



## 2009 AIR PISTOL CONTEST

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Note: A disabled 4-H'er can compete in the course of fire, or be the 4th person on a 3-person team acting as a spotter and share in the team's awards.

### Purposes:

This event is designed:

1. To support the county 4-H shooting sports program.
2. To broaden the 4-H interaction experiences of youth and adults from across the Commonwealth.
3. To challenge 4-H'ers skills and knowledge of air pistols.
4. To recognize demonstrated abilities in use of air pistols.
5. To better acquaint 4-H'ers with the faculty, services, and facilities of The Pennsylvania State University.

### Objectives:

1. To provide an opportunity for teams and individuals to compete for 4-H and team honors.
2. To give 4-H air pistol marksmen and women an opportunity to demonstrate their skills.

### Eligibility:

1. Only counties who have certified 4-H or National Rifle Association Air Pistol leader(s) may compete.
2. This is restricted to trained teams of 4-H'ers thoroughly familiar with safety.
3. All contestants must have enrolled in, and have been instructed in, the Pennsylvania Shooting Sports-Air Pistol Project prior to competing in the contest.
4. The contest will be divided into two divisions.

**Junior Division:** Participants must be at least 13 years of age and must not have passed their 16th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.

**Senior Division:** Participants must be at least 13 years of age and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. (i.e. Junior shooters may compete in the Senior division, but Senior shooters may not compete in the Junior division.)

5. Each county may enter one of the following combinations in the Junior and Senior divisions:
  - One (1) team consisting of four (4) people
  - One (1) team consisting of three (3) people
  - Two (2) individual shooters
  - One (1) individual shooter

### Contest Organization and Content:

All matches are single pistol matches. A shooter is to shoot the entire course of fire of that event with the same pistol. No pistol changes between stages. Only one pistol per shooter will be allowed on the line.

This event shall follow the NRA International Style Pistol Rules C116500 (January 2008) <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/RuleBooks/IntlPistol/intl-pst-index.pdf>, however, the course of fire shall differ between the junior and senior divisions.

#### SLOW FIRE - BULLSEYE

**Target:** NRA B-40 or B-40/4

**Distance:** 10 meters or 33 feet.

**Course of Fire:** Junior: 30 shots, 10 shot strings, 5 shots per bull.  
Senior: 40 shots, 10 shot strings, 5 shots per bull.

- Time Limit:** 1 minute per record shot (15 minutes per string)  
10 min preparation time, 15 min for unlimited sighting shots.
- Shooting Position:** Junior: 15 shots two-hand hold, standing  
15 shots one-handed, standing  
Senior: one-handed hold, standing.
- Equipment:** Any .177 caliber (4.5 mm) air pistol weighing less than 3.3 pounds with a trigger pull of at least 17.6 ounces, metallic sights only. Overall size is limited to those that will permit the pistol to be enclosed completely in a rectangular box having inside dimension of 420mm x 200mm x 50mm (approximately 16.35" x 7.87" x 1.76". Pellets must be single loaded.

**Rulebook:**

NRA International Style Pistol Rules CI16500 (January 2008)  
<http://www.nrahq.org/compete/RuleBooks/IntlPistol/intl-pst-index.pdf>

**General:**

One team member may be at the firing position with the shooter to act as coach and spotter. Spotting scopes and/or binoculars are permitted. Coaching is permitted by team members only.

**EYE PROTECTION IS REQUIRED; SHOOTING GLASSES WILL BE PROVIDED UNLESS THE SHOOTER ALREADY WEARS UNBREAKABLE (PLASTIC) EYEGLASSES. SHOOTING CONTESTANT MAY ALSO BRING THEIR OWN EYE PROTECTION.**

Disabled 4-H'ers may use special equipment. It is best to consult with the contest chairperson prior the event.

4-H'ers may provide their own firearms and pellets. Air pistols and ammunition will also be provided for 4-H'ers who do not bring their own. Targets will be provided.

The committee will determine order of fire the day of the match.

**Shoes must be closed at the toe and heel. No sandals or clogs**

**Scoring:**

Scoring will be determined as follows:

1. A team score is defined as the total of the three highest scoring individuals from a team of three or four individuals.
2. An individual score is defined as the total of all scores from each part of the contest.
3. Junior Division: A total possible team score is 900 points. Each of 30 rounds is potentially worth 10 points for a total individual score of 300.
4. Senior Division: A total possible team score is 1200 points. Each of 40 rounds is potentially worth 10 points for a total individual score of 400.

**Awards:**

1. The members of the 1st place high scoring team in each division will be awarded plaques.
2. The high scoring individual in each division will be awarded a plaque.
3. The top team and top individuals will be announced at the Recognition Assembly during Penn State 4-H Achievement Days.
4. Team ribbons will be awarded to a maximum of ten (10) teams.
5. Merit ribbons will be awarded to all individuals (33 percent blue, 33 percent, red, 33 percent white).