

## Frequently Asked Questions for the MN 4-H State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational (State Shoot)

### 1. How do I register for the State Shoot?

Your county coach should have the registration information at one of your meetings, or you can get the information off the 4-H website at

[www.fourh.umn.edu/Programs/ShootingSports/StateShoot.html](http://www.fourh.umn.edu/Programs/ShootingSports/StateShoot.html)

You must have a coach sign the form to certify you have met the required hours to participate in each event you register for.

### 2. What do I need to do before I arrive at State Shoot?

If you are planning to stay overnight, you will need to either make a hotel reservation or find a camping site in the area. You will want to ask your coach for any other information about your county program or county plans. The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Project website will have any updates, including a copy of the rules. Check the site for more information at

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### 3. What do I need to bring with me for State Shoot?

You will want to bring your own equipment with you, including your ammunition, safety glasses, ear protection and any other personal equipment. If you need to share equipment with others in your county, please talk to your coach so they know what you will need during the event. Many people bring a lawn chair to watch activities. Counties may choose to have a tent/canopy as a central location for participants to gather between events or as a meeting place. Don't forget clothing appropriate for the weather!

### 4. Where should I meet my team when I arrive at State Shoot?

Your team should have a plan as to where and when to meet after arrival at the State Shoot. One coach from a county will need to pick up all of the registration information, which includes your ID, which is required for you to participate on a shooting line. Having a scheduled meeting time and place will help to make sure everyone gets their information before they need to shoot. Plan to have a meeting before 7:30 a.m. on Saturday when the first events begin and wristbands are needed.

5. Do I need anything special in order to participate at State Shoot?

Before you can participate on the line in any event, you will need to have your Participant ID. One coach from each county will pick up the information and you will need to find them to receive yours. A scheduled meeting time will be important to get this Participant ID.

6. Can I check how I've been doing in my events at State Shoot?

Preliminary results will be posted periodically beginning at 3:00 p.m. Recording and input errors happen, so be sure to check all your scores for accuracy. It is your responsibility to report any discrepancy to staff in the scoring room.

7. What happens if I miss my time on an event because another event ran long?

You must talk to the range officers and let them know what has happened and to check on an available time to reschedule, if possible. If you do not talk to a range officer, you may not be allowed to make up the event.

8. What are Conservation/Wildlife Exhibits and do I need to do anything?

Each county is expected to prepare a Conservation/Wildlife exhibit, representing a topic they have learned about or explored within the past year. This exhibit is put on display during the State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational and will also be judged by representatives of your county, who will visit with a judge (as in conference judging). Conservation/Wildlife exhibits are eligible for awards. If a county chooses not to have a conservation/wildlife exhibit, they are not eligible for individual or team awards.

9. I've heard about the Wildlife Skillathon, but how does it work?

The Wildlife Skillathon is the opportunity to see how much you know about the wildlife project. The Wildlife Skillathon is a hands-on event where you will get to experience hunting decisions, habitat evaluation, maps, orienteering and more. This event is not required and participants can participate on their own timeline.

10. I have youth from different age levels that want to be on a team. Can I combine shooters from different levels on one team?

Yes, but the members from the junior or intermediate level may need to participate in additional rounds or participate at a different distance. It will be the responsibility of the participant to know they need to do additional rounds. This will be especially true in the following events:

- Archery: A junior archer will need to shoot an additional round at the intermediate/senior distance to be on an intermediate or senior team
- Trap: An intermediate trap shooter will need to shoot two additional rounds of Trap to be on a senior team. (This will be an additional cost of \$10 that will be billed back to the participants county AFTER the state invitational.)

11. I have registered for events but now I find I cannot attend the State Invitational. Can I get my money back?

Refund Policy: The \$15 registration fee for the state shoot is not refundable. Event fees are refundable upon written request of the MN State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Coordinator for extenuating circumstances. No refunds or cancellations during the state shoot.

12. I am interested in learning more about the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational held each summer. Where do I get more information?

An informational letter and an indication of interest form are available at the registration desk during State Shoot. This information will also be available on the MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife project website at

<http://www.fourh.umn.edu/Programs/ShootingSports.html>

13. I've heard there will be some items available for sale during the state shoot. What will this include?

All items for sale will be available at the registration desk or in the registration area. These items will include:

- T-shirts, sweatshirts and other clothing items
- Lapel (or hat) pins.

14. I want to get a patch to sew on my shooting sports vest. How would I get one?

Each participant and coach at State Shoot will receive a complimentary Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational patch. These

will be in the envelope that one person from your county will pick up at the registration desk at the beginning of state shoot. Check with this person on how you will receive your patch.

15. If I have questions at any point during the State Shoot, who should I ask?

Stop at the registration desk and someone will be glad to help you, or find the answer to your questions. Range officials will also be very helpful about specific disciplines.

16. I heard something about a Silent Auction during the State Shoot. What is this?

Organizations, individuals and counties have donated items to be sold as a fundraiser for the MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program. Stop by the tents near the Trap range and you can see what all is available. The Silent Auction will run on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. A Silent Auction works by people signing their name and offering a bid for an item. Checking back later is important to see if you are still the highest bidder or if you need to raise your bid. It's a fun way to help raise money for the MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program.

17. What is range etiquette?

1. Be prepared. It is your responsibility to read all the rules for your event, and show up for your event on time.
2. Be on time. Come to the line when called. Have a parent or coach inform the line official if youth is still on another line.
3. Listen to the line official for instructions regarding uncasing equipment. Have equipment facing "down range" at all times.
4. Actions will be kept open when not on the firing line.
5. When shooting is completed, step back from the line and sit down, leave firearm action open and equipment uncased until checked by line official.
6. Be respectful to all participants, line officials and other youth and adults present at the event.
7. Listen to the line official for all instructions regarding line and scoring procedures.
8. Wear appropriate footwear for your discipline terrain.