



2024 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships General Rules

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships (Championships) follows the guidelines for National 4-H Competitive Events as established by National 4-H Headquarters at the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/Guidelines%20for%20Competitive%20Events%202021_508_0.pdf

By entry in these events, the team coach or shooting sports program coordinator verifies that those youth entered are *bona fide* members of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in their respective states, knowledgeable and proficient in the safe use of the equipment, and knowledgeable of the general rules of the events. Match and/or range officials may dismiss or disqualify any participant if he/she believes the participant does not demonstrate the basic proficiency and knowledge required. Violation of any of these policies and/or rules are grounds for disqualification and dismissal from the Championships.

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Direct Health Measures

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee (Committee) is happy to be able to host the 2024 Championships in Grand Island.” The Committee takes the safety, well-being, and health of all participants, parents, volunteers, and spectators very seriously. Currently there are not any direct health requirements for this event. Please be aware, based on any new directives or guidelines mandated or given by the federal, state and/or local government these guidelines maybe updated prior to or during the event. Thank you.

Updated Minimum Standard

Each year, the Committee reviews both the Championship Rules and Regulations as well as the Minimum Standards and Best Management Practices of a 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Decisions to edit are based on the safety and education of our youth as well as the integrity of the 4-H Program. The committee has updated the minimum standard, listed below.

Any firearm built or modified to give the impression of a modern military style firearm such as an AR or AK is not allowed in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Front pistol grips, heat shield/shroud, and magazines extending more than 2 inches below the receiver are prohibited. Examples of unacceptable firearm components are muzzle brakes, recoil compensators, and suppressors. Ported barrels are permitted on shotguns & pistols. Below are visual examples of firearms that would not be permitted.





Synopsis of General Rules

I. Participation

1. **4-H Membership** – All 4-H Shooting Sports members in good standing and meeting the criteria below 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 their state. Official 4-H enrollment is required.
2. **Age Requirements** – Participants must be 14 to 18 years of age on January 1st of 2024 to compete at the Championships.
3. **Official Entry**– Participants and teams must be approved as the official entry by the State 4-H Program Leader or his/her designee. The selection of participants is at the discretion of the State 4-H Program, or the Land Grant University, in which the 4-H Shooting Sports Program resides. A state event is not required to select participants for the national event.
4. **Individual Participation** – All individuals participating as team members are competing concomitantly as individuals. Where teams cannot be formed, individual participants may compete in the Championships for individual awards and recognition.
5. **Team Composition** - Teams are composed of no less than 3 and no more than 4 individuals. Each land grant university, operating a state 4-H Shooting Sports Program, is limited to one team per discipline, with a maximum of 36 participants overall.
6. **Team Representation** - No participant may be a member of more than one team or represent more than one 4-H Shooting Sports Program in the national event. This does not preclude individuals who change residences and are otherwise eligible from participating as members on any team in 4-H events after meeting the eligibility requirements of the sponsoring 4-H Shooting Sports Program.
7. **Event Participation** – Each of the nine disciplines in this competition includes three different events. A given team or individual is restricted to participation in the events in only one discipline in any annual Championships, i.e., no individual may compete in more than one discipline in any given Championship. Participants are expected to complete all individual events in the discipline they represent.
8. **Repeat Participation** - An individual may enter the Championships repeatedly, through the process of selection used in their home state. They may participate in an event in which they qualified if they have not previously competed in that discipline in a prior Championship, i.e., they may represent their state in each discipline only once.
9. **Substitutions** - A team may send a substitute for a registered participant who is unable to attend the Championships. Substitutes must have the written approval of the state Shooting Sports Coordinator and meet all eligibility requirements for participation in the Championships. Substitutes will be accepted until the state contact picks up the official registration materials at the Championships.
10. **Post-Secondary Restriction** – Participants shall not have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive collegiate shooting sports event at any level. A competitive event is defined here as an event open to more than one educational institution (or its students) in which scores are kept and awards are offered to any or all participants.
11. **Entry Fee** - The 2024 registration fee is \$225 per competitor for all disciplines. Registration must be completed by 11:59 pm CT, May 22, 2024. Registrations received between May 23 and June 7th will be charged a **late fee of \$300** per competitor for all disciplines. There is no fee for coaches. Only payment by credit card will be accepted unless previous arrangements have been made. Registration closes on June 7th, 2024, and no late entries will be accepted. All entry fees must be paid in full by June 7th, 2024.
12. **Cancellations** - Cancellations received by May 22, 2024, will be fully refunded. Individuals who cancel after May 22 and before June 23, 2024, will be reimbursed 70% of the paid registration fee. No refunds will be made after this deadline.

II. Conduct

1. **4-H Image and Honor** - The Championships is a youth event showcasing a major component of the 4-H program in the individual states and nationally. Its nature demands that all of us involved in the event from the match directors and state coordinators to the young people, parents and coaches participating must put forward the best image of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program and the 4-H program generally. To protect that public image, use of alcoholic beverages and any use of tobacco products by minors is not permitted on the grounds of the Championships. Violation of this policy is grounds for disqualification and dismissal from the Championships.
2. **Knowledge of Rules and Procedures** – Where possible, each event in this program has been associated with the appropriate National Governing Body (NGB) for that event. Exceptions to NGB rules are noted in the



“Synopsis.” Participants and coaches are responsible for reading the rules, understanding procedures used in each event, and complying with the rules and standards involved. Questions are encouraged to clarify areas of confusion or misunderstanding. Ignorance of the rules does not obviate their existence. Participants are responsible for knowing the rules of their events and complying with them. Learning the rules is part of the educational process for shooting sports participants.

- 3. Dress Code** - Participants and coaches are expected to dress appropriately for the events in which they participate. Team uniforms or shirts are encouraged, but not required. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest. It is important to recognize and respect individual’s choices which can at times bring unwanted attention either to an individual or to the group as a whole. All participants, coaches, parents, and family members must remember that they may be photographed or interviewed for use by local, regional, or national media. Let’s do all we can to make sure that is a positive image for 4-H!
- 4. Footwear Policy** - Participants in any shooting event or activity, while on the shooting line, are required to wear shoes that completely cover their feet, including soles. Examples of footwear that are not acceptable include, but are not limited to: sandals, clogs, flip-flops, slippers, house shoes, and bare feet.
- 5. Behavior and Sportsmanship** - All participants, coaches, and spectators will demonstrate the highest levels of sportsmanship, supporting the objectives and ideals promoted by the 4-H program in general and the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in particular. Participants or coaches will render aid and/or testimony if asked to do so by any match official. All participants, coaches, and observers are expected to conform to appropriate state 4-H Code of Conduct, expectations, or volunteer agreements, as well as to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program Code of Conduct, not only to the letter, but in its intent.
- 6. Ceremony Celebration** – Due to possible personal injury to spectators and participants, there will be NO throwing, tossing, or discharging of any items or devises during the opening ceremony parade of participants, or during awards ceremonies.
- 7. Fan/Spectator Support Items** – The following items **will NOT** be allowed as fan/spectator support items at the Championships: artificial noisemakers, (including but not limited to horns, cow bells, bells, buzzers, shakers, clickers, thunder sticks, rattles), compressed air horns/sirens, and whistles. Sportsmanship, cheering, and support from the team are encouraged.

III. Range and Facilities

1. The Heartland Public Shooting Park (HPSP) allows use of golf carts, ATV’s, club cars and similar vehicles on site. Individuals can rent two-seat golf carts from the HPSP for a fee of \$60 per day. There are no half day rentals. Contact the HPSP (308.385.5048) directly if you are interested in renting a golf cart. Carts are available on a first come, first served basis. Operators of all vehicles at the HPSP must be 18 years of age or older and hold a valid driver’s license. Violation of this rule is grounds for disqualification for any individual or team involved. No golf carts, ATV’s, club cars or similar vehicles will be allowed on the 3D and Field archery ranges during competition except designated Range Officials.
2. Only factory loaded ammunition may be used. On the Trap, Skeet, and/or Sporting Clays Ranges, sizes of 7½, 8, 8 ½, or 9 shot may be used. The HPSP does have a limited supply of shot shells on hand. Teams are strongly encouraged to source and bring/ship their own ammunition.
3. Food and drink may be brought to the HPSP, but **No** food or drink may be brought into the Heartland Events Center or the Pinnacle Bank Expo Center. Food vendors will be available at all range locations (HPSP and Pinnacle Bank Expo Center).

IV. Equipment and Firearms Check-in

1. Sharing of Equipment: Sharing equipment is allowed, but no more than two people on a team may share a piece of equipment. This is an allowance that helps those teams and individuals with limited resources, while at the same time, helps match efficiency by limiting the number of relays that must be conducted.
2. All firearms and archery equipment, except shotgun, must be checked prior to the start of the official competition.
3. Shotgun discipline participants **DO NOT** need to check-in their guns or equipment prior to competing. Hunting Skills participants are required to check-in all equipment including their shotgun.
4. Individuals participating in Hunting Skills must check in ALL equipment. Equipment certification will start during the check-in period, and stickers will be attached to verify that equipment was checked in.
5. Spot check of equipment may take place on the range prior to, during, or after any match. Chief Range Officers (CRO) may verify check-ins on the range. Spot checks prior to or following any competitive event are permitted and likely. Competitors whose equipment does not meet the event standards will be given an opportunity to



adjust or to modify equipment to bring it into compliance prior to a second check. Check-in staff may be able to assist in that process if needed. Equipment failing to meet specifications during on-range spot checks will result in disqualification.

6. The weight of smallbore rifles, including the magazine, will determine the official weight of the rifle.
7. All arrows brought to the Archery or Hunting Skills Check-in tables on Sunday must be stored in a quiver or a storage container.
8. During check-in, firearms must be brought to the check-in stations cased, with an ECI, OBI, or CBI in place and the action open. Safe handling is imperative, particularly with respect to muzzle control. A site for opening cases will be designated.
9. Competitors are limited to checking in a maximum of three firearms or bows during the official equipment check-in period. CRO may verify a backup firearm or archery equipment, if needed, on the practice range.
10. **Equipment check-in is scheduled for Sunday, from 3-6 pm. Each discipline will have a specified location for check-in. See the 2024 schedule.**

V. Range Protocols – Note: In this section, "firearm" is broadly defined to include all rifles, pistols, shotguns, and muzzle loading arms regardless of type or action, including air guns. Range safety protocols will be strictly and vigorously enforced.

1. Firearms will be the last piece of equipment brought to the range by the competitors and the first piece of equipment to be removed from the range at the end of each event. When moving among positions, e.g., to different firing points in silhouette, the action must be open, ECI or CBI in place, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. In shotgun events, a visibly open action is sufficient.
2. All firearms will remain cased until the competitor prepares to take the range for their relay and the range officer has declared the range ready. ECIs or CBIs will be in place until the competitor is on the firing line and will be replaced in the action prior to leaving the firing line. This does not apply to shotguns where the open actions permit visual observation by range staff.
3. No competitor shall rest the muzzle(s) of a shotgun or any other firearm on a shoe, toe pad or similar device such that the muzzle points at any part of an individual's body.
4. Deliberate shooting or attempting to shoot any living animal while on competitive ranges is grounds for ejection from the event or from the match.

VI. Practice Rounds

1. Practice on all ranges, where permitted, will be supervised by the Championships Range Officers and HPSP staff. The CRO will make a concentrated effort to allow all competitors an opportunity to practice if desired. Teams will be randomly assigned practice time each day at their respective range during this event. Monopolization of ranges will not be permitted. All competitors and coaches are requested to be courteous and respectful in this regard.
2. Where practice on competition ranges is not permitted, management will attempt to provide an alternative practice site.
3. Where practice is not permitted on competition ranges, no competitor, coach or other individual aside from authorized range staff shall preview, walk, scout, use range finding devices, or attempt to inform competitors of shooting distances, shot placement, or other information designed to give the competitor an advantage. 3-D archery, hunting live fire, and sporting clays are examples.
4. Practice targets on the shotgun ranges will have the following fees (cost/person):
 - a. Trap & Skeet - \$6.25/25 targets
 - b. Sporting Clays - \$15.50/50 target

VII. Health and Safety

1. **Medical Consent Form and Adult Supervision** – It is the responsibility of each team to have the appropriate state health consent and release forms for each participant. An adult supervisor or coach must be present at each event site with immediate access to those forms during events. They must also have access to them in off hours. The National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and the host institution are not responsible for medical authorizations or health histories of the participants.
2. **Safety** – Safety is the first priority for range staff, participants, coaches, and spectators. Standard and accepted range and shooting safety rules will always be followed. Any site-specific safety considerations will be announced at the appropriate venues. Match Director, Range officers, or other event staff may caution, warn, or eject any person on any range for unsafe behavior. Such ejection may result in forfeited scores, disqualification,



or ejection from the grounds. Any spectator contributing to unsafe behavior or rules violations may be barred from the ranges by Committee staff or event management at any level.

3. Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices –

- a. Except in emergency situations, **NO** cell phones, radios, ear buds, smart watches, or **other electronic communication devices may be used by competitors** or others on or in the immediate vicinity of competitive ranges during active competition.
- b. Essential communication may take place off the ranges where the process will not interfere with participants in any venue or compromise safe operation of the range.

4. Ranging, Walking or Previewing Ranges – In any contest where estimating ranges is inherent in the contest, use of range finders, previewing ranges, communicating distances to later competitors or similar actions is not allowed. These actions are grounds for disqualification for any individual or team involved.

5. Eye and Ear Protection Requirement –

- a. **Eye Protection:** Adequate eye protection (shooting glasses, safety glasses or safety goggles, or hardened prescription glasses are required for all competitors in muzzleloading, air and smallbore pistol, air and smallbore rifle, and shotgun events. This includes Hunting Skills competitors during live fire events for rifle and shotgun. Coaches or spectators on or near firing lines are subject to the same requirements.
- b. **Ear Protection:** In hunting live fire, muzzleloading, shotgun, smallbore pistol, and smallbore rifle, all competitors and those on firing lines must have adequate hearing protection. Where electronic hearing protection is used, it may not include radio or similar broadcasts as background noise, since that could interfere with range commands. This protection is strongly advised for spectators who are close to such ranges.

VIII. Reasonable Accommodation

- 1. To request any accommodation to participate in the Championships, the individual or state coordinator **MUST** contact the host state Match Director, Steve Pritchard, before completing the registration process and prior to the registration deadline of May 22, 2024. Those instances require a written petition supported by a physician's written statement detailing the accommodation needed, the issues preventing the use of standard position or positions, modifications in equipment required to permit participation in the event, or any other accommodation required. A Request for Accommodation Form can be found on the Championships website.

IX. Coaching

- 1. **Coaches –** Each team must have one (and only one) adult Head Coach, designated on the registration form, and present during practice and competition. The designated coach is the only adult permitted to discuss procedures, ask questions, or advocate for his or her team with range officials. The coach must be designated on the official entry form and approved by the appropriate state 4-H program leader or state 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or their official representative.
- 2. **Coaching –** As a general rule, limited coaching is permitted as described in this section; but some events and some CRO may have different guidelines for coaches. It is each coach's responsibility to know what is allowed in the discipline/event they are coaching. Coaches may not create a disturbance, upset either their competitors or others, create unnecessary delays, or otherwise interfere with the safe and efficient operation of the range and execution of the matches. Coaches may assist participants during prep time, setting up equipment, spotting sighter shots, and offering positive advice and support. Unless called to the line by range officials, coaches will remain in the coaches' area. The coach's area will be set up behind the competitor-ready line. Coaches will remain behind that line once preparation time ends, unless called to a firing point by the referee. Once record shooting begins, no coaching is permitted unless initiated by the competitor through the range officer and with his or her permission. Coaches may **NOT** initiate contact with their competitors. Unless authorized by the CRO, coaches may not handle firearms/equipment, nor may they advance to the firing line once the match has begun. Coaches may use spotting scopes to observe shot placement. **NO** cell phones, radios, smart watches, earbuds, or **other electronic communication devices may be used by competitors, coaches,** or others on or in the immediate vicinity of competitive ranges during active competition. Specific coaching instructions may be issued on the ranges for each event. **PLEASE NOTE:** Non-verbal coaching is permitted in air rifle (Rule 5.2.2), provided it does not disturb other competitors. Except for coaching permitted in Rules 5.2.1, other forms of coaching or communication such as talking or the use of electronic communications between a competitor and coach while the competitor is on the firing line are prohibited.
- 3. **Spotters and Scorers in All Matches –** Each competitor may have one spotter with them on the firing line who may have a scope or binoculars to advise the competitor where shots are hitting. The spotter will also keep time and advise the competitor in a quiet voice. The spotter may not touch the competitor or the competitor's equipment after the competitor assumes their position on the firing line. The spotter may be positioned beside or



behind the competitor but not forward of the competitor. Coaches and parents **may not** be Spotters. Spotters can only be registered competitors within that event. An official scorer, either from another team or an event official will be assigned as an official scorer. Match directors will provide instruction as needed for scorers.

X. Challenges and Protests

1. **Challenges** – Only participants may review their targets and challenge scoring. Once targets have been scored, they will be made available for review by the competitor firing on those targets for a period of sixty (60) minutes, unless otherwise posted. Shotgun competitors have 15 minutes to challenge their score after the final scores are posted and/or are announced. Upon completion of that time period, the right of challenge expires, and scores will be deemed correct as posted.
2. **Challenge Fees** - Any challenge must be accompanied by a fee of \$1 per hole challenged. Serial challenges (following one challenge with another) are permitted, but once the competitor has reviewed and either challenged or accepted their scores, the right of review terminates. A jury (not including the original scorer) will review each challenge and render judgment to the challenger. An upheld challenge will result in changing the score to reflect the proper scoring and return of the challenge fee. Challenges sustained, i.e., scoring determined to be correct, will result in forfeiture of the fees, which will be deposited in Championships funds. No fee is required to point out mathematical errors or similar mechanical problems.
3. **Protests and Protest Fees** - Youth participants only (no coaches, parents, or other adults) may protest:
 - a. an injustice they feel has been done to them individually.
 - b. conditions under which another competitor was permitted to fire, or
 - c. equipment not meeting standards another competitor was permitted to use.
4. **Steps to Filing an Official Protest** - Only the competitor affected can make the protest – not parents, coaches, or other adults. A protest must be initiated immediately upon the occurrence of the protested incident. Failure to comply with the following procedure will automatically void the protest:
 - a. State the complaint verbally to the CRO. If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the CRO, then:
 - b. Appeal the decision in writing to the Assistant Range Officer within 30 minutes of the CRO's decision. The Assistant Range Officer will then assemble a Range Jury (Jury) within 60 minutes of receiving the written appeal.
 - The Jury of five (5), shall be composed of a range official (not the one that just ruled), two state team coaches and two 4-H competitors. Jury members must be familiar with the rules and have experience in competition. It is the responsibility of the Jury to interpret and apply the rules and resolve protests. Jury members may not rule on a matter in which they or their team are personally involved. Decisions by the Jury must be based on applicable rules or, in cases not specifically covered by the rules, must be governed by the intent and spirit of the rules. The jury may also hear verbal explanations from both the CRO and the person making the appeal. No Jury decision may be made that is contrary to the Rules. Written protests must be decided by a majority of the Jury and the Jury must render their decision of the protest within two hours after assembling. If not satisfied with the decision of the Jury, then:
 - c. The Final Appeal in written form and accompanied by a \$50 cash protest fee must be submitted to the Match Director within 30 minutes of the Jury's decision. The written protest must include the competitor's name, date, time, description of incident, a solution, and signature of the competitor. A Match Jury composed of the Match Director and two representatives of the 4-H Shooting Sports National Committee will render the final decision within 24 hours. No further appeal may be made.
 - d. If the Match Jury decides in favor of the appeal, the cash protest fee will be returned. If the previous decision is upheld, the protest fee will not be returned.

XI. Silent Auction – The popular silent auction will be held on Wednesday evening, June 26. All states are invited to donate at least one item representing their state to put on the auction. This could be a gift basket, t-shirt, hat, or any item that is appropriate for an auction. ***Please turn items into the Registration Desk by 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 24th or*** items can be shipped to arrive in Grand Island after June 17th but before June 21st. Address shipping label to read – **Fonner Park, Attn: National 4-H Shooting Sports/D. Willey, 700 E. Stolley Park Road, Grand Island, NE 68801.**



XII. College Recruitment – College recruiters are invited and welcome to attend the Championships.

Recruiters are not to interfere with any daily competitions during the event or a competitor’s daily schedule. All expenses related to their visit will be the college recruiter’s responsibility. No fee is required to attend the Championships. A courtesy request to attend the Championships should be made to the Match Director at least one week prior to the start of the event.

XIII. Volunteers – 4-H strives to provide the safest place to be a youth. Therefore, all volunteers must sign up as a volunteer with the official Championships volunteer form which will include agreeing to the child protection policies. Volunteers’ information will then be screened through the host’s state and national sex offender database. Daily volunteers along with core crew members will be considered indirect volunteers given the limited interaction with competitors and other youth volunteers. The volunteers assigned to leadership positions will be considered direct volunteers and will require an additional background check with Health and Human Services for child abuse and neglect.

XIV. Awards and Scoring Procedures

1. Awards

- a. Daily Awards - to members of the top five (5) teams and the top ten (10) individuals for each daily competitive event.
 - b. Overall Recognition – High overall individuals and high overall teams will be recognized based upon results from all three (3) of the daily events. Members of the top 5 teams and top 10 individuals in each discipline are recognized.
 - c. Medals - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place team members/individuals
 - d. Ribbons - 4th-5th place team members; 4th-10th place individuals
- 2. H.T. “Tom” Davison Award** – state sweepstakes award named in honor of H. T. “Tom” Davison, the first chair of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and former program leader for 4-H in Texas. This award recognizes the state recording the greatest number of team points (see explanation below). This traveling trophy stays with the high overall state until the following Championship. To be eligible for the award, a state must have recorded team scores in all nine disciplines.

XV. Scoring – The Committee understands that there are many ways to determine standings in each event. Each system has its pros and cons. Explanation of how placing and awards are determined can be found below.

1. Daily Awards

- a. Daily individual awards - Raw scores and appropriate tiebreakers are used in determining placements in the daily events. (Highest score wins) Scores from any “Finals” match will not be included in daily individual awards.
- b. Daily team awards - The top 3 individual raw scores of each team are used in determining team placements. If a team has 4 members, the lowest score is dropped. If a team tie exists, only then will individual tiebreakers be used. Scores from any “Finals” match will not be included in daily team awards.

2. Overall Awards

- a. Overall Individual Awards are determined by adding where an individual ranked in the 3 daily events. The lowest combined score would be the overall winner for that discipline.
 - For example,
 - ◊ Competitor A is ranked 1st on day 1, 4th on day 2, and 5th on day 3 they would have a total of 10 points (1+4+5).
 - ◊ Competitor B is ranked 2nd on day 1, 1st on day 2, and 8th on day 3, they would have a total of 11 points (2+1+8).
 - ◊ Competitor A would be ranked 1st overall, and Competitor B would be ranked 2nd overall.
 - ◊ The ranking of each day’s event will be based on the rank without the use of tiebreakers. If there was a 4-way tie for 3rd, all four competitors would receive 3 points for that day’s event.
- b. The Overall Team Awards will be determined the same way by adding the rank of the top 3 team members each of the 3 days.
- c. Tiebreakers
 - The first tiebreaker is the total combined raw score for all 3 days events.
 - The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th tiebreakers (if needed) will be determined by a daily score as determined by drawing out of a hat at opening ceremony.
 - ◊ If a 3 is drawn out of the hat first, day 3 scores will be the 2nd tiebreaker.
 - ◊ If a 1 is drawn out of the hat next, day 1 scores will be the 3rd tiebreaker.



- ◇ This would leave day 2 scores as the 4th tiebreaker.
 - ◇ If a tie cannot be broken, a flip of the coin will determine the placing.
3. H.T. “Tom” Davison Award
- a. Determined by Placement Points. After overall team awards are determined, each team will be assigned a placement point. The highest total of placement points determines the state sweepstakes award.
 - b. Placement points are used to provide equal status among the nine (9) categories of competition. Each discipline is awarded the same standing for team placements in each event. This is the same method used in other multiple event team competitions such as swimming and track & field. This permits comparison across disciplines on an equal standing for determining the H.T. “Tom” Davison Award.
 - c. The actual point value of each team placement at the Championships is determined by the discipline/event with the highest number of registered teams. Example: if Shotgun has the greatest number of teams (21), placing points for teams in all events will be 21 points for 1st, 20 points for 2nd, 19 for 3rd, etc. Placement points are awarded after the overall team ranking is determined.

XVI. Ties

- 1. Ties will only be broken to determine the top 10 daily and overall individual awards and top 5 daily and overall team awards.