

2017 New Jersey 4-H Shooting Sports Junior Match General Rules and Synopsis

The purpose of the NJ Junior Matches is to give junior participants across the state a chance to learn, participate and compete. These events are solely an Individual Competition.

Discipline	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
Air Rifle	Postal Match Prone Position	Sporter Air Rifle Event 3 Position 10 shots each position	NRA Sporter Air Rifle Silhouette
Smallbore Rifle	NRA Three Position	CMP Rimfire Sporter Rifle	NRA Silhouette
Archery Compound/ Recurve	Field Round	FITA Round	3-D Round

By entry in this event, the 4-H Club Leader is verifying that the youth entered are knowledgeable and proficient in the safe use of the equipment and the fundamentals of the event. Match and/or range officials may dismiss or disqualify a participant if he/she believes the participant does not demonstrate the basic proficiency and knowledge required.

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MATCH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Registration Information

Deadline for on-time registration for the NJ State Jr Match's is Monday, February 27th. Late registrations will be accepted, however there will be a late fee assessed.

On-time registration fee is \$10.00 per exhibitor/per-event. Registrations postmarked after February 27th will be \$15 per exhibitor/per-event.

No registration will be accepted after Sunday March 5th.

Postal matches for Air Rifle and Smallbore Rifle must be received by Friday, March 25th, you will be sent your postal targets as soon as your register, so the earlier the registration the earlier you will get your postal targets.

Official Entry– The County 4-H Agent, Program Associate, or Program Assistant must approve Participants as the official entry. Club leaders will need to collect all club member registration fees and fill out one club registration form.

Each of your club members including the senior club members that will be volunteering will need to fill out a permission slip (**New Jersey 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth**) per event. Adults / coaches that will be volunteering on the range will need to fill out the **New Jersey 4-H Release/ Agreement Form for Adults** form per event and handed into the match coordinator the day of the event. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR PERMISSION SLIPS.**

Please have your club members make their payment to your club, and then send one club check payable to: NJS4-HSSAC. Send the check and club registration form to the NJ 4-H treasurer, Frank McGayhey, Treasurer, 777W. Briar Ave., Toms River NJ 08753, and a copy of the club registration forms to each match coordinator. All registrations are due to the match coordinator at the same time registration fees are due. If the coordinator does not receive a copy of your registration form, then you will not receive your postal targets. **Be sure to have your registration form signed by your County 4-H Staff or your registrations will not be accepted.** Below is the match coordinator addresses and email:

Air Rifle – Colleen Hamilton, 11 Lamerson Road, Chester, NJ 07930 (hamiltoncc@comcast.net)

SmallBore- Kim Frey, 30 John Dr, Annandale, NJ 08801 (kfrey68@hotmail.com)

Archery- Colleen Hamilton, 11 Lamerson Road, Chester, NJ 07930 (hamiltoncc@comcast.net)

PRE-QUALIFYING POSTAL MATCH

There will be a pre-qualifying postal match. **You need to complete the Postal match even if you are not participating in the Air Rifle Match.** The postal match will be a good way for participants to practice as well as a test to see that they are proficient in air rifle. Postal match targets will be sent out to the club leaders. Leaders will then have ample time to complete the club postal match. For rules, synopsis and deadline dates please see the Postal Match rules and regulations on page 4 of this document.

PARTICIPATION AT NJ STATE MATCH

4-H Membership – All 4-H Shooting Sports members in good standing within their 4-H club and county, who have met all the NJ 4-H Member in good standing guidelines with 70% participation at club meetings, one club presentation (current year), and have a standard club record book up to date. If participants meet these requirements then they are eligible to compete in 4-H shooting sports events, subject to limitations imposed by the specific event and the rules for active membership instituted by their state. Official 4-H enrollment is required.

Age Requirement – **A member may compete in NJ State 4-H Shooting Sports competition if they meet the following criteria:**

1. **A member must be enrolled in a 4-H club by January 1 of the competition year.**
2. **A member must be proficient in the discipline they are competing in.**
3. **A member must be in the 4th grade and not yet completed the 8th grade.**
4. **If a member is in grade 8 and turned 14 by January 1 of the competition year, and that member participated in the senior matches, than he or she must compete as a senior during their 8th grade year. (In that case they will not be eligible to participate in Jr. Matches).**
5. **A member must be in good standings**

Event Participation –Participants are expected to compete in all three events within the discipline, which they entered. If the participant chose to leave the match before it is completed they will receive a 0 for the remainder of the event.

RANGE AND FACILITIES

The State Jr. 4-H Air Rifle will be held in Morris County Range at Black River WMA, 275 North Road (Dover-Chester Road), Chester, NJ 07930. The Air Rifle match will take place on Saturday, April 8th, 9:00 a.m. Range Directions are enclosed in this packet.

The State Jr. 4-H Smallbore match will be held at the Hunterdon County Range, 691 Pittstown Road, Frenchtown, NJ 08825. The Smallbore Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, April 1st, 9:00 a.m. (extreme weather date, Sunday, April 2nd) Range directions are enclosed in this packet.

The State Jr. Archery match will be held at the Teetertown Preserve, 20 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865. It will take place on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 am. Range Directions are enclosed in this packet.

CHECK-IN AND FIREARMS

Firearms, and other equipment must be checked-in with range/event officials prior to beginning the official competition. Equipment must meet the requirements established by National rules. During official check-in, officials will provide a second chance for youth with equipment not in compliance. In addition, range/event officials may perform a spot check on equipment, accessories and ammunition anytime during official practices or competition. Non-compliant equipment, accessories or ammunition discovered during competition will result in disqualification.

The participant is responsible for the safe function and operation of his or her equipment; the check-in process checks for compliance of the equipment to match rules (I.E. weight, trigger pull, ammunition / arrow check).

All firearms and air guns are required to utilize the appropriate safety indicator [Clear Barrel Indicators (CBI), Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI)] with the action open during check-in (in the case and during inspection).

EQUIPMENT/EVENT SYNOPSIS

The competitor in each event must supply all ammunition and arrows. Each competitor must also come equipped with a gun and/or bow in safe working condition. Competitors can share equipment, as long as it is worked out in scheduling, prior to the match.

The following sets of guidelines are taken directly from National 4-H and will be followed in NJ 4-H State Jr. Air Rifle Match. Due to time limits each course of fire has been or will be cut. The event coordinator will determine the course of fire.

Postal Match Rules, Registration and Return date: Below you will find postal match synopsis. Participating clubs should be sure to register for this match early so that they will have ample time to complete their postal match. At club completion the targets/score sheets must be returned to the match coordinator by **the date indicated on page 2 of this packet.** The postal match is a pre-qualifier to the State 4-H **Junior Air Rifle and Smallbore Match** any registered participant who does not turn in a postal target by the due date will not be qualified to participate in the matches.

SPORTER AIR RIFLE EVENT (Postal)

TARGET	NRA AR 5/10
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	10 shots prone
TIME LIMIT	1 minute per record shot Prone
EQUIPMENT	.177 caliber air rifles under 7.5 pounds with metallic sights are permitted. Trigger pull must be a minimum of 1.5 lbs.
APPROVED RIFLES	Air Rifles officially approved for Sporter Class air rifle competitions are the AirForce Air Guns Edge, Crosman CH2000 (CO2), Crosman CH2009 (CO2 or compressed air), Daisy M853/753/953/853CM (pneumatic), Daisy 888/887 (CO2), Daisy XSV40 Valiant (compressed air), Air Arms T200 (compressed air, the T200 has a non-adjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate) and the Champions Choice T200 (compressed air, with adjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate). Daisy 887/888 rifles may have 2010 model replacement stocks
CLOTHING	Shoes are restricted to soft, low cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankles. No boots are permitted. A shooting glove may be worn, but no shooting jackets are permitted. Up to two sweatshirts are allowed.
RULES	<i>CMP 2008-2010 National Standard Three-position Air Rifle Rules, 7th Edition</i> –except for course of fire as noted.
INFORMATION	http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules.pdf

ARCHERY EVENT (Postal)

One score card must be submitted for each competitor at sign-in on the day of the event. Scores will be recorded on official Individual Archery Score Card provided by the match coordinator.

2 ends of 5 arrows each at 20 meters utilizing full-color FITA 80cm target face. Qualifiers must record a score for all 10 arrows; if an arrow misses the target the score for that arrow would be 0.

AIR RIFLE MATCH
Black River WMA, Chester, NJ

Saturday April 8, 2017

THREE-POSITION SPORTER AIR RIFLE

TARGET	NRA AR 5/10
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet
COURSE OF FIRE	3 x 10. 10 shots for each position: prone, standing, and kneeling in that order; (30 record shots) The number of shots could be reduced based on the number of participants.
TIME LIMIT	1 minute per record shot prone, 1 minute per record shot kneeling, 1 ½ minutes per record shot standing, with a 5 min sighting for each position
EQUIPMENT	.177 caliber air rifles may not exceed 7.5 pounds; metallic sights are permitted; trigger pull must be a minimum of 1.5 lbs.
APPROVED RIFLES	Air Rifles officially approved for Sporter Class air rifle competitions are the AirForce Air Guns Edge, Crosman CH2000 (CO2), Crosman CH2009 (CO2 or compressed air), Daisy M853/753/953/853CM (pneumatic), Daisy 888/887 (CO2), Daisy XSV40 Valiant (compressed air), Air Arms T200 (compressed air, the T200 has a non-adjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate) and the Champions Choice T200 (compressed air, with adjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate). Daisy 887/888 rifles may have 2010 model replacement stocks
CLOTHING	Shoes are restricted to soft, low cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankles. No boots are permitted. A shooting glove may be worn, but no shooting jackets are permitted. Up to two sweatshirts are allowed. A pin or button may be used as a sling keeper in the prone or kneeling positions. Shooting shirts and 4-H shooting sports vests are permitted
RULES	<i>CMP 2008-2010 National Standard Three-position Air Rifle Rules, 7th Ed.</i>
INFORMATION	http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules.pdf

NRA SPORTER AIR RIFLE SILHOUETTE

TARGET	1/10 scale, metallic silhouettes
DISTANCE AND COURSE OF FIRE	5 chickens at 10 yards, 5 pigs at 15 yards, 5 turkeys at 18 yards, 5 rams at 23 yards in banks of 5 targets and shooting from left to right on each bank of targets
TIME LIMIT	15 second ready time and 2 ½ minutes firing time for each bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT	Rule 3.3 (b) Sporter Air Rifle: Any unaltered factory sporter air rifle that is or was a catalogue item, readily available over the counter to the general public, weighing no more than 11 pounds, with scope and mounts. Rifles utilizing pre-charged systems of any kind other than 12 gram disposable CO2 units are prohibited. National Invitational Match rules restrict this event to .177 calibers only.
APPROVED RIFLES	<u>In addition</u> to any rifle that meets the equipment requirement (3.3b) above, officials will allow the use of any rifle listed as approved for the Sporter 3-Position and the Standing air rifle matches.
SHOOTING POSITION	Rule 5.8 - Any standing position without artificial support. The hands and one shoulder will support the rifle. All parts of one hand must be forward of the pistol grip. The chin may not rest on top of the comb. The stock may not be hollowed, altered or manufactured so as to facilitate chin contact. This does not preclude the use of abrasive materials or finishes.
SCORING	Target must be knocked over or from its stand in order to be scored as a hit. Targets not knocked over or hit out of order will be scored as misses.
RULES	<i>NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules CS16820 – CS16820 (most recent printing)</i>
INFORMATION	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx

SMALLBORE MATCH

Hunterdon County Range

Saturday April 1, 2017

GENERAL RULES

- All smallbore rifles are required to have the action open and an ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) with a bright colored flag in place when the rifle is not being fired and is uncased. Either commercial or personally made flags are permitted.
- Cased rifles will be the last equipment to be brought to the shooting line and the first to be removed from it.
- Official weight of a rifle will be determined with the magazine inserted in the rifle.
- Due to range accommodations, all events will be set up in yards.

NRA THREE-POSITION

TARGET	A-50 or A-51 (50 yards)
COURSE OF FIRE	10 shots in each position – prone, standing, and kneeling – In that order at 25 yards; 30 record shots
TIME LIMIT	One (1) minute per record shot prone; two (2) minutes per record shot standing; and one and one-half (1-1/2) minutes per record shot kneeling.
EQUIPMENT	The rifle authorized for use in smallbore rifle matches is the .22 caliber rimfire chambered for cartridges commercially catalogued as the .22 Short, .22 Long, or .22 Long Rifle cartridges. There are no restrictions on the barrel length or overall weight of the rifle and accessories. No portion of the rifle or any attachment to the rifle shall extend more than 3 inches beyond the rear of the shooter's shoulder. The trigger pull must be capable of lifting 3 pounds. The same rifle must be used throughout all stages of any one match (except aggregate) except in the case of a malfunction or disabled rifle, when the competitor may change rifles with permission of the Chief Range Officer.
SIGHTS	Metallic sights, non-corrective
AMMUNITION	Solid point (40 grains) standard velocity; match or target ammunition less than 1100 fps muzzle velocity
RULES	<i>NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules CR16750</i> (Most recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx

CMP RIMFIRE SPORTER RIFLE CMP

Rimfire Sporter Rule R 1.0 - Intent and Spirit of Sporter Rules. The intent of CMP Rimfire Sporter rules is to promote target competitions with .22 caliber rimfire rifles that are restricted to low- cost, readily available, sporter-type rifles typically used in informal target shooting, plinking or small game hunting. Any rifle configuration or item of equipment not mentioned in these rules or that is contrary to the intent and spirit of these rules is prohibited. **Due to time limits we will only shoot the quick fire of this event.**

Note: In Quick Fire stages: The participant will get into position with the action open prior to the start of the round. The time beginnings after the “Start/Commence Fire” command, all actions must be locked open prior to the “Start/Commence Fire” command. Manually holding the action open is not permitted. Actions may not be unlocked or closed until the “Start/Commence Fire” command.

TARGET	B-19 CMP Rimfire Sporter Target
DISTANCE	<u>25/50 yards</u>
COURSE OF FIRE	30 shots for record 50 yards ; Prone position- 10 shots, Quick fire,; 50 yards Sitting or Kneeling –10 shots Quick fire; 25 yards Standing –10 shots Quick fire
TIME LIMIT	Quick fire- 5-shot strings in 60 seconds (semi-auto) or 90 seconds for manual repeater.
EQUIPMENT	<p>Rifle: Overall weight of the rifle may not exceed 7.5 lbs., with sights. If sling is used it may be removed when rifle is weighed. Any type of action, semi-automatic or manually operated with a trigger pull of at least 3.0 lbs.</p> <p>Stock: Must have standard sporter stock constructed of wood or synthetic material. Thumbhole stocks, adjustable butt plates or cheek pieces, and rails or adjustable (moveable) sling swivels are not permitted.</p> <p>Sling: standard leather or web sling no wider than 1 1/4 inches may be used in the prone, sitting or kneeling positions. Must be fixed in at least one position. (Rails with adjustable sling swivels are not permitted).</p> <p>Sights: Open sights may be used; receiver sights or a scope not exceeding 6x magnification is permitted; the adjustment device on variable telescopes must be secured with tape or other similar means so that it cannot be changed during firing.</p> <p>Barrel: In accordance with the intent of this event – Sporter rifle barrels only.</p>
AMMUNITION	Solid point (40 grains) standard velocity; match or target ammunition less than 1100 fps muzzle velocity
RULES	<i>CMP Competition Rules – current edition, 2016, 4th Edition</i>
INFORMATION	Rules are posted on the CMP web site at http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/CMPGamesRules.pdf Printed copies of the rules are available at a cost of \$3.00 each. Contact: CMP Competitions Department

SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE RIFLE (NRA Rule 3.2)

TARGET	1/5 scale metallic silhouettes
COURSE OF FIRE	5 chickens at 35 yards, 5 pigs at 40 yards, 5 turkeys at 45 yards and 5 rams at 50 yards
TIME LIMIT	15 second ready time and 3 minutes firing time each bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT	3.2 Smallbore Silhouette Rifle – Identical to the description of the High Power Silhouette Rifle (see 3.1), except the rifle shall be chambered for only factory loaded .22 caliber short, long, or long rifle rimfire cartridges. Maximum weight including sights is 10 pounds, 2 ounces. Any sights, telescopic or metallic. Any type of action, semi-automatic or manually operated with a trigger pull of at least 3.0 lbs . Stocks must be traditionally styled (see 3.1(d) for stock details). No thumbhole stocks will be allowed.
AMMUNITION	Solid point (40 grains) standard velocity; match or target ammunition less than 1100 fps muzzle velocity Hot loads, such as “Stingers” are not permitted.
SHOOTING POSITION	This event will be in the standing position.
SCORING	Target must be knocked over or from its stand in order to be scored as a hit. Targets not knocked over or hit out of order will be scored as misses.
RULES	<i>NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules CS16820</i> (Most recent printing)
INFORMATION	http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx

ARCHERY MATCH

Teetertown Preserve, Port Murray, NJ

Saturday April 29, 2017

RECURVE AND COMPOUND

There are six events in the archery disciplines at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships. Even though the same three events are used for each discipline, recurve and compound archery are administered as two distinct disciplines. NJ4HSSAC Archery Match, both recurve and compound will be shot together.

Any bow that uses pullies or cams is deemed a compound. Note that while the three governing bodies for the three different events have slightly different requirements or restrictions-for the sake of simplification- the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational uses one standard for equipment – for *all events*. Procedural rules, course of fire, scoring, etc. will follow the NGB unless otherwise noted.

All competitors must wear an arm guard.

Loose clothing or anything on the clothing that might catch the bow string should not be worn or should be held back or tucked in.

EQUIPMENT STANDARD

	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
RECURVE ~ Longbows & Recurve Bows	One adjustable sight pin or multiple hunting style sight pins may be used; clicker and kissers permitted; Participants may have as many sight pins as deemed necessary; Torque compensators are permitted. 40 lb. maximum draw weight.	String peeps and mechanical release aids.
COMPOUND	Release aids, String peeps, optical sights, spirit levels; 40 lb. maximum draw weight. Multiple pin sights allowed.	Overdraws may not place the arrow rest further than 6 cm from the pivot point of the bow.
ARROWS for both disciplines	Must meet AMO minimum weight standard; 5 grains arrow weight per pound bow peak draw weight.	No arrows larger than 27/64ths in diameter are permitted.

FITA ROUND

FITA ROUND TARGET	80 cm faces, full color FITA targets
DISTANCE	10,15,20 and 25 meters
COURSE OF FIRE	1 end of 5 arrows at each distance
TIME LIMIT	5 minutes per 5 arrow end
SCORING	10 pts. -1 pt. from the center outward. Competitors will score inner 10's as Xs. Ties will be broken by the number of #10's (including inner 10's) first, then #X's, #9's, #8's etc. until tie is broken.
NGB RULES	World Archery Federation / Target http://rulebook.worldarchery.org/PDF/Official/2015-01-01/EN-Book3.pdf

FIELD ROUND

FIELD ROUND TARGET	NFAA targets of sizes selected by the management and appropriate to the course
DISTANCE	Marked distances within the range of 5 to 30 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	6 targets, 3 arrows per target
TIME LIMIT	Participants will move through the course expeditiously and avoid delays
SCORING	5, 4, 3 from the center outward. Tie breaks will be greatest #X's, then #5's, #4's, #3's.
NGB RULES	National Field Archery Association (2014/2015) https://www.nfausa.com/sites/default/files/2014-15%20ConstByLaws.pdf

3-D ROUND

TARGET	3-D targets as selected and placed by the management
DISTANCE	Unmarked distances from 5 to 30 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	10 targets, one arrow per target In consideration of time, no shooter may glass the target from the shooting stake after taking his or her shot. Participants may glass the target prior to shooting, but are reminded of the time restriction for their shot. No adjustment of sights will be allowed after an archer has drawn and letdown. No adjustment of sights will be allowed after an archer has glassed the target while at the shooting stake.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will move through the course expeditiously and avoid delays. 2 minutes time limit to shoot once archer has approached the shooting stake. Lost arrow search is limited to 2 minutes.
SCORING	IBO scoring procedures, dependent upon type of 3-D targets available. <input type="checkbox"/> +11 pts. 11 ring or "X" ring centered inside the 10 ring <input type="checkbox"/> +10 pts. 10 ring <input type="checkbox"/> +8 pts. 8 ring <input type="checkbox"/> +5 pts. Any other body shot <input type="checkbox"/> 0 Misses, glancing shots, not touching body color (horns, rocks, logs, etc.) Hooves are considered body color. Ties will be broken by the highest number of 11s, then number of 10s, 8s, etc.
NGB RULES	IBO (2015) - http://www.ibo.net/pdf/2015/2015IBORules.pdf

EQUIPMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

NJ 4-H Event Permission form for Youth / New Jersey 4-H Release/ Agreement Form for Adults - It is the responsibility of each participant to hand in the appropriate state health consent and release forms to the event coordinator. An adult supervisor or coach should be present at the event site, with immediate access to the forms anytime their youth are participating in an event.

Safety – Safety is the highest priority for range staff, participants, coaches, and spectators. Standard accepted safety rules will be followed at all times, special safety considerations will be announced at each venue. The Match Director, Range officers, or other event staff may dismiss anyone from the range for unsafe behavior. The score may be forfeited, participant disqualified, or spectators barred at the discretion of the NJ4-HSSAC.

Cell Phones – The use of cell phones or other electronic communication devices is not permitted during competition by participants or coaches and must be turned off and unavailable.

Eye and Ear Protection Requirement –For air events, only eye protection is required. This is required for the competitors, coaches as well as spectators. For Smallbore Rifle events each participant and coach will need hearing and eye protection. Spectators should also have ear protection for the Smallbore Match. For archery: all competitors must wear an armguard. It is suggested that participants wear eye protection.

REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS

Participants with Physical Disabilities – A participant who because of physical disability cannot fire from one or more of the prescribed shooting positions outlined in these rules, or who must use special equipment when firing, may petition for permission to assume a special position or to use modified equipment or both. This petition will be in the form of a written request from the individual participant to the Committee (match director) outlining in detail the reasons why the special position must be assumed or the special equipment must be used. Pictures of the participant in the position desiring approval will accompany the petition and, if special equipment is required; the picture will show how this equipment is used. The petition and all pictures must be furnished in exact duplicate. The petition must be accompanied by a medical doctor's statement if the physical disability is not completely evident in the pictures submitted. Only a qualified individual with a disability is eligible for reasonable accommodation. An individual with a disability, for purposes of reasonable accommodation, is defined as a person who has a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities.

Filing a Petition for Accommodations:

- (a) Each petition will be reviewed by the NJ4-HSSAC. The Committee may require additional or supplementary statements or pictures. After review the Match Director will be instructed by the committee to issue special authorization to individuals who submit petitions and pictures, which have been approved. Such certificates will have necessary pictures attached.
- (b) Participants who have received special authorization will be required to carry them when competing and to present the certificate when requested by officials of the match. In the case of a protest involving the position or the equipment used by such a participant, the range officials will compare the questioned position or equipment with the certificate and photographs presented by the participant. Holders of current NRA authorizations will be honored as valid authorizations but the Match Director must be informed at earliest date possible and not later than at the time of entry.

SCORING PROCEDURES & AWARDS

Awards - Awards will be presented to the top 6 individuals. Individual ranking will send to the State mailing list, and awards will be presented to the individuals at the Awards Banquet.

Scoring - Raw score is used in determining placements in the daily competitive events. (Highest score wins). Overall awards are determined by a percentage from the top scorer in in all 3 events.

Each individual will be assigned a percentage based on the top score. So the top scorer will receive a 100%, his score will be the basis of the percentage of the other participants. For example if the total possible score is 100, and the top scorer received 90, then each individual score will be based on a percentage of the 90. If the second place individual scored an 80, then his or her percentage would be 80/90 or 88%.

The number of "X" will break ties for each event. For silhouettes the number of rams, turkeys, pigs and then chickens will be used to break a tie where possible.

The overall placement will be determined by the average of the percentage from each event.

COACHING

Coaches –Throughout the Jr. Air and Smallbore matches, coaching will be permitted. Each individual may have a coach. Each County shall select coaches to assist individuals. Coaches, may spot, pump guns and assist shooters as needed. Coaching should not interfere with other shooters. Please note that specific coaching instructions may be issued at the range for each event.

Spotters/Scorers in silhouette matches - Individuals will be split into multiple shooting relays and participants from their respective county will spot for one another (2 per relay). Quiet conversation between the spotter and the participant is permissible. An official scorer, not from the same team (where possible), will be assigned to each participant to record hits and misses.

CONDUCT

The New Jersey State 4-H Shooting Sports State Qualifying Event is a youth event, as such the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages, during an event or on the grounds of the New Jersey 4-H Shooting Event is prohibited. Violation of this policy by a participant is grounds for dismissal from the NJ 4-H Shooting Sports Qualifying Event.

Dress Code - Participants are expected to dress appropriately for the events in which they will participate. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Clothing with sexually suggestive wording or graphics and alcohol or tobacco advertisement is not appropriate. Range officials have the final word concerning the dress code and may announce or address specific cases. All participants and coaches should remember that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media. Remember that you represent all of 4-H Shooting Sports. Make it a positive image!

Footwear Policy - Any participant while on the shooting line or shooting in any outdoor shooting event is required to wear shoes that completely cover their feet. Examples of footwear that are not acceptable include, but not limited to: sandals, clogs, crocks, flip-flops, and bare feet.

Behavior and Sportsmanship - All participants, coaches, and spectators are expected to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship, supporting the objectives and ideals promoted by the 4-H program in general and the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in particular. Participants or coaches will render aid and/or testimony if asked to do so by any match official. All participants, coaches, and observers are expected to conform to appropriate state 4-H Code of Conduct.

Knowledge of Rules - It is the responsibility of each participant and coach to read and understand the rules of the match and procedures used in each event, and comply with the rules and standards of the events. Questions are encouraged to clarify any areas of misunderstanding or lack of knowledge. Ignorance of the rules in any event does not obviate their existence. Participants are responsible for knowing the rules of their event and staying within them. Learning the rules of the events is part of the educational process for shooting sports participants.

CHALLENGES AND PROTESTS

Challenges - Only participants may review their own targets and challenge the scoring. Once targets have been scored, they will be available for review by participants for a period of 30 minutes unless otherwise posted. Upon completion of that time period the scores may no longer be challenged. Participant will be granted one free challenge; a fee of \$1 per target must accompany each subsequent challenge. A jury (not including the original scorer) will review the challenge and pronounce their findings to the challenger. If the challenge is upheld, the \$1 will be returned to the participant. If the challenge is rejected, the fee will be deposited in the 4-H National Match funds. No fee is required to point out mathematical errors. Each range may announce its own procedures and time allowances for challenge.

Protests - Youth participants only (no adults), may protest

- a. An injustice they feel has been done them individually
- b. The conditions under which another competitor was permitted to fire
- c. The equipment another competitor was permitted to use.

Steps to Filing an Official Protest:

- a. Range Officer – The protest is made orally to the chief range officer or other official present on the range. If not satisfied with that immediate decision;
- b. Range Jury – The protest may be started orally to the jury of 3 or more officials present at the match, indicating the decision of the range officer. The jury should include a State certified discipline representative as well as local match officials. If not satisfied with this decision,
- c. Match Director/Jury – The protest must be submitted in writing to the Match Director, accompanied by a \$25 cash protest fee, within one hour of the conclusion of the event. The match jury will consider the statement, may ask questions of the shooter and range officials and will render a decision in an expeditious manner. Coaches, parents, and other parties may not participate in the process. The decision rendered by the jury is final and no further appeal is possible. If the protest is ruled valid, the fee will be returned

HELP NEEDED

Each participating county is asked to supply help during the day of the match. A group of knowledgeable instructors will teach you how to do the jobs. Help is needed with the following:

- Gun Check (weighing the guns, testing of trigger pull and inspection of all equipment)
 - Range Set up (Plan to arrive at 8:00 a.m. prior to each match)
 - Scoring of Targets (Need at least one scoring judge from each club)
 - Range Clean Up: (the match is not over until everything is cleaned up and put away)
- All participants are asked to help with this.

Scoring of Targets -During the entire match, each county provides at least one member to assist, (preferable two). You will be trained how to score the targets with at least one instructor that has experience with it in addition to at least one of the state team members are also asked to assist. Those who score targets help kids review their targets and explain the scoring process to young shooters. The scorers settle all initial challenges by following the rules of the match, and the appeals process.

State Team Members -Our state team members are encouraged to assist with the Junior Matches; this is a great leadership opportunity for our Senior members. You will be asked to:

- Score Targets
- Line Judge
- Coach young shooters