



Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Policies and Procedures

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NEVADA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (Administration, Organization, & Operation)

Purpose of Document

Guidance for the 4-H Shooting Sports program is provided to the 4-H National Headquarters and to the states through the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. This committee gives guidance and policy related to national rules, curriculum, and standards. This makes it one of the most highly organized of 4-H Programs within our system. Given the nature of 4-H Shooting Sports, it is important that safety be the primary consideration. It is necessary, therefore, for State 4-H Shooting Sports Programs to be well organized and administered to ensure safety and consistency with national guidelines and policies.

This document outlines the guidance and policies for administering the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in Nevada. It is intended to provide a framework for the administration, organization, and operation of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in Nevada. As necessary, however, *it may be changed*. Also, additional and/or more specific policy documents may be developed, or added to this document as appendices.

Program Objectives

The Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program is intended to utilize shooting sports as a vehicle for personal growth and development in the youth participating in the program. The overall intent is for developing important life skills (decision-making, leadership, citizenship, caring, etc.) in young people; helping them to become responsible, happy, and productive members of society.

The program strives “to make every child a winner” with personal development for young people and their leaders as the real objective. Competition can teach many valuable lessons, however competitive shooting at the local, county, area, state, or national level is *not* the primary goal of the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Appropriate recognition such as records books and awards are also used to inspire and reward 4-H Shooting Sports Project participants.

Specific objectives of the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program include:

1. To provide a safe, controlled environment for the learning of safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, including promotion of the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
2. To develop life skills in youth, including: self-confidence, decision making, communications, concern for community, and inquiring minds.
3. To encourage participation in natural resources and related science programs.
4. To reach as many youths as possible.

5. To provide positive learning opportunities and competition, for participants who desire to compete, through self-competition and competition with others.
6. To expose participants to the broad array of careers and life-long vocational activities related to shooting sports, as well as related recreational activities.
7. To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
8. To help participants and their families cope with the dangers that put youth at risk, including unhealthy competition, stress/anxiety, abuse, self-harm, and substance abuse.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Objectives of 4-H Shooting Sports Program

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program strives to enable people, their parents, and adult volunteers to become responsible, self-directed, and productive members of society. Agents, leaders, instructors, and coaches must understand the goals and objectives of the program to manage or present it properly.

The program transfers knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop human capital, using the subject matter and resources of the land-grant universities.

4-H Shooting Sport Program Goal

4-H Shooting Sports provides the high-quality program necessary for Positive Youth Development by engaging youth in the safe, responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, in a variety of settings, through comprehensive education, life-long recreation, and healthy competition.

The objectives of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program are to enable youth to:

1. Find and explore passions and interests.
2. Engage in an effective 4-H program setting.
3. Develop positive relationships with adults, youth, and peers.
4. Explore a vast array of 4-H educational, recreational, and competitive activities.
5. Thrive in multiple settings.
6. Enhance developmental and long-term outcomes.
7. Practice safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, enhancing existing shooting, conservation, and hunter education programs.
8. Explore the three national 4-H Mission Mandates (STEM, Healthy Living, Civic Engagement).
9. Model safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior.
10. Strengthen knowledge and life skills.

Program Administration

The Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program is a part of the overall Nevada 4-H Program. The Nevada 4-H Program is the Extension Youth Program of the University of Nevada, Reno Extension (UNR Extension) and is administered by UNR Extension. The Nevada 4-H Program operates under the policies/direction of the University of Nevada-Reno (UNR) and under the policies/direction of the US Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA).

Within UNR Extension, the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program operates under the guidance and direction of the UNR Extension State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator who has overall

responsibility for all aspects of the Nevada 4-H Shootings Sports Program and the UNR Extension State 4-H Program Director who has overall guidance and responsibility for all aspects of the Nevada 4-H Program. The State 4-H Program Leader may also serve as the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or may designate another member of the UNR Extension faculty or staff to serve as the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator for Nevada.

Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator

The Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator is an UNR Extension employee. They will serve as a non-voting member of the 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee. This person also chairs the 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and represents UNR Extension/UNR/USDA-NIFA in administering the program.

Program administration includes, but is not limited to:

- Administering the overall program.
- Developing, conducting, and promoting statewide activities.
- Planning, developing, scheduling, and coordinating training programs for instructors and volunteers.
- Developing informational and promotional materials for use in the program.
- Identifying/obtaining funding sources; developing/obtaining equipment, resources, and supplies; and administering the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Program/Budget/Funds (not county programs/budgets/funds).
- Approving the certification and re-certification of instructors.
- Developing program goals and action plans.

The Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator is expected to attend National 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator Training as soon as feasible to become Nationally Certified as a “Coordinator”.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committees provide leadership and offer insight, review and input to the Statewide 4-H Program Director for the operation and management of the 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Development Program.

There will be 5 UNR Extension representatives (faculty and/or staff), 4 adult volunteers, and 2 youth representatives from the two areas (Northern Area and Southern Area) plus nationally certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors, that make up the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee.

The State 4-H Program Director, State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, and State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Coordinator will serve as ex-officio members on the committee.

Representatives on the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee will be selected through an application process once a year. Selection is based on ensuring a diverse representation of 4-H YDP delivery modes, geographic locations, program experience and stakeholder representation.

The State 4-H Youth Development Office will contact county 4-H Extension Staff before appointment of applicants.

Committee Responsibilities

- Terms are up to 3-year terms for adult volunteers and UNR Extension representatives. The term for youth representatives will be up to 2 years. Members of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee may only serve two consecutive terms
- Work with State 4-H Program Director (or designee) to plan, coordinate and implement statewide 4-H shooting sports educational programs (including instructor certification).
- Work with State 4-H Program Director (or designee) to plan, coordinate, and implement statewide 4-H shooting sports events.
- Annually review State 4-H Shooting Sports policies and procedures to make recommendations for change to the Nevada 4-H Policy and Procedures committee.
- Attend regularly scheduled meetings of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee (up to 4 per year).
- Committees meet throughout the year, through face-to-face meetings, conference calls, and email communications in order to conduct committee business.

Volunteers on the State 4-H Shooting Sports committee must follow the same application procedure and reference checks as any other Nevada 4-H Volunteer Leader in the Nevada 4-H Program. Please see the Nevada 4-H Website (<http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/volunteers/involved>) for specific details and information.

Youth representatives must be active 4-H Club Members and participants in the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

On the recommendation of the 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee or the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Program Coordinator and with approval of the Nevada 4-H Program Leader (or their designee), additional members may be added to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee as deemed necessary and appropriate for the benefit and enhancement of the program.

Members of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee may be removed by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and/or State 4-H Program Director for lack of committee meeting attendance, lack of event/activity participation, violations of 4-H Shooting Sports Policy, or the violation of other Federal, University, or 4-H Policies. The State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee may also recommend and advise UNR Extension on the removal of members.

In the event of a resignation, removal, other reason for a committee member leaving the committee; a replacement member for the remainder of the term shall be made by the respective group this member was representing. This appointment (regardless of length of remaining term) shall be considered as his/her first term. This person may seek a second term, but they are subject to the same requirements as other committee members such as no committee member

shall be allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms. However, it is permissible to “sit-out” a term(s) and then be re-selected to serve on the committee as long as it is not for more than two consecutive terms.

Selection & Duties of Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Coordinator

State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Coordinator is appointed by the Statewide 4-H Director.

Responsibilities include:

- Convening and facilitating committee meetings
- Ensuring the committee fulfills its charge
- Reviewing and providing feedback on candidates for their committee
- Developing an annual budget, which is approved by the Statewide 4-H Director
- Sharing committee work with all program stakeholders
- The State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Coordinator is expected to attend National 4-H Shooting Sports Training as soon as feasible to become Nationally Certified as a “Coordinator”.

The person selected to serve as the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Coordinator serves as an “at large” member of the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee. This person is “at large” because they represent Nevada 4-H (not just one of the UNR Extension/4-H Areas) and this is why they has a non-voting role on the committee. This person is subject to the same conditions and expectations as all other members of the committee such as not being allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms on the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee. However, it is permissible to “sit-out” a term(s) and then be re-selected as the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Coordinator as long as it is not for more than two consecutive terms.

If the person selected to serve as the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Coordinator was a member of the committee, a replacement member for the remainder of the term shall be made by the respective group this member was representing and this appointment (regardless of length of remaining term) shall be considered as their first term. This person may seek a second term, but they are subject to the same requirements as other committee members such as no committee member shall be allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms. However, it is permissible to “sit- out” a term(s) and then be re-selected to serve on the committee as long as it is not for more than two consecutive terms.

In the event of a resignation, removal, other reason of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Coordinator leaving the committee; a replacement shall be named by the State 4-H Program Director and this appointment (regardless of length of remaining term) shall be considered as their first term. This person may seek a second term, but they are subject to the same requirements as other committee members such as no committee member shall be allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms. However, it is permissible to “sit-out” a term(s) and then be re-selected to serve on the committee as long as it is not for more than two consecutive terms.

Area or County 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committees

Individual Counties or UNR Extension Areas may organize their own Area or County 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committees depending upon their interest and participation in 4-H Shooting Sports. Any such committees will follow all Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Policies and all Nevada 4-H Youth Development Policies, and will be organized under the direction and guidance of the appropriate UNR Extension Area or County 4-H Faculty/Staff.

All Local, County, and Area 4-H Shooting Sports Programs must only use instructors who have been trained and certified through the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program or the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program, and follow all policies, guidelines and requirements of the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Minimum Standards & Best Management Practices of a 4-H Shooting Sports Program

(As Established by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee)

The following minimum standards are not negotiable. A state level 4-H program with an active 4-H Shooting Sports component is advised to adopt and adhere to these standards at the state and county level. Should an injury occur in a state due to the disregard of any of these minimum standards, the potential negative legal/liability ramifications for a land-grant university system could be significant.

1. The National 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum is the established adult teaching curriculum for training adults to teach youth the shooting sports within the 4-H program.
2. All instructors accept and abide by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Ethics.
3. State, County, and Club level 4-H Shooting Sports Programs will have written risk management plans which includes items such as emergency response and preparedness, insurance, safe storage of firearms and ammunition, state-level reloading policies, etc.
4. All certified 4-H shooting sports instructors are a minimum of 21 years of age and have completed a state level 4-H shooting sports workshop in the specific discipline they will be teaching.
5. State level 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor certification workshops provide a minimum of twelve (12) hours of instruction; including a minimum of nine (9) hours instruction in each specific discipline and a minimum of three (3) hours instruction in teaching youth development, life skills, and risk management.
6. To maintain certification as a 4-H shooting sports Level I or Level II instructor, one must teach or assist in instruction within the discipline certified at least once every three (3) years.
 - A. Level 1 Instructors-Must be re-certified a minimum of every 7 years.
Re-certification could include the following, as determined by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator:
 - i. Continuing education credits
 - ii. Updates to curriculum or state standards/requirements

- iii. Refresher course on curriculum
 - iv. Attending Level 1 training
 - v. Other options
- B. Level 2 Instructors-Must be re-certified after a major revision of the curriculum, as determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, or at the determination of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.
- Re-certification could include:
- i. Attending Level 2 training
 - ii. Attending an update training hosted by a Level 3 Instructor or a Level 2 Instructor certified using the revised curriculum.
- C. Level 3 Instructors-Must be re-appointed annually by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.
7. Only factory ammunition is used at 4-H shooting sports competitive events.
 8. Regarding simulated combat sports (physical or virtual) including but not limited to, paintball guns, air-soft, laser guns, archery tag. eSports. Pointing any type of gun including paint ball guns, air-soft guns, laser guns, laser paint-ball, archery tag bows & arrows or sighting devices at any person or any humanoid shaped target is inappropriate in any 4-H program activity.
 9. Any firearm built or modified to give the impression of a modern military style firearm such as an AR or AK is not allowed in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Front pistol grips, heat shield/shroud, suppressors, and magazines extending more than 2 inches below the receiver are prohibited. Below are visual examples of firearms that would not be permitted.



10. Reactive Targets - Targets which make use of or are composed of (1) live ammunition, (2) explosives, chemicals or flammable substances, or (3) pressurized containers are never to be used at any 4-H event or activity.
11. Cloverbud age youth are not allowed to participate in any shooting sports activity that includes the handling or live-fire of any air-guns, firearms, or archery equipment.
12. All 4-H Shooting Sports functions (events, meetings, club practices, etc.) which include the handling or use of firearms or archery equipment requires the **physical presence and constant supervision** of at least one adult 4-H Shooting Sports instructor who is currently certified in that respective discipline(s).

Nevada Minimum Standards

The Nevada 4-H Youth Development Shooting Sports program has adopted minimum standards but maybe more stringent than the national minimum standards.

1. *Curriculum:* The Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program is based on the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program. As a result, it uses the national curriculum and must follow national standards. Any modifications or changes to the national curriculum or standards must be recommended by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee or by the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and approved by the Nevada 4-H Program Leader.

Just because there is a National 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum in other disciplines does not mean that it must be allowed in the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The disciplines offered in Nevada and any modifications, deletions, or additions to disciplines must be recommended by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee or by the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and approved by the Nevada 4-H Program Leader. Some may also require approval from higher administration at UNR Extension and/or UNR.

Shooting Sports Curricula for instructors should not generally be distributed to anyone except certified instructors, those being trained by certified instructors, UNR Extension Faculty or Staff (whether certified or not), and members of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee or any of its subcommittees. The Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator shall determine when it is appropriate.

The Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program is not open as an individual or “independent” 4-H project. It should be taught as a group activity, or in sessions such as camp, special interest club, etc. Individual activity does not lend itself to ensuring proper safety or meeting instructional standards.

The only currently approved and authorized Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines are:

- Archery
 - Compound Limited: Archers are limited to equipment and accessories with a combined Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$500.00 or less taken to the line. A Point of Aim is allowed (bow sights, peepholes, bow marks, stabilizers, and mechanical releases are not allowed in this class; but they are permitted in the Compound Unlimited Class). Whisker biscuits added to a bow would be in this division. Contestants may enter this class or the Compound Unlimited Class. However, both classes cannot be entered at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
 - Compound Unlimited: The cost of the equipment and accessories taken to the line may exceed a Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$500.00 (there is not a top limit). Bow Sights, Peepholes, Bow Marks, Stabilizers, and Mechanical Releases are allowed in this class; but not in

the Limited Class. Contestants may enter this class or the Limited Class. However, both classes cannot be entered at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).

- Recurve/Longbow Limited: Archers are limited to equipment and accessories with a combined Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$500.00 or less taken to the line. A Point of Aim is allowed (bow sights, peepholes, bow marks, stabilizers, and mechanical releases are not allowed in this class; but they are permitted in the Recurve/Longbow Unlimited Class). Contestants may enter this class or the Free Style Unlimited Class. However, both classes cannot be entered at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
- Recurve/Longbow Unlimited: The cost of the equipment and accessories taken to the line may exceed a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$500.00 (there is not a top limit). Bow Sights, Peepholes, Bow Marks, Stabilizers, and Mechanical Releases are allowed in this class; but not in the Limited Class. Contestants may enter this class or the Limited Class. However, both classes cannot be entered at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
- Air Pistol
 - Limited Class – Shooters are limited to .177 caliber pellet pistol with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$600.00 or less taken to the line.
 - Unlimited Class – Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) may exceed \$600.00 for air pistol and everything taken to the line. There is no top limit.
- Air Rifle
 - Limited Class- Shooter are limited to sporting grade air rifles with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$700.00 or less taken to the line.
 - Unlimited Class- Shooters may use equipment with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of more than \$700.00 and there is no top limit to the price.
- .22 Rifle
 - Limited Class – Shooters are limited to equipment with iron sites (open or aperture) and with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$600.00 or less taken to the line.
 - Unlimited Class: Shooters may use equipment with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of more than \$600.00 and there is no top limit
- .22 Pistol (**Limited to Senior Division Only-ages 14 & Over**)

- Limited Class – Shooters are limited to equipment with iron sites (open or aperture) and with a Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$600.00 or less taken to the line.
 - Unlimited Class: Shooters may use equipment with a Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of more than \$600.00 and there is no top limit.
 - Muzzleloader
 - Any safe muzzleloading rifle of a single-barrel design; in any caliber established for use in the contest; with a flintlock, a caplock, or in-line ignition; and equipped with metallic sights or their equivalent may be used.
 - Powder charges are limited to the recommended/established grain guidelines or black powder or its volumetric equivalent of a black powder substitute.
 - Shotgun
 - Any shotgun of 12 Gauge or smaller is permitted.
 - Shotguns with a release trigger may not be used.
 - Semi-Automatic Shotguns are not permitted unless it is equipped with a shell catcher.
 - Interchangeable Choke Tubes are permitted. However, the choke tube cannot be changed after the competition begins.
 - Shotguns with ported barrels or similar devices are permitted.
 - Unfired ammunition may not exceed standard 2 3/4”. Shot size may be no larger than US #7½ and the maximum weight of shot may not exceed 1 1/8 ounces. Velocities shall be approximately 1200 feet persecond.
 - Hunting
 - Teaches hunting ethics.
 - Teaches shooting ethics.
 - Teaches land management and conservation.
2. *Code of Ethics:* Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors must abide by and follow the National 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Ethics and the UNR Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct. See Appendix for copy of both documents.
3. *Risk Management Plans:* All Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports clubs are required to submit a written 4-H Shooting Sports Risk Management plan by November 15th to the County Extension Office. A copy of the risk management plan is due to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator by December 1st.

Policies and Best Management Practices, as recognized by the National 4-H Shooting sports Committee that are related to the elements of the Risk Management plan include the following:

Eye, Ear, and Foot Protection:

- Eye Protection: Adequate eye protection (shooting glasses, safety glasses or

safety goggles, or hardened prescription glasses) is required for all participants in Muzzle Loading, Pistol, Rifle, Archery and Shotgun disciplines. This includes Hunting and Western Heritage live fire events. Coaches or spectators on or near firing lines are subject to the same requirements.

- Ear Protection: Adequate ear protection carrying an ***OSHA Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) of at least 25 dB*** is required for all participants in Muzzle Loading, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun disciplines. This includes Hunting and Western Heritage live fire events. ***Noise Canceling devices without an OSHA NRR rating are not adequate as they are designed to make listening more enjoyable, not reducing the dB of sound entering the ear.*** Coaches or spectators on or near firing lines are subject to the same requirements. In all disciplines, devices placed over, on, or into the ear are not allowed to receive wireless, communication, background noise or similar broadcasts that could interfere with range commands.
- Footwear: Any participant while on the shooting line or shooting in any outdoor shooting event is required to wear shoes that completely cover their feet, including soles. Examples of footwear that are not acceptable include, but not limited to: sandals, clogs, crocks, flip-flops, slippers, house shoes, and bare feet.
- Lead Contamination: The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee recognizes the potential dangers of lead contamination and includes ways to mitigate lead contamination into all 4-H Shooting Sports Training and Curriculum. The 4-H National Committee also suggests that states include ways to mitigate lead exposure into your specific State Plan including:
 - *Wash up:* Wash your hands, face, forearms, etc. with cold water after shooting, handling spent ammunition, cleaning guns, or reloading. Use an effective lead removal product, as standard soap and water may not be enough.
 - *Change clothes and shoes:* Change your clothes and shoes before leaving the range. Wash your range clothes separately from your other clothes.
 - *Clean up properly:* Use the right methods to clean the range, such as wet mopping or using a HEPA vacuum. Don't dry sweep, as this stirs up lead dust.
 - *Don't eat, drink, or smoke:* Never eat, drink, or smoke inside a firing range.
 - *Shower:* Shower at the end of the day after handling lead objects.
 - Lead can enter the body through inhalation or ingestion and can damage organs and cause health problems. Symptoms of lead poisoning include high blood pressure, joint and muscle pain, headaches, and abdominal pain. Seek medical attention if you suspect lead poisoning

Storage & Transportation (Compliance)

The following are policies and procedures related to the inventory control, storage and transportation of 4-H Shooting Sports equipment in Nevada.

Inventory Control

- Inventory list of equipment will be maintained locally by the Extension Educators in the County Extension office. This inventory will be submitted by December 1st to UNR Extension, as part of the Risk Management plan,

who will then check it against the Assetworks database annually for all of the local groups and county programs.

- Counties will use the Equipment Checkout form that is located in the Appendix of this document for any equipment checked up by clubs or individual members. Only approved, current 4-H shooting sports instructors, may sign out county program equipment from inventory.
- Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment, the inventory list, and sign-out records.
- When equipment is stored off of UNR property, proper documentation is required. Equipment must be checked out with the county office. If firearms are being stored they must follow the storage guidelines found below.
- All club, county, and state 4-H Shooting Sports equipment must be purchased through the BNC Purchasing Department and shall not be purchased without UNR Extension Fiscal Officer approval and reviewed by Police Services.

Firearms Purchasing Policy

This policy applies to any firearm purchased or donated outside of the Friends of the NRA Grants or similar grants.

- All firearms purchased must go through the Purchasing Department and loaded into AssetWorks to properly identify the asset. AssetWorks is the inventory tracking system utilized by Purchasing.
- A Purchase Requisition must first be completed within Workday. The vendor supplying the firearms must be listed in UNR's vendor file. If they aren't, they must go into SReg and fill out the needed information. Below are the instructions to fill out the Purchase Requisition
- Log into Workday and type "create requisition" in the search field. Fill out the Purchase Requisition just like any other Purchase Requisition. Use SC0053 for the Spend Category and PG05979 for the Worktag. This will route to the State 4-H Director for approval and then the Fiscal Officer.
- Once approved by the Fiscal Officer, the requisition will route to Purchasing and they will create the Purchase Order. When the firearms are received, the person who initiated the Purchase Requisition will open the Purchase Order and receipt the firearms.
- Once receipted, Purchasing will load the information into AssetWorks and issue tags and send them to the Purchase Requester. These tags must be affixed to the firearms. The Extension Educator or responsible person will ensure that the firearms are properly stored in a safe and secure location.
- About this time the person who initiated the Purchase Requisition will receive an email from AssetWorks for them to input the serial number into AssetWorks. This is when the requester should also transfer responsibility to the Education Educator by changing the information within AssetWorks.

- If a firearm is donated to 4-H, a receipt must be issued to the donor showing the donor, serial number, and description. This receipt should be signed by the donor as proof of donation. This information must be sent to the Fiscal Officer who will review and forward to Purchasing to enter into AssetWorks.
- Before June 30th of each year, the Fiscal Officer will run the inventory reports in AssetWorks for all of Cooperative Extension and send the list to the responsible persons to audit their inventory and sign off that all firearms are accounted for. The Fiscal Officer will maintain this list.
- The County Extension Educator (or designee) will be in charge of doing a physical inventory for each club and/or county program of the shooting sports equipment (firearms, air rifles, air pistols, bows/arrows, etc.) and check that inventory list against the BNC Purchasing Inventory list. They will be responsible for submitting the final inventory list to the State 4-H Office, by December 1st of each year.
- Any new equipment purchased or donated to a club, county and/or state 4-H Shooting Sports program must be immediately reported in writing with 30 days to the UNR Extension Fiscal Officer and State 4-H Office to be included on the inventory list and must be included in any subsequent inventory lists.
- All 4-H Shooting Sports firearms, air rifles, muzzleloaders, bows, air pistols, and shotguns must have an UNR inventory sticker adhered to it, and those serial numbers must be submitted each year with the inventory.
- Any missing 4-H Shooting Sports equipment must be reported by the Extension Educator within 24 hours of the discovery of it missing to University Police Services, and to local law enforcement where applicable. It must also be reported to the UNR Extension Civil Rights & Compliance Coordinator and State 4-H Office.
- The Director of UNRExtension (or designee) and the Assistant Vice President for Police Services have the authority to remove 4-H Shooting Sports Program equipment from any 4-H Shooting Sports club or instructor, based on lack of safety practices, inadequate storage and transportation safeguards, concerns about inventory control, inadequate emphasis on positive youth development, or other reasons based on professional judgment.

Storage of Firearms & Muzzle loading Equipment

- Letter of request must go to the UNR President if storage is on UNR Extension Extension property. County Extension employees need to contact the State 4-H Program Director for this letter of request.
- 4-H shooting sports equipment that is stored on University property must have approval of University Police Services prior to purchase. University Police Services must be contacted and they must approve in writing the location and storage arrangements of any and all 4-H Shooting Sports

equipment stored on University property.

- All Firearms will be stored unloaded in a commercial firearm safe with an open bolt or open bore indicator when not in use.
- All gun safes shall be secured in a locked storage area, following local statutory requirements, if applicable. If no local laws apply, suitable locations include local law enforcement department firearm storage, storage closet or room with limited access, etc., upon approval by UNR Police Services.
- Keys and combinations shall be available only to certified instructors, county coordinators, and state coordinators. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in the county/state shall also have access to all program equipment.
- When a person who knows the safe combination leaves UNR Extension the safe code will be updated.

Storage of Air Guns

- Air guns will be stored in gun cases that can be locked and stored in a storage room accessible only to instructors, county coordinator and state coordinator.
- Keys to the storage area should only be available to instructors, county coordinator and state coordinator. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment.

Storage of Archery Equipment

- Archery equipment will be stored in a locked closet or room accessible only to instructors, county coordinator or state coordinator.
- Doors shall be double locked and the key shall only be available to instructors, county coordinator and state coordinator. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment.

Ammunition

- All ammunition, shotgun shells, rifle shells, pistol shells, powder, caps, BB's and pellets will be stored separate from the guns which use them.
- Access to the ammunition shall have accessed only by instructors, county coordinator or state coordinator. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state shall also have access to all program equipment.
- Ammunition shall be stored in a closet or room where there are at least two separate locks on the door.

Transportation of Equipment

- All applicable local, state and federal laws are to be followed when transporting firearms, ammunition and other 4-H Shooting Sports program equipment and supplies. Only licensed individuals age 18 or older are permitted to drive vehicles transporting 4-H Shooting Sports equipment.
- When transporting firearms, air guns, ammunition and muzzleloading guns, the transporter shall have the guns in locked hard cases with gun locks on each gun (either a trigger style gunlock or a cable style gun lock).
- Equipment shall be transported in such a way that the equipment cannot be seen from outside the vehicle. Some examples of concealment include transporting in the vehicle's trunk, in a locked trailer, beneath a pick-up truck bed topper, etc. The vehicle shall not be left unattended when equipment is being transported.

Youth & Adult Participation

1. 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor has the right to refuse any participant from the shooting sports activity in the interest of safety for the participant and others in the program.
2. Instructors are encouraged to identify strategies to accommodate youth / adults with disabilities.
3. 4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to all youth 9 years of age or older (as of Jan. 1 of the current year) without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age, or national origin. Each state Land Grant University determines 4-H maximum age eligibility. Note that age eligibility for National 4-H Shooting Sports Events is determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and may be different than that of states. 4-H Clovers (age 5-8) are not eligible for any aspect of 4-H shooting sports programs as these are not age-appropriate activities.

Instructor Training/Certification Policies

Situation Statement

The Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program is part of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Both programs support and encourage the instructional disciplines of rifle, archery, shotgun, muzzleloading, air pistol, and hunting. Instructors trained and certified (4-H Certification) in these various disciplines are responsible for coordination and implementation of the program to 4-H Members in the various disciplines as is necessary to support local/county 4-H Shooting Sports Programs. Instructor Certification in Nevada will be offered/coordinated through the State 4-H Office and the training will be provided by State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors who are certified at National or Regional Workshops to teach instructors within the various disciplines.

Instructor Eligibility

Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors must meet the following qualifications in order to be eligible for state training and certification. Instructors must be at least 21 years of age, be screened (background checked), trained, and appointed as a current 4-H Leader through the local University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Office. The screening process (background check) includes fingerprinting and background checks by the State of Nevada and the FBI. Completion of a course (self-study guide or classroom instruction) on recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect is also required; this is available through County UNCE Offices and other agencies. Each instructor

must have successfully completed fifteen hours of instructor training that is administered and sanctioned through the Nevada State 4-H Office and the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee, in the respective discipline(s) that he or she wishes to teach at the County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Instructor Certification & Roles - Safety issues and concerns will always be paramount and the first consideration in any and all 4-H Shooting Sports Activities, Events, or Programs.

Instructor certification will follow requirements established by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. Any additions or changes in instructor certification requirements must be recommended by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and/or by the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and approved by the Nevada State 4-H Program Leader. Some may also require approval from higher administration at UNR Extension and/or UNR.

The Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program requires the use of 4-H Trained/Certified Instructors (national, regional, or state) at the county level (in the appropriate discipline) to operate a live-fire range or to conduct any class in which firearms (including air rifles, air pistols, and/or muzzleloaders) or archery equipment are handled. In order to be certified as a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor in any discipline, the following requirements must be met:

- State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors (Level 2 Instructor) - must attend a National 4-H Shooting Sports Training/Certification Workshop, complete the entire workshop, be recommended for certification by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Discipline Training Counselor/Instructor, and pass a national written test. State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors can train County Instructors, Assistant Instructors, and Junior Leader/Teen Leader Instructors. State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors must be at least 21 years of age and they must follow the same application procedure and reference checks as any other Nevada 4-H Volunteer Leader in the Nevada 4-H Program, which means they become unpaid employees of UNR and are subject to all rules, policies, code of conduct, and protections (such as liability) of all UNR Employees.

In order to maintain certification, a State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor must assist/teach with a State Level 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors Training at least once every three years or re-attend an instructor training/certification (state training/certification or county training/certification), which will re-certify the instructor for the previous Shooting Sports Discipline and certify for the new Shooting Sports Discipline.

- County 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors (Level 1 Instructors) – must be trained and certified by State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors (Level 2 Instructors). They must attend a State 4-H Shooting Sports Training & Certification Workshop, complete the entire workshop, be recommended for certification by

the Discipline Training Instructor, and pass a state written test. The County 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor is responsible for training youth in a Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Project Club. County 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors must be at least 21 years of age and can train Assistant Instructors. County 4-H Instructors must follow the same application procedure and reference checks as any other Nevada 4-H Volunteer Leader in the Nevada 4-H Program, which means they become unpaid employees of UNR and are subject to all rules, policies, code of conduct, and protections (such as liability) of all UNR Employees.

In order to maintain certification, a County 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor must assist/teach with a County Level 4-H Shooting Sports Training of 4-H Members at least once every three years or re-attend an instructor training/certification (state training/certification), which will re-certify the instructor for the previous Shooting Sports Discipline and certify for the new Shooting Sports Discipline.

Level 1 Instructors must be re-certified every 7 years

- Assistant 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors – must be older than the highest age of 4-H Club Members. As a result, he/she must be at least 18 or 19 years of age. He/she must have been a Junior Leader/Teen Leader Shooting Sports Instructor. Assistant 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors can only instruct youth under the direct supervision of a 4-H Shooting Sports State Instructor or a 4-H Shooting Sports County Instructor. As a result, Assistant 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors can only instruct when a 4-H Shooting Sports State Instructor or a 4-H Shooting Sports County Instructor is present. Assistant 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors are not to be in charge of live-fire. It is highly recommended that Assistant 4-H Shooting Sports instructors attend a state 4-H shooting sports training.

Assistant 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors must follow the same application procedure and reference checks as any other Nevada 4-H Volunteer Leader in the Nevada 4-H Program, which means they become unpaid employees of UNR and are subject to all rules, policies, code of conduct, and protections (such as liability) of all UNR Employees.

The main purpose for having “Assistant 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors” is to provide a bridge for “Junior Leader/Teen Leader 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors” to continue their Shooting Sports Leadership Role into adulthood when his/her time as a 4-H Member is concluded. This is believed to be a very important step in keeping and developing future instructors and/or leaders for the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

- Junior Leader/Teen Leader 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors – minimum of 14 years of age and must be a 4-H Member who is active in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. He/she may provide training and instruction to other youth

under the direction supervision of a State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor or a County 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. As a result, Junior Leader/Teen Leader 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors can only instruct when a 4-H Shooting Sports State Instructor or a 4-H Shooting Sports County Instructor is present. Additionally, they must have demonstrated their skill for three years in the specific 4-H Shooting Sports Discipline in which they are instructing and completed the appropriate instructor certification. They are not to be in charge of live-fire.

The requirements to be a Junior Leader/Teen Leader 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor are the same as those to become a County 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor; which means the 4-H Member must attend a State 4-H Shooting Sports Training & Certification Workshop, complete the entire workshop, be recommended for certification by the Discipline Training Instructor, and pass a state written test.

Participation in National 4-H Shooting Sports Training/Certification Workshops requires a written application and approval through the County UNR Extension 4-H Faculty and/or Staff and then to the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator for final approval. Participation in State 4-H Shooting Sports Training and Certification Workshops requires a written application and approval of the UNR Extension 4-H Faculty and/or Staff.

State Instructor Training and Certification sessions are administered and sanctioned through the Nevada State 4-H Office and the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee. A minimum of twelve hours of instruction in discipline instruction, use of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum, range and firearm safety, risk management, teaching methods, positive youth development principles, and 4-H program management will be taught at Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Trainings/Certifications both through online and in-person delivery. Nationally 4-H Trained and Certified Shooting Sports Instructors are also eligible to conduct county-level shooting sports programs.

Instructors can only provide training and instruction in those shooting sports disciplines in which they have been certified. (For example, an instructor appropriately certified in rifle cannot provide training or instruction in pistol.) County 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors must be trained and certified in the discipline (rifle, shotgun, pistol, muzzleloader, archery, and hunting) that they are teaching at the county level. State Instructors must be trained and certified at a National or Regional 4-H Shooting Sports training in the discipline (rifle, shotgun, pistol, muzzleloader, archery, and hunting) that they are teaching at the state or regional level.

It is also recommended to have training in First Aid and CPR (or higher-level training such as EMT, LPN, RN, DR, etc.). If this training is not held by the instructor, it is permissible for someone else at the Shooting Sports Activity to have this training.

At least one UNR Extension Faculty and/or Staff in each county with a 4-H Shooting Sports Program should receive training as a County Instructor in at least one shooting sports discipline (Coordinator training and certification is recommended as the first discipline to become certified in). UNR Extension Faculty and/or Staff serving on the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee are also expected to at least receive training as a County Instructor in at least one shooting sports discipline.

Policies for implementing and conducting instructor training and certification should be developed by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and/or by the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and approved by the Nevada 4-H Program Leader. Some may also require approval from higher administration at UNR Extension and/or UNR.

Safety issues and concerns will always be paramount and the first consideration in any and all 4-H Shooting Sports Activities, Events, or Programs.

4-H Shooting Sports Rules & Regulations for Shooting Sports Events

PURPOSE

Shooting Sports events are a functional part of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. They are not the objective. Youth and youth development are the primary objectives of the program. The goal of the program is to educate young people and introduce them to some activities that are enjoyable, socially acceptable, mentally and physically challenging and useful in building character. Rules are part of every formal game. While the rules have been kept to as minimal as possible, the nature of the risk involved with this sport, it results in abundant rules, some of them very specific. Fun and safety are primary products of the program. They are deeply intertwined with these rules, formalizing courtesy and maintaining order.

BASIC RULES

All bona fide, active, 4-H Shooting Sports youth members are eligible to compete in 4-H Shooting Sports events, subject to the limitations imposed by the specific event and/or the rules for active membership instituted by the state, area, county, or local club.

Three age classes are generally recognized by the 4-H Program and 4-H Shooting Sports utilizes these three classes.

- a. Seniors* – All 4-H Shooting Sports members who are 14 – 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

- b. *Intermediates* – All 4-H Shooting Sports members who are 11-13 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
- c. *Juniors* – All 4-H Shooting Sports members who are 9-10 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

In order to ensure fairness for all youth involved in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, the program follows the same guidelines as other 4-H Projects concerning youth participation in related activities at the collegiate or military levels.

Otherwise, eligible shooters who are members of organized collegiate or military teams or collegiate or military shooting clubs receiving coaching are not eligible for 4-H shooting events. Active participation in other matches or receiving general or specialized instruction in shooting camps, training programs or similar activities (such as Junior Olympic Shooting Programs; Olympic Training Center Shooting Camps; and state, national, or international matches) *does not* disqualify any shooter otherwise qualified from participation in the 4-H shooting sports event.

Any competitive shooting event that is authorized or sponsored by the 4-H Shooting Sports Program (at any level) is a 4-H competition. As a result; conduct (youth and adult), range safety standards, and firearm safety standards must be held in the highest regard and adhered to at all times.

Range and Safety Procedures will follow those outlined in the references for each section. Participants in these events must know and follow Range Safety Rules for their respective event or respective events. Participants must also know and use all appropriate safety accessories required for their event (for example: arm guards, finger protection, safety glasses, hearing protectors, etc.). All instructions or decisions from the Range Master will be followed and are final. Anyone not following safety rules will be disqualified from the event.

At the State 4-H Shooting Match, participants are limited to four events. This is due to ensuring safety and fairness for all participants because tired and stressed participants become less safety conscious. This is also due to time restraints associated with getting all the disciplines completed in order to facilitate safer travel for the participants and their families.

4-H Dress is not required while participating in the actual competition. *Dress for competition is short sleeved shirt (meaning covering shoulders and mid drift area), long pants (meaning from waist to ankles), skirts will be allowed as long as they are down to the ankles, and shoes that are closed-toed/closed-heeled and that are at least ankle high (open-toed shoes, of any type, are not allowed).* Any competitor who is not appropriately dressed will not be allowed to compete.

Competitors must supply their own equipment and ammunition, except when they are provided by the county program and/or the state program and/or the state committee. Typically, the county/state program or state committee provides the targets, target stands, throwers, etc. and the contestant provides rifle/pistol, ammunition, bow, arrows, etc.

No coaching from parent, leaders, or any other person is allowed during the competition (local,

county, or state). Coaches, Volunteer Leaders, and/or 4-H Professionals are responsible for making sure their participants are duly registered and eligible for the events in which they are entered.

Binoculars may be used (by contestant) to check targets for shot placement. However, the use of binoculars by parents, volunteer leaders, or any other person to check shot placement and then communicate this to the contestant is considered as coaching; therefore, this is not allowed. Scopes are not allowed.

At the end of the match (local, county, or state), the targets will be returned to each contestant for their review and consideration. After the targets have been return to the contestants, he or she will have ten minutes to voice a challenge to the score. Only the 4-H Member may challenge a score (Parents, Volunteer Leaders, 4-H Professionals, etc. may not challenge a score).

In order to be eligible for the State 4-H Shooting Match, competitors must qualify at the county level (see this document for qualifying score guidelines). It is the County Extension 4-H Professionals responsibility to ensure all entries have met the qualification requirements as outlined in this document.

All competitors must have received instruction in and must have demonstrated proficiency in shooting safely. All competitors must have demonstrated shooting proficiency at the county level by achieving at least a minimum qualifying score (as listed in this document) in order to participate at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. These points will also be the scoring criteria for the State Shoot; a blue ribbon will be awarded to those who shoot the minimum qualifying score or above and a red ribbon will be awarded to those who shoot less than the qualifying score.

Air Pistol (Limited & Unlimited)

	<u>Possible Score</u>	<u>% Needed to Qualify</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Seniors	300	50	150
Intermediates	300	40	120
Juniors	300	25	75

Air Rifle (Limited & Unlimited)

	<u>Possible Score</u>	<u>% Needed to Qualify</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Seniors	300	50	150
Intermediates	300	40	120
Juniors	300	25	75

.22 Rifle (Limited & Unlimited)

	<u>Possible Score</u>	<u>% Needed to Qualify</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Seniors	300	50	150
Intermediates	300	40	120
Juniors	300	25	75

.22 Pistol (Limited & Unlimited)

	<u>Possible Score</u>	<u>% Needed to Qualify</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Seniors	300	50	150

Muzzleloading Rifle

	<u>Possible Score</u>	<u>% Needed to Qualify</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Seniors	300	40	120
Intermediates	300	30	90
Juniors	300	20	60

Shotgun

	<u>Possible Score</u>	<u>% Needed to Qualify</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Seniors	300	50	150
Intermediates	300	40	120
Juniors	300	25	75

Archery (Limited)

	<u>Possible Score</u>	<u>% Needed to Qualify</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Seniors	300	40	120
Intermediates	300	30	90
Juniors	300	20	60

Archery (Unlimited)

	<u>Possible Score</u>	<u>% Needed to Qualify</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Seniors	300	50	150
Intermediates	300	40	120
Juniors	300	30	90

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOOTERS AND COACHES

- *Safety* – Shooters and coaches are responsible for understanding and practicing the rules of safe firearms handling. The highest standards of safety are to be followed at all times.
- *Behavior & Sportsmanship* – The spirit of 4-H sportsmanship and appropriate behavior is expected of all participants in the 4-H shooting sports program. Shooters or coaches will render aid and/or testimony if asked to do so by any shoot official. All 4-H members, parents, volunteers and spectators are expected to follow the UNR Extension 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct.

- *Knowledge of Procedures & Rules* – Shooters and coaches will make an effort to understand the 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 ignorance. Ignorance of the rules in any event does not obviate their existence. Shooters 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.
- *Eligibility* – It is the shared responsibility of the shooter and his/her coach to determine that all eligibility requirements for participation in the shoot have been met.
- *Reporting* – Shooters are responsible for knowing the proper time to report for each event and their appropriate relay with equipment and materials necessary for completion of the event. They are also responsible for reporting in a timely fashion for any announced orientation programs and for observing progress in their events in order to be prepared early if shooting proceeds at a rate faster than the posted times.
- *Timing* – It is the shooter's responsibility to know and abide by all-time limitations for firing any event.
- *Checking Scores* – Each shooter is responsible for checking the scoring and mathematics of their individual score cards or targets.

PROTESTS

- Only youth competitors may protest:
 - an injustice they feel has been done to them individually
 - the conditions under which another competitor was permitted to fire
 - the equipment another competitor was permitted to use.

- *How to protest* – Official protests may be filed in the following order to seek redress of alleged wrongs.
 - a. *Chief Range Officer* – The protest must be made orally to the chief range officer or other official present on the range. If not satisfied with that immediate decision,
 - b. *Shoot Manager* – The protest may be stated orally to the listed manager for the match or shoot, indicating the decision that the range official had made. If not satisfied with this decision,
 - c. *Shoot Director Or 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator* – If not satisfied that the complaint has been adequately reviewed by the range officials or the shoot manager for the event, the protester may file a brief written protest with the 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or the Shoot Director within one hour. All protests must be filed before the beginning of any awards ceremony in that event. The Coordinator or Director will assemble (or form) the designated jury for the event, the protester, the range officials and the shoot manager and consider the written statement, asking any questions they feel are required and rendering a decision in an expeditious manner. Coaches, parents, and other interested parties may NOT participate in the process. The decision rendered by the jury is final and no further appeal is possible.

RANGE CONTROL AND COMMANDS FOR .22 RIFLE, .22 PISTOL, AIR RIFLE, & AIR PISTOL

- 1.0 Standardized Range Safety Commands and Operation Commands are essential in the protection of participants and spectators at 4-H Shooting Sports Events. Range control, range safety, and firearm safety are the PRIMARY concern of range staff.
 - 1.1 *Discipline:* The safety of competitors, range staff, and spectators depends upon continuous attention to all safe handling principles of firearms by all persons on or about the range. Self-discipline is the foundation of safety; and if it were lacking, it is the responsibility of range personnel to enforce range discipline. It is the duty and responsibility of all persons on the range to assist in this process.
 - 1.2 *Actions Open:* All firearms will remain empty with the actions open and their cocking mechanisms uncocked until such time as the competitors are on the firing line and the range officer has authorized their handling. No firearm shall be picked up or handled until authorized by appropriate command. Once the preparation period has begun, firearms may be dry fired, but they may not be loaded until the command to “COMMENCE FIRING” has been given. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will careless handling be permitted.
 - 1.3 *Firearms Unloaded:* No firearm will be loaded until shooters are in position with the rifles/pistols pointed down range and the command “COMMENCE FIRING or “READY” has been given.
 - 1.4 *Single Loading Only:* Even when the firearm has a magazine, pellets or cartridges must be loaded singly.
 - 1.5 *Rifles/Pistols Loaded:* Any firearm with its action closed will be considered loaded and must be pointed down range (in a safe direction) at all times.
- 2.0 *Not Ready:* Competitors who are not ready to fire at the time the range officer asks “IS THE LINE READY?” must notify the range officer by stating “NOT READY ON _____” and including their firing point or target number.
- 3.0 *Loud Language:* Loud or abusive language is not permitted on or around the firing lines. Competitors, officials and spectators will limit their conversation to official business while firing is taking place. One warning will be given and if second offense occurs competitor will be disqualified.
- 4.0 *Delaying A Match:* No competitor will delay the start of a match through tardiness in reporting to the field or undue delay in preparing to fire. Competitors should be alert to the potential to have their relay called early and should report to their appointed match at least 45 minutes ahead of schedule when that is possible.
- 5.0 *Preparation Period:* Competitors will be allowed three (3) minutes to take their places at their firing points and prepare to fire after the firing points have been cleared by the preceding competitors and the range officer has called their relay to the line. Dry firing may be permitted during this time period.
 - 5.1 *Sight-In Period:* Competitors will have a five (5) minute sight in period.
- 6.0 *Cease Firing:* Upon the command to cease firing, all firearms must be immediately unloaded, magazines (if present) removed and the firearms must be made safe with the actions open. Actions will remain open until the range officer gives the command to load

- or the ready command in silhouette shooting.
- 7.0 *Repeating Commands:* Other range staff will repeat commands of the range officer only when the commands cannot be heard clearly by the competitors under the Chief Range Officer's supervision.
- 8.0 *Firing Line Commands:*
- a) "Relay (#) Match (name) on the firing line." The shooters move to the firing line with their equipment and take their positions at the appropriate firing point.
 - b) "Go forward and hang your targets." Shooters will move forward to the target frames and hang their targets.
 - c) The preparation period starts now. After shooters have returned to the firing line, this is announced. Shooters may handle their equipment, dry fire and prepare for live firing during this three-minute period. The range officer verifies that the shooters are on the proper firing points with targets properly hung.
 - d) The sight in period starts now. Competitors will have five (5) minutes and five (5) shots to sight in their rifles. Commands 8.0 f) through 9.0 a) and b) will be followed.
 - e) The preparation/sight in period has ended. At the time of the three-minute preparation period and the five-minute sight in period, the range officer announces its ending before moving on to the following commands.
 - f) "Is the line ready?" Any competitor who is not ready to fire must reply by stating "NOT READY ON (firing point number), and the range officer will state "THE LINE IS NOT READY".
 - g) "The line is ready, commence firing, you have (#) minutes." Once the problems have been fixed and the line is ready, the range officer will declare the line ready, issue the commence firing command and state the amount of time for the stage or match being fired. Competitor may load and fire after the command "COMMENCE FIRING" has been issued.
- 9.0 *Make The Line Safe:* at the completion of the time period or upon completion of firing by all competitors, the range officer will stop all firing with the "THE RANGE IS COLD" command. Each shooter will immediately stop firing, open the action, and place the firearm on the shooting mat with the action open and visible. If a pellet or bullet remains in the barrel, the shooter will inform the range officer by stating "PELLET STILL IN THE BARREL." The range officer will give the command "UNLOAD, CLEAR THROUGH THE BARREL" and permit the shooter to fire into the backstop to clear the pellet.
- a) *Is The Line Safe?* After all unfired pellets have been cleared and the firearms are grounded, the range officer will ask "IS THE LINE SAFE?" If all firearms are grounded, cleared and have their actions open, the range officer will declare the line safe. If not, he/she will state "THE LINE IS NOT SAFE, STAND EASY" and see to any problem that makes the line remain hot. Once it has been resolved, the line will be declared safe.
 - b) *The Line Is Safe.* Go forward and replace your targets. No one may touch or handle a firearm while there is anyone down range.
- 10.0 *Unsafe Condition:* Anyone who observes an unsafe condition or the potential for injury

to any living thing down range should command “CEASE FIRE”.

11.0 *Scoring*

1. **Scoring Times:** Targets may be scored as designated by shoot management, but usually will be scored after each relay has completed their course of fire.
2. **Scoring Location:** Scoring will be accomplished at the locations designated by shoot management, either on the range or in the statistical office.
3. **How to Score:** Each shot will be scored by the location of the bullet hole on the target surface. The innermost (highest value) scoring area touched by the bullet hole, even if it is elongated or key holed is the assigned value of the shot. The use of appropriate scoring gauges is strongly encouraged on all holes on targets and on any questionable hole on pellet targets. Both inward and outward scoring gauges or “plugs” will be used to aid in assessing the values of close shots, and holes touching a score ring will be scored at the higher value.
4. **Scoring Inner 10’s:** Inner 10’s is scored on the AR-5/1, AR-5/5 and AR-5/10 targets when the 10 dot has been completely shot out as determined by the use of a 4.5 mm scoring gauge.

12.0 *Hits On The Wrong Target Or Bullseye*

1. **Misplaced Sighting Shot:** If a competitor fires a sighting shot at a record bull on another shooter’s target, the shot will be discounted on the hit target.
2. **Excessive Hits:** (Note that all targets framed or exposed at the same time will be considered “a target” for the purpose of interpretations in this section.) Excess hits on a target will be scored as follows:
 - a) **On Any Bullseye** – If a competitor fires the required number of shots but fires more shots than are required at any bullseye, there is no penalty for the first two (2) occurrences. For the third and all additional occurrences the highest point shot will be eliminated.
 - b) **Excess Hits on A Target** – If excessive hits occur on any target, only the required number of hits of lowest value will be scored.

SECTION A -- AIR RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP

- **Overview:** Air Rifle Marksmanship (Guideline – National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules – National Three-Position Air Rifle Council. These rules are available from the National Three Position Air Rifle Council or on the following websites: <http://www.odcmp.com/Forms/3posair> or http://www.tnssa.org/ns3p_rules.html)
- **Equipment:** .177 caliber air rifles may not exceed 7.5 pounds. Metallic sights are permitted. Trigger pull must be a minimum of 1.5 pounds. Officially approved Air Rifles include Daisy 753/853/953, Daisy 887/888, Daisy XSV40, Crossman 2000, and Air Arms T-200 that has a non-adjustable cheek-plate and butt-plate. Any rifle not included in this but that complies with the requirements of the Sporter Air rifle as stated in the National Standard Rules may be submitted for approval/non-approval prior to the competition and may be added to the list of approved rifles.
- **Course:** Air Rifle Three-Position (prone, standing, and kneeling) at AR 5/10 target placed at 10 meters. Only single shot clips are allowed. Position targets are fired with 10 shots on each target. No more than 10 minutes will be allowed to fire each 10-shot string. Ammunition to be used is maximum caliber .177 wadcutter pellets.

- Classes:
 - Limited Class: Shooters are limited to sporting grade air rifles with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$700.00 or less taken to the line. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
 - Unlimited Class: Shooters may use equipment with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of more than \$700.00 and there is no top limit to the price. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).

SECTION B -- .22 RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP

- Overview: .22 Marksmanship (Guideline - Smallbore Rifle Rules- NRA)
- Course: .22 Rim Fire Rifle Three-Position (prone, standing, and kneeling) at A-17 target placed at 50 feet. Only single shot clips are allowed. Position targets are fired with 10 shots on each target. No more than 10 minutes will be allowed to fire each 10-shot string. Ammunition to be used is .22 caliber rim fire with lead bullets or copper wash bullets only (.22 magnum or hyper-velocity ammunition such as Stingers, Yellow Jackets, Vipers, etc. are prohibited).
- Classes:
 - Limited Class: Shooters are limited to equipment with iron sites (open or aperture) and with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$600.00 or less taken to the line. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
 - Unlimited Class: Shooters may use equipment with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of more than \$600.00 and there is no top limit to the price. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).

SECTION C-- .22 PISTOL MARKSMANSHIP

- Overview: The Youth Safety Handgun Act, as included in the Gun Control Act of 1968, puts restrictions on the use and possession of handguns by youth under 18 years of age. Youth participating in the Nevada 4-H Youth Development Shooting Sports program must, at all times, follow all provisions of this act. Therefore, before participating, the State 4-H Office will require "the prior written consent of the juvenile's parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm." This written permission form must be in possession of the youth and 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor— even if a parent/guardian is present. The Youth Handgun Permission Form is located in the Appendix.

All smallbore pistols are required to use a Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) type CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when the handgun is uncased and not being fired. Cased pistols will be the last equipment to be brought to the range and the first to be removed from it.

All events are "single pistol" matches, meaning participants are to shoot the entire course of fire, with the same pistol. No pistol changes will be allowed between stages, and only one pistol per shooter is allowed on the line. Pistols may be replaced only if they are disabled or malfunctioning.

- Equipment:

- Slow-Fire Bullseye-Single Stage:
 - Any pistol (single shot or semi-automatic) or revolver. The pistol shall most closely match the description of a pistol of the NRA Production Division—except noted in Rule 3.4 ([pistol-book.pdf \(nra.org\)](#)) or a rule specified in this synopsis. A Production firearm is one which is or has been a catalog item readily available to the general public equipped with factory notch and post sights. The firearm used in competition shall be serviceable and safe. All operational safety features of the firearm must function properly. If any firearm is observed to be unserviceable or unsafe, it shall be withdrawn at the request of the State 4-H Match Director. The firearm shall have not visible internal or external modifications except as noted in the NGB rules.
 - Barrel length, including cylinder, not more than 10 inches.
 - Trigger pull not less than 2 pounds.
 - .22 caliber rimfire – long rifle
- Classes:
 - Limited Class: Shooters are limited to equipment with iron sites (open or aperture) and with a Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$600.00 or less taken to the line. Only Senior age divisions will be offered.
 - Unlimited Class: Shooters may use equipment with a Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of more than \$600.00 and there is no top limit to the price taken to the line. Only Senior age divisions will be offered.
- Courses:
- **Slow Fire:**
 - Target NRA B-8
 - Distance 25 yds.
 - Course of Fire All slow-fire; 40 shots
 - Time Limit 10 shots per 10-minute string, with four strings
 - Shooting Position One-hand standing
 - NGB Rules: [NRA Precision Pistol Rules \(January 2023 Edition\)](#)
- **Silhouette:**
 - Target NRA hunter pistol metallic silhouettes (1/2 scale)
 - Distance All shooting in banks of 5 targets, shooting from left to right; 10 chickens at 40 yards, 10 pigs at 60 yards, 10 turkeys at 77 yards, 10 rams at 100 yards. 40 record shots.
 - Course of Fire Each competitor will be assigned to starting position and on command they will fire at the five targets in that bank in order from left to right. Upon completion of both banks in that category competitor will move to the right on command. Competitors firing at rams will rotate to chickens.
 - Time Limit 30 second ready time and two-minute firing time for each bank of 5 targets.
 - Shooting Position One-hand standing
 - NGB Rules: [NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules \(January 2023 Edition\)](#)

SECTION D -- ARCHERY

- Overview: Archery (Guideline - NAA Instructors Manual, NFAA Junior Bow Hunter Program)
- Equipment: Archers may use recurve, straight limb, or compound bows – point of aim or free style, but not both. Archers must have at least five arrows that match in weight, length, and size. Arrows must properly fit draw length and weight of bow (for example: no wooden arrows with compound bows, etc.). Finger protection must be used providing they are smooth with no devices to help hold the strings (no mechanical release aids). However, mechanical releases are allowed in the free-style class (not in the barebow class).
- Classes:
 - Compound Limited: Archers are limited to equipment and accessories with a combined Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$500.00 or less taken to the line. A Point of Aim is allowed (bow sights, peepholes, bow marks, stabilizers, and mechanical releases are not allowed in this class; but they are permitted in the Free Style Unlimited Class). Whisker biscuits added to a bow would be in this division. Contestants may enter this class or the Free Style Unlimited Class. However, both classes cannot be entered at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
 - Compound Unlimited: The cost of the equipment and accessories taken to the line may exceed a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$500.00 (there is not a top limit). Bow Sights, Peepholes, Bow Marks, Stabilizers, and Mechanical Releases are allowed in this class; but not in the Limited Class. Contestants may enter this class or the Limited Class. However, both classes cannot be entered at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
 - Recurve/Longbow Limited: Archers are limited to equipment and accessories with a combined Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$500.00 or less taken to the line. A Point of Aim is allowed (bow sights, peepholes, bow marks, stabilizers, and mechanical releases are not allowed in this class; but they are permitted in the Free Style Unlimited Class). Contestants may enter this class or the Free Style Unlimited Class. However, both classes cannot be entered at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
 - Recurve/Longbow Unlimited: The cost of the equipment and accessories taken to the line may exceed a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$500.00 (there is not a top limit). Bow Sights, Peepholes, Bow Marks, Stabilizers, and Mechanical Releases are allowed in this class; but not in the Limited Class. Contestants may enter this class or the Limited Class. However, both classes cannot be entered at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
- Contest: At the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match, archers may enter either the Limited Class or the Unlimited Class; but may not enter both classes. Two rounds of 5 arrows will be shot at each distance. No more than 5 minutes will be allowed per round of 5 arrows.
- Course: Juniors & Intermediates

<u>Distance</u>	<u>No. of Arrows</u>	<u>Target Face</u>
20 yards	5 + 5 (total 10)	40cm face
15 yards	5 + 5 (total 10)	40cm face
10 yards	5 + 5 (total 10)	40cm face

▪ Course: Seniors

<u>Distance</u>	<u>No. of Arrows</u>	<u>Target Face</u>
25 yards	5 + 5 (total 10)	40cm face
20 yards	5 + 5 (total 10)	40cm face
15 yards	5 + 5 (total 10)	40cm face

SECTION E -- AIR PISTOL

- Equipment: For the Limited Class, the purchase price of air pistols cannot exceed the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$600.00 and must be a .177-caliber pellet pistol. In the Unlimited Class, the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) may exceed \$600.00 and there is no top limit.
- Classes:
 - Air Pistol Limited: Shooters are limited to .177 caliber pellet pistol with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$600.00 or less taken to the line. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
 - Air Pistol Unlimited: Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) may exceed \$600.00 for air pistol and everything taken to the line. There is not top limit. All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
- Course: The air pistol course of fire is arranged to be compatible with an ordinary three position rifle match. There will be a five-minute sight in period followed by four ten-minute periods. Paper targets will be set at 10 meters, chickens at 4 meters, pigs at 5 meters, turkeys at 7 meters, and rams at 10 meters.
- Scoring: Scoring of the paper targets will be in the usual manner with a possible score of two hundred for the twenty shots. The silhouettes will be scored five points for each properly hit silhouette. Properly hit means shot at in the proper order (left to right) and knocked off the stand. The possible score for the silhouettes is one hundred points which combined with the score from the paper targets yields a possible score of three hundred.

As pellets ricochet when striking silhouettes, eye protection is absolutely mandatory for anyone on or near the firing line.

Junior and Intermediate divisions are allowed to use a two-handed hold on the pistol, Senior division are allowed only one hand.

SECTION F – MUZZLELOADING RIFLE

- Overview: This is synopsis of muzzleloading rifle rules. This document is intended to help shooters and coaches become familiar with the rules of muzzleloading rifle shooting. Events sponsored by other organizations may involve different rules and requirements.

- Equipment & Ammunition:
 - a. *Eye Protection* – All shooters and other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line, including coaches, range officials and any spectators must wear adequate eye protection (glasses or goggles). The equipment must protect both eyes.
 - b. *Corrective Lenses* – Normal corrective lenses constructed of impact resistant materials may be used.
 - c. *ISU Glasses* – ISU(UIT) shooting glasses may be used only if an impervious shield for the non-shooting eye is firmly attached to the frames to adequately protect the non- shooting eye.
 - d. *Ear Protection* – Adequate ear protection must be worn by all competitors, coaches, range officials and spectators on the range during live firing. Both earplugs and muffs are acceptable.
 - e. *Muzzleloading Rifle* – Any safe muzzleloading rifle of a single-barrel design; in any caliber; with a flintlock, a caplock ignition, or in-line ignition; and equipped with metallic sights or their equivalent may be used at the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Match. However, the National Contest states the caliber must .50 or smaller.
 - f. *Sights* – Metallic sights are defined as any sighting system made of metal or equivalent materials that provide a means of aligning two separate, visible sights or reference points mounted on the rifle. Corrective sights may be used. Telescopic sight or any sights designed to project an image on the target or to operate the firing mechanism are prohibited.
 - g. *Spotting Scopes* – The use of a telescope or binoculars to spot shots is permitted. It may be positioned forward of the shooter’s forward shoulder.
 - h. *Shooting Kits* – Shooting kits or stools may not be placed forward of the firing line, and rifle rests may not be used except between shots in the prone position.
 - i. *Ground Cloth* – A ground cloth or shooting mat may be used providing it is not constructed or used in a way that provides artificial support.
 - j. *Gloves* – Gloves of the type commonly worn as clothing may be worn, but specialized shooting gloves designed for competition may not be worn.
 - k. *Coats* – Competitive shooting coats may not be used.
 - l. *Slings* – rifle slings may not be used.
 - m. *Palm Rest* – Palm rests may not be used.
 - n. *Schuetzen Butt Plates* – Hooked butt plates of this design may not be used, but standard curved butt plates are permitted.
 - o. *Powder Charge Limitations* – Powder charges are limited to 60 grains of black powder or its volumetric equivalent of a black powder substitute.
 - p. *Projectiles* – In the muzzleloading silhouette match, projectiles are restricted to patched round balls. Sabots with jacketed bullets are not permitted.
- Targets:
 - a. *25-Yard Targets* – The NMLRA MO2427 Bottle target and the NMLRA M901 Haffner Combination target are used in this event.
 - b. *50-Yard Targets* – The NMLRA MO2406 100-yard rifle target is used in this event, although it may be changed at the discretion of the match director and the 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.

- c. *Silhouette Targets* – Standard 1/2 scale metallic silhouette targets will be used in this event.
- Shooting Positions:
 - *Standing Position* – Except for the Junior Age Division or in the case of a physical handicap as outlined in rule 5.1 below, all shooting shall be from the standing position. The same standing position used in 3-position shooting may be used. The elbow or upper arm of the forward hand may be placed against the body or supported on the hip. Junior Age Division shooters may use cross sticks in the kneeling position if they chose to.
 - *Physically Handicapped Shooters* – Shooters with physical handicaps that make it impossible to shoot from the specified positions may petition the 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator for permission to use modified equipment or positions. Thorough explanation and photographic evidence of the position and reasons for using it are required.
- Range Standards:
 - *Loading Line* – Loading, except for capping or charging the flash pan, will take place on the designated loading line. Powder cans may be open only when actually filling a powder measure. Open powder cans left on the range are subject to confiscation by the range staff.
 - *Firing Line* – The firing line is immediately in front of the firing points. All measurements of range are taken from the firing line to the face of the target.
 - *Firing Point* – The part of the range provided for the competitor from which firing takes place. Firing points will be numbered to correspond to the numbers on the target frames.
 - *Shelter* – Firing points may be protected by a roof but may not be wholly or partly enclosed. Competitors must be exposed to the prevailing winds. Umbrellas or other types of temporary shelters may not be used by competitors on the firing line.
 - *Distance* – Distances used in these matches range from 25 to 125 yards.
 - *Target Numbers* – Numbers on target frames will correspond to the numbers on the firing points and be large enough to be read with normal vision.
- Courses of Fire: The courses of fire listed here are those currently in use by the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Modifications of these courses of fire by districts, counties, or clubs are permissible as long as the course of fire is listed in the bulletin or announcement of the event.
 - a. *25-Yard Bottles and Critters* – 5 record shots at each target with unlimited sighters on the sighter bottle.
 - b. *50-Yard Bullseye* – 10 record shots standing
 - c. *Silhouette* – All shooters will shoot 2 chickens at 25 yards, 2 pigs at 50 yards, 2 turkeys at 75 yards, and 2 rams at 100 yards.
- Time Limits:
 - *Running Time* – Time is computed as a running total for each stage or series of shots. The range officer may terminate the firing time if all shooters have completed their firing. Time allowed but not used does not carry over to following stages. The shooter is responsible for pacing their shooting to meet the time limitations.

- *Time Allowances*
 - a. 25-Yard Bottles and Critters – 50 minutes
 - b. 50-Yard Bullseye – 50 minutes
 - c. Silhouette – 50 minutes
- *Shooter Responsibility* – Shooters are responsible for knowing the posted time limits for each event and for pacing their shooting to the time limits. Range officers may be asked about the passage of time or time remaining, but they are not charged with doing so.
- Competition Regulations:
 - *Changing Rifle* – Competitors may change rifles only if the rifle has been disabled.
 - *Disabled Rifle*- A disabled rifle is one, which cannot be properly aimed (including damage or loss of the sights) or safely fired, or one, which does not function properly. Rifles declared disabled cannot be used again until the defect has been fixed and it has been declared safe by the range officer. A rifle used to replace a defective rifle must be of the same caliber and type as the disabled rifle. A competitor will be given a minimum of 20 minutes to repair or replace the rifle before being called back to the range to fire.
 - *Malfunction* – Failure of the rifle to fire because of mechanical defects or defective ammunition are considered malfunctions. Improper operation of the firearm is not a malfunction.
 - *Coaching* – Coaching is prohibited in individual matches (including Nevada State 4-H Match).
 - *Cross Fire & Excessive Hits* – No shooter will knowingly fire at the target of another or fire more than the required number of shots on his/her own target.
 - *Behavior Of Participants* – Safe, circumspect and respectful behavior is expected of shooters, coaches and spectators at all 4-H shooting events at all times. Disorderly or unsafe conduct has no place on the shooting range and will not be permitted. At the discretion of the range staff or shooting sports coordinator, any shooter or coach displaying such conduct may be warned (maximum of one warning), penalized (score reduced by an appropriate amount) or disqualified (ejected from the competition). Any disqualification will be reviewed by the shooting sports coordinator and a jury assembled for the purpose of determining additional sanctions, if any, to be applied.
- Range Commands, Control, & Operation: Standard range safety and operation commands are essential in 4-H Shooting Sports events. Standard range control commands are used in these events. Range control and safety are the primary concern of range staff.
 - *Ramrod In the Bore* – Each muzzleloading rifle on the line will have a marked ramrod in the bore indicating that it is empty when it is brought to the line. Rifles will be racked with the muzzles pointed in a safe direction until authorized by the range officer to load. At that time, caps may be fired downrange and into the ground beyond the firing line to clear the bore and make it ready for loading. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will careless handling be permitted.
 - *Rifles Unloaded* – No rifle will be loaded until shooters are in position with the rifles pointed in a safe direction on the loading line and the command to load is given.

- *Loaded Rifles* – Any rifle on the loading or firing lines will be considered loaded and treated as such at all times.
- *Capping Or Charging* – Rifles may be capped or charged only on the firing line.
- *Cease Firing* – All firing must stop immediately. Caps will be removed or priming powder dumped. Shooters with a loaded rifle will remain on the line with the rifle pointed in a safe direction and raise a hand to indicate that their rifles are still loaded. The rifles may be discharged into the backstop berms, but not at the targets on the command to “dump it in the hill.”
 - *Not Ready* – Any competitor who is not ready to fire at the query “is the line ready?” must respond immediately by stating “not ready” and their firing point number.
 - *Loud Language* – Loud or abusive language will not be permitted on or near the firing line. Conversations near the firing line during competition will be limited to official business.
 - *Smoking* – No smoking is permitted on or near the firing line or the loading line by participants, officials, coaches, or spectators.
 - *Delaying A Match* – No competitor will delay a match through tardiness in reporting to the firing line or excessive delay in preparing to fire.
 - *Preparation Period* – Competitors will be permitted three minutes to take their places on the firing line and prepare to fire after being called to the firing line.
 - *Firing Line Procedures & Commands* – These commands may be given by the chief range officer or another individual designated by the chief range officer.
 - a. *Relay To The Firing Line* – The relay and match or match number will be stated as an immediate call to the firing line. This command will be followed immediately by stating “the preparation period starts now.” At the end of three minutes, the range officer will announce “the preparation period has ended.”
 - b. *Load* – After seeing that the range is clear and the competitors are ready, the range officer proceeds with the firing commands, beginning with “load.”
 - c. *Is The Line Ready* – At this command, any competitor who is not ready will respond by saying “not ready on (firing point number).” The range officer will state either “the line is ready” or “the line is not ready” as is appropriate. If the line is not ready, he will repeat the process.
 - d. *Preparatory Commands* – After stating that the line is ready, the range officer will state the following sequence of commands on approximately 3-second intervals unless inabilities of the range to operate or safety considerations occur. “Ready on the right,” “ready on the left,” and “ready on the firing line” constitute a sequenced preparation for the command to fire or exposure of the targets.
 - e. *Commence Firing* – This command may be given verbally, by a short blast on a whistle or by moving concealed or half-masted

targets into full view. Timing will begin with the commence firing command.

- f. *Cease Firing* – Two types of cease-fire situations are addressed.
 - *Unsafe Condition* – In the event of an unsafe condition on the range or some other condition demanding an immediate cease fire, the range officer will state “cease fire – unload.” In the event of such a command, competitors will immediately cease firing, remove the caps or priming powder and keep the rifles pointed in a safe direction.
 - *Completion Of The Match Or Series* – At the end of the time period for any match or series of shots, the range officer will state “cease firing – unload and remain in position until the line is cleared.” That will be followed by the queries “are there any alibis or saved rounds on the right?” and “are there any alibis or saved rounds on the left?” Once these have been resolved, the range officer will ask competitors with loaded rifles to “dump it in the hill” before declaring the line clear.
- g. *As You Were* – Disregard the command just given regardless of what it was and return to the status prior to that last command.
- h. *Carry On* – This means to continue whatever was being done before an interruption occurred.

- *Malfunction Or Failure To Fire* – The competitor must keep the rifle on the shoulder and pointed downrange for one minute, then keep it downrange for another minute before attempting to rectify the situation. A range officer will respond to a raised hand or verbal request for assistance. Additional time will be allowed for the time lost if it was not a loading error on the part of the shooter.

▪ Scoring:

- *Scoring Times* – Targets may be scored as designated by shoot management, but usually will be scored after each relay has completed each stage in their course of fire.
- *Excessive Hits* – If excess hits occur on any target, including those in excess of the number fired by the competitor, any hit that can be determined to have come from another shooter based upon caliber, type, backing target (if used) or other evidence will be disallowed and only the proper number of hits will be scored.
- *Competitor Fired More Shots Than Regulation* – Competitors firing more shots than are required in any relay or match will penalized one point per excessive hit and lose hits of highest value until the required number is reached.
- *Decision Of Ties* – Ties will be broken only where awards are involved. If required procedures are as follows:
 - a. *Shot-By-Shot Shoot-off* – Time and conditions permitting, shooters tied for placings will shoot off one shot at a time until one shooter has a score higher than the others. In multiple shoot-offs this process will continue until all ties for placing are determined.
 - b. *Other Procedures* – In the event that live shoot-offs cannot be held, tiebreakers will proceed in the following order: least misses, 10’s, 9’s, etc.

- Classes: All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).

SECTION G -- SHOTGUN

- Overview: National 4-H Shooting Sports Rules serves as the basis for Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Rules. Other bodies such as ATA (Trap) and NSSA (Skeet) provide support and guidance for the rules established, but 4-H sets its rules for 4-H Shooting Sports.
- Equipment: All current 4-H Shotgun Events permit the use of any shotgun 12 Gauge or smaller.
 - a. Release triggers: Shotguns with release trigger may *not* be used in this event.
 - b. Semi-Automatic Shotguns are not permitted unless it is equipped with a shell catcher.
 - c. Choke Tubes: Interchangeable are permitted. However, the choke cannot be changed after the competition begins.
 - d. Ported Barrels: Shotguns with ported barrels or similar devices are permitted.
 - e. Ammunition: Unfired ammunition may not exceed standard 2 ¾". Shot size may be no larger than US #7½ and the maximum weight of shot may not exceed 1 1/8 ounces. Velocities shall be approximately 1200 feet persecond.
- Shotgun Classes: All three age divisions are offered (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
- Course:
 - *Shooting Positions* - The shooter must stand with both feet within the boundaries of the shooting station.
 - *Calling for Target* - When the shooter is in position and ready for the target, he or she calls crisply and clearly "pull" or some other signal or command that clearly indicates that the target is to be thrown.
- Event:
 - *State 4-H Contest Shooting (Trap)*
 - *Course Of Fire* – All shooters will shoot two rounds (25 targets per round, for a total of 50 targets). Each round shall consist of five targets from each of five shooting stations, at a distance of 16 yards. Each hit target will count six points. Ties are broken by shooting 5 targets from two stations.
 - *Time Limit* – Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay. Shooters should be prepared to take the field forty-five minutes to one hour before their scheduled shooting time.
 - *Non-Fires* – Each shooter is allowed two non-fires during each round of competition. After the second non-fire, each non-fire shall count as a missed target.
 - *Shoot-Offs* – Shoot-Offs shall be conducted to break ties. It shall consist of five targets from Stations 1 and 5 from the twenty-one-yard line. If still tied, the distance shall be increased to the twenty-seven-yard line. If still tied, first miss from a distance and Station determined by the contest officials shall determine the winner.
 - *Trap* – Standard American Trap Association (ATA)
 - *Course Of Fire* – All shooters will shoot four rounds (25 targets per round,

for a total of 100 targets). Each round shall consist of five targets from each of five shooting stations, at a distance of 16 yards. Ties are broken by shooting 5 targets from two stations.

- *Time Limit* – Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay. Shooters should be prepared to take the field up to one hour before their scheduled shooting time.
- *Shoot-Offs* Shoot-Offs shall be conducted to break ties. All shoot-off qualifying individuals and teams will be required to report to the designated shoot off area. 2 shooters- stations 2 & 4
 - 3 shooters- stations 2, 3, & 4
 - 4 shooters- stations 2, 3, 4, & 5
 - 5 shooters- stations 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

Round 1: 25 targets from the 16-yard line. Round 1 ties are broken via reverse run.

Round 2: 2 targets at each station from the 20- yd line.

Round 3: 2 targets at each station from the 24- yd line.

Round 4: 2 targets at each station from the 27-yd line.

Rounds 2-4+: Once each participant has successfully completed the 2 attempts at a given station, the squad will rotate in a clockwise manner to the next station. A participant is removed from competition on their first target declared “Lost” as long as 2 or more participants remain. The shoot off ends when one of the final 2 participants suffers a “Lost” target and the remaining participant breaks the final target in a given round. Once a round has been completed, remaining competitors will move on to the following rounds.

In the event of competitors remaining after the 4th round, target speed will be increased and competition will remain on the 27- yd line until competition concludes.

- *Skeet* – Standard National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA)
 - *Course Of Fire* – All shooters will shoot four rounds (25 targets per round, for a total of 100 targets) consisting of singles and doubles from Stations 1, 2, 6, & 7 and singles from Stations 3, 4, 5, & 8. Ties are broken by shooting targets from three stations.
 - *Time Limit* – Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay. Shooters should be prepared to take the field forty-five minutes to one hour before their scheduled shooting time.
 - *Shoot-Offs* – Shoot-Offs shall be conducted to break ties. It shall consist of doubles from Stations 3, 4, & 5; with first miss also being incorporated throughout the Shoot-Off.
- *Sporting Clays* – National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA)
 - *Course Of Fire* – Any combination of 100 targets. At least 50 will be in a walking course. Tie breaker will be conducted via a Shoot-Off.
 - *Time Limit* – Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay. Shooters should be prepared to take the field forty-five minutes to one hour before their scheduled shooting time.
 - *Shoot-Offs* – Shoot-Offs shall be conducted to break ties. It shall begin with 5

challenging pairs from a 5-Stand Course. Shooting order and position will be determined by the Match Officials. Placing is determined by the highest total of targets broken out of the round of 5 Pairs (10 targets). If ties persist, then the Match Officials shall establish five new and different pairs for another round; this process shall be repeated until a winner is determined.

- *5-Stand Sporting Clays – National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA)*
 - *Course Of Fire* – The course shall consist of 50 targets with 25 targets on each of two Sporting Clay Layouts using mixed targets of the management’s choice and placement. Tie breaker will be conducted via a Shoot-Off.
 - *Time Limit* – Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay. Shooters should be prepared to take the field forty-five minutes to one hour before their scheduled shooting time.
 - *Shoot-Offs* – Shoot-Offs shall be conducted to break ties. It shall begin with 5 challenging pairs from the 5-Stand Course. Shooting order and position will be determined by the Match Officials. Placing is determined by the highest total of targets broken out of the round of 5 Pairs (10 targets). If ties persist, then the Match Officials shall establish five new and different pairs for another round; this process shall be repeated until a winner is determined.

SECTION H – HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

- Overview: Each county may enter two teams of four persons each. There are no age groups. However, each team is limited to having no more than two seniors (14 or over). In order to be eligible for the Hunter Education Challenge, each team member must have demonstrated proficiency in the safe handling of firearms and archery equipment. Each participant must have passed the general written quiz with a score of 70% or better.
- Course: The Hunter Education Challenge will be a team event. Competitors will be required to work through tasks as a team. The Hunter Ed course will challenge 4-H member’s knowledge and abilities in outdoor activities. The course will cover resource conservation, hunter/outdoorsman etiquette, safety, first aid, and map reading. Additionally, there may be shooting events using air rifle/pistol and/or archery. Contest time will be as needed or required.
- Classes:
 - a. Team A
 - b. Team B
- Contest/Teaching Resources:
 - Quiz References in addition to guidelines are selected from the Wildlife project materials available from the National 4-H Council (4-H), National Rifle Association (NRA), Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), and National Archery Association (NAA).
 - SW 408 Waterfowl Management (4-H) SW 428 Providing Needs of Wildlife (4-H) SW 432 Wildlife Foods (4-H)
 - SW 434 Wildlife Ecology (4-H) SW 440 Archery (4-H)
 - SW 441 An Introduction to Firearms & Hunting (4-H) SW 445 Wildlife Laws & Enforcement (4-H)
 - SW 446 Hunting & Fishing Sportsmanship (4-H) Hunters Guide (NRA)

- Hunter Safety Education Handbook (NDOW) Instructors Manual (NAA)
- Safe Gun Handling (NRA) Basics of Pistol Shooting (NRA)
- 4-H Youth Range Manual (MSU)
- Hunting Skills:
 - All hunting activities will be based on the content of: 4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Curriculum NRA Hunters Guide
 - Wildlife Guides from Federal Ammunition Company
 - 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) National Manual
 - This contest is based on the national aspect or perspective for the evaluation of “Hunting Skills”. Therefore, any game, varmint, or furbearing animal in North America (meaning north of Mexico) is eligible for placement in this contest. Contestants may/can expect some focus on local species, which may/will vary from region to region. However, only species listed in the resource publications may use utilized in the contest.
 - Any skill-based element in the resource materials may be tested: including map and compass, aerial photo interpretation, live fire (small bore rifle, muzzleloading rifle, shotgun, or archery), track and sign interpretation, selection of a stand or blind site, and other aspects pertaining to hunting. If it is a hunting skill, it may be included in this contest.
 - No set course can be predicted because it will depend on terrain, facilities, skills selection, etc. The stations for each hunting skill task will be designed as needed. Live fire situations will not be “formal” courses of fire, but will seek to imitate possible hunting situations.
 - All aspects of the contest will be on an individual basis with the team score being a computation of the individual scores. Participants should bring their own clipboard, pen/pencil, an orienteering compass (no GPS/GIS units will be allowed), and a small ruler or measuring tape.
 - Participants must also furnish their own archery equipment and firearms/ammunition for the live fire aspects of the contest. However, all equipment/supplies must meet the following guidelines.
 - *Smallbore Rifle* – limited to sporter rifles (hunting style stocks, sporter barrel), maximum weight including sites of 8.0 pounds, safe hunting triggers (pulls of at least 2.5 pounds). Scopes may not be greater than 6X and if variable scopes are used, they must be taped at no greater than 6X. Range finder reticules are not permitted. Standard velocity .22 LR ammunition or high velocity ammunition is allowed (hyper velocity rounds are not allowed). A hunting style sling of no more than 1.5 inches in width is permitted.
 - *Muzzleloading Rifle* – limited to patched round balls only, with no more than 60 grains of black powder or its velocity equivalent. Metallic sights, either open or peep, are the only one permitted (no scopes are permitted). Traditional or in-line rifle with any ignition is permitted.
 - *Shotgun* – limited to 12 gauge or smaller, capable of two shots without reloading, with standard target or field loads of no more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot and shot no larger than #8. No high brass, maximum loads.

- *Bow* – (no crossbows are permitted) limited to a bow suitable for hunting, drawing no more than 65 pounds with suitable field arrows. Hunting sights that neither magnify nor project an image on the target are permitted. Stabilizers are limited to a maximum length of twelve inches. All shooting will be at unmarked distances. Barebow, recurve, and compound distances may vary or scoring may be adjusted to compensate for different styles.
- Hunter Decision-Making: This is a typical decision-making event (like livestock or horse judging), with a scenario and four possible choices for each of the stations. Contestants must rank the choices in order of preference based upon their knowledge of the wildlife materials. Any equipment or methods in the 4-H Manuals are possible for inclusion in this contest. Participants may be asked to give oral reasons or written reasons for their placings.
 - There may be up to twenty decision-making stations based upon the content of the resources listed above.
 - There is a maximum of ten minutes per station, plus adequate time (up to one hour) to prepare written or oral reasons.
 - Scoring based upon fifty points per station and fifty points per set of reasons (written or oral). Contest Officials will determine the correct placing and the point cuts for each class (decision- making station). The typical scoring (“Hormel” type calculator scoring) for judging contests will be used.
- Wildlife ID & Management: This section includes wildlife identification, wildlife management, and wildlife management techniques or problems. Participants will be asked to identify specimens or parts of specimens (skulls, skins, wings, single feathers, antlers/horns, etc), tracks, scat, or other sign. In addition, questions relating to relatively simply wildlife management or ecology may be posed (for example: habitat type preference, breeding or loafing habitat, primary activity times, etc).
 - A minimum of twenty stations and up to fifty stations requiring identification, analysis, or interpretation will be used in this section. Participants will move through the course expeditiously without undue delay.
 - Scoring is simply based on correct versus incorrect answers to the identification/situations posed.

SECTION I- 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS- to participate in the national championships youth must qualify at the state shooting sports competition for the discipline in which they will be competing in. A qualification is a blue-ribbon score.

- Age Requirements – Participants must be 14 to 18 years of age on January 1st of 2025 to compete at the Championships.
- Individual Participation – All individuals participating as team members are competing concomitantly as individuals. Where teams cannot be formed, individual participants may compete in the Championships for individual awards and recognition.
- Team Composition - Teams are composed of no less than 3 and no more than 4 individuals. Each land grant university, operating a state 4-H Shooting Sports Program, is limited to one team per discipline, with a maximum of 36 participants overall.

Development of 4-H Shooting Sports Program Funds

The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee will work with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension State 4-H Program Leader, Development Director, and State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator in funding efforts throughout the state.

County groups are encouraged to seek and utilize local resources in support of their programs and activities. Funds raised in counties for support of their local programs remain in that county/club for their use. All local fundraising efforts require the approval of their Extension Educator. If the Extension Educator believes local in-county fundraising efforts may potentially conflict with fundraising for the overall program, they will contact the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator for further guidance.

County fund raising efforts mustn't conflict with area and/or state efforts to secure funding from existing or potential area, state and/or national sponsors. When county groups are seeking funds or resources from organizations or groups *outside* of their county, the proposal must be submitted through the County Extension Educator to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator for review and consideration. In consultation with the State 4-H Program Leader, the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator can:

- a. approve the county submitting the proposal as an individual proposal solely for their county program.
- b. develop a cooperative agreement with the county to include their county's proposed needs in a combined state proposal for the overall program.

Any funding or grant proposals submitted by area groups must have the approval of their UNR Extension Area Director and be submitted to the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. In consultation with the State 4-H Program Leader, the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator can:

- a. approve the area submitting the proposal as an individual proposal solely for their county program.
- b. develop a cooperative agreement with the area group to include their area's proposed needs in a combined state proposal for the overall program.

Specific guidelines for using State 4-H Shooting Sports funds for the overall program (not county funds) will be developed by the 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. Priorities for state fund raising and use of such funds will be determined by the State 4-H Program Leader and UNR Extension Development Director with advisement from the 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.

Funds raised for the 4-H Shooting Sports program by any entity will be managed in accordance with UNR, UNR Extension, and 4-H Policies.

The Future & Change

This document outlines basic guidance and policies for administering the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in Nevada.

The Nevada State 4-H Program Leader, the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, and

the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee will work together to develop any other implementing, operational, organizational, or programmatic policies, rules and guidelines that might be necessary for the safe and successful operation of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in Nevada. This also includes making any changes or modifications in this document necessary to better support the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Program as it grows and develops over time.

All changes to this document shall be communicated from the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator to the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and to the UNR Extension 4-H Faculty and/or Staff throughout Nevada. Unless it is deemed necessary for safety reasons or dictated from National 4-H; all changes shall become effective following the approval of the change.