Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council

Rule changes for 2024

April update

Overall

All competitors for the State Shoot will need to be registered in 4-H Online.

All registered competitors will be squadded if spaces are available. The practice of first-registered first-served will apply if there are insufficient spaces available for the number of competitors who register for an event. In other words, if there are not enough spaces available, the last club that registered will have the lowest priority for the available spaces. Smallbore rifle silhouette, trap, skeet, and Light Rifle 3P have minimum qualifying scores to address this issue.

Rifle

Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes have new qualification requirements due to continuing usage of all available slots on both days of State Shoot.

* Juniors – Must have shot a score of **7 or higher** per round of 20 in **two matches or practices** with REGULATION COMMANDS AND TIMING.
* Seniors – Must have shot a score of **10 or higher** per round of 20 **in two matches or practices** with REGULATION COMMANDS AND TIMING.

Updated examples of unacceptable firearm components include any type of muzzle devices (muzzle brake, recoil compensator, suppressors, porting), front pistol grips, heat shield/shroud, and magazines extending more than two inches below the receiver. (Previously one inch)

Archery

Back quivers will no longer be allowed.

Adjustable sights will be allowed to be adjusted during the end. Time limits are still in place.

Magnified sights will be allowed in any class that allows sights.

Competitors can register for three Archery events, but one of the three must be National Class.

There will be a 3-D archery division at the state shoot. It will be available to both Juniors and Seniors. Each competitor will compete in one round of ten individual 3-D targets; competitors will shoot at various distances ranging from 5-40 yards for seniors and 5-30 yards for juniors. The targets will be 3-D with superimposed scoring areas that correspond to the vital areas of the animal. One arrow, per shooter, per target, will be shot from each target stake. Targets will have scoring areas that will permit up to 10 points per target. The perfect score for the event will be 100 points. Compound, recurve, or long bows will be permitted. Maximum draw weight is 60lbs. Standard Genesis bows (with max draw weight of 20 lbs.) will NOT be permitted. Genesis – X bows with a minimum of 40 pounds are allowed. Archers need to bring extra arrows so they may continue after losing an arrow. Strict time limits will be used.

Shotgun

Reloaded ammunition will not be used in competition, period. This is a long-standing rule in 4-H and is a violation of VA Shooting Education Policies and Procedures as well as the National Standards. Any competitor that uses reloaded ammunition in a competition will be disqualified from the entire event, without a refund. The competitor and any volunteer or other adult involved will be referred to their Unit 4-H Agent for intentionally violating a safety rule, violating the Code of Conduct, and possibly receiving administrative action.

Hunting, Muzzleloading, and Pistol

No changes from 2023.