Eligibility: All competitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Education Program within the state of Virginia and have a completed Shotgun Portfolio. Age is based upon calendar year.


Course of Fire: Three rounds of American Skeet (75 targets)
Seniors Two rounds of American Trap (50 targets, 16-yard singles)
Sporting Clays (75 targets)
Combined total of 200 targets (non-registered)

Course of Fire: One round of American Skeet (25 targets)
Juniors One round of American Trap (25 targets)
Sporting Clays (50 targets)
Combined total of 100 Targets

Registration: Registration deadline is September 8, 2019. All entries must be received by this date, to be eligible to compete. There will be no Refunds and no walk-on entries allowed on the day of the shoot.

Squadding: Entries will be squadded at time of pre-registration by management. Consideration will be taken for squad preferences as indicated on registration form.

Teams: Teams will consist of four shooters with the highest combined scores for that county or club. If a club has a minimum of 8 competitors, they may have a second team, 12 competitors three teams, etc. Juniors and Seniors will not be mixed on the same team. Each club provides one experienced trapper to assist - either an adult or senior 4-H member that is not a competitor.

Qualifications: All participants must furnish proof that the 4-H Shotgun Portfolio has been completed prior to entering this event. For copies of the portfolio, go to the website listed on the event flyer. By entry in this event, the team coach is verifying that the youth entered are knowledgeable and proficient in the safe use of the equipment and the fundamentals of the event. Participants are expected to be familiar with the rules and conduct of the events in this competition. Coaching will not be allowed on the fields.
**SKEET:**

- **Event:** Standard NSSA (American) Skeet
- **Course of Fire:** Seniors, 3 rounds (75 targets), Juniors, 1 round (25 targets)
- **Ties:** Doubles from stations 3, 4, and 5 – miss and out per NSSA rules.

**TRAP:**

- **Event:** Standard ATA (American) Trap (16 yards)
- **Course of Fire:** Seniors, 2 rounds (50 targets), Juniors, 1 round (25 targets)
- **Ties:** Full 25 target rounds of 16-yard singles until ties are Broken (per ATA rules).

**SPORTING CLAYS:**

- **Event:** Sporting Clays course using standard NSCA targets.
- **Course of Fire:** 75 targets (Seniors); 50 targets (Juniors).
- **Ties:** Each shooter will shoot three true pairs (station decided by management) with the highest total of hits determining the finishing order. If tied after the first station shooters will go to the next station (decided by management) and repeat until a winner is established.

**OVERALL EVENT TIES:**

- **Team Overall** - Will be shot on Sporting Clays Range
  Each member of the team will shoot a true pair (as decided by management) from a station picked by management. The highest number of hits will rank the teams. If tied after first station continue to next station (decided by management) and repeat until a winner is established.

- **Individual Overall** - Will be shot on Sporting Clays Range
  Each shooter will shoot three true pairs (station decided by management) with the highest total number of targets determining finishing order. If tied after first station continue to next station (decided by management) and repeat until a winner is established.

**Equipment:**

Shooters must furnish their own shotguns. Shotguns must be 12 gauge or smaller and capable of shooting twice without reloading. Each competitor must furnish their own ammunition (shot size #7 ½ or smaller; target loads only). **Factory Loads Only—no reloads!**
No gun sharing allowed for squad members on trap. Eye and ear protection is required.

**Awards:**

**Individual Awards: (All events combined)**
- High Overall for event
- 2nd thru 10th place Senior Individual
- 1st thru 3rd place Junior Individual
- 1st place Lady (Senior)
- 1st place Lady (Junior)

**Individual Awards (Each separate event)**
- 1st place Senior
- 1st place Juniors

**Team Awards: (All events combined)**
- 1st-3rd place Senior Team
- 1st-3rd place Junior Team

Team awards will be given as follows:
- If at least 4 teams (Seniors) compete then a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Trophies will be awarded.
- If at least 4 teams (Juniors) compete then a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Trophies will be awarded.
- If at least 3 teams compete (Seniors) then 1st and 2nd place Trophies will be awarded.
- If at least 3 teams compete (Juniors) then 1st and 2nd place Trophies will be awarded.
- If at least 2 teams compete (Seniors) then only a 1st place Trophy will be awarded.
- If at least 2 teams compete (Juniors) then only a 1st place Trophy will be awarded.
- If only ONE team Senior or Junior compete then no team trophies will be awarded.

**COACHING:**

COACHING WHILE YOUR COMPETITORS ARE ON THE FIELD IS NOT ALLOWED. THIS INCLUDES VERBAL COACHING, HAND SIGNS, OR ANY TYPE OF JESTERING. HOWEVER, YOU MAY COACH BETWEEN ROUNDS.
Safety: The safe conduct of the State 4-H Shotgun Championship is paramount. Anyone found carelessly handling firearms and/or acting in a manner, which could endanger him/herself or others, may be disqualified from the competition. Any match official may make the decision to remove a competitor from the firing line for actions, which he/she feels, are unsafe. The final decision on whether to disqualify a competitor rests with the Match Director. Firearms must always be in cases or gun racks when not being used in competition. When being carried to or from the line, or while on the line but not actually firing, all actions must be open.

National Invitational: This event will be used as the first step to select the state shotgun team to compete at the 2020 National 4-H Championships

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