



## Georgia 4-H Awards Guidebook Program Policies and Competition Guidelines BB Gun (5 meter Air Rifle)

### Objectives:

- Enhance youth development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities.
- To involve youth in a life skills program that teaches safe and responsible use of shooting sports equipment including sound decision-making, self-discipline and concentration.
- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and life-long activities related to shooting sports.
- To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
- To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter education programs using experiential (hands-on) educational methods and progressive development of skills and abilities.

### State Event Guidelines:

- The team may consist of 5 -7 4-H members in grades 4-9. Counties with less than five participants will compete as individuals. A county may enter more than one team. Teams must qualify at an area/district match and once a 5-7 member BB team qualifies, those team members may not be rearranged into other county teams for the state match. Team members that are changed for registration at the state match are subject to disqualification. **(See Section on Qualification Guidelines)**
- All 4-H'ers, coaches and safety officers are required to wear eye protection on the firing line. Eye protection must be worn from the start of the preparation period until the cease fire command is given.
- Closed toe shoes that are secured to the feet by use of a heel strap or formed heel must be worn at all times while on the range. Flip flops and sandals are not allowed. Shoes must be worn at the firing line.
- The order of fire will be 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, 10 shots sitting and 10 shots kneeling. Each person will have 10 minutes to fire 10 shots per position. Each person may have unlimited sighting shots during each 10-minute time limit.
- Targets, but not ammunition, will be provided at district and state competition. Targets will be NRA-AR4/10 or equivalent Orion BB Gun target when scoring with the Orion System; 10 bullseye targets fired at 5 meters. Fire once at each record bullseye.
- At the state match, a safety exam will be taken by each 4-H'er for an additional 100 points. Exam questions will come from the 4-H BB Safety Guide. The exam score makes up the fifth position and is included in tabulating total score for overall high individual and team scores.
- Slings should be used in all positions with the exception of standing. No telescopic sights may be used. Only iron sights are allowed.
- Gun Modifications: External modifications are limited to rear sights and altering length of factory installed stocks. No internal modifications may be made except weights may be added. Total weight limit may not exceed six pounds without the sling. Refer to NRA 5-meter Rule Book, section 3, for specific guidelines on Internal and External Modifications. The Chief Range Officer has the authority to inspect any equipment in question and to disqualify a participant if their equipment is outside of the stated guidelines.
- There will be no firing off range at any time for safety reasons.
- A jury (established by the event coordinator) has the discretion to allow a shooter to fire out of turn if the request is made by the coach to the Chief Range Officer(CRO) prior to the start of the match.

The CRO has the discretion to allow a 4-H'er to complete a position during the separate relay if the CRO determines that a gun malfunction, at no fault of the 4-H'er or coach, prevents a 4-H'er from completing fire in a position.

- Due to pending weather conditions, the match schedule may be altered for the safety of the participants. All 4-H matches will be shot as a 4-position match. If adverse weather conditions occur, as many positions as possible will be completed. If a match is shortened due to weather, awards will be given for the positions completed. Team awards will be given based on the positions completed. Overall awards will be given when two or more positions are completed.
- Range Safety:
  - All team members and spectators must remain behind the team line except for those 4-H'ers and coaches whose relays are designated to be at the ready line or firing line.
  - Overhead cover at the ready line cannot exceed more than the 5 ft width allowance for the firing lane. Each firing lane/point is limited to a maximum of three people at the ready line (4-H'er, coach and one other adult).
  - Areas marked for range access, drives and lanes must remain open at all times for event staff and emergency access.
- Any rules not covered, refer to NRA 5-meter Rule Book and the Georgia 4-H 5 Meter BB Safety Guide. 4-H rules take precedence over national rules where they differ. Rules that are in effect on January 1 of the current 4-H year are the respected versions that will be followed. A copy of the NRA 5-Meter Rule Book may be download here: <https://competitions.nra.org/competition-resources/rule-books/>. The 4-H BB Safety Guide is found at <https://georgia4h.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/PM-02-BBSG.pdf>.
- Safety and Rule Violations: The Chief Range Officer or Match Director has the authority to impose a penalty on a coach or participant that is in violation of the stated rules. A warning may be given, deduction of points from the score may be assessed or an individual may be disqualified or removed from the match (NRA rules 9. 24 – 9.30)

#### **Qualification (Area/District Match) Guidelines:**

- Each district will hold a minimum of one area/district BB match. Any team or individual that posts a qualification score may attend the state match at Target Challenge Weekend.
- District Matches must be conducted under the same guidelines as the state event including range set up (as facilities allow), match procedures and scoring procedures. Counties that do not comply with state guidelines may not be permitted to host area/district events in future years.
- A safety exam consisting of 25 questions will be given at the Area/District. However, qualification scores do not include test scores. The maximum individual score for the district match is 400. Once a 5-7 member BB team qualifies, those team members may not be rearranged into other county teams for the state match.
- A 5-7 member team must post **1550** or better to qualify. The high five 4-H'ers scores on a team constitutes the team score. 4-H'ers may qualify individually at the area/district match with a score of **310** or better. **4-H'ers will have one opportunity to qualify per year.**
- If adverse weather conditions prevent the completion of an area/district match, scores will be prorated for the number of positions completed in order to qualify for the state event.
- If a team member is unable to fire at the district match attended by his/her team, he/she may still be included as part of that team provided he/she is: (1) designated as a team member on the official match record for that event noting that he/she did not fire (DNF) and (2) he/she attends another qualification match and posts a completed match score.
- Teams or counties are allowed to participate in multiple qualifying matches for practice as a non-qualifying event. Counties/teams must designate at registration (in writing) that they are a non-qualifying team / practice only. Participation as a non-qualifying team is subject to

available space and participants may or may not be eligible for awards at the discretion of the event host. Eligibility for awards must be communicated in the official match announcement prior to the event.

### **Certified Coaches / Adults**

- Counties are required to have a minimum of one 4-H certified coach in the rifle discipline per 5-7 member team present at all county, district and state activities.
- A 4-H certified coach in rifle discipline must be present for a county practice or event to be recognized as a Georgia 4-H SAFE program.
- Additional adequate adult supervision should be present to serve as safety officers and help facilitate all aspects of Project SAFE events and activities. Certified Coaches and volunteers must meet the UGA policies for volunteers.
- Each county must provide one volunteer per 5-7 member team, not the coach, to assist in the running of Target Challenge Weekend(State BB Match).

### **Awards & Recognition**

- Awards are as outlined by the Project SAFE Development Committee.
- The team with the highest overall score will be recognized as the state winning team. In addition, individuals obtaining the highest scores in each of the four positions and highest score overall will be recognized. All 4-H'ers making a 100 on the test will be recognized.
- The High Individual is eligible for Master 4-H'er status and to participate in the recognition of Special Events Winners at State 4-H Congress. The banquet meal and lodging expenses will be paid for the individual and coach; however, travel costs are not covered.
- The State Winning Team members will be eligible for Master 4-H'er status and to participate in the recognition of Special Events Winners at State 4-H Congress. The banquet meal and lodging expenses will be paid for the team and coach; however, travel costs are not covered.
- Members of the State Winning Team are ineligible to compete as team members in future years. Team members may compete as individuals in future contests and may be recognized as State Winning High Individuals. State Winning High Individuals who are not members of the State Winning Team are permitted to compete in future years as either individuals or as team members. State Winning High Individuals who are members of the State Winning Team are only permitted to compete in future years as individuals.
- The top three teams at the 4-H state match may be eligible to participate in the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match.