

## 2019

Dear Hunting Skills Coaches, Competitors, and Parents:

The Hunting Skills core crew would like to take this time and welcome you to the 2019 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships. A lot of time and effort is being put into making this a memorable experience for you. Here are some guidelines to help accomplish that.

- During matches, please offer words of encouragement, save the coaching for practice rounds. Range Officers (ROs) have our plates full making sure that the matches are conducted safely and fairly, and don't want to spend our time watching coaches or parents. Please allow the competitors to compete on their own. You have done your job getting the competitors to this point, and now it is time for them to shine. Please set the example of sportsmanship for every other discipline.
- Competitors are the only ones that can bring concerns to the ROs during the matches. We will entertain a concern from a coach if it pertains to an immediate safety issue or blatant breach in rules or conduct by competitors, coaches, parents, or spectators.
- Please talk to your parents that are attending, we enjoy talking with them, but we will not entertain complaints from them. Please have them contact you with their concerns. You can contact one of us.
- Please talk to your competitors, I understand ribbing each other in a group but keep the language clean and do not degrade each other. Please remember that 4-H is a youth development program, and everyone has signed the 4-H Code of Conduct.
- Bringing extra firearms and equipment is encouraged. Please make sure that you check in any extra equipment at the designated check-in time. That way, in case of a breakdown, we can get the competitor back to the competition quickly and not have to take the time to go over the replacement firearm and make sure it meets all the rules. **If any team members are sharing equipment, please let us know during check-in, to allow us to put together the shooting squads.**
- **Hunting Skills competitors must check-in ALL of their equipment, including their shotgun.**
- Group practice times will be held each day for the next day's shooting discipline events. These practices are for checking equipment and making sure everything is working properly and still adjusted. These are **not** for full practice sessions. If you are looking for a range to practice at, here is a link to Heartland Public Shooting Park. You will not be able to practice on the official ranges, but they may have another area for you to practice, if needed. **(no practice allowed on competition ranges except for scheduled event practices with official range officers present!!)**

<http://www.grand-island.com/your-government/parks-andrecreation/heartland-public-shooting-park>

We hope you have a great time and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us, or talk to us at Nationals. Have safe travels, and we look forward to seeing you all in Grand Island! Below is my contact information. Please call or email with questions.

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