MN 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS & WILDLIFE INVITATIONAL

Frequently Asked Questions

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How do I register for the State Shoot?
Your county coach should have the registration information at one of your meetings, or you can get the information off the 4-H website at http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-invitational/index.html. You must have a coach in each discipline sign the form to certify you have met the required hours to participate in each event.

What do I need to do before I arrive at State Shoot?
If you are planning to stay overnight, you will need to either make a hotel reservation or find a camping site. There is a list of hotels and campgrounds found on the Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational website. You will want to ask your coach for any other information about your county program or county plans.

What do I need to bring with me for State Shoot?
You will want to bring your own equipment with you, including your safety glasses and ear protection. If you need to share equipment with others in your county, please talk to your coach so they know what you will need during the event. Your family members may wish to bring a lawn chair and binoculars while they watch you shoot.

Where should I meet my team/coaches when I arrive at State Shoot?
Your team and coaches should have a plan as to where and when to meet upon arrival at the State Shoot. One coach from a county will need to pick up all of the registration information, which includes your ID Wristband, which is required for you to participate on a shooting line. Having a scheduled meeting time and place will help to make sure everyone gets their information before they need to shoot. You may wish to get a coaches cell phone number in case you need to get ahold of them during the event.

Do I need anything special in order to participate at State Shoot?
Before you can participate on the shooting line in any event, you will need to have your Participant ID Wristband. One coach from each county will pick up the information and you will need to find them to receive yours. A scheduled meeting time will be important.

Can I check how I’ve been doing in my events at State Shoot?
Beginning Saturday afternoon, the preliminary results will be posted. Check near the Registration Desk (or other designated area) for the information and you will be able to see your results from the day. It
is strongly recommended that you check your results in case there are any errors with your score, you can get that corrected immediately.

What happens if I miss my time on an event? (for example one event ran long)
You must talk to the range officers on the line and let them know what has happened and to check on an available time to reschedule, if possible. If you do not talk to a range officer, you may not be allowed to make up the event.

What are wildlife/conservation educational exhibits and do I need to do anything?
Each county is expected to prepare one wildlife/conservation exhibit, representing a topic they have learned about or explored within the past year. This exhibit is put on display on Saturday during the State Shoot and the display will also be judged in a conference judging experience, where members of the county delegation will visit with a judge. Wildlife exhibits are eligible for awards. If a county chooses not to have a wildlife exhibit, the county participants are not eligible for individual or team awards.

What happens if I registered for the wrong event for state shoot?
If this happens, please stop by the registration desk and get changed to the correct class. Also, please notify a range official when you enter the range for your event.

What if I can no longer attend State Shoot after I registered?
Please notify your county 4-H staff in writing, who will notify the State Shoot coordinator. Event fees are refundable upon written request to the State 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Coordinator for extenuating circumstances. No refunds for cancellations on the day of the events will be given. Refund requests are due within 7 working days after the State Shoot.

What if a shooter has a special need or will need assistance on the firing line?
Please let your county 4-H staff know in writing. The county 4-H staff will let the State 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Coordinator know and all reasonable accommodations will be made. A parent or coach may be able to assist the 4-H member as needed.

How will I know the participant schedule so I know when I am supposed to shoot?
Approximately two weeks prior to the state shoot, a county schedule will be posted to the MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational website. http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-invitational/index.html. There will be a schedule available for each county and each participant schedule will be noted. Trap, Muzzleloading and Silhouette are considered “unscheduled” events. This means that youth participants can go to these events at any time to do their shooting. There may be a sign-up sheet or registration table to get on a squad, but youth may participate when it works best for them. All other events will have a scheduled time. Please honor those times and report 15 minutes early for your scheduled events.

Why is the information on the wristband important?
Information on the wristband will include the participant name and shooter ID number. This number will be necessary to put on target labels or score cards, as it is the identifier used in the score room. The wristband will also include event codes that the participant registered for, such as:
Wristband Example

003-01    S
Tom Thomas
AC, 3P, 2F, AP, WC, SK

Wristband Example Explanation

003-01 (county code & participant ID – this information will need to be written on targets/scorecards). First 3 numbers indicate county. Following the dash is the participant’s number. All numbers are needed on targets/scorecards.
Tom Thomas (youth name)

S stands for Senior

Wristband Codes:

2F .22 Field Grade
2T .22 Target Grade
3P 3 Position Air
AP Air Pistol
AA Archery Class A
AB Archery Class B
AC Archery Class C
BB BB Gun
BP Black Powder
SA Standard Air
SP Silhouette Pistol
SR Silhouette Rifle
SK Skillathon
TR Trap
WC Wildlife Calling

Where do I find the rules for state shoot so I know the details about my event?
Please visit the 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife website at http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-invitational/index.html
There is a document titled “Rules Packet” that will provide you more information about each event and general guidelines for state shoot.