



**Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports
State 4-H Shotgun Jamboree
Nashville Gun Club, Nashville, TN**

May 2, 2026

Onsite check-in 1 hour before your round (pre-assigned round times)

Registration Deadline by the County Agent in SUPER – April 17, 2026

(2026 revisions in red and subject to change)

SPECIFIC SHOTGUN COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES

Please also read the General Rules and

(Changes in Red)

1. **Age Classes:** There will be two age classes: (Grade as of January 1, 2026)
 - i. Junior (4-7 grade)
 - ii. Senior (8-12 grade).
2. **Entry Limit:** There is no limit to the number of entries per county.
3. **Entry Fee:** There is a \$55.00 fee per entry
4. **Range Personnel** - Each **squad** must provide:
 - i. their own state 4-H certified instructor, who is required to be the “range safety officer” for their team while shooting
 - ii. a “puller” (if required), who can be a coach/volunteer
 - iii. a range scorer (will not keep score for their own team) **Must be identified in SUPER by athlete registration deadline.**

These individuals may not be able to watch their athlete due to times.

These individuals are also not allowed to coach while their team is shooting. The scorers will be designated and assigned by the Discipline Superintendent (typically the State Coordinator).

5. **Event:** Juniors and Seniors - Standard ATA (American) trap (16 yards)
Seniors Only – NSSA Skeet
6. **Check-In:** Begins at 8:00 AM at the back of the clubhouse, coaches will check-in teams and sign the understanding and compliance agreement of the event rules. All equipment is subject to inspection before and/or during the event.
7. **Coaches Meeting:** Coaches will meet briefly at 8:30 AM before the first shot at the clubhouse, after this time any questions should be directed to the CRO or the Superintendent (typically the State Coordinator). Also, a coaches’ forum will be conducted immediately following the event or awards as time allows.
8. **Course of Fire:** Juniors will shoot 100 Trap targets only. Seniors will shoot 50 Trap and 50 Skeet. (100 targets per competitor is preferred, however due to time constraints we may have to lower the number depending upon number of entries)
9. **Field Assignments:** Athlete field assignments will be issued after registration is complete. The assignment sheets list the field number, times, and squads or individuals assigned. We have time limits in place, see item 14 below, to avoid delays. To that point, when the squad or individuals are called to the field, athletes have no more than 5 minutes to report ready to compete. Once shooting is complete, each group should remove all spent shells, boxes, etc. before leaving the field.

- 10. Squadding:** Squads may be 3, 4, or 5 members, with the top 3 total scores being counted for the squad score and must be grouped by the pre-registration deadline. Substitutions should be done by 9:00 AM on the day of the jamboree.
- 11. Awards:** Awards will be given to the top ten individuals in each division. In addition, squad awards will also be given in each division to the top three. Squad awards will be given by adding the top three scores from each squad. Scores will be posted for verification by athletes and coaches on the day of the event. Awards will be given on the day of the event following the completion of shooting and score calculations. Scores will be posted online by noon, on the Wednesday after the event. Any awards not picked up at the presentation on that day will be sent to the agents in participating counties to distribute.
- 12. Qualifying for the State 4-H Invitational:** Individuals from the 8-12 grade that shoot a score 75 out of 100 (50 Trap and 50 Skeet combined) will be invited to the State 4-H Invitational scheduled for the end of Summer **2026**. The State 4-H Invitational will be the qualifying match for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships in June **2027** in Grand Island, Nebraska (not all competitors may be eligible for Nationals).
- 13. Tie-breaking:** Tie break will be done to establish the placing of individuals and teams. Tie breaks will be determined by:
1. Skeet Score (Seniors only)
 2. The first long run in Trap, counted from the first target
 3. The back run in Trap, counted in reverse from the last target
 4. The longest successful run in Trap.
 5. In a format decided upon by the management
- 14. Time Limit:** Athletes will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay and should be prepared to take the field up to 1 hour prior to the listed start time. **Juniors: Trap should take approximately 60 minutes for 100 shots. Athletes will have one 10-minute break after 50 clays. Seniors: Trap should take approximately 30 minutes for 50 shots with no breaks. Skeet should take 60 minutes for 50 shots with no breaks.**
- 15. Weather Conditions:** In the event of a rainstorm, athletes will be removed from the fields at the sound of thunder or sight of lightning. Competition will continue 30 mins after the last sound or sight. All other emergency weather conditions will follow the Shooting Sports Risk Management Plan and/or the plan of the competition venue.
- 16. Equipment:** Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge meeting the requirements of the NGB. No reloads permitted, only factory ammunition. Teams must furnish their own ammunition. Proper eye and ear protection are required. Electronic hearing protection is acceptable; however, capability of streaming music or voice must be disabled. (Bluetooth or corded types). Note: Please make sure that you know how to load 2 shells in your shotgun if you are going to participate in Skeet. Also, you may load 2 shells to shoot your single targets in Skeet.
- 17. NGB Rules:** Amateur Trap Association & National Skeet Shooting Association



**Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports
General Rules for the State 4-H
Jamborees
See the Specific Jamboree Rules for More Information
(2026 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, knowledge, and integrity 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 rifle, air pistol, **smallbore rifle**, and air rifle; and a fee of **\$55.00** 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 forms https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/forms_materials.aspx). 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 rifle, smallbore rifle,** and shotgun disciplines. Hearing (ear) protection is required for **smallbore rifle and** 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 athletes 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 athlete during prep time only. Once shooting for record begins, no coaching is permitted. Any request for coach assistance must be initiated by the athlete, the coach may not initiate contact with the athlete. If the need for encouragement of a athlete 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 athlete. Coaching related subjects may **NOT** be discussed during one of these encouragement talks. The athlete will put down their equipment, make it safe, leave the line, and then go talk to their coach. Coaches may ask the line officer to have their pupil come back to talk but is not to initiate contact with the athlete. 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 athletes. 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. Crocs or similar shoes are not acceptable. 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 athletes 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. Athletes or coaches will render aid and/or testimony if asked to do so by any match official. All participants and observers are expected to 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 supersede. It is the athletes' 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. Athletes 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 Athletes** - A athlete 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 athlete 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. Athletes 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 athlete, the range officials will compare the questioned position or equipment with the certificate and photographs presented by the athlete.
- 22 **Challenges** - Athletes only, may review their own targets and challenge the scoring. Once targets have been scored, they will be available for review by athletes 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 athlete. 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 athlete 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 (exceptions apply for shotgun fields transportation, must be legal age to operate).**
- 25 **Violation of Rules** - Match and/or range officials may dismiss or disqualify a participant if he/she believes a participant or coach violates any of the general or discipline specific rules.

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