

SHOOTING SPORTS & GUN SAFETY

Superintendents:

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Shoot: Saturday, June 10 at 8 a.m.

3-D Shoot: Saturday, June 10. Sign up begins at 7:00 a.m.

Location: Blue Water Sportsman's Club, 4866 Ravenswood

Project Set Up: Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Poster Judging: Monday at 1 p.m. Campground pavilion

Check in Time: Monday at 1 p.m.

Check out Time: Saturday 7-8 p.m. or Sunday 8-9 a.m.

Premiums: A=\$4; B=\$2; C=No premiums

Awards Ceremony: Monday at 4 p.m., after poster judging in campground pavilion

Safety Poster or Record Book is required for all classes. See Gun Safety, Division 3501. Judging will be Monday of fair at 1 p.m. in the Campground Pavilion. Exhibitors must be present for interview in order for the poster or record book to be judged and to qualify for Grand or Reserve. Posters or notebook MUST be turned in at the time of the County Shoot or exhibited at Winter Achievement.

There will be no makeup dates – No Exceptions!

Shooting Sports Project Requirements:

1. Both boys and girls age 8 and up may compete at the county level. Targets will be scored, graded, judged and displayed at the fair.
2. Select Division and Class number that corresponds with your projects.
3. Copies of state shoot regulations are at the Extension 4-H office and available online.
4. To be eligible for the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Rifle, Trap and B-B Gun Shoot an exhibitor must either exhibit a gun safety poster or a project record book at either Winter Achievement or at the St. Clair County 4-H Fair. All safety posters and record book must have an exhibit tag attached to them when handed in on the day of the shoot. Poster must be on some phase of Gun Safety. One poster per exhibitor. Poster cannot have any 3-D objects.
5. **State Shoot Eligibility:** Grand/Reserve of eligible age class. Alternates determined by points and class standing. Must be registered, check with Supt. for deadline. State age for shoot is your age as of Jan. 1st. Must be 9 or older for B-B gun & 12 or older for other disciplines TO COMPETE AT THE STATE SHOOT.
6. All guns will be left in cases until you are at shooting stations.
7. All guns will get a safety check at shooting stations.
8. Youth must have a certified 4-H shooting leader in order to compete at the county shoot.

9. No reloads for shotguns – factory loads only.
10. The first safety violation by any youth will incur a warning. A second violation will mean instant disqualification.
11. County rules will follow State 4-H Rules.
12. B-B gun & Air (pellet) rifle: Eye protection is mandatory.
13. Rifle, Muzzleloading, Trap & Skeet Event: Eye & ear projection is mandatory.
14. All shooting sports & archery targets & safety posters that are not picked up will be discarded at 9 a.m. on Sunday of fair. See Gun Safety.
15. Exhibitors participating in the shooting sports project area must be 4-H members. This is a **mandatory** requirement for the fair. All shooting sports participants must shoot under a certified shooting sports instructor in the discipline that they're shooting in. Certified shooting sports instructors will submit lists of their eligible exhibitors prior to the county shoot for verification. Anyone not endorsed by a certified shooting sports instructor and not a 4-H member will not be allowed to shoot at the county shoot.
16. Exhibitors may only shoot 7 events total for the day, including 3-D Archery.

Gun Safety Project Requirements:

1. Exhibitor must accompany exhibit and be interviewed. If exhibitor cannot be present for interview, he/she must contact superintendent.
2. To be eligible for the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Shoot for B-B gun Air Rifle, Rifle, Muzzleloading, trap or Skeet, an exhibitor must either exhibit a gun safety poster, size 14"x22" (half sheet of poster board) or a project record book (ages 11-19) at either Winter Achievement or at the St. Clair 4-H gun Shoot. All safety posters and record books must have a fair exhibit tag attached to them when handed in on the day of the shoot. Posters must be on some phase of Gun Safety. One poster per exhibitor. Poster cannot have any 3-D objects.
3. All shooting sports and archery targets and safety posters that are not picked up will be discarded at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Division 3501 – Safety

POSTER on some phase of gun safety.

Class 01 Safety Poster, 8-11 years old

Class 02 Safety Poster, 12-14 years old

Class 03 Safety Poster, 15 19 years old

Class 05 4-H Project Record Book, 8-11 years old

Class 06 4-H Project Record Book, 12-14 years old

Class 07 4-H Project Record Book, 15- 19 years old

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Division 3511 – Rifle Shoot

Unless specified herein, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament Rules and NRA Small-bore Rifle Rules apply to this division. NRA rule books are available from NRA Program Materials Center (800)336-7402, item# CR16750 or online.

Field Rifle will be .22 caliber rim fire (no .22 Magnum rifles), capable of single loading. Weight not to exceed 7.5 lbs., trigger pull be 2 lbs. or more. Sights may be open or peep style only. The front sight must be permanently mounted, not capable of changing inserts. The rear sign must **NOT** be capable of micrometer adjustment. Open iron and adjustable peep sights are permitted. NO telescopic sights, slings, palm rests, adjustable butt plates, or specialized shooting coats, pants, shoes, etc. are permitted.

Target Rifle will be .22 caliber rimfire target rifle (no .22 Magnum rifles). See NRA small bore rifle rule 3.2, for complete equipment specifications. NO telescopic sights.

Anyone wishing to use a sporting rifle in the target class may do so. Open chamber indicators (O.C.I.) will be used. 30 shots per contestant at 50-foot target.

A32 targets: Sighter shots will be fired and checked before each round.

10 shots prone position – 10 minutes

10 shots kneeling position – 10 minutes

10 shots standing position – 15 minutes

Class 13 Field .22 Shoot, Sporting 12-14 years old*

Class 14 Field .22 Shoot, Sporting 15-19 yrs. old

A17 targets: Sighter shots will be fired and checked before each round.

10 shots prone position – 10 minutes

10 shots kneeling position – 10 minutes

10 shots standing position – 15 minutes

Class 16 Rifle .22 Shoot, Target 12-14 years old

Class 17 Rifle .22 Shoot, Target 15 – 19 years

Division 3512 – Trap Shoot

Unless specified herein, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports state Tournament Rules and ATA Official trapshooting Rules & Regulations apply to this division. These rules can be found online.

Trap Shoot ammunition must be either trap load, sport load or their equivalent. The event will have two rounds of 25 shots each. Competition will be on an ATA trap range from the 16-yard stand. The scores for first and second place will be broken by a sudden death shoot off. Field loads (over 3 drams & 1 1/8 oz. shot) are illegal for all classes. 50 rounds of shot will be used.

Class 18 Trap Shoot, 12-14 years old

Class 19 Trap Shoot, 15 -19 years

Division 3514 – B-B Gun Contest

Unless specified herein, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament Rules and NRA BB Gun Rules apply to this division. NRA rule books are available from the NRA program Materials Center (800)336-7402, item #CR16410 or online.

B-B Guns may be spring, gas or pneumatic operated. Barrels may be smooth bore or rifled. Rifling in the guns may be equivalent to that of Daisy 845, but not of greater precision. Multi-pump B-B guns are limited to 1 pump. Open iron and adjustable peep sights are permitted. NO telescopic sights. Half-slings are allowed. Ordinary sports or casual clothing must be worn. No padded or unusually heavy clothing is permitted. No pads, braces, or elastic bandages will be allowed, without the approval of the superintendent. Ammunition will be a round B-B.

10 shots prone position – 1 target – 10 minutes

10 shots sitting position – 1 target – 10 minutes

Class 24 B-B Gun, 8-11 years old*

Class 25 B-B Gun, 12-14 years old

Class 26 B-B Gun, 15 – 19 years

*8 year olds require one-on-one adult supervision. There is no coaching on the firing line of the county shoot for all ages.

Division 3515 – Air (Pellet) Rifle

Unless specified herein, Michigan 4-H Shooting State Tournament Rules and National Standard Three Position Air Rifle Rules apply to this division. These can be found online.

Air Rifle must be 0.177 cal. Open chamber indicators (O.C.I.) will be used. Multi-pump rifles will be limited to 3 pumps. No telescopic sights are permitted. Slings are allowed in the prone and kneeling positions only. The sling must be worn only over the upper part of the left arm (right are for a left-handed competitor) and from there connected to the fore-end of the rifle stock.

Sporter Air Rifle is intended to be a low cost, entry-level rifle without specialized modifications. Muzzle velocity of 600 fps or less. Maximum weight is 7.5 lbs. Minimum trigger pull is 1.5 lbs., adjustable butt and comb of stock allowed, but cannot be changed during competition. Purchase price (price that is available to junior shooting sports programs through a manufacturer's special marketing program) not to exceed \$600. Only sights manufactured for and sold with the Sporter air rifles are permitted. Sights for the front sight apertures or inserts may be used in approved Sporter air rifle front sights; different sized apertures may be used in different positions. An adjustable iris or adjustable aperture may not be used in the front or rear sight. Metal front sights bases may be substituted for plastic Daisy XSV40/AA T200 front sight bases. Approved Sporter Rifles (include, but are not limited to the following: Air Force Air Guns Edge, Crosman CH2000 and CH2009, Daisy M853/753/953/853CM/888/887/XSV40 Valiant and the Air Arms T200).

Sporter Clothing: Shooting jackets and special shooting pants are not permitted. Any ordinary glove or shooting glove is permitted.

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Precision: Any type of .177 caliber pneumatic, spring air, compressed air or CO2 rifle with a muzzle velocity of 600 fps or less that conforms to the specification of National Standard Three Position Air Rifle Rules 4.4/4.5/4.6 and 4.7 may be used.

30 shots per contestant at 10 meter range:

10 shots prone position – 1 target – 10 minutes

10 shots kneeling position – 1 target, 10 minutes

10 shots standing position – 1 target – 10 minutes

Class 28 Sporting Air Rifle, 9-11 years old*

Class 29 Sporting Air Rifle, 12-14 years old

Class 30 Sporting Air Rifle, 15 – 19 years

Class 32 Precision Air Rifle, Ages 11-14 years old

Class 33 Precision Air Rifle, Ages 15 – 19 years

Division 3516 – Skeet Shoot

Unless specified herein, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament Rules and National Skeet Shooting Association rules apply.

Skeet Shoot ammunition must be either skeet load, sport load or their equivalent. The event will have two rounds of 25 shots each. Tie scores for first and second place will be broken by a sudden death shoot-off. Field loads (over 3 drams & 1 1/8 oz. shot) are illegal for skeet shooting.

Class 35 Skeet Shoot, 12-14 years old

Class 36 Skeet Shoot, 15 – 19 years

Division 3517 – Muzzle Loading Rifle

Unless specified herein, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament Rules and National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association rules apply.

All contestants must be accompanied by leader, coach or parent.

Class 38 Traditional Muzzle Loading 12-14 years old*

Class 39 Traditional Muzzle Loading 15 – 19 years*

Class 40 Open Class Muzzle Loading, 12-14 years old**

Class 41 Open Class Muzzle Loading, 15 – 19 yrs.**

*Caplock or Flintlock with OPEN SIGHTS

**Caplock, Flintlock, or In-line with TELESCOPE

Muzzle Loading Rifle Equipment

1. Any caliber muzzle loading long gun may be used, but the weight of the rifle must be 10 lbs. or less.
2. Contestants will use their own sporting firearms, black powder or Pyrodex, projectiles, patches, and shooting bag or pouch.
3. Only pre-measured charges may be used from a powder horn or powder can (**WITH POUR SPOUTS**). NO PLASTIC OR GLASS CONDIMENT CONTAINERS. NO PELLETIZED POWDER.

4. No powder horns or powder cans will be allowed on the firing line (except as needed by flintlock shooters for priming powder). These items will be allowed only at the loading bench.
5. Sights must be open or telescopic; peep sights and shades are prohibited. Sights may be stationary or adjustable. Telescopic sights allowed only in Open Class Competition.
6. The following are prohibited: Schutzen type butt plate, adjustable butt plates, palms, and slings.
7. Set triggers and double triggers will be allowed.
8. Range rods with palm savers required for all loading of guns.
9. Any time guns are empty range rod must be down barrel.
10. No smokeless powder will be allowed on the range.
11. All range rods will have a scribed line to show a seated load.
12. Granulated powder permitted, no pellets. NO PELLETIZED POWDER WILL BE ALLOWED.
13. Contestants may use spotting scopes or binoculars as long as they do not interfere with other participants.
14. In the **Traditional** Muzzle Loading Rifle competition, only traditional flintlock or caplock muzzle loading rifles with metallic sights may be used with a “patched round ball” only. No sabots or conical bullets will be allowed.
15. In the **Open** Class Muzzle Loading Rifle competition, any caliber in-line muzzle loading rifles with or without a scope or any caliber traditional flintlock or caplock muzzle loading rifle with a scope may be used. Sabots, conical bullets, or “patched round balls” may be used.
16. Sabots and conical bullets allowed in the Open Class only.

Targets, Rules and Course of Fire: Standard NMLRA Targets (such as 1 or 2 buffalo targets, 6 bull targets) will be used at the discretion of the Range Officer. Standard range rules will be followed and targets will be scored from the center of the target to the center of the ball hole.

1. Ten shots per contestant in standing position – on two targets – 20 minutes per target – 5 shots per target.
2. Five shots will be taken at 25 yards, and 5 shots at 50 yards. Buffalo target at 50 yards and 6 bull targets at 25 yards. Sight-in shots will be fired at 25 yard target only.
3. Procedures for Loading: All loading will be done at a loading bench; the loading bench(es) will be located along a loading line, well in back of the firing line. No caps will be put on the nipples, no flintlocks primed until the shooter is on the firing line. Spectators and coaches will be kept behind the spectator line, well in back of the loading line. **NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE VICINITY OF THIS EVENT.**
4. Procedures for Handling Misfires or Hangfires: All misfires will be handled by the Range Officer (and/or assistants). A shooter with a misfire should call the Range Officer at once while keeping the barrel pointed downrange at all times.