

**MATCH PROGRAM**

**RL Harris Jr. Memorial**

**4-H**

**Shotgun Championship**

**September 20, 2025**

**Brushy Mountain Club**

**1813 Izaak Walton Road, Hurt, VA 24563**

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the State 4-H Office at 540-231-6372 (TDD 800-828-1120) during the business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM by the deadline.

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Eligibility

All competitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Education Program within the state of Virginia and have completed a Shotgun Portfolio. Age is based upon calendar year.

Juniors: Calendar year ages 9-13 born anytime in 2012 [13], 2013 [12], 2014 [11],

 2015 [10], 2016 [9]

Seniors: Calendar year ages 14-19 born anytime in 2006 [19], 2007 [18], 2008 [17],

 2009 [16], 2010 [15], 2011 [14]

**Senior** Course of Fire

Three rounds of American Skeet (75 targets)

Two rounds of American Trap (50 targets, 16-yard singles)

Sporting Clays (75 targets)

Combined total of **200** targets (non-registered)

**Junior** Course of Fire

One round of American Skeet (25 targets)

One round of American Trap (25 targets, 16-yard singles)

Sporting Clays (50 targets)

Combined total of **100** targets (non-registered)

Registration, payment, and T-Shirt Order Deadline

![MCj01051880000[1]]()in 2025 – Registrations, payment, and T-shirt orders for the Shotgun Championship are due by the 2025 State 4-H Shoot on September 6th and 7th at Holiday Lake 4-H Center**. The deadline is September 7. There will not be any late additions!** Volunteers do not have time to constantly rework the squadding and other documents to accommodate late additions.

Registration and T-Shirt Fees

The fee for Senior 4-H Members is $75. The fee for Junior 4-H Members is $35. The fee for T-shirts is $20.

![MCj01051880000[1]]()in 2025 - **Payment, or documentation that payment has been processed, will also be due the weekend of the 2025 State 4-H Shoot.** If paying by check, make check payable to *Treasurer of Virginia Tech* and put *4-H Shotgun Championship* and *Club Name* in the Memo Line. If payment by County/Unit 4-H Office (journal entry transfer). the Fund number is 999426, the Org number is 064300, and the account number is 12890. Under description, put *4-H Shotgun Championship* and *Club Name*. See registration spreadsheet for additional information. **No refunds allowed after the deadline.**

Schedule

7:30 AM – Check-in

8:15 AM – Trappers’ Meeting

8:30 AM – Mandatory Meeting for Coaches and Competitors

9:00 AM – Shooting Starts

Squadding

Entries will be squadded by management. Consideration will be taken for squad preferences as indicated on registration form.

Teams

Teams will consist of **four** competitors with the highest combined scores for that county or club. If a club has a minimum of 8 competitors, they may have a second team, 12 competitors three teams, etc. Juniors and Seniors will not be mixed on the same team.

Trappers and Sponsors

Each club to provide at least one experienced adult trapper and secure at least one sponsor. See sponsor forms.

Qualifications

All competitors must furnish proof that the *4-H Shotgun Portfolio (Revised 2018)* has been completed prior to entering this event. For copies of the portfolio, go to: ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/shooting.html

Please note the minimum qualifying scores listed on the Portfolio. Junior 4-H Members must consistently score 8 out of 25 for each shotgun game and Senior 4-H Members must consistently score 12 out of 25. By entry in this event, the team coach is verifying that the youth entered have shot the minimum qualifying scores and are knowledgeable and proficient in the safe use of the equipment. **Competitors are expected to be familiar with the rules and conduct of the events in this competition.**

COACHING

**COACHING WHILE YOUR COMPETITORS ARE ON THE FIELD IS NOT ALLOWED.** This includes verbal coaching, hand signs, or any types of gestures . However, coaching between rounds is allowed.

**SKEET**

Event: Standard NSSA (American) Skeet

Course of Fire: Seniors: 3 rounds (75 targets); Juniors: 1 round (25 targets)

Ties: Doubles from stations 3, 4, and 5 – miss and out per NSSA rules

**TRAP**

Event: Standard ATA (American) Trap (16 yards)

Course of Fire: Seniors: 2 rounds (50 targets); Juniors: 1 round (25 targets)

Ties: Full 25 target rounds of 16-yard singles until ties are broken per

 ATA rules

**SPORTING CLAYS**

Event: Sporting Clays course using standard NSCA targets

Course of Fire: Seniors: Sporting Clays (75 targets)

 Juniors: Sporting Clays (50 targets)

Ties: Each competitor will shoot three true pairs on a station decided by management with the highest total of hits determining the finishing order. If tied after the first station, continue to next station decided by management and repeat until a winner is established.

**OVERALL EVENT TIES**

**Individual Overall** will be shot on Sporting Clays Range. Each competitor will shoot three true pairs on a station decided by management with the highest total number of targets determining finishing order. If tied after first station, continue to next station decided by management and repeat until a winner is established.

**Team** **Overall** will be shot on Sporting Clays Range~~.~~ Each team member will shoot a true pair on a station decided by management. The highest number of hits will rank the teams. If tied after the first station, continue to next station decided by management and repeat until a winning team is established.

Equipment

Competitors must furnish their own shotguns. Shotguns must be 12 gauge or smaller and

capable of shooting twice without reloading. Each competitor must furnish their own ammunition (shot size #7 ½ or smaller; target loads only). **Factory Loads only – no reloads!**

Per ATA rules, it is recommended that all guns used by competitors must be equipped, fitted, and utilized so as not to eject empty shells in a manner that substantially disturbs or interferes with other contestants. i.e., shell catchers are not mandatory, but if their ejected shells are interfering with one of their squad mates, they will be required to put one on. If you perceive it being a problem, be sure to have one.

No equipment sharing allowed! Eye and ear protection is required.

Awards

**Individual Awards: (All events combined)**

High Overall for event

2nd thru 10th place Senior Individual

1st thru 3rd place Junior Individual

1st place Lady (Senior)

1st place Lady (Junior)

**Individual Awards (Each separate event)**

1st place Senior

1st place Junior

**Team Awards: (All events combined)**

1st thru 3rd place Senior Team

1st thru 3rd place Junior Team

Team awards will be given as follows:

If at least 4 senior teams compete, then a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded.

If at least 4 junior teams, compete then a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded.

If at least 3 senior teams compete then 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded.

If at least 3 junior teams compete then 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded.

If at least 2 senior teams compete then only a 1st place Trophy will be awarded.

If at least 2 junior teams compete then only a 1st place Trophy will be awarded.

If only 1 senior or 1 junior team competes, then no team trophies will be awarded.

Safety

The safe conduct of the Shotgun Championship is paramount. Anyone found carelessly handling firearms and/or acting in a manner which could endanger themselves or others, may be disqualified from the competition.

Competitors must adhere to Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Policies and Procedures:

* Firearms must always be in cases or gun racks when not being used in competition. When being carried to or from the line, or while on the line but not actually firing, all actions must be open.
* No one will place the muzzle of a gun on their foot. This includes unloaded guns, guns with the action open, and any other configuration.
* No one will place their hand or other body parts over the muzzle of a gun while on the field of play (the actual shooting range). Activities such as changing choke tubes, cleaning guns, etc. will be done in a designated area off the skeet/trap field or behind the firing line where the practice or competition is taking place.
* Violations of these policies at competitions sanctioned by the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council (State Shoot, Shotgun Championship, District Shoots) will result in IMMEDIATE Disqualification from the entire event. Warnings will not be given! Additionally, entry fees will not be refunded.
* Noise-cancelling headphones and earbuds are not hearing protection devices. Earbuds designed for entertainment and communication are not hearing protection devices. None of these devices will be used as hearing protection while participating in any shooting activities in the VA 4-H Shooting Education Program. There are earbuds that are designated as hearing protection devices that can be used in the VA 4-H Shooting Education Program. The user must have the product owner’s manual on their person while on the firing line. The manual must contain the EPA label that is required by US EPA Regulation 40 CFR Part 211 Subpart B. Failure to produce this document when requested by the Range Officer will result in being removed from the range without a refund of entry fees. Foam ear plugs, custom made ear plugs, and hearing protection muff style protection devices may still be used.
* ALL competitors MUST WEAR CLOSED-TOE SHOES on the firing lines/ranges. Closed-toe shoes are recommended for coaches and spectators. “Crocs” are considered open-toed shoes.

Any match official may make the decision to remove a competitor from the firing line for actions which they feel are unsafe. The final decision on whether to disqualify a competitor rests with the Match Director.

Golf Carts/UTVs

Golf Carts/UTVs can be used but may only be operated by adults 21 years of age or older with a valid driver’s license. Competitors may ride provided all firearm safety rules are followed. Please use designated parking area for trailers.

4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

The RL Harris Jr. Memorial 4-H Shotgun Championship is the first step to select the four-person shotgun team that will represent Virginia at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska on June 21 – 26, 2026.

Information

For additional information or questions, contact:

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Or

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