

## SHOTGUN CONTEST



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### 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 the shotgun discipline.
4. To recognize 4-H'ers' demonstrated abilities in the shotgun discipline.
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 team and individual honors.
2. To give 4-H shotgun project members an opportunity to demonstrate their skills.

### Eligibility:

1. 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. (Junior shooters may compete in the Senior division, but Senior shooters may not compete in the Junior division.)
2. Contestants must be currently enrolled in and have received instruction in the 4-H Shotgun project.
3. Each contestant must have demonstrated his/her ability in safe handling of firearms on the range to the satisfaction of his/her 4-H certified shotgun instructor prior to the contest.
4. 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
5. ***any members arriving in inappropriate attire or with inappropriate equipment will be automatically disqualified, and will be unable to participate in the contest.***

## **Special Contest Requirements:**

### **Safety**

Eye and ear protection is required. Bring your own ear protection and shooting glasses. Contestants will not be allowed on the range without ear protection and shooting glasses.

### **Equipment**

Shooters are to provide their own shotguns and ammunition. Arrangements must be made between Extension staff, the 4-H shotgun leader and the contest chairman to have these delivered to the contest site by an adult approved by the contest chair. No shotguns or ammunition may be brought on campus. Arrangements must also be made to transport the shotguns and ammunition home after the contest.

## **Contest Organization And Content:**

***Counties are asked not to score individuals or team members from their own county or an individual or team member that they coach.***

## **Team Championship**

Each contestant will shoot a total of **50** clay targets from at least five different stations with optimum breakpoints at a range of **5-30** yards. Each county may enter a Junior and Senior team. The best three scores from each team are compiled for a team score. ***Ties will be broken with a "shoot-off" in skeet doubles, (10 Targets) from stations 3,4,5,4,3 of the top three members of each team.***

## **Individual Championship**

- 1. All Shooters are entered in the individual competition whether or not they shot as a team member.***
- 2. At the end of the initial shoot of 50 Clay targets, placing will be made based on the shooter's score.***
- 3. Resulting ties in the top five placings will be broken in a "shoot-off" consisting of 10 targets or trap (2 targets per position), and 10 targets in double skeet from stations 3,4,5,4,3. The total from both will be added to their original score.***
- 4. Any Further resulting ties for that placing will be shot-off "sudden victory" from skeet stations 3,4, and 5.***
- 5. Other shoot-offs may be conducted as necessary for selection to attend the national competition.***

## **Awards:**

- The members of the high-scoring Junior and Senior teams will be awarded plaques.
- The high-scoring Junior and Senior individuals will be awarded a plaque.
- The top three individuals in the Junior and Senior divisions will be recognized.
- Team ribbons will be awarded to a maximum of ten (10) teams.
- Merit ribbons will be awarded to all contest participants (33 percent blue, 33 percent red, 33 percent white).

**References:**

Various National Rifle Association (NRA) and National 4-H Shotgun curriculum.

**Each contestant must have the following form completed and returned with registration materials in order to participate in the Shotgun Contest.**

1. Arrangements must be made between Extension staff, the 4-H shotgun leader, and the contest chairman to have shotguns and ammunition delivered to and transported from the contest site. No shotguns or ammunition may be brought on campus.

I understand that I must make arrangements to have the shotgun and ammunition that I will use for this contest delivered to and transported from the contest by a responsible adult.

**Adult responsible for delivering shotgun and ammunition:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Instructor verification:**

Each contestant must have demonstrated his/her ability in safe handling of firearms on the range to the satisfaction of his/her 4-H certified shotgun instructor prior to the contest.

I verify that 4-H member (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ has demonstrated safe handling skills with a shotgun and should be considered for participation in the Shotgun Contest at Penn State 4-H Achievement Days.

Instructor Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Name (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_