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# State 4-H Shooting Sports

## Spring Match Rules

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# GENERAL RULES

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

All disciplines will be following the governing body of that discipline and as facilities will allow.

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

## Eligibility

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

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

All guns must be in a case when being transported.

## EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING

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

## AWARDS

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

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

## AGE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

**All 4-H ages are before Jan. 1, 2024.**

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

## RULE BOOKS

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

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

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

## MATCH REGISTRATIONS

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

## TEAM DESIGNATIONS

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

## NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS

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

**Post-Secondary Restriction** – Participants may not represent their state in any discipline in which they have engaged in training or competition at the post-secondary level.

**Team Coach selection** - Coaches are recruited based on counties the team participants are from, their rank, and coach availability.

## QUALIFYING EVENTS

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

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

# SPRING MATCH

## AIR PISTOL

*Age requirements:* 4-H age 12-13 year olds before Jan. 1, 2024 = Juniors  
4-H age 14-18 year olds before Jan. 1, 2024 = Seniors

Teams will consist of two members with one alternate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Shooting Positions:

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

## AIR PISTOL (continued)

### Silhouette Match:

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

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

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

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

Orion scorecards will be used to score air pistol silhouettes.

### Course of Fire:

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

### Qualifying Course of Fire:

Shoot 40 shots at a State Match Committee approved event.

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

Qualifying score: 280 points out of a possible 400.

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

Seniors: One-handed, unsupported.

## AIR RIFLE

*Age requirements:* 4-H age 9-13 year olds before Jan. 1, 2024 = Juniors  
4-H age 14-18 year olds before Jan. 1, 2024 = Seniors

Teams will consist of four members with two alternates.

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

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

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

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

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

### Silhouette Match:

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

Any .177 caliber sporter air rifle approved for 3P competition as defined in rules 4.2 and 4.8 of the [National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules](#), equipped with any sights that do not project an image on the target (scopes or red dot optical sights allowed), and weighing no more than 11 pounds with scope.

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

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

Orion scorecards will be used to score air rifle silhouettes.

### Course of Fire:

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

### Qualifying Course of Fire:

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

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

Qualifying score: 450 points out of a possible 600.

## BB GUN

*Age Requirements:* 4-H age 9-11 year olds before Jan. 1, 2024 = Juniors  
4-H age 12-Actual age 15 years old at 1<sup>st</sup> shot of the match = Seniors  
Competitors may compete until their 16th Birthday. The eligibility of competitors is determined by the date of the first shot going down range.

Teams will consist of five members with two alternates.

Follow the **latest** edition of the [Daisy National Match Program](#).

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

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

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

### Qualifying Course of Fire:

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

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

Qualifying score: 335 points out of a possible 400.