

2019 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships Equipment Check-in Procedures



During equipment check-in at 4-H National Championships, there is a special emphasis on the handling of equipment.

For archery check-in the following instructions will be followed:

- At no time will an arrow be allowed to be attached to the string of the bow
- The only time a string will be pulled back will be at the check in table when the bow scale is attached

For guns (meaning anything with a muzzle used at the National Championships including: muzzleloaders, .22 rifles, .22 pistols, air rifles and air pistols) this emphasis will be done to achieve the following:

- Consistency: Keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction means that a gun is **NEVER** pointed at anyone when in someone's hands
- Reinforcement: **Always** abiding by this rule emphasizes its importance
- Safety: Taking simple and easy steps to further reduce the chances of an injury or death

At check-in:

- All guns will be cased for carrying to the check-in area
- Guns will be uncased and re-cased only at the designated station with the muzzle pointed in the indicated safe direction:
 - The station will be situated so that nobody can be in front of the case when it is opened
 - If a case is opened and the muzzle is pointed in the wrong direction, the case is to be closed and the case turned so that the muzzle is pointing in the safe direction
 - If a case contains guns with muzzles pointed in each direction only the gun pointing in the safe direction will be removed. Then the case is closed and turned so that the other gun can be removed with its muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- When uncased all handling will be done so that the muzzle is never pointed at anyone

The standard safe handling procedures will also be followed at check-in:

- No ammunition is to be brought into the check-in area
- Actions will be open and magazines removed before removal from the case. Air guns will have a clear barrel indicator installed and rimfire (.22 LR) guns will have an empty chamber indicator installed
- All handling by the competitor will be accomplished without touching the trigger