



**Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports
State 4-H BB Fall Postal Match
Hosted in Individual Counties
October 10 – November 1, 2020
Pre-Registration Deadline – September 30, 2020**

**SPECIFIC BB POSTAL MATCH COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES
(2020 Revisions in Red)**

What are Postal Leagues or Matches? Originally named “Postal Leagues” because the targets were mailed in for scoring via the U.S. Postal Service, Postal Leagues are a state-wide competitive shooting match in which participants can compete with others across the state without having to travel outside their home county. Participants complete their course of fire locally over an extended designated time frame. Thus, allowing for greater flexibility of schedules and eliminating the cost of travel to an event. Following the close of the matches, targets are mailed to the State 4-H Office. All shooting must be supervised by a 4-H Shooting Sports Coach certified in Rifle, and the match must also be supervised by the County Agent of that individual county.

SAFETY

Safety is the number one concern of all match officials, adult leaders and competitors. Proper safety procedures will be followed and enforced at all times. Safety infractions may result in the disqualification of the shooter.

ENTRY FEE

There is a **\$20.00** fee per entry.

ELIGIBILITY

Entry in the state shoot is limited to youth who:

- Are enrolled in a Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports Program
- Are within the age limits: Participants must meet the minimum 4-H age and may not compete if they have had their sixteenth (16th) birthday before the day of the match. However, this year due, to the COVID-19 pandemic, any shooter who was eligible this past Spring (2020) may compete in this postal match.

SPECIAL RULES FOR THIS POSTAL MATCH

- The match will be held in the county where the athletes are 4-H members.
- Once registration closes on September 30, 2020, the State 4-H Office will mail targets to each county with contestant names on them.
- The County Extension Agent will be in charge of target security
 - The Agent will bring the official targets to the match and be present when they are shot.
 - The Agent will take the targets, immediately after they are shot and place them, unscored, in a secure envelope.
 - Once all competitors in an individual county have shot the match, the Agent will mail the targets to the State 4-H Office for scoring.
- It will be up to the individual county to plan a time for each competitor to shoot the match between October 10 and November 1, 2020. (with COVID Guidelines this may be spread out across several dates and times)

- Each competitor must shoot all 4 positions at the same event. (ex. NOT standing on one day and sitting on another day, etc.)
- All of a counties' targets must be mailed together and be postmarked by November 2, 2020.
- All scores will be posted on line and awards will be mailed.

LINE COACHES AND RANGE ASSISTANCE

Each team is advised to have three adults available during the contest. This should include: (1) one 4-H state certified instructor who will serve as the range officer, (1) one coach/loader, preferably a 4-H state certified instructor (COVID Adjustment – Preferably this person should be someone who is not regularly socially distanced from the athlete. i.e. parent, guardian, etc.), and (1) one county Extension agent who will distribute, collect, and maintain security of the targets. See the NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rules for information regarding coaching. It can be found at: <http://rulebooks.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Bbgun/bb-book.pdf>

SCORING CHALLENGES

Challenges may be made within 48 hours of the Orion verified scores being posted online. To make an official protest, Contact Scott Reese, State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, by email at swreese@utk.edu

ENTRY LIMIT

Because this is not a qualifying event for any other competition, each county will be able to enter as many individuals as they want.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION ONLY

There will not be any team awards, just top individuals.

RULES

Conduct of the competition will be governed by this set of rules and the current NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rules, but may be modified by the competition superintendent. Any modifications to the rules will be made as "Match Bulletins" and will be made available to all coaches and shooters. See the NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rules for information regarding Equipment (Sec 3). It is the responsibility of all coaches and shooters to be familiar with the rule book. It can be found at: <http://rulebooks.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Bbgun/bb-book.pdf>

COURSE OF FIRE

The BB gun match consists of 40 shots for record fired at 5 meters (16 ft. 4 ¾ inches) in four stages with a 10-minute time limit for each stage as follows:

- Stage 1: 10 shots from the Prone position, NRA Rule 5.6.
- Stage 2: 10 shots from the Standing position, NRA Rule 5.12.
- Stage 3: 10 shots from the Sitting position, NRA Rule 5.8.
- Stage 4: 10 shots from the Kneeling position, NRA Rule 5.10.
- Target: The official target will be the **Orion 5m BB Gun 12 Bull Competition Target**.

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Safety Protocols for Fall BB Postal Match

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1. All County and City COVID-19 Guidelines, where the event is taking place, MUST be followed in addition to these protocols.
2. Every person at the event will be required to wear a mask. Proper PPE will be provided to all staff and volunteers, and hand sanitizer will be available at all fields and indoor ranges. Extra PPE will be available if contestants arrive without what they need.
3. Mask will be required. However, because it could be considered a safety issue, competitors will not be required to wear their mask while shooting. The shooting stations will be 6 ft. apart. Each competitor may remove their mask after arriving at their station and before they start shooting. They will replace it before exiting the firing line.
4. Check in desk will be located outside (weather permitting) and will have a Plexiglas shield on the table. Participants will be expected to wait in line at least 6 ft. apart. Only verbal verification should be necessary during check in because all registration information must be handled in SUPER prior to the event.
5. Participants will complete all stages of the competition during 1 visit to the range. This should mitigate interaction between groups.
6. Staggered range times will be sent out prior to the event to lower the number of people at the event and competitors will be encouraged to return home after they complete the competition.
7. No fees will be taken that day, so that will limit contact with participants and the workers.
8. Equipment inspection and weight testing will be done by staff who are wearing gloves and hand sanitizer will be used between each inspection. Only 1 participant will be allowed to present equipment at a time. Depending on number of staff and volunteers available, it is also possible that several equipment check stations may be set up in order to speed the inspection process.
9. In the event that equipment is going to be shared, ALL equipment will be wiped down before use, between athletes, and after the last use for the day.
10. All targets will be retrieved by the Agent in charge of target security and placed in the target envelope. Agent will use gloves.
11. All target stands and range equipment will be wiped down and sanitized between individuals.
12. Parents and spectators will only be allowed to watch the completion in the event that the range is set up where proper social distancing can be achieved. Only coaches and range staff will be allowed in the competition area. Everyone will maintain the 6 ft social distancing rules and contestants and coaches will exit the range room after their competition.
13. All information will be placed on the targets prior to competition and therefore, no writing will be required during the competition.
14. All results will be posted digitally and awards will be sent by mail.



Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports Fall Jamboree
State 4-H BB Postal Match

GENERAL RULES

All rules and guidelines are subject to change. The Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports Fall Jamboree follows all guidelines for Tennessee 4-H events. 4-H is the youth program of the University of Tennessee Extension and Tennessee State University Extension.

Participants are to register through their County Extension Office. By entry in these events, the County Extension Office and the county 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator is verifying that the youth entered are knowledgeable and proficient in the safe use of the equipment and the fundamentals of the event. Match and/or range officials may dismiss or disqualify a participant if he/she believes the participant does not demonstrate the basic proficiency and knowledge required. Entry is limited to **those individuals who are enrolled in 4th grade or above and have not had his/her sixteenth (16th) birthday by the date of the contest. This fall those who were eligible, in age, at the time of the normal spring contest may also compete.**

1. **4-H membership** - All bona fide, active, 4-H Shooting Sports members are eligible to compete in 4-H Shooting Sports events, subject to limitations imposed by the specific event and the rules for active membership instituted by Tennessee 4-H. **4-H Shooting Sports members are those 4-H youth who have been under the direction of a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor.** Contact your County UT Extension office for 4-H membership.
2. **Age Classes** - **There will be one age class: Ages 8 to 15 years old (must be in at least 4th grade). However, this year due, to the COVID-19 pandemic, any shooter who was eligible this past Spring (2020) may compete in this postal match.**
3. **Entry Limit** - **Due to COVID-19 issues, all eligible individuals can register for this fall event.**
4. **Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match Eligibility (Not applicable for this Fall Postal Match)** – The top three teams will become eligible to represent Tennessee 4-H at the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match in Rogers, Arkansas in July. **Participants must be 8 to 15 years of age on the first day of the national competition.** Individuals may only compete in the team match every other year, not consecutive years. See full rules at: <http://www.dnbbgcm.com/>

5. **Official Entry** – Pre-registration is required to participate in this event. An entry fee is also required. **Deadline for pre-registration and entry fees is September 30 for BB. (Counties may impose earlier deadlines).** **Participants are to register through their County Extension Office. County Extension Office must register through SUPER.**
6. **Fee Schedule** – A fee of **\$20.00** will be assessed for every entry in BB. Entry fees are due with registration. (Counties may impose earlier deadlines).
7. **Range Personnel** - The scorers and range safety officers will be designated by the Discipline Superintendent.
8. **Individual participation** – All competition will be individual this fall.
9. **Medical Consent Form & Adult Supervision** - It is the responsibility of each County to have the appropriate health consent and release forms for each of their participants and adult supervisors (600A, 600B, or 600C, see link for Health / Code of Conduct forms at <https://4h.tennessee.edu/forms-and-materials/>). An adult supervisor/coach/manager should be present at the event site, with immediate access to the forms, any time their youth are participating in any 4-H Shooting Sports event. The Tennessee State 4-H Program is not responsible for medical authorization and health history of the participants.
10. **Awards** – **Due to COVID-19, all awards will be posted online. Awards will include only top individuals in each position and overall.** There will be a “Champions Division” for those that have competed at the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match on a team the previous year.
11. **Safety** – Safety must be the number one priority of range personnel, participants, and spectators. Standard accepted safety rules will be followed at all times, special safety considerations will be announced at each venue. The Discipline Superintendent, Range officers, or other event staff may dismiss anyone from the range for unsafe behavior. The score may be forfeited, participant disqualified, or spectators barred at the discretion of the range staff. **Due to COVID-19, there will be social distancing guidelines in effect at all events.**
12. **Eye and Ear Protection Requirement** - Adequate eye protection (shooting glasses, safety glasses or safety goggles, or hardened prescription glasses) are required for all competitors in the BB rifle discipline. **No earbuds or headphones connected to devices will be allowed on or near the ready or firing line.** Coaches or spectators on or near firing lines are subject to the same requirements.
13. **Two-Way Communication:** **No radio or other two-way electronic communication devices may be employed for the purpose of communicating between a coach or shooter on the line, and/or any other observer during the conduct of a match. This includes verbal and physical communication between coaches on the ready and firing line.**

14. **Coaches** – Each County shall designate one coach per firing line, unless otherwise stated in the specific competition rules. This coach is the adult permitted to discuss procedures, ask questions, or advocate for his/her team with range officials. This coach should be designated on the entry form.
15. **Coaching** - As a general rule, limited coaching is permitted. (See individual discipline coaching guidelines.) However, coaching must never disturb other participants. Each County is limited to 1 coach per firing line, unless otherwise stated in the specific competition rules. A coach may set up his/her own spotting equipment.
16. **No Smoking** - No smoking is permitted on or near the firing lines. Smoking areas may be set up at some venues, however most locations for 4-H events are completely smoke free. Smoking by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted on the grounds at any time. Violation of this policy is grounds for ejection.
17. **Alcohol Policy** - No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on the grounds. Violation of this policy is grounds for ejection.
18. **Dress Code** - Participants are expected to dress appropriately. Team uniforms or shirts are encouraged, but not required. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Participants are required to wear shoes that completely cover the foot on all ranges. Clothing with sexually suggestive wording or graphics; and alcohol or tobacco advertisement is not appropriate. Range officials have the final word concerning the dress code and may announce or address specific cases. All shooters and coaches should remember that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media. Remember that you represent all of 4-H. Make it a positive image!
19. **Behavior and Sportsmanship** - All participants and spectators are expected to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship, supporting the objectives and ideals promoted by 4-H. Shooters or coaches will render aid and/or testimony if asked to do so by any match official.
20. **Rules - Knowledge of procedures and rules** – This event may also follow guidelines set forth by a **National Governing Body (NGB)**. Where there is conflict regarding these rules and rules set forth by the NGB, these rules supersede. It is the shooters' and coach's responsibility to read the NGB and event rulebooks and 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 does not obviate their existence. Shooters are responsible for knowing the rules and staying within them. Learning the rules of the event is part of the educational process for 4-H Shooting Sports participants.
21. **Physically Disabled Shooters** – A shooter who because of physical

disability cannot fire from one or more of the prescribed shooting positions outlined in these rules, or who must use special equipment when firing, is privileged to petition to the *Discipline Superintendent* for permission to assume a special position or to use modified equipment or both. This petition will be in the form of a written request from the person concerned to the Committee (discipline superintendent) outlining in detail the reasons why the special position must be assumed or the special equipment must be used. The petition will be accompanied by pictures of the shooter in the position desiring approval and, if special equipment is required, the picture will show how this equipment is used. The petition and all pictures must be furnished in exact duplicate. The petition must be accompanied by a medical doctor's statement if the physical disability is not completely evident in the pictures submitted.

- a. Each petition will be reviewed by the *Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports State Committee*. The committee may require additional or supplementary statements or pictures. After review the *Discipline Superintendent* will be instructed by the committee to issue special authorization to individuals who submit petitions and pictures which have been approved. Such certificates will have necessary pictures attached.
- b. Shooters who have received special authorization will be required to carry them when competing and to present the certificate when requested by officials of the match. In the case of a protest involving the position or the equipment used by such a shooter, the range officials will compare the questioned position or equipment with the certificate and photographs presented by the shooter.

22. Challenges - Shooters only, may review their own targets and challenge the scoring. Once targets have been scored, they will be available for review, if applicable, by shooters for a period of 30 minutes unless otherwise posted. Upon completion of that time period the scores may no longer be challenged. Challenges must be accompanied by a fee of \$1 per hole being challenged.

A jury (not including the original scorer) will review the challenge and pronounce their findings to the challenger. If the challenge is upheld, the \$1 will be returned to the shooter. If the challenge is rejected, the fee will be deposited in the Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports funds. No fee is required to point out mathematical errors. **For this fall BB event, challenges will only be accepted for 48 hours after the online results are posted.**

23. Protests - Competitors only (no adults), may protest; a) an injustice they feel has been done them individually; b) the conditions under which another competitor was permitted to fire; or c) 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. Range Scorer – The protest is made orally to the range scorer. If not satisfied with that immediate decision;
- b. Range Jury – The protest may be stated orally to the jury of 2 or more officials present at the match (excluding team affiliations, parents,

coaches, agents, etc.), indicating the decision of the range scorer. The jury should include a member of the Competition Management as well as the range scorer. If not satisfied with this decision,

- c. Discipline Superintendent/Jury – The protest must be submitted in writing to the Discipline Superintendent, accompanied by a \$25 cash protest fee, within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the occurrence. The match jury will consider the statement, may ask questions of the shooter and range officials and will render a decision in an expeditious manner. Coaches, parents, and other parties may not participate in the process. The decision rendered by the jury is final and no further appeal is possible. If the protest is ruled valid, the fee will be returned.

24. All rules and guidelines for the host venue will apply.

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