



**Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports
State 4-H Air Pistol Jamboree
Postal Match**

April 10, 2021

**Pre-Registration Deadline – March 26, 2021
(2021 Changes in Red)**

SPECIFIC AIR Pistol COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES
**Please also read the General Rules and
COVID-19 Safety Protocols for this event**

SLOW FIRE - BULLSEYE

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.

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 March 26, 2021, 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 Shooting Sports Specialist for scoring.
- It will be up to the individual county to plan a time for each competitor to shoot the match on April 10, 2021. However, because some counties may not be able to book their facility on that day, counties may request approval to host it on another day if necessary. All events must be complete by Saturday, April 17, 2021 and targets must be mailed to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Specialist by Monday, April 19th.
 - Scott Reese, UT Lone Oaks Farm, 10000 Lake Hardeman Rd, Middleton, TN 38052
- Each competitor must shoot all 3 positions on the same day. (ex. NOT standing on one day and prone on another day, etc.)
- All of a counties' targets must be mailed together on the next postal day after the competition. We encourage you to use Priority Mail. Targets not received by April 23, 2021 will not be scored in the competition.
 - Mail to: Scott Reese, UT Lone Oaks Farm, 10000 Lake Hardeman Rd, Middleton, TN 38052
- All scores will be posted online and awards will be mailed.

SCORING CHALLENGES

Because this event is going to be scored as a postal, there will be no way for individuals to review targets for

challenges. Every effort will be made to check and recheck the accuracy of the scoring process..

1. **Age Classes:** There will be two age classes: Junior (6-7 grade) and Senior (8-12 grade). (Grade as of January 1, 2021)
2. **Entry Fee:** There is a \$20.00 fee per entry
3. **Entry:** There is a limit of a total of 12 individuals per county
4. **Range Personnel -** Scorers, range safety officers, and volunteers will be designated and assigned by the Discipline Superintendent. These individuals are not allowed to coach while competitors are shooting.
5. **Target:** B-40 Air Pistol Paper Target
6. **Distance:** 10 meters or 33 feet
7. **Course of Fire:** 40 shots total. 5 shots per bull. Must load a single pellet for each shot.
8. **Time Limit:** Preparation and unlimited sighting – 15 minutes. 40 shots for score – 60 minutes.
9. **Scoring:** Targets will be scored manually (Rule book reference – 16.14)
10. **Awards:** Awards will be given to the top individuals. Awards and State Qualifying Individuals will be posted on the State Shooting Sports website by April 30, 2021. Awards will be sent to the agents in participating counties to distribute.
11. **Qualifying:** This will be the qualifying match for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships in June 2021 in Grand Island, Nebraska (not all competitors may be eligible for Nationals).
12. **Equipment:** Any 4.5 mm (.177 cal.) compressed air, CO2 or pneumatic air pistol that conforms to the pistol specifications listed here or in the NGB rules. Pistol weight: 1500 gram maximum (3.3 lbs.). Trigger pull weight: 500 gram minimum. Pistol must fit within confines of a box having inside dimensions of 420mm x 200mm x 57mm* (approximately 16.53" x 7.87" x 2.25"). Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescope, laser-beam, electronically projected dot sights, etc. are prohibited. *(50 mm modified to 57 mm for 4-H, to accept standard Daisy air pistol grips)
13. **Shooting Position:** The athlete must stand free, without any artificial or other support, with both feet and/or shoes completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one (1) hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support.
14. **Ties:** USAS General Technical Rule 6.15.1.
 - a. The highest number of inner tens;
 - b. The highest score of the last ten (10) shot series working backwards by 10-shot series in full ring scoring (not inner tens or decimals) until tie is broken.
 - c. If not yet broken, refer to 6.15.1 for further details.
15. **NGB Rules:** International Shooting Sport Federation and USA SHOOTING. See all sections that apply at <http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/usarules>

Safety Protocols for Air Pistol Jamboree 2021

Dickson County High School, Dickson, TN

1. 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.
2. 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 and at any time they are going to be coming within 6 feet of a coach or range official while on the range.
3. Check in desk will be located outside (weather permitting). 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.
4. Participants will complete all stages of the competition during 1 visit to the indoor range. This should mitigate interaction between groups.
5. 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.
6. No fees will be taken that day, so that will limit contact with participants and the workers.
7. 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.
8. Because of the nature of the sport, equipment sharing is not usually a problem.
9. All targets will be retrieved by a staff member with gloves and delivered to the scoring officials.
10. All target stands and range equipment will be wiped down and sanitized between individuals.
11. Parents and spectators will not be allowed to watch the completion due to the size of the room where the range will be set up. Only coaches and range staff will be present while the contestants are competing. Everyone will maintain the 6 ft social distancing rules and contestants and coaches will exit the range room after their competition.
12. All information will be placed on the targets prior to competition and therefore, no writing will be required during the competition.
13. The area used for verifying and inputting scores will be blocked off in order to help maintain social distance between workers and everyone else.
14. No paper scores or numbers will be posted. It will be all posted digitally after the match.
15. All results will be posted digitally and awards will be sent by mail.



**Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports
General Rules for the 2021 State 4-H Jamborees
See the Specific Jamboree Rules for More Information
(2021 Revisions in Red)**

GENERAL RULES

All rules and guidelines are subject to change. The Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports State 4-H Jamborees follow 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.

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. **Disciplines offered** – The disciplines offered for competition will be Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, BB and Shotgun.
3. **Age Classes** – See specific jamboree rules
4. **Entry Limit** - See specific jamboree rules
5. **National 4-H Competition Qualifying** – See specific jamboree rules
6. **Official Entry** – Pre-registration is required to participate in this event. An entry fee is also required. **See specific jamboree rules for deadlines. Participants are to register through their County Extension Office. County Extension Office must register through SUPER.**
7. **Fee Schedule** – A fee of **\$20.00** will be assessed for every entry in Archery, BB, Air Pistol, and Air Rifle; and a fee of **\$45.00** will be assessed for every entry in Shotgun. See specific jamboree rules for deadlines.
8. **Range Personnel** - The scorers and range safety officers will be designated by the specific Jamboree Committees.

9. **Individual and team participation** – See specific jamboree rules
10. **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 forms f600A, f600B, & f600C 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.
11. **Awards** – See specific jamboree rules
12. **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.
13. **Eye & Ear Protection Requirement** - Adequate eye protection (shooting glasses, safety glasses or safety goggles, or hardened prescription glasses) is required for all competitors in the air pistol, air rifle/BB and shotgun disciplines. Hearing (ear) protection is required for shotgun. **Electronic hearing protection is acceptable; however, capability of streaming music or voice must be disabled. (Bluetooth or corded types).** Coaches or spectators on or near firing lines are subject to the same requirements.
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, however please see the specific discipline competition rules for specific coaching rules that may differ (i.e. BB rules). 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 coaching line will be established on each range - behind the shooters area and firing line and separate from the spectator area. Except during preparation time, coaches are to stay behind the firing line and in the coaching area. Coaches may assist the shooter during prep time only. **Once shooting for record begins, no coaching is permitted. Any request for coach assistance must be initiated by the shooter, the coach may not initiate contact with the shooter. If the need for encouragement of a shooter arises, coaches may ask the line officer to have their pupil come back to talk, but the coach is not to initiate contact with the shooter. Coaching related subjects may NOT be discussed during one of these encouragement talks.** The shooter will put down their equipment, make it safe, leave the line, and then go talk to their coach. Coaches may not handle firearms or equipment after the match begins nor advance to the firing line unless authorized by the range officer. A coach may set up his/her own spotting equipment.

16. **No Smoking** - No smoking is permitted on or near the firing lines or in any situation where the smoke constitutes an interference to shooters. Smoking by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted on the grounds at any time.
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. All participants and observers are expected conform to the Code of Conduct as supplied, not only to the letter, but to the intent.
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 supercede. 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 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.

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. **No Golf Carts, ATV's, Club Cars or similar will be permitted.**