



**Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports
State 4-H Small Bore Rifle Jamboree
Crossville Shooting Sports Park, Crossville, TN
May 16, 2026 – 9:00 AM; Check-in starts at 8:00 AM
Registration Deadline – Friday, May 1, 2026
(Registration by the County Agent in SUPER)**

**SPECIFIC SMALL BORE RIFLE COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES
(2026 Revisions in Red)**

NATIONAL CMP THREE-POSITION SMALL BORE RIFLE

- Age Classes:** There will be two age classes: Junior (5-7 grade) *must have one year prior experience in BB or Air Rifle program* and Senior (8-12 grade).
- Entry Limit:** There is no limit of individuals per county, regardless of age division
- Entry Fee:** There is an entry fee of \$20.00 per entry
- Target:** B-19 CMP Rimfire Sporter Target
- Distance:** 50 yards for prone and sitting or kneeling positions
25 yards for standing position

Check-In: Begins at 8:00 AM at the club house, coaches will check-in teams and sign the understanding and compliance agreement of the event rules. Rifles should be brought in cased with a **chamber flag**, CBI (clear barrel indicator), inserted to check-in. All equipment will be inspected and subject to spot checks on the range.

Coaches Meeting: Coaches will meet briefly at 8:30 AM before the first shot on the range, 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.

Course of Fire: 60 Shots for record. Prone position – 10 shots, Slow fire & 10 shots, rapid fire Sitting or Kneeling – 10 shots slow fire & 10 shots rapid fire. Standing – 10 shots slow fire & 10 shots rapid fire Relays will be separated by age classes.

Time Limit: Slow fire- 10 shots in 10 minutes; Rapid fire- 5-shot strings in 25 seconds (semi-auto) or 30 seconds for manual repeater.

Coaching: Coaching will be limited to preparation and sighting periods, per the current NGB rules.

Scoring: Targets will be scored per the CMP rules on the range.

Awards: Awards will be given to the top individuals in each age class. In addition, county team awards will also be given in each age class. County team awards will be given by adding the top three scores from each county. 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.

Qualifying For the State 4-H Invitational: Individuals that score 500 out of 600, from the 8-12 grade will be invited to the State 4-H Invitational to be held 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).

Equipment: Current CMP rules allow for 3 different classes. Any rifle that meets any of the CMP classes for use will be allowed, with the exception that any rifles in the configuration of a modern military style rifle will not be permitted. All rifles still must meet the weight, trigger pull and optic limit requirements. There are NO exceptions to these limits. All classes will be scored together as one.

Rifle: Overall weight of the rifle may not exceed 7.5 lbs., with sights and magazine. If sling is used, it may be removed when rifle is weighed. Any type of action, semi-automatic or manually operated with a trigger pull of at least 3.0 lbs.

Stock: Rifles may be configured with non-standard stocks, barrels or configurations. Rifles with thumbhole stocks, adjustable stocks, adjustable cheek pieces, orthopedically shaped cheek-pieces, or a pistol grip, may be used, provided they comply with weight and trigger pull limitations. The stock may have a sling swivel in a FIXED (non-adjustable) location on the fore end. If the buttstock length of pull or the cheek-piece is adjustable, buttstock length and cheek piece adjustments must remain the same for all three positions. These adjustments should be taped or fixed in a single position. Any magazine extending below the stock may not be used as a palm rest or used for support on the forearm. Barrels may be fluted or have non-standard contours.

Sling: Standard leather or web sling no wider than 1 1/4 inches may be used in the prone, sitting, or kneeling positions. Must be fixed in at least one position. (Rails with adjustable sling swivels are not permitted).

Sights: Open sights may be used; receiver sights or a scope not exceeding 6x magnification is permitted. If a variable power scope is capable of greater than 6x, the adjustment device on variable telescopes must be secured with tape or other similar means so that it cannot be changed during match. Check-in seal must remain intact. The magnification must remain at the sealed power during the entire match.

Barrel: Barrels may not be equipped with any type of muzzle device (Example: Muzzle break, fake suppressor, recoil compensator or porting). Fluted barrels and sleeved carbon graphite or aluminum barrels will be allowed provided there is no porting.

Shooting stands are permitted in this event.

Magazines may only have 5 rounds loaded in them for both practice and competition.

Clothing: A competitor is permitted to wear a maximum of two sweatshirts. Shooting jackets, leather shooting vests, shooting boots, etc. are not allowed. Competitors may wear a standard leather, cloth, or synthetic work glove provided that it is not padded. Ordinary low-cut shoes, work boots, or hunting-style boots may be worn.

Rule book: [CMP Games Competition Rules for Rifle and Pistol \(2026\) 13th Edition](#)



**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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