 CMP Rimfire Sporter Target
DISTANCE	25 yards and 50 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	60 shots for record 50 yards; Prone position-10 shots, Slow fire & 10 shots, rapid fire Sitting or Kneeling – 10 shots slow fire & 10 shots rapid fire 25 yards; Standing – 10 shots slow fire & 10 shots rapid fire
TIME LIMIT	Slow fire- 10 shots in 10 minutes; Rapid fire- 5-shot strings in 25 seconds (semi-auto) or 30 seconds for manual repeater.
EQUIPMENT	<p><u>Rifle:</u> Overall weight of the rifle may not exceed 7.5 lbs., with sights. If sling is used; it may be removed when rifle is weighed. Any type of action, semi-automatic or manually operated with a trigger pull of at least 3.0 lbs.</p> <p><u>Stock:</u> Must have standard sporter stock constructed of wood or synthetic material. Thumbhole stocks, adjustable butt plates or cheek pieces, and rails or adjustable (moveable) sling swivels are not permitted.</p> <p><u>Sling:</u> standard leather or web sling no wider than 1 1/4 inches may be used in the prone, sitting or kneeling positions. Must be fixed in at least one position. (rails with adjustable sling swivels are not permitted).</p> <p><u>Sights:</u> Open sights may be used; receiver sights or a scope not exceeding 6x magnification is permitted; variable scopes may be used but must be taped and immobilized at the 6x setting.</p> <p><u>Barrel:</u> In accordance with the intent of this event – Sporter rifle barrels only. Barrels of special composition (carbon) or non-factory styles (i.e. fluted) are not permitted.</p>
RULES	<i>CMP Competition Rules – current edition, 2006-08 (most recent printing)</i>
INFORMATION	<p>Rules are posted on the CMP web site at http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/rimfire.pdf</p> <p>Printed copies of the rules are available at a cost of \$3.00 each. Contact: CMP Competitions Department P.O. Box 576 Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 Phone (419) 635-2141, ext. 1132</p>

2009 LOUISIANA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS EVENT SYNOPSIS

This Synopsis outlines the events and specific requirements for the 2009 Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Regional and State Matches.

EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE:

National Qualifying Events (Seniors Only except for BB Gun)

Discipline	Event 1	Event 2		Event 3
Archery Compound	Field Round (Partial Field Round)	FITA Round (Partial FITA Round)		3-D Round
Archery Recurve	FITA Round (Partial Field Round)	Field Round (Partial FITA Round)		3-D Round
Air Pistol	Slow Fire - Bullseye	Timed Fire/Rapid Fire Combo		Air Pistol Silhouette
Air Rifle	National STD Three-position Sporter Air Rifle	Sporter Air Rifle Event (Standing)		
BB Gun 9-15 yrs old	5 Meter 4 Position			
Hunting	Hunter Decision-Making	Hunting Skills		Wildlife Identification and Management
Muzzle-Loading	25 Yard Novelty – Bottles and Haffner Critters combo	50 Yard Bullseye		Muzzleloading Rifle Silhouette
Shotgun	Skeet	Trap	5-Stand	Sporting Clays
Smallbore Pistol	Camp Perry Round (modified)	Slow-Fire Bullseye – single stage		Smallbore Hunter Pistol Silhouette
Smallbore Rifle	Smallbore Silhouette Rifle (NRA Rule 3.2)	NRA Three-Position		CMP Sporter Rifle

Non-National Senior Events

Discipline	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
Archery Bare Bow	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Compound	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Genesis	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Recurve	Modified FITA Round		
Shotgun	Modified Trap		
Smallbore Rifle (Can only pick one to compete in)	NRA Three-Position	CMP Sporter Rifle	

Junior Events

Discipline	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
Archery Bare Bow	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Compound	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Genesis	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Recurve	Modified FITA Round		
Air Pistol	Slow Fire - Bullseye		
Air Rifle	National STD Three-position Sporter Air Rifle		
Hunting	Hunter Decision-Making	Hunting Skills	Wildlife Identification and Management
Muzzle-Loading	25 Yard Novelty – Bottles and Haffner Critters combo	50 Yard Bullseye	Muzzleloading Rifle Silhouette
Shotgun	Skeet	Trap	5-Stand Sporting Clays
Shotgun	Modified Trap		
Smallbore Rifle (Can only pick one to compete in)	NRA Three-Position	CMP Sporter Rifle	

General Rules

PARTICIPATION

4-H membership – All 4-H Shooting Sports members in good standing are eligible to compete in 4-H shooting sports events. Official 4-H enrollment is required by 4-H enrollment card/online enrollment.

Age Requirement – 4-H Club members must be 9 years of age before January 1 of the current club year and must not have passed their 19th birthday on January 1. Juniors will be shooters ages 9-13 as of January 1st of the current year. Seniors will be shooters ages 14-19 as of January 1st of the current year.

Training – a) Participants are required to have completed 8 hours of 4-H Shooting Sports discipline training each year in each discipline in which they want to compete. A 4-H Shooting Sports certified discipline instructor will verify workshop completion and competition on individual registration forms. b) 4-H Members who have passed their 10th birthday on or before January 1st of 2009 MUST have completed a certified Hunter Education Course in order to compete at the regional or state level. *This training is available through the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries at www.wlf.state.la.us/hunting/education.*

Team Composition - Teams are composed of 4 individuals in all disciplines except for BB Gun (BB Gun teams shall consist of 5 team members and up to 2 alternates). Team competition will take place in Regional Match only except BB Gun.

Event Participation –Participants are expected to compete in the required state events within the discipline in order to qualify for Nationals. Look at event synopsis on page 24.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health & Code of Conduct Forms - It is the responsibility of each parish coordinator to have the appropriate health and code of conduct forms for each participant. An adult supervisor or coach should be present at the event site, with immediate access to the forms any time their youth are participating in an event. These forms may be obtained through local/state 4-H offices.

Safety – Safety is the highest priority for range staff, participants, coaches, and spectators. Standard accepted safety rules will be followed at all times, special safety considerations will be announced at each venue. The Match Director, Range officers, or other event staff may dismiss anyone from the range for unsafe behavior. The score may be forfeited, participant disqualified, or spectators barred at the discretion of the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports staff.

Handguns – Participants must comply with all federal laws pertaining to youth and handguns (see Youth Safety Handgun Act, <http://iweb.tntech.edu/cpardue/youthnotice.html>). Federal law prohibits the transportation of a handgun for any reason by a youth under 18 years of age. Please ensure that handguns are transported by an adult.

Equipment – Equipment check in will be at the discretion of the discipline range master and/or state shooting sports coordinator. Equipment should meet the requirements that are specified in the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sport rules.

Cell Phones – The use of cell phones or other electronic devices are NOT permitted during competitive events at Regional and State 4-H Shooting Sports Events by participants or coaches unless permission is requested and granted from the range officer.

Eye and Ear Protection Requirement – For all firearm events, eye and ear protection is required. All participants and other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line, including coaches, range officials and any spectators must wear adequate eye protection (glasses or goggles) and ear protection. The equipment must protect both eyes. For air events, only eye protection is required; and eye protection is strongly recommended but not required for archery events.

MATCHES

Southern Region Match-Parishes include: Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, St. Landry, Calcasieu, Jeff Davis, Acadia, Lafayette, Cameron, Vermilion, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, St. Martin, Iberville, Iberia, St. Mary, Ascension, Assumption, St. James, St. John, St. Charles, Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemine, Jefferson, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Tammany, Washington, Tangipahoa, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, and Livingston.

Northern Region Match- Parishes include: Caddo, Bossier, Claiborne, Webster, Union, West Carroll, East Carroll, Madison, Richland, Ouachita, Morehouse, Lincoln, Jackson, Bienville, Desoto, Red River, Winn, Caldwell, Franklin, Tensas, Concordia, Catahoula, LaSalle, Grant, Natchitoches, Sabine, Vernon, Rapides, and Avoyelles.

State Match - The state match is made up of participants from the northern and southern matches who have qualified to compete on a state level. Check the event synopsis for matches that will be offered at the state level.

AWARDS and QUALIFYING

Team & Individual Awards - Awards will be presented to the top 3 teams (Regional Only), top 5 individuals in each event and top 10 for overall results in each discipline. Overall results are a composite of all events in that discipline.

Team Scoring – All four or five (BB Gun) scores from team participants for the event will count toward the team score for Regional Matches.

Qualifying – A minimum of 15 participants from each of the Regional Matches will qualify for the State Match in each overall discipline. Additional participants may qualify at the discretion of the range master and/or state shooting sports coordinator based on their scores and availability of space.

COACHING

Coaches – Each parish will have one coach per discipline. This coach is the only adult permitted to discuss procedures, ask questions, or advocate for his/her parish with range officials. This coach should be designated on the entry form.

Event Coaching - As a general rule, limited coaching at the event site is permitted. However, coaching must never disturb other participants. A coaching line will be established on each range - behind the participants' area and firing line and separate from the spectator area. Except during preparation time, coaches are to stay behind the firing line and in the coaching area. Coaches may assist the participant during prep time only. Once shooting for record begins, no coaching is permitted unless the participant asks permission from the range officer. Any request for coach assistance must be initiated by the participant; the coach may not initiate contact with the participant. The participant will put down their equipment, make it safe, leave the line, and then go talk to their coach. Coaches may ask the line officer to have their youth member come back to talk, but may not initiate contact with the participant. Coaches may not handle firearms or equipment after the match begins nor advance to the firing line unless authorized by the range officer. A coach may set up his/her own spotting equipment. Please note that specific coaching instructions may be issued at the range for each event.

Spotters/Scorers in silhouette matches – A coach/participant will be allowed to spot in silhouette matches. Quiet conversation between the spotter and the participant is permissible. An official scorer, not from the same team, will be assigned to each participant to record hits and misses.

CONDUCT

Dress Code - Participants are expected to dress appropriately for the events in which they will participate. Team uniforms or shirts are encouraged, but not required. Range officials have the final word concerning the dress code and may announce or address specific cases.

Behavior and Sportsmanship - All participants, coaches, and spectators are expected to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship, supporting the objectives and ideals promoted by the 4-H program in general and the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in particular. Participants or coaches will render aid and/or testimony if asked to do so by any match official. All participants, coaches, and observers are expected to conform to appropriate state 4-H Code of Conduct expectations or volunteer agreements, not only to the letter, but to the intent.

Knowledge of Rules and Procedures –It is the responsibility of each participant and coach to read the rulebook, understand the procedures used in each event, and comply with the rules and standards of the events. Questions are encouraged to clarify any areas of misunderstanding or lack of knowledge. Ignorance of the rules in any event does not obviate their existence. Participants are responsible for knowing the rules of their event and staying within them. Learning the rules of the events is part of the educational process for shooting sports participants.

CHALLENGES AND PROTESTS

Challenges - Only participants may review their own targets and challenge the scoring. Once targets have been scored, they will be available for review by participants for a period of 30 minutes unless otherwise posted. Upon completion of that time period the scores may no longer be challenged. Each range may announce its own procedures and time allowances for challenge.

Protests - Youth participants only (no adults), may protest; a) an injustice they feel has been done them individually; b) the conditions under which another competitor was permitted to fire; or c) the equipment another competitor was permitted to use.

Steps to Filing an Official Protest:

- a. Range Officer – The protest is made orally to the chief range officer.
- b. Range Jury – The protest may be stated orally to the jury of 3 or more officials present at the match, indicating the decision of the range officer.
- c. Match Director or Jury – The protest must be submitted in writing to the Match Director or the Chief Range Officer, accompanied by a \$25 cash protest fee, within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the event. If the Protest is given to the Chief Range Officer, they will notify the Match Director immediately via radio or phone. The match jury will consider the statement, may ask questions of the participant and range officials and will render a decision in an expeditious manner. The decision of the match jury will be final and no further appeal is possible. Coaches, parents, and other parties may not participate in the process. If the protest is ruled valid, the fee will be returned.

National 4-H Invitational Questions and Answers

The National 4-H Invitational Match is an opportunity for Louisiana youth to compete against 4-Hers across the nation. If you would like additional information about the National Invitational go to www.4-hshootingsports.org.

How does a 4-Her get to take the National trip?

He/She must be one of the top 4 qualifying individuals who have not previously competed at the National Level in that discipline.

What is a senior 4-H club member?

A senior 4-H club member is any 4-H member that is at least 14 years of age by January 1 of the current year.

How many times can a 4-H participate in the National Contest?

A 4-Her can only compete one time in each discipline; however, they can attend the national contest in another discipline, as long as they qualify.

What does the state provide in way of support?

The state will provide the participant's registration fee, group travel and lodging. Occasionally the state has provided some money for meals, depending on funding. The state has also provided coaching support for the state team.

Who is responsible for the equipment and supplies to compete?

The participant is responsible for having the necessary equipment and supplies.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Questions and Answers

How does a 4-H'er compete at the state contest?

A participant must meet parish criteria, compete in the regional contest and qualify at Regionals to participate at state.

Can a 4-H'er compete in the same contest they have previously won?

Yes, however, they cannot qualify for the National trip again in that discipline.

Does a 4-H'er have to have a hunter safety card?

All participants who are eligible to get a hunter safety card must present their card to the parish coordinator to establish their qualification to compete at regional or state competitions.

Do BB Gun winners go to National 4-H Invitational?

No, they have a separate National Contest in Bowling Green, Kentucky. If you would like additional information on the International BB Gun Contest go to <http://www.ibbgcm.com/>.

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