

2022 4-H Shooting Sports Washington State National Qualifier

General Rules

The 4-H Shooting Sports Washington State National Qualifier follows the guidelines for National 4-H Competitive Events as established by National 4-H Headquarters at the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Match and/or range officials may dismiss or disqualify a participant if he/she believes the participant does not demonstrate the basic proficiency and knowledge required.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Washington State National Qualifier consists of 8 disciplines with 3 events in each:

Discipline	Event #1	Event #2	Event #3
Archery Compound	Field Round (1/2 Field Round)	FITA Round (1/2 FITA)	3-D Round
Archery Recurve	Field Round (1/2 Field Round)	FITA Round (1/2 FITA)	3-D Round
Archery Olympic Recurve	Field Round (1/2 Field Round)	FITA Round (1/2 FITA)	3-D Round
Air Pistol	Slow Fire - Bullseye	Timed Fire/Rapid Fire Combo	Air Pistol Silhouette
Air Rifle	National STD Threeposition Sporter Air Rifle	Sporter Air Rifle Event (Standing)	Sporter Air Rifle Silhouette
Shotgun	Skeet	Trap	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 Match

PARTICIPATION

4-H membership – All 4-H Shooting Sports members in good standing and meeting the criteria below are eligible to compete in 4-H shooting sports events, subject to limitations imposed by the specific event and the rules for active membership instituted by their county. Official 4-H enrollment is required.

Age Requirement – Participants must have reached their 8th birthday before October 1 of the current 4-H year and may not have reached their 19th birthday before October 1 of the current year in which the State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest is held. This year we are only allowing Seniors in 4-H to participate.

Official Entry– Participants must be approved as the official entry by their County 4-H WSU Extension Staff or his/her designee. The selection of participants is at the discretion of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Specialist.

Individual Participation – Individual participants may compete in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest, and are eligible for individual recognition and awards.

Event Participation – Each of the eight disciplines of competition consists of three different events. Participants are expected to compete in all three events within the discipline in which they entered. Individual awards are offered in each event – which is a composite score of all 3 events.

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 District 4-H Shooting Sports Contest staff.

Equipment – 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.

Cell Phones – Except in emergency situations, cell phones, radios, or other electronic communication devices may not be used on or in the immediate vicinity of competitive ranges during active competition. Essential communication may take place off the ranges where the process will not interfere with participants in any venue or compromise safe operation of the range.

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. Ear protection is strongly recommended. Eye protection is strongly recommended but not required for archery events.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Request Accommodations – Every attempt for reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and or special needs who submit a formal request in writing by May 1, 2022 to: Ashley Hall at WSU Pacific County Extension, a.hernandez-hall@wsu.edu

AWARDS

Individual Awards - Awards will be presented to the top 4 individuals in each event in each age group for overall results in the discipline, which is a composite of all three events. Each event of the 3-event aggregate is to be equal in value when determining the overall discipline awards.

COACHING

Coaches – Each team shall be officially represented by only one coach. This coach is the only adult permitted to discuss procedures, ask questions, or advocate for his/her team with range officials.

Event Coaching - As a general rule, limited coaching at the event site is permitted. However, coaching must never disturb other participants. Each County is limited to 1 “coach” per event. 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 – County Teams will be split into different shooting relays and teammates will spot for one another (2 per relay). 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

The 4-H Shooting Sports Washington State Qualifier is a youth event, as such the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages, during an event or on the grounds of the 4-H Shooting Sports

Washington State Qualifier is not permitted. Violation of this policy by a participant is grounds for dismissal from the 4-H Shooting Sports Washington State Qualifier.

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. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Clothing with sexually suggestive wording or graphics; and alcohol or tobacco advertisement is not appropriate. Range officials have the final word concerning the dress code and may announce or address specific cases. All participants and coaches should remember that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media. Remember that you represent all of 4-H Shooting Sports. Make it a positive image!

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, and the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program Code of Conduct, not only to the letter, but to the intent.

Knowledge of Rules and Procedures – Where possible, each of the State events have been associated with a National Governing Body (NGB). An exception to any NGB rule is noted in the “Synopsis”. It is the responsibility of each participant and coach to read the NGB 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 10 minutes unless otherwise posted. Upon completion of that time period the scores may no longer be challenged. Challenges must be accompanied by a fee of \$1 per hole being challenged. A jury (not including the original scorer) will review the challenge and pronounce their findings to the challenger. If the challenge is upheld, the \$1 will be returned to the participant. If the challenge is rejected, the fee will be deposited in the 4-H Foundation funds designated for shooting sports. No fee is required to point out mathematical errors. 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 or other State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest official present on the range.
- 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. The jury should include a State discipline representative as well as local match officials.
- 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 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, direct communication 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.