

NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

FAQ

General:

Do you have to stay for all 3 days? No, you only need to be there for the days that you will be competing. It is great if you can stay for the awards ceremony on Sunday, but we understand that may not be possible.

Who supplies the equipment and ammunition? Each competitor is responsible for having the equipment and ammunition that they will need. Often this is borrowed from their club. If you do not have the necessary equipment check with your 4-H leader to see if you can use your clubs.

I have never competed before, how good do I need to be? The only requirements are to have completed the 4-H discipline training and be safe. There is a wide range of marksmanship skills, and this is a safe, fun, and friendly way to be introduced to competitive shooting. If this is your first event, please get to the range early so you can have time to get oriented to the range and ask questions.

Can I watch other matches? Absolutely, it is great to watch other matches, it is a great learning experience and shows support for the other competitors.

How do I know how to shoot these games? The event synopsis can be downloaded and this has links to the national governing body (NGB) rule books. We also have pictures and documents on the website and some videos that are helpful. If after reviewing these you still have questions, e-mail wycoshootingsports@gmail.com with your questions and contact information.

Lodging:

Can I stay at the camp? There are a limited number of cabins available at the camp. They are rustic cabins (not insulated). There are mattresses. You will need blankets, pillows... There are separate male and female bathrooms with showers. You will be responsible for keeping the cabin clean during the stay. Families are able and encouraged to stay together, 4-H policies dictate the chaperone requirements if non-family members stay together. Discuss these policies with your 4-H educator. The cabins will be issued on a first come, first served basis on a per person/per night fee schedule. Contact Holly Harwood at 585-786-2251 to discuss fees and reserve a cabin.

What is available for local lodging? Dream Lake campground is located a few miles from the camp. There is a new Microtel Hotel in Warsaw, less than 15 minutes from camp. For reservations you can call (866) 238-4218. There are also hotels available in Batavia NY.

Food:

Is food provided? Meals will be provided starting with Dinner on Friday night through Lunch on Sunday afternoon. We have a donation jar at the event to help cover food expenses. Due to limited resources, we are unable to provide specific diets. If you have specific dietary requirements, we can provide refrigerator space for you.

Schedule:

How do I know how to schedule my events? You are responsible for closely looking at the schedule to determine the events in which you will participate. If there is any scheduling overlap between two events, only schedule yourself for one of them.

Nationals:

The vast majority of participants come to have a great time shooting with other 4-H members from across the state. There are a few who have put in enough time and have developed the skills to attempt to qualify to represent NY at the National Invitational that is held in Nebraska each June / July. In order to qualify you will need to participate in all 3 events for the particular discipline. For example to qualify for Air Pistol you would need to compete in Slow fire Bullseye, Single Shot Rapid Fire, and Silhouettes. You and / or your club will need to raise funds for the trip. It is best to go to the National 4-H Shooting Sports website to review the particular rules for the event and review the scores from the previous few years. If this is something that your team is serious about, please have your 4-H leader or educator contact us well prior to the event. We attempt to much more closely mimic the national event matches for those who are attempting to qualify.

Equipment for borrowing:

Air Rifle – For the standing and 3-Position matches, we have kneeling rolls, matts, off-hand stands, and spotting scopes that can be used. We also have a limited number of Daisy 888 rifles available to borrow. For air rifle silhouettes we have a limited number of Daisy 753 rifles with mil-dot scopes available to borrow. We ask that the scope sights not be adjusted. We will also have air tanks available to fill Crosman Challengers.

Smallbore Pistol – there are a limited number of smallbore pistols available to be borrowed from Dutchess County. If you are not from Dutchess County, please contact us if you need to borrow a pistol.

For the rifle and pistol ranges: We are trying to obtain enough spotting scopes and offhand stands so each range can be fully outfitted, but we have a long way to go. Due to this, if you can bring this equipment it is best to do so, or bring binoculars for spotting.

Schedule:

Can I change or add events? Changing events cannot be done due to the complexity of running so many events. Sometimes there is additional room on a range so it is possible that additional matches can be added (just pay at that time). This would need to be done through the match director.

At the range:

What if there is a problem with equipment or a rule at a match? If you are a competitor raise your hand and a range official will come to help you. If you are a coach, parent, or spectator you can walk up to the spectator line (not cross it) and raise your hand. If available a range official will speak with you. Do not call out to the officials, this is a violation of the rules and can cause a safety issue.

How do you act at a range? These are a lot like golf matches where there is not cheering or open coaching until the match is complete.

Pictures:

Taking pictures is allowed, but no flashes can be used (it effects the competitors eyes) during the matches. Stay behind the spectator line when taking pictures. At the awards ceremonies flash photography is fine.

Targets:

What targets are used and where can I get them?

Air rifle:

Standing and 3-P AR5/10

Silhouettes 1/10 NRA

Air Pistol:

Single shot rapid fire and slow fire bullseye B40

Silhouettes 1/10 NRA

Smallbore Rifle

NRA 3-Position A23-5, eventually will use A-51 but not this year

**CMP Rimfire Sporter CMP B-19 **

Silhouettes 1/5 NRA

Smallbore Pistol

Slow Fire Bullseye and Camp Perry Modified both use B2

Silhouettes ½ NRA (these are mounted as a swinging target as opposed to knock down)

** The CMP Rimfire sporter uses the CMP B-19 target. This can only be ordered from CMP at www.thecmp.org Be aware there is a B-19 pistol target made by the NRA which is not the same.

The other targets can be found at multiple sources such as Midway and Champions Choice.

Questions:

If you have remaining questions that your 4-H leader or educator cannot answer, please have them contact us. Please do this via your 4-H educator or leader.