

2018



MATCH HANDBOOK

Introduction

The Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports program encompasses the initiative goals of volunteer leadership, capacity building for youth and families, and the environmental stewardship with commitments from the Louisiana State University AgCenter. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is an active program that is attractive to both youth and adults. The program 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.
- To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
- Create an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.
- To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through hunting/fishing and related activities.
- To develop an understanding of the principles of wildlife management.
- To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter educational programs.

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AIR PISTOL EVENTS

The Youth Safety Handgun Act (<http://www.atf.gov/publications/download/i/atf-i-5300-2.pdf>) as included in the Gun Control Act of 1968 puts restrictions on the use and possession of handguns by youth under 18 years of age. Youth participating in Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports must, at all times, follow all provisions of this act. Therefore, event officials will require “the prior written consent of the juvenile’s parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm.” This written permission must be in possession of the youth – even if a parent/guardian is present. We suggest a simple statement, reduced to wallet 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 the shooting kit or on their person. Failure to have this document will require us to disqualify the shooter to avoid violation of federal law.

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. When not cased and not in use all air guns are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) in place except as permitted by the range officer.

A junior may shoot **two** of the **five** 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. Shooters participating in more than one position must shoot in order of difficulty, i.e., Basic Supported Sitting then Advanced Supported Sitting, etc. **Note: Only 9-10 year olds can participate in Basic Position. All junior ages can participate in other 4 positions.**

SLOW FIRE –BULLSEYE – Junior Event Only

TARGET	Orion 1 Bull Air Pistol Target – Similar to NRA B-40 - Correct target height for all positions is 55 inches (plus or minus 2 inches)
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 4.5 mm (.177 cal.) compressed air, CO2 or pneumatic air pistol that conforms to the pistol specifications listed here Pistol weight: 1500 gram maximum (3.3 lbs.) Trigger pull weight: 500 gram minimum Pistol must fit within confines of a box having inside dimensions of 420mm x 200mm x 57mm* (approximately 16.53" x 7.87" x 2.25"). Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescope, laser-beam, electronically projected dot sights, etc. are prohibited. *(50 mm modified to 57 mm for 4-H, to accept standard daisy air pistol grips)

	Any supplies needed while on the firing line will be provided by the shooter. (Examples: Ammunition, 4 ft. Table, Chairs, Sandbags, Blocks, Spotting Scopes)
SHOOTING POSITION	May compete in two of the following positions: (Only 9-10 year olds in Basic) Basic Supported Sitting(resting the butt of pistol on support), Advanced Supported Sitting(resting elbows on support), Two-Handed Standing, One-Handed Standing and One-Handed Supported (standing, 1 hand on the grip and T-Stand Only)
RULES	International Shooting Sport Federation and USA SHOOTING. See all sections that apply at http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/usarules i.e. USA Shooting General Regulation Rules; USA Shooting General Technical Rules; USA Shooting Pistol Rules; USA Shooting Rule Update.

Note: Extra rules for Advanced Supported Sitting and Two-Handed Standing only

ADVANCED SUPPORTED SITTING

The shooter must be seated.

The shooter may use supporting material, such as boxes, duffel bags, bean bags, or sand bags, on the table or bench.

The competitor’s shooting arm must be fully extended, with the sights at eye level.

The non-firing hand may provide support for the firing hand or the butt of the pistol.

The shooter may rest his or her elbows on the supporting material.

TWO-HANDED STANDING

The shooter must shoot from a standing position, with the pistol held with both hands.

The pistol must be supported entirely by the strength of the shooter. No artificial support of any kind is allowed.

The competitor’s shooting arm must be fully extended, with the sights at eye level.

The shooter’s non-firing hand will be used to provide support for the firing hand. The support hand may contact any part of the shooting hand and wrist.

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	Orion 1 Bull Air Pistol Target – Similar to NRA B-40
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	40 shots total. (5 shots per bull) Must load a single pellet for each shot.
TIME LIMIT	Preparation and unlimited sighting – 15 minutes. 40 shots for score – 60 minutes.
EQUIPMENT	Any 4.5 mm (.177 cal.) compressed air, CO2 or pneumatic air pistol that conforms to the pistol specifications listed here Pistol weight: 1500 gram maximum (3.3 lbs.) Trigger pull weight: 500 gram minimum Pistol must fit within confines of a box having inside dimensions of 420mm x 200mm x 57mm* (approximately 16.53" x 7.87" x 2.25"). Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescope, laser-beam, electronically projected dot sights, etc. are prohibited. *(50 mm modified to 57 mm for 4-H, to accept standard daisy air pistol grips)
SHOOTING POSITION	The athlete must stand free, without any artificial or other support, with both feet and/or shoes completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one (1) hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support.
RULES	International Shooting Sport Federation and USA SHOOTING. See all sections that apply at http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/usarules i.e. USA Shooting General Regulation Rules; USA Shooting General Technical Rules; USA Shooting Pistol Rules; USA Shooting Rule Update.
TIE BREAKERS	Number of X's, 10's, etc. until ties are broken.

SINGLE SHOT – RAPID FIRE - SENIOR EVENT ONLY

TARGET	Orion 1 Bull air pistol target mounted on a turning target system. The scoring rings are equivalent to the ISSF air pistol target (or B-40)
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	Total of 40 record shots; Eight (8) series of 5 shots; each shot fired in 3 second intervals.
TIME LIMIT	*Preparation time: 5 minutes *Supervised sight-in/practice: one (1) series of five (5) sight-in/practice shots: as needed; approximately 2 ½ minutes. *Loading-Firing: Load – 20 seconds; Ready position – 7 seconds; Fire – 3 seconds.
EQUIPMENT	Any 4.5 mm (.177 cal.) compressed air, CO2 or pneumatic air pistol that conforms to the pistol specifications listed here or in the NGB rules Pistol weight: 1500 gram maximum (3.3 lbs.) Trigger pull weight: 500 gram minimum Pistol must fit within confines of a box having inside dimensions of 420mm x 200mm x 57mm* (approximately 16.53" x 7.87" x 2.25").

	Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescope, laser-beam, electronically projected dot sights, etc. are prohibited. *(50 mm modified to 57 mm for 4-H, to accept standard daisy air pistol grips)
SHOOTING POSITION	8.7.1 FIRING Position - The athlete must stand free, without any artificial or other support, with both feet and/or shoes completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one (1) hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support. 8.7.2 READY Position - Shooting must start from the READY position Ready position: The athlete's arm must point downward at an angle of not greater than 45 degrees from the vertical. The arm with the pistol must not be pointed at the ground within the forward edge of the firing point. The arm must remain in this position while waiting either for the appearance of the target or, when EST are used, for the green light(s) to come on.
RULES	International Shooting Sport Federation and USA SHOOTING. See all sections that apply at http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/usarules i.e. USA Shooting General Regulation Rules; USA Shooting General Technical Rules; USA Shooting Pistol Rules; USA Shooting Rule Update.
TIE BREAKERS	Number of X's, 10's, etc. until ties are broken.

Range Commands and Procedures

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>Before the competition:</i>	Step 1: Before a competition, the Range Officer will prepare the range for firing and, if competition officials hang targets, supervise the hanging of targets. Competitors should not move their equipment to the firing line until they are called to the firing point by the Range Officer.
"RELAY NUMBER __, YOU MAY MOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT TO THE FIRING LINE"	Step 2: Before the Preparation Time starts, and after any preceding relay is finished, the CRO will call the competitors to their firing points. Only on command, can competitors remove their pistols from their boxes and handle their pistols. As competitors move to the firing line, check to be sure each competitor is present and on the correct firing point.
"RELAY NUMBER __, GO FORWARD AND HANG YOUR TARGETS"	Step 2a, if required: After competitors move their equipment to the firing line and, if competitors are responsible for hanging their own targets, the Range Officer instructs competitors to go down range and hang targets.
"PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW"	Step 3: The Preparation Time is 5 minutes. During the Preparation Time the targets must be visible, and facing the competitors. During the Preparation Time competitors may handle their pistols, dry fire and carry out holding and aiming exercises on the firing line

"END OF PREPARATION TIME...STOP"	Step 4: At the end of the Preparation Time there must be a brief pause of approximately 30 seconds. (EST-Target Officer will Reset the targets for the sighting series)
"FOR THE SIGHTING SERIES, LOAD" (or) "FOR THE FIRST/NEXT MATCH SERIES LOAD"	Step 5: All competitors load within a time of 20 seconds
"ATTENTION" <i>(Competitor actions in blue)</i>	Step 6a: <i>All competitors assume the READY position.</i> The red lights must be switched on or if turning targets are used, they must be turned to the edge-on position. After a delay of seven (7) sec. (+/- 1.0 sec.) either the green lights will come on, or the target will be turned to face the competitor for 3 seconds. <i>At the appearance of the green light, or when the targets begin to move to the face-on position, the competitors may raise and fire.</i> After 3 seconds, the red light will come on, or the target will edge, and the 20 second load time for the next shot will begin; without an additional command. <i>After firing, all competitors will reload and may rest pistols on the table with muzzles pointing downrange awaiting the next Attention command.</i>
(If lights/turning targets are not used)	If lights, or turning targets are not available, the commands START and STOP may be used to begin and end the 3 second firing period.
"ATTENTION" (SHOTS 2-5)	Step 6b - 6e: After 20 seconds, the range officer will again give the ATTENTION command after which the procedures outlined in Step 6 above will be followed, until all 5 shots of the series have been fired.
"UNLOAD"	Step 7: After each 5 shot series, competitors are instructed to unload an insert their CBI's and make the line safe.
"GO FORWARD AND CHANGE TARGETS"	Step 8: If competitors are responsible for changing their own targets, the Range Officer instructs competitors to go down range and change targets.
Steps 5 – 8 are repeated until all 8 series are completed.	

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 .177, 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	Any target knocked over or knocked off the stand in sequence is scored as a hit (+1). Targets missed, spun but not knocked down, or hit out of sequence is scored a miss (0).
RULES	<i>NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules CS16830</i> (Most recent printing)
INFORMATION	Download - http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx
TIE BREAKER	Ties will be broken first by total number of rams counted for score. If a tie remains, then by the total number of turkeys; then by number of pigs, and then by number of chickens.
SPOTTER	Each shooter may have one spotter with them on the firing line who may have scopes and binoculars to advise the shooter where shots are hitting. The spotter will also keep time and advise the shooter in a quiet voice. The spotter must be from the same team. The spotter may not touch the shooter or the shooter's equipment after the shooter assumes their position on the firing line.

Pistol Permission Card (Keep with gun at all times)

I _____ give my permission to _____
To possess and fire a handgun until July 30, 2018 at which time it may be extended.

Parents signature Date

Witness signature Date

AIR RIFLE EVENTS

All air guns are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when the gun is not being fired. Juniors and Seniors must choose only one rifle class – either Sporter or Precision.

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

TARGET	NC 5/10 (Orion Scoring Targets)
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	Prone - 20 record shots in 20 minutes, Standing – 20 record shots in 25 minutes, Kneeling – 20 record shots in 20 minutes.
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 See National Standard Three Position Air Rifle Rules, 4.2/4.8	4.2.1, Approved Rifles/Air Rifles officially approved for Sporter Class air rifle competitions are the AirForce Air Guns Edge, Crosman CH2000 (CO2), Crosman CH2009 (CO2 or compressed air), Daisy M853/753/953/853CM (pneumatic), Daisy 888/887 (CO2), Daisy XSV40 Valiant (compressed air), Air Arms T200 (compressed air, with nonadjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate) and the Champions Choice T200 (CZ 200T, compressed air, with adjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate). Daisy 887/888 rifles may have 2010 model replacement stocks.
CLOTHING	Shoes are restricted to soft, low cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankles. Shoes must be worn in all positions. No boots are permitted. A shooting glove may be worn, but no shooting jackets are permitted. Up to two sweatshirts are allowed. Tight fitting undergarments are not allowed, such as Under Armour, etc. See Rule 4.3
RULES	<i>CMP 2016-2018 National Standard Three-position Air Rifle Rules, 11th Ed.</i> http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules.pdf

SPORTER AIR RIFLE EVENT (STANDING) – Senior only Event

TARGET	NC 5/10 (Orion Scoring Target)
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	20 shots standing
TIME LIMIT	20 record shots in 25 minutes.
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	4.2.1, Approved Rifles/Air Rifles officially approved for Sporter Class air rifle competitions are the AirForce Air Guns Edge, Crosman CH2000 (CO2), Crosman CH2009 (CO2 or compressed air), Daisy M853/753/953/853CM (pneumatic), Daisy 888/887 (CO2), Daisy XSV40 Valiant (compressed air), Air Arms T200 (compressed air, with nonadjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate) and the Champions Choice T200 (CZ 200T, compressed air, with adjustable cheek-piece and butt-

	plate). Daisy 887/888 rifles may have 2010 model replacement stocks.
CLOTHING	Shoes are restricted to soft, low cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankles. Shoes must be worn in all positions. No boots are permitted. A shooting glove may be worn, but no shooting jackets are permitted. Up to two sweatshirts are allowed. Tight fitting undergarments are not allowed, such as Under Armour, etc. See Rule 4.3
RULES	<i>CMP 2016-2018 National Standard Three-position Air Rifle Rules, 11th Ed.</i> http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules.pdf

NRA SPORTER AIR RIFLE SILHOUETTE – Sr only event

TARGET	1/10 scale, metallic silhouettes
DISTANCE AND COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 10 chickens at 20 yards, 10 pigs at 30 yards, 10 turkeys at 36 yards, 10 rams at 45 yards in banks of 5 targets and shooting from left to right on each bank of targets
TIME LIMIT	15 second ready time and 2 ½ minutes firing time for each bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT NRA Silhouette Sporter Air Rifle Rule 3.3 (b)	Rule 3.3 (b) Sporter Air Rifle: Any unaltered factory sporter air rifle that is or was a catalogue item, readily available over the counter to the general public, weighing no more than 11 pounds, with scope and mounts. Rifles utilizing pre-charged systems of any kind other than 12.0 gram disposable CO2 units are prohibited. No shooting gloves are allowed. Louisiana Match rules restricts this event to .177 caliber only. 4-H also allows for an exception to the NRA Equipment rule for this match: Rifles that qualify for the 3-P and Standing event may also be used; in addition to those meeting the NRA 3.3 rule.
SHOOTING POSITION	Rule 5.8 - Any standing position without artificial support. The rifle will be supported by the hands and one shoulder. All parts of one hand must be forward of the pistol grip. The chin may not rest on top of the comb. The stock may not be hollowed, altered or manufactured so as to facilitate chin contact. This does not preclude the use of abrasive materials or finishes.
SCORING	Target knocked down or off the stand, in proper sequence, are scored as Hits (1). Targets not knocked over or hit out of order will be scored as Misses (0).
RULES	<i>NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules CS16820 (most recent printing)</i>
INFORMATION	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx
SPOTTER	Each shooter may have one spotter with them on the firing line who may have scopes and binoculars to advise the shooter where shots are hitting. The spotter will also keep time and advise the shooter in a quiet voice. The spotter must be from the same team. The spotter may not touch the shooter or the shooter's equipment after the shooter assumes their position on the firing line.

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

TARGET	NC 5/10 (Orion Scoring Target)
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	Prone - 20 record shots in 20 minutes, Standing – 20 record shots in 25 minutes, Kneeling – 20 record shots in 20 minutes.
EQUIPMENT	Any type of 4.5mm(.177 caliber) pneumatic, spring air, compressed air or CO2 rifle with a muzzle velocity of 600fps or less that conforms to the specifications in CMP Rule book (4.4) Air Rifle may not exceed 12.2 pounds; metallic sights are permitted; Any trigger not subject to accidental discharge.
CLOTHING	Refer to CMP Air Rifle Rulebook (4.6 Precision Clothing and Accessories)
RULES	<i>CMP 2016-2018 National Standard Three-position Air Rifle Rules, 11th Ed.</i>
INFORMATION	http://thecmp.org/air/national-standard-three-position-air-rifle-rules/

ARCHERY EVENTS

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 (Recurve Bare Bow, Recurve Sighted, Genesis and Compound). In the Modified FITA Division, 4-Hers can participate in two of the 4 bow categories listed. Seniors cannot participate in both Modified FITA Division and National Qualifying Division within the same category. Senior participants must choose one or the other. Any bow that uses pullies or cams is deemed a compound.

EQUIPMENT STANDARD:

	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
RECURVE SIGHTED	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. 60 lb. maximum draw weight	String peeps and mechanical release aids.
COMPOUND	Release aids, String peeps, optical sights, spirit levels; 60 lb. maximum draw weight. Multiple pin sights allowed	Overdraws may not place the arrow rest further than 6 cm from the pivot point of the bow.
RECURVE 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; 5 grains arrow weight per pound bow peak draw weight. Minimum of 6 arrows preferably the same color are required.	No arrows larger than 27/64ths in diameter are permitted.
OTHER EQUIPMENT	Hip/ground quiver, armguard, and finger protection MUST be used; Wrist slings, finger straps and safety glasses are optional.	No Ear buds/phones allowed on any archery range

MODIFIED FITA ROUND – Junior and Senior Event

TARGET	80cm, 60cm and 40cm faces, full color FITA targets
DISTANCE	<p>20, 15 and 10 meters in that order (Genesis, Recurve Bare Bow and Recurve Sighted) 10, 15 and 20cm meter distances will use 80cm face – Juniors Only</p> <p>25, 20 and 15 meters in that order (Compound) 15 and 20 meter distances will use 40cm faces and 25 meter distance will use 60cm face – Juniors Only - 9 to 11 year olds</p> <p>30, 25 and 20 meters in that order (Compound) 20 and 25 meter distances will use 40cm faces and 30 meter distance will use 60cm face – Juniors Only - 12 and 13 year olds</p> <p>20, 15 and 10 meters in that order (Recurve Bare Bow and Genesis) 10, 15 and 20 meter distances will use 80cm face – Seniors Only</p> <p>30, 25 and 20 meters in that order (Recurve Sighted) 20 and 25 meter distances will use 40cm faces and 30 meter distance will use 60cm face – Seniors Only</p> <p>50, 40 and 30 meters in that order (Compound) 30 and 40 meter distances will use 60cm faces and 50 meter distance will use 80cm face – Seniors Only</p>
COURSE OF FIRE	2 ends of 6 arrows from each distance for a total of 36 shots (Start with longest distance first)
TIME LIMIT	4 minutes per 6 arrow end
SCORING	10-1 from the center outward, Competitors will score inner 10's as Xs. Ties will be broken by the number of 10X's, then 10's, 9's etc until tie is broken.
RULES	World Archery Federation / Target http://rulebook.worldarchery.org/PDF/Official/2016-01-01/EN-Book3.pdf

NATIONAL FITA ROUND (Partial Round) – Senior Event Only

TARGET	122cm and 80cm faces, full color FITA targets
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; 60 and 50 meter distances will use 122cm face and 40 and 30 meter distances will use 80cm face
TIME LIMIT	4 minutes per 6 arrow end
SCORING	10-1 from the center outward, Competitors will score inner 10's as Xs. Ties will be broken by the number of 10X's, then 10's, 9's etc until tie is broken.
RULES	World Archery Federation / Target http://rulebook.worldarchery.org/PDF/Official/2016-01-01/EN-Book3.pdf

No Spotters allowed in Archery

NATIONAL 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. 5-15 yds (20cm face), 15-30 yds (35cm face), 30-50 yds (50cm face) and 50-60 yds (65cm).
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 be greatest #X's, then #5's, #4's, #3's
RULES	National Field Archery Association https://www.nfaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2015-2016-Constitution.pdf

NATIONAL 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 Sighted 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>IBO recommended scoring procedures, dependent upon type of 3-D targets available.</i> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>+11 pts.</td> <td>11 ring or "X" ring centered inside the 10 ring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+10 pts.</td> <td>10 ring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+8 pts.</td> <td>8 ring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+5</td> <td>Any other body shot including hooves</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Misses, glancing shots, not touching body color (horns, rocks, logs, etc.)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Tie will be broken by the number of highest number of 11s, then number of 10s, 8s, etc.</p>	+11 pts.	11 ring or "X" ring centered inside the 10 ring	+10 pts.	10 ring	+8 pts.	8 ring	+5	Any other body shot including hooves	0	Misses, glancing shots, not touching body color (horns, rocks, logs, etc.)
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+10 pts.	10 ring										
+8 pts.	8 ring										
+5	Any other body shot including hooves										
0	Misses, glancing shots, not touching body color (horns, rocks, logs, etc.)										
RULES	IBO - http://ibo001.businesscatalyst.com/2017%20Rules/2017%20IBO%20RULES.pdf										
INFORMATION	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. No adjustment of sights will be allowed after an archer has drawn and letdown. No adjustment of sights will allowed after an archer has glassed the target while at the shooting stake.										

Note: All Modified FITA and 3D scoring will be done by participants and we are doubling up participants on FITA targets this year.

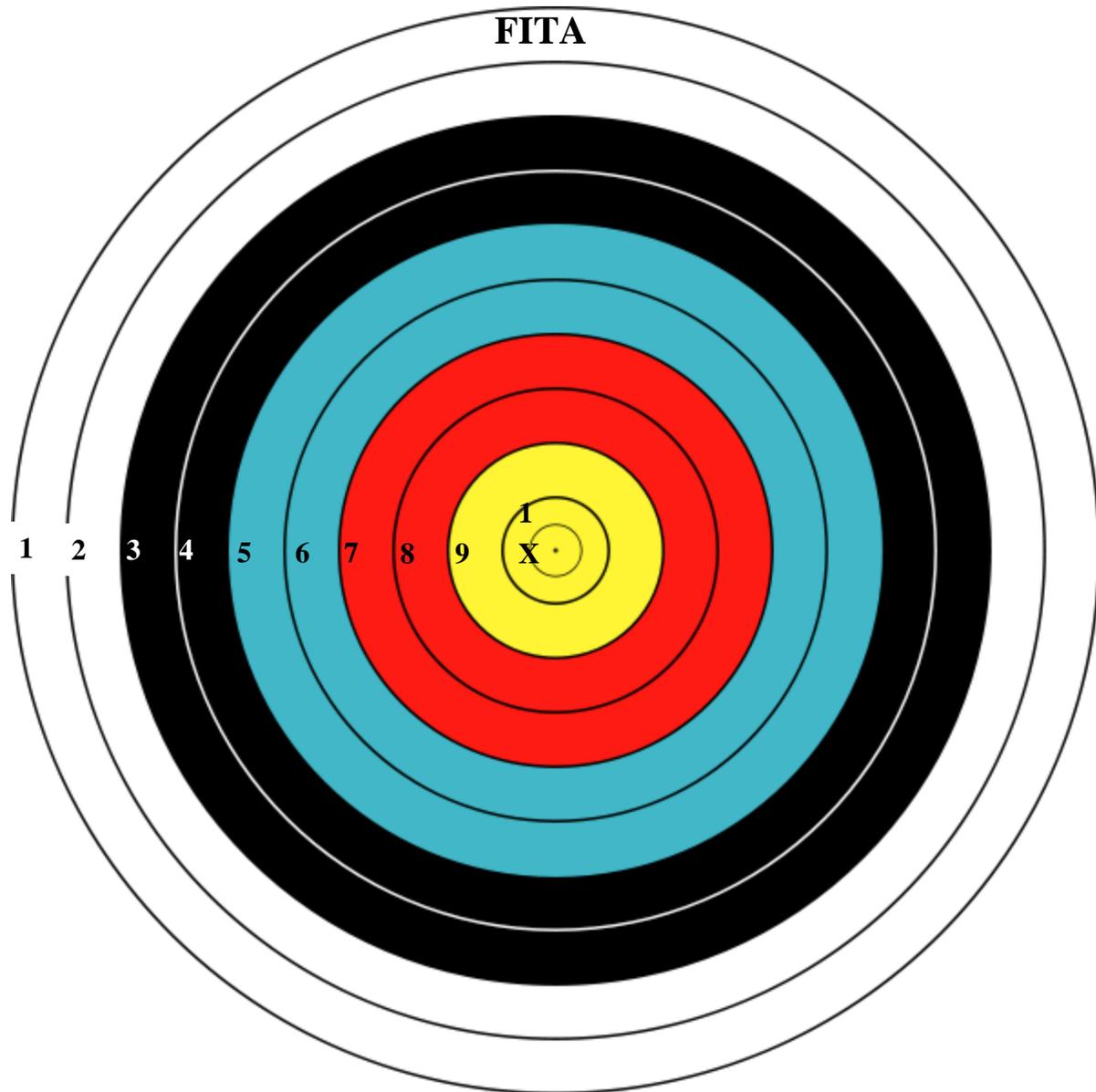
Participants can participate in two Modified FITA Events plus 3-D Event (Seniors can participate in Field and 3-D). National Participants are not eligible to shoot this event. All bows are eligible to shoot in 3-D/Field Events. Participants will be broken into 3 categories – Bare Bow/Genesis (combined), Compound and Recurve Sighted

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. 5-15 yds (20cm face), 15-30 yds (35cm face), 30-50 yds (50cm face) and 50-60 yds (65cm).
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 be greatest #X's, then #5's, #4's, #3's
RULES	National Field Archery Association https://www.nfaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2015-2016-Constitution.pdf

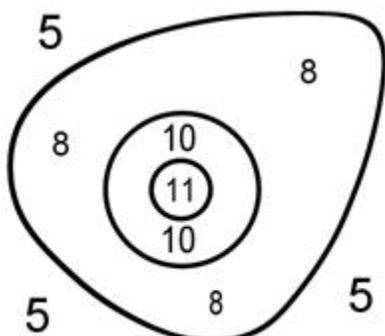
3-D ROUND – Junior and Senior Event

TARGET	3-D targets as selected and placed by the management										
DISTANCE	Marked distances from 5 to 30 yards – Juniors (All Bows) Unmarked Distances from 5 to 40 yards – Seniors (All Bows)										
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>IBO recommended scoring procedures, dependent upon type of 3-D targets available.</i> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>+11 pts.</td> <td>11 ring or "X" ring centered inside the 10 ring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+10 pts.</td> <td>10 ring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+8 pts.</td> <td>8 ring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+5</td> <td>Any other body shot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Misses, glancing shots, not touching body color (horns, rocks, logs, etc.) Hooves are considered body color</td> </tr> </table> <p>Tie will be broken by the number of highest number of 11s, then number of 10s, 8s, etc.</p>	+11 pts.	11 ring or "X" ring centered inside the 10 ring	+10 pts.	10 ring	+8 pts.	8 ring	+5	Any other body shot	0	Misses, glancing shots, not touching body color (horns, rocks, logs, etc.) Hooves are considered body color
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NGB RULES	IBO										
INFORMATION	http://www.ibo.net/pdf/2015/2015IBORules.pdf 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. No adjustment of sights will be allowed after an archer has drawn and letdown. No adjustment of sights will allowed after an archer has glassed the target while at the shooting stake.										



3D

If the arrow shaft touches a line, it will score the next highest score. Arrow must hit "hair". If arrow hits horn, hoof, rock, or dirt mound it scores zero.

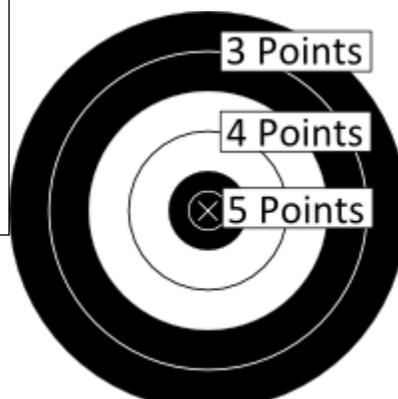
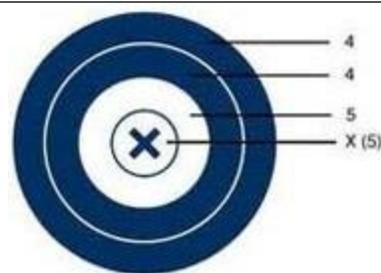


IBO Scoring

If a target has a 12 or 14 ring, these will not be used for scoring.

FIELD

If the arrow shaft touches a line, it will score the next highest score. Center will be scored 5 and marked as an X.



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, 2017 and must still be 15 years old on or before July 1, 2018.**

DNBBGCM Rule Only - This is a Daisy National BB Gun Championship (DNBBGCM) 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 competing in the DNBBGCM in 2017 are precluded from firing as a regular team member or alternate at the DNBBGCM the following year. Regular team members will not be allowed to come back the following year and compete as an alternate or team member. They must sit out one year to be eligible to compete again. This rule assures that new shooters will get a chance to compete at Nationals. A full team is consists of 5 members and 2 alternates.

TARGET	Orion BB gun target similar to the 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	Jaycee Target Special Model 299, Daisy Target Special Model 99 and the Avanti Champion Model 499 or 499B. The receiver sight Daisy Model 5899 is allowed. 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</i> (most recent printing) Official Match Program (DNBBGCM)
INFORMATION	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx http://www.dnbbgcm.com/

WRITTEN TEST: In addition to the regular course of fire outlined above, each competitor will be required to take a written test covering topics on gun safety and marksmanship. Source material for the test will be the Daisy 10 Lesson Curriculum Guide and the current NRA 5 Meter BB Gun Rule book. The exam will be worth 100 points and will be equal to any one of the firing stages. **State** - The test will be 50 questions worth 2 points each (True or false questions and multiple choice questions only). **Regional** - The test will be 25 questions worth 4 points each (True or false questions and multiple choice questions only).

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 team competition at the regional match only. The top 4 (Senior) individuals will be given the chance 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 is recommended.

Participants must provide their own archery equipment, firearms and ammunition for the live-fire events, the restrictions are listed below.

HUNTER DECISION-MAKING – Junior and Senior Event

EVENT DESCRIPTION	<p>This event is based on: ethics, safety, land-owner relationships, Federal games laws & regulations, and the state game laws.</p> <p>Resources to study for this part of the competition will be the NRA's Hunter's Guide as well the Wildlife and Fisheries Hunters Education Book "Today's Hunter in Louisiana"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRA Hunters Guide: http://materials.nrahq.org/recreation-shooting/hunting/the-hunter-s-guide.html <p>Participants will be asked to demonstrate knowledge or skill and/or will be evaluated by an oral or written test. The desire is that any written testing will be as "objective" as possible rather than "subjective" in nature. Test may consist of: True/False, multiple choice, matching, short answer, fill-in the blank, ranking alternative choices or any other objective testing method the officials may choose.</p>
COURSE	Up to 20 decision-making stations based upon content of the resources listed above will be used in this section.
TIME LIMIT AND SCORING	As determined by the Event Officials.

WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT – Jr and Sr Event

EVENT DESCRIPTION	<p>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 sign. Questions relating to relatively simple wildlife management or ecology may be posed, e.g. habitat preference, breeding or loafing habitat, primary activity times, etc.</p> <p>Any wildlife species that inhabits the continental United States could be in this portion of the contest. Possible study materials include but are not limited to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Identification Pocket Guide.</p>
COURSE	Up to 50 stations requiring identification, analysis, or interpretation; up to 50 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 one hour after beginning of test.
SCORING	To be determined by Event Officials.

HUNTING SKILLS – Junior and Senior Event

EVENT DESCRIPTION	<p>Any hunting related skill or any skill-based element in the resource manuals listed may be tested in this event. Participants may be asked to perform the skill or be evaluated by an oral or written test. This event <u>will include</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orienteering • Shooting skills, including up to 20 targets for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archery - Shotgun - Small bore rifle <p>This event may include, but is not limited to: aerial photo interpretation, selection of a stand/blind site, first aid, cutting instruments, hunting clothing choice, footwear, firearms, ammunition, ballistics, GPS navigation & use, recovering game, handling of game after harvesting, track/sign interpretation, backpacking, hunting camp, optics, etc.</p> <p>The desire is that any written testing will be as “objective” as possible rather than “subjective” in nature. Test may consist of: True /False, multiple choice, matching, short answer, fill-in the blank, ranking alternative choices or any other objective testing method the officials may choose.</p> <p>No calculators are allowed on the compass course.</p> <p>For 2017 – the compass course will run the following units: feet.</p>
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<p>COURSE</p>	<p>No set course can be predicted, 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. While competing in the small-bore rifle portion of this contest, shooters will be allowed to shoot from ANY of the following positions: standing, kneeling, sitting, and prone. Shooters may support themselves using their rifle sling (if equipped) in any position, or, in the prone position, with anything worn on their person at the commencement of this portion of the contest. Examples: Jacket, field pack, foot wear, etc. as long as using the item does not hamper the safety of anyone in attendance and does not violate 4-H dress code policies. No shooter may glass the target from the shooting line after taking his or her first shot. Participants may glass the target prior to shooting.</p>
<p>TIME LIMIT AND SCORING</p>	<p>As determined by the Event Officials.</p>
<p>EQUIPMENT <i>Necessary equipment and supplies required for the live-fire portions of this event must be provided by the participants.</i></p>	<p>Only in case of malfunction may a participant change firearm or bow during the activity. No Rangefinders permitted. 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...</p> <p>No "hyper" velocity rounds. A hunting-style sling no more than 1 1/2 inches in width is permitted. All smallbore rifles are required to use an ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) or have the bolt removed and action open when the gun is not being fired.</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>Bow:</u> recurve or compound suitable for hunting (no crossbows), drawing no more than 60 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. Maximum distance to target: Compound – 50 yards; Recurve – 35 yards. All shooting will be at unmarked distances.</p>

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.

Note: Participants must clean and load own gun during match.

EQUIPMENT STANDARD:

EQUIPMENT	Rifle: Any traditional or non-traditional NMLRA Conventional muzzle loading rifle (in-lines permitted) Sights: Metallic – non-traditional permitted (open or aperture); Position: Standing – no slings; Ignition: percussion cap, or flintlock. Number 209 primers are permitted 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> Spotting scopes are permitted.
RULES	NMLRA Muzzle Loading Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun—except as noted (Most recent printing). 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. No wooden ram rods are permitted on the firing line to load or clean guns.
INFORMATION	http://nmlra.org/range-rules-regulations/

25 YARD NOVELTY – Bottles and Haffner Critters Combo Junior and Senior 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	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. Haffner: highest scoring area touched by ball (Note: The latter is less stringent than standard NMLRA scoring.)

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.

We are planning to have steel targets for the silhouette event. If, for some reason, we have to resort to using some or all cardboard targets – they will be scored as either Hit or Miss.

TARGET	½ scale metallic silhouettes (NRA Hunter Pistol) up to 20 targets or Paper targets –same size as ½ scale metallic silhouettes (NRA Hunter Pistol). Each target will have an inner "center-shot" ring –embossed upon the target. Ring diameter: chicken -2 ½"; pig -4 ½"; turkey -5"; ram -5 ½" . White silhouette target on dark background.
DISTANCE	Chicken - 40 yards, Pig - 60 yd., Turkeys - 77 yd., Ram - 100 yd.
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 5 targets at each distance, one shot per target fired upon in order from left to right. (Start with bottom row first and then move up to top row second)
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 (1). Targets not knocked over, or hit out of order, will be scored as misses (0).

Note: Malfunctioning rifles will be removed from line if they are delaying match for more than 15 minutes. A 5 minute fouling shot period will be allowed at the start of each event. Caps will be popped and subsequent fouling shots fired into the berm.

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 a 150 target race for Regional and State 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 100 target race for Regional and State to determine the winners.

An individual may choose to shoot in just the 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 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. Malfunctions- each shooter will be allowed a maximum of 2 gun malfunctions per range. Ammo malfunctions are not considered a gun malfunction.

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	No practice shots will be allowed.
TIE-BREAKERS & SCORING	Regionals-Tie break will be determined by longest string for individuals. Team tie will be broken by the highest scoring member of each team. State-Tie break will be determined by shoot-off for higher placing individuals.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the LGB. All reloads are prohibited, factory loads only.
INFORMATION	http://www.nssa-nasca.org/index.php/nsca-sporting-clays-shooting/nsca-sporting-clays-shooter-information/nsca-sporting-clays-rule-book/

SHOTGUN MODIFIED TRAP INFO

- Each parish should have a minimum of three (3) adults per five (5) shooters. (1) Coach, (1) Trapper, and (1) Scorer.
- These adults will be assigned by the Range Officer to operate traps, keep score, or perform other tasks deemed necessary for an efficiently run event.
- **For junior shooters (ages 9-13)** – Option A) an adult coach will stand between the shooter and the trap. The coach will hand single shells (or two shells on double presentations) to the shooter. Option B) junior shooter loads own gun. When the trap operator is "Ready," the shooter will respond "Pull" to call for the target(s). - **Regionals Only**

State Match – Juniors must load own gun. **No coaches allowed on the field.**

- As a general rule, limited coaching at the event site is permitted. However, coaching must never disturb other participants. No coaches allowed for seniors on line.
- Each parish should bring a gun rack large enough for all the guns used by their shooters.
- There will be 5 stations with three-quarter pull trap machines set up. Each station will be set up 4 feet to the left of the throwers with approximately 25 feet between each thrower. Marker paint will be used to make a shooters box of approximately 4' x 4' at each station. Course of fire will be twenty-five (25) targets consisting of singles from stations 1, 3, and 4, report doubles from station 2 and simultaneous (true) doubles from station 5 going away from a trap that will be beside the shooter. Each shooter will shoot 2 rounds of 25. Note: Management has the right to change course of fire by increasing the number of doubles.
- State Only - In case of a tie between individuals (only top 5 individuals), double targets will be thrown until a shooter misses. If the tie has not been broken by the time the shooters finish station 5, target presentations will be rearranged. All other placings will be determined by longest string.
- Regional Only - A team tie in will be broken by the highest scoring member of each team. If there is still a tie, then second, then third, etc.

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.
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 determined by longest string for individuals. Team tie will be broken by the highest scoring member of each team.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller, capable of firing two shots without reloading may be used in skeet.
RULES (NGB)	National Skeet Shooting Association
INFORMATION	http://www.nssa-nsca.org/index.php/nssa-skeet-shooting/about-nssa/rule-book/

TRAP – Junior and Senior Event

EVENT	Standard ATA (American) trap (16 yards)
COURSE OF FIRE	1 or 2 rounds (25 or 50 targets) for Juniors and 2 rounds (50 targets) for Seniors consisting of five targets from each of five shooting stations at 16 yards.
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 determined by longest string for individuals. Team tie will be broken by the highest scoring member of each team.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing target ammunition for that gauge.
RULES (NGB)	Amateur Trap Association
INFORMATION	http://www.shootata.com/Portals/0/pdf/ata_rulebook_web.pdf

SPORTING CLAYS –Junior and Senior Event

For the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Match, this event will feature sporting clays 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 shoot management.

EVENT	Sporting Clays
COURSE OF FIRE	Any combination of 50 targets for Seniors and 25 targets for Juniors .
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 determined by longest string for individuals. Team tie will be broken by the highest scoring member of each team.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the LGB. Chokes tubes may be changed between stands only. Factory loads are required.
RULES (NGB)	National Sporting Clays Association
INFORMATION	http://www.nssa-nasca.org/index.php/nsca-sporting-clays-shooting/nsca-sporting-clays-shooter-information/nsca-sporting-clays-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 .
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 determined by longest string for individuals. Team tie will be broken by the highest scoring member of each team.
EQUIPMENT	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the LGB. Chokes tubes may <u>NOT</u> be changed once the shooter has shot his/her first shot. All reloads are prohibited, factory loads only.
RULES (NGB)	National Sporting Clays Association
INFORMATION	http://www.nssa-nasca.org/index.php/nsca-sporting-clays-shooting/nsca-sporting-clays-shooter-information/nsca-sporting-clays-rule-book/

Ammunition Requirements for all shotgun events (Modified Trap, Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays/5-Stand)

- All shotgun events shall be open to all shotguns (except single shot or double barrel shotguns with exposed hammers) of 12 gauge or smaller, using #7 ½ to #9 shot shells not exceeding 1 1/8 ounces of lead. Factory loads are required. **Use of illegal shells at regional or state competition results in disqualification, shooter must leave the field. No warnings or 2nd chances**

Note: Holding Shotguns - Cradle carry only on break action guns and 2-handed carry on everything else with chamber open. No shoulder straps used to carry shotgun.

SMALLBORE PISTOL EVENTS

The Youth Safety Handgun Act (<http://www.atf.gov/publications/download/i/atf-i-5300-2.pdf>) as included in the Gun Control Act of 1968 puts restrictions on the use and possession of handguns by youth under 18 years of age. Youth participating in Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports must, at all times, follow all provisions of this act. Therefore, event officials will require “the prior written consent of the juvenile’s parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm.” This written permission must be in possession of the youth – even if a parent/guardian is present. We suggest a simple statement, reduced to wallet 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 the shooting kit or on their person. Failure to have this document will require us to disqualify the shooter to avoid violation of federal law.

All smallbore pistols are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when the handgun is uncased and not being fired. Cased pistols will be the last equipment to be brought to the range and the first to be removed from it.

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, and only one pistol per shooter is allowed on the line. Pistols may be replaced only if they are disabled or malfunctioning.

CAMP PERRY ROUND (modified) – Senior Event Only

TARGET	NRA B-8
DISTANCE	25 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 10 shots each slow fire, 15-timed fire and 15-rapid fire; (Up to 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	One-hand standing
SHOOTING POSITION	<i>NRA Conventional Pistol Rules CP16650</i> (Most Recent printing)
RULES	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx
INFORMATION	

SLOW-FIRE BULLSEYE – single stage – Senior Event Only

TARGET	NRA B-8
DISTANCE	25 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	All slow-fire; Up to 40 record shots at 25 yards
TIME LIMIT	10 shots per 10 minute string
EQUIPMENT	Any pistol (single-shot or semi-automatic) or revolver. The pistol shall most closely match the description of a pistol of the NRA Production Division – except as noted in Rule 3.4 or a rule specified in this synopsis. A Production Firearm is one which is or has been a catalog item

	<p>readily available to the general public equipped with factory notch and post sights. All standard safety features of firearms must operate properly. The firearm shall have no visible internal or external modifications except as noted in the NGB rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Barrel length, including cylinder, not more than 10 inches. · Trigger pull not less than 2 pounds. · .22 caliber rimfire – long rifle · Any sights, including telescopic, are permitted with the exception of those sights that project an image on the target. Open sights may be adjustable but not over 10 inch sight radius.
SHOOTING POSITION	One-hand standing
RULES	<i>NRA Conventional Pistol Rules CP16650</i> (Most Recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx

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; Up to 10 chickens at 40 yards, 10 pigs at 60 yards, 10 turkeys at 77 yards, 10 rams at 100 yards. Up to 40 record shots.
TIME LIMIT	30 second ready time and 2 minute firing time for each bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT	<p>Any factory available smallbore pistol weighing no more than 5.0 pounds, operated with a trigger pull of at least 2.0 lbs, 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. (NRA Pistol Silhouette Rule 3.1 and 3.2)</p> <p><i>No bolt action pistols, including cannon bolt, turn bolt or straight bolt will be permitted.</i></p>
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	Any target knocked over or knocked off the stand in sequence is scored as a hit (+1), targets missed, spun but not knocked down, or hit out of sequence is scored a miss (0). In the event of a missing target the scorer shall permit the shooter to fire on a designated target that remains standing, counting it as above. If no targets are available, the referee shall permit those targets to be fired before the shooters rotate to the next type of target.
RULES	<i>NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules CS16830</i> (most recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx

Pistol Permission Card (Keep with gun at all times)

I _____ give my
permission to _____
To possess and fire a handgun until July 30, 2018 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. Seniors (not trying to qualify for Nationals) will have to choose CMP Sporter Rifle, Silhouette or NRA Three-Position only (Can participate in 2 of the 3). Juniors will have to choose between CMP Sporter Rifle (slow fire portion only), Silhouette or NRA Three-Position only (Can participate in 2 of the 3).

All smallbore rifles are required to have the action open and CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) in place when the rifle is not being fired and is uncased. Either commercial or personally made CBIs are permitted. Cased rifles will be the last equipment to be brought to the range and the first to be removed from it.

SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE RIFLE – Junior and Senior Event Only

TARGET	1/5 scale metallic silhouettes
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 10 chickens at 40 yards, 10 pigs at 60 yards, 10 turkeys at 77 yards and 10 rams at 100 yards
TIME LIMIT	15 second ready time and 2 ½ minutes firing time per bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT	NRA Smallbore silhouette rifle rules (rule 3.2) are identical to the High Power Silhouette Rifle (rule 3.1), except for ammunition. A synopsis follows: maximum weight – 10 pounds 2 ounces including sights. Any sights, telescopic or metallic, any safe trigger, stocks must be traditionally styled, conventional configurations such as factory rifle stocks or silhouette stocks as manufactured by Fajen, McMillan, H-S Precision and others and barrel: no longer than 30 inches. Rule 9.3 Case Deflector – It shall be the competitor’s responsibility to see that ejected cases from either semi-automatic or bolt action rifles do not interfere with another shooter. An external case deflector is acceptable.
AMMUNITION	Only factory loaded .22 caliber - short, long or long rifle. Hot loads, such as “Stingers” are not permitted.
SHOOTING POS.	Any standing position without artificial support. The rifle will be supported by the hands and one shoulder. All parts of one hand must be forward of the pistol grip.
SCORING	Targets knocked down or off the stand in proper sequence are scored as hits(+1). Any target shot out of order is recorded as a miss (0). If a target is not available, the shooter may go to the next available target or return to an earlier target with scorer knowledge and shoot it as a substitute. If no targets are available the shooter will get an alibi target before the stage begins.
RULES	<i>NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules CS16820</i> (Most recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx

NRA THREE-POSITION – Junior and Senior Event

TARGET	A-51 (50 yards)
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 20 shots in each position – prone, standing, and kneeling – in that order at 50 meters (or 50 yards); Up to 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	Rule 3.2 - any .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, overall weight of rifle or accessories or overall weight of rifle and accessories other than those laid out in NRA Smallbore Three-Position Rifle Rules .
SIGHTS	(3.7) 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://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx

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.

Juniors will shoot in slow fire portion only. Standard Rimfire Sporter Rifle, O-Class (open sights) • Standard Rimfire Sporter Rifle, T-Class (telescopic or aperture sights)

Note: T-Class (which include telescopic and aperture sights) and O-Class (which include open sights) Categories will be held this year in CMP Only. Participants cannot participate in both.

TARGET	B-19 CMP Rimfire Sporter Target
DISTANCE	25 yards and 50 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	Up to 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 and	Rifle: Overall weight of the rifle may not exceed 7.5 lbs., with sights and

AMMUNITION	<p>an empty magazine. If sling is used; it may be removed when rifle is weighed.</p> <p>Any type of action, semi-automatic or manually operated with a trigger pull of at least 3.0 lbs. Note: See Tactical Rifle Rule below</p> <p>Stock: 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>Sling: 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>Sights: Open sights may be used; receiver sights or a scope not exceeding 6x magnification is permitted; If a variable power scope is capable of greater than 6x, the adjustment device on variable telescopes must be secured with tape or other similar means so that it can not be changed during match. Check-in seal must remain intact. The magnification must remain at the sealed power during the entire match.</p> <p>Barrel: Barrels may not be equipped with any type of muzzle device (Example: Muzzle break, recoil compensator or porting). Factory type flash suppressor on a tactical type rifle is allowed. Fluted barrels are not permitted.</p> <p>Ammunition Any .22 Caliber long rifle ammunition may be used.</p>
RULES	<i>CMP Competition Rules – current edition, 2017</i>
INFORMATION	<p>Rules are posted on the CMP web site at http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/CMPGamesRules.pdf 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. 1122</p>

8.2.2 CMP Rule

-General Rifle Configuration, Standard and Tactical Rifles x Standard Rimfire Sporter Rifles must be sporter-type rifles of conventional appearance. Rifles must have a standard sporter-type stocks constructed of wood or synthetic material. The stock may have a Monte Carlo cheek piece, but may not have an orthopedic or asymmetrically shaped pistol grip. The stock may have a fixed sling swivel on the fore-end.

Thumbhole stocks, stock adjustments of any type (adjustable butt plates, adjustable cheek pieces, etc.) and rails or adjustable sling swivels are not permitted.

-Tactical Rimfire Rifles may be used in Rimfire Sporter matches, either in a separate Tactical Class or the match sponsor may include them in the T-Class. Legal Tactical Rimfire rifles must comply with the requirements for overall weight and trigger pull and have a configuration that is similar to common AR and modern military rifles. Tactical Rimfire rifles may have either aperture or optical sights (no higher than 6X). If the length of pull on the butt-stock is adjustable, the length adjustment must remain the same for all three positions.

2018 LOUISIANA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS EVENT SYNOPSIS

This Synopsis outlines the events and specific requirements for the 2018 Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Regional and State Matches. For additional pertinent information for participants and coaches, see the 2018 Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Match General rules below.

Rule: Youth are allowed to participate in a maximum of (3) three disciplines. (Ex: Shotgun, Smallbore Rifle and Air Pistol)

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 (Sporter)	National STD Three-position Sporter Air Rifle	Sporter Air Rifle Event (Standing)		NRA Sporter Air Rifle Silhouette
Air Rifle (Precision)	National STD Three-position Precision Air Rifle			
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 Rimfire Sporter Rifle

Non-National Senior Events

Discipline	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
Archery 3-D Bare Bow/Genesis	3-D Round		
Archery 3-D Compound	3-D Round		
Archery 3-D Recurve Sighted	3-D Round		
Archery Field Field Bare Bow/Genesis	Field Round (Partial Field Round)		
Archery Field Compound	Field Round (Partial Field Round)		
Archery Field Recurve Sighted	Field Round (Partial Field Round)		
Archery Recurve Bare Bow	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Compound	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Genesis	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Recurve Sighted	Modified FITA Round		
Shotgun	Modified Trap		
Smallbore Rifle (Can only pick two to compete in)	CMP Sporter Rifle	NRA Three-Position	Smallbore Silhouette Rifle (NRA Rule 3.2)

Junior Events

Discipline	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
Archery 3-D Bare Bow/Genesis	3-D Round		
Archery 3-D Recurve Sighted	3-D Round		
Archery 3-D Bare Bow/Genesis	3-D Round		
Archery Recurve Bare Bow	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Compound	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Genesis	Modified FITA Round		
Archery Recurve Sighted	Modified FITA Round		
Air Pistol	Slow Fire - Bullseye		

Air Rifle (Can only pick one to compete in)	National STD Three-position Sporter Air Rifle	National STD Three-position Precision 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 two)	CMP Sporter Rifle(Slow fire only)	NRA Three-Position		Smallbore Silhouette Rifle (NRA Rule 3.2)

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 2016 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 and Shotgun-Modified Trap (BB Gun teams shall consist of 5 team members and up to 2 alternates/Shotgun-Modified Trap shall consist of 5 team members). **Team competition will take place in Regional and State Matches. No teams except BB Gun will be assigned before Match. Top individual scores from each parish will determine teams at both Matches. You cannot qualify for State on a team except in BB Gun. (You can place up to 3 teams at regionals in each event but only 1 team can place at State for each event)**

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 starting on page 34.

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 anytime 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, Plaquemines, Jefferson, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Tammany, Washington, Tangipahoa, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, East 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 SCORING and QUALIFYING

1. 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.

2. Scoring – National Events and Disciplines with more than 1 event associated with overall winners: Raw scores are used in determining placements in each individual competitive event. (highest score wins). Overall awards are determined by percentage points (percentage points assigned for each “place”) in all 3 events, not by cumulative raw scores. If there is a tie in percentage points then cumulative raw scores are used to break tie. Shotgun and BB Gun will be only disciplines excluded from this scoring system.

All other Disciplines will be placed by raw scores

3. Purpose of Percentage Points (%):

Percentage scoring can help equalizes the point differences between events. For example: a raw score potential of 40 in smallbore silhouettes compared to 600 points in 3P.

It also better reflects the relative excellence of competitors compared to placement points.

Example: Air Pistol -slow fire bullseye (400 pts).

	Raw Score	Placement Pts	%	Mod %
Competitor A 1 st	376 pts	18	.9400	1.000
Competitor B 2 nd	360 pts	17	.9000	.9574
Competitor C 3 rd	359 pts	16	.8975	.9548

In this example, a placement point differential of (1) is the same when A is compared to B - 376/360(14 pts raw score) as well as when B is Compared to C - 360/359 (1 pt raw score). Most people feel that relative excellence should be considered when determining High Overall Awards within a shooting discipline/category. The percentage scoring method permits this.

A modified % will be used at the National Invitational. Using the highest score recorded for a particular event as the baseline rather than the "perfect" score helps in equalizing the various difficulties of different daily events.

Modified % Formula:
$$\frac{\text{Ind Score}}{\text{Highest Score}} = \% \text{ score}$$

Percentage scoring is also a better alternative for determining for High Overall Individual awards because tie-breakers will not affect the result as does placement points.

Team Scoring – All four or five (BB Gun/Shotgun-Modified Trap) 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 event **as long as the event has at least 25 participants competing.** 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. Team qualifying – only teams can qualify for State in BB Gun. A minimum of 3 teams from each of the Regional Matches will qualify.

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.

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 participant's 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/family member 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 parish, 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. **Fully enclosed shoes must be worn for all shooters in all events.**

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 – A senior shooter is the only one allowed to review his/her target. A junior shooter may have one coach or responsible adult review his/her target. 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. Each

challenge will cost \$1.00 per shot challenged on paper targets. The participant/youth must make the challenge alone.

Protests - Youth participants only (no adults), may protest; a) an injustice they feel has been done to 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?

They must be one of the top 4 individuals who have not taken the trip in that discipline previously.

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 registration fee, group travel and lodging. Occasionally the state has provided some money for meals. The state has also provided coaching support for the state team.

How are coaches picked for National Contest?

The state shooting sports coordinator will assign the coaches.

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 regional to participate at state.

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

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

Does a 4-H'er have to acquire 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.

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

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

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