



Georgia 4-H Awards Guidebook Program Policies and Competition Guidelines Precision & Sporter 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 avocation 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.

Event Guidelines:

- A county may enter any number of eligible Junior or Senior 4-H'ers. All air rifle matches will be individual and team competition for 4-H'ers only.
- Beginning in Program Year 2021 (August 1, 2020), Juniors (grades 7-8) may compete in Precision Air Rifle just as they have in Sporter Air Rifle. There will be Junior and Senior Divisions.
- Teams are composed of 3-4 members with the team score being determined by the scores from the top 3 4-H'ers. Counties with less than three participants will compete as individuals. Counties may enter more than one team. If more than one team is entered, they must be designated prior to the start of the event. Juniors and Seniors must be squadded on separate teams.
- Targets will be the ten bullseye target designated by the National Three Position Air Rifle Council as NC-AR10
- Course of fire will be the current National Air Rifle Council 3 Position Air Rifle Competition 3X20 consisting of 20 shots each from the kneeling, prone and standing positions, fired in that order at a distance of 10 meters or 33 feet. Total of possible points for the match is 600 points. Targets but not ammunition will be furnished at state matches.
- All competition rules will be governed by the National Air Rifle Council 3-P Air Rifle Rules as outlined by the most current rule book. A copy of the current rule book can be obtained from the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>. 4-H rules take precedence over other rules.
- Clear Bore Indicators (CBI's) made of highly visible material, preferably orange, must be used. CBI's can be cut from replacement string for weed trimmers so that it extends several inches from the muzzle and breech when inserted.
- All participants and coaches at or near the firing line must wear eye protection. Safety glasses or approved shooting glasses as outlined by the National 3 Position Council Air Rifle Rules. Hearing protection is no required but highly recommended.
- 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.
- Other 4-H rules will be outlined in the program/agenda for the event as deemed necessary by the development committee.

Certified Coaches / Adults

- Counties are required to have a minimum of one 4-H certified coach in the rifle discipline per 10 4-H'ers present at all county, district and state activities. The 4-H Project SAFE Committee strongly recommends that there should be one discipline certified coach for each 1-5 person team.
- 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.

Awards & Recognition

- Awards are as outlined by the Project SAFE Development Committee. Recognition will be given to high individuals and teams in both sporter and precision divisions for Junior and Senior 4-H'ers.
- The 4-H'er with the highest score is named the high individual. The team with the highest score will be named the state winning team.
- The first place Senior team in both precision and sporter air rifle 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.
- Additionally the high individual Senior in precision and sporter air rifle will also be eligible for Master 4-H'er status and to participate in the recognition of Specialist 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.
- Members of the State Winning (First Place) Team are ineligible to compete as team members in future years. This applies whether or not they compete in a national 4-H SAFE event. Team members may compete as individuals in contests and may be recognized as State Winners as High Individuals.
- State Winning High Individuals who are not members of the State Winning (First place) Team are permitted to compete in future years as either individuals or as team members.