Summary of Rule Changes for 2023

2023 State Shoot registration:

* For Saturday, only register for a maximum of **4** squadded events.
* For Sunday, only register for a maximum of **3** squadded events.
* Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouettes are now squadded events.
* Air Rifle Silhouettes, Air Pistol Silhouettes, Public Speaking, and Target Sprint are unsquadded events.
* See page 2 of the Match Program for details.
* Hunting competitors have special requirements, see page 2 and 36 of the Match Program for specific instructions.

Highlights of changes for Archery

State/District shoots

* The category “Senior Bowhunter Compound” has been changed to “Senior Compound”.
* Senior Compound targets have been changed to a 5-spot target (see link above)
* National Compound and National Recurve targets are unchanged from 2022.
* All other categories use the 80cm target (unchanged from 2022)
* Scoring criteria for Achievement ribbons has been changing for some categories.
* Competitors at State shoot can shoot in two archery classes (space permitting).
* All arrows should be labelled with an identifying mark so if shooters are sharing targets, they can determine whose arrows are whose. For youth who use club arrows, we will try to make sure two shooters with the exact same arrows do not shoot together.
* See page 13 of the Match Program for details.

2023 State Shoot Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette:

* Smallbore rifle silhouette will use the NRA Silhouette Rifle Rules. All shooters, Jr and Sr, will shoot in the **Standing** (unsupported) position.
* Smallbore rifle and pistol silhouette are **squadded** events.
* **Minimum qualifying score** to participate in smallbore rifle silhouette is Jr 6 out of 20 and Sr 9 out of 20.
* (Qualifications can be shot on ½ scale targets at regulation distances, commands, and timing; OR using the paper target … NRA 50ft Rifle Silhouette Target TQ-14) at 50 feet with regulation distances, commands, and timing
* See page 24 and 28 of the Match Program for details.

2023 State Shoot Air Rifle Silhouette:

* Air Rifle Silhouettes Jr and Sr will shoot in **Standing** (unsupported) position.
* See page 26 of the Match Program for details.

2023 State Shoot Air Pistol Silhouette:

* Competitors will register and compete as either **Supported or Standing**. Competitors 15 and older must shoot standing. 14 and younger can choose either supported or standing.
* See page 28 of the Match Program for details.

2023 State Shoot BB:

* Youth may compete in the BB event if they are age 15 and younger on the day of the match (September 9, 2023).
* See page 22 of the Match Program for details.

2023 State Shoot Light Rifle:

* 3 Position Small-bore Light Rifle course of fire will be **Prone, Standing, and Kneeling for BOTH Jr and Sr.**
* 3 Position Small-bore Rifle **minimum qualification score** to participate is Jr 100 out of 300 and Sr 150 out of 300.
* Additional clarification of equipment specifications
* See page 20 of the Match Program for details.

2023 State Shoot Shotgun: No changes from 2022.

2023 State Shoot Muzzleloader: No changes from 2022.

2023 State Shoot Hunting and Outdoor Skills

The Hunting Test will be conducted at the club level during the week before the State Shoot.

* The written tests, Wildlife Identification slides, and answer sheets will be mailed to the coach of record shortly after the registration deadline.
* The test will be given to all of the club’s competitors during one meeting.
* The answer sheet will be turned in to match staff during check-in, not later than 9 AM on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

Each Hunting competitor will pre-register for their choice of two shooting events to be accomplished on Saturday. The competitor must select their two events from:

* Archery (one archery event only)
* Smallbore Rifle (Light Rifle (3-Position Smallbore) or Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes but not both)
* Shotgun (either Trap or Skeet but not both)

All mandatory and optional events for Hunting and Outdoor Skills will be completed on Saturday for the 2023 State Shoot.

* Only register for 3 squadded shooting events on Saturday (Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette is now a squadded event).
* If also registering for Public Speaking, Hunting and Outdoor Skills competitors will not register for more than 2 squadded shooting events on Saturday.
* See page 38 of the Match Program for details.

2023 State Shoot Public Speaking

A Public speaking competition will be held on Saturday only, as an unsquadded event. See page 37 of the Match Program for details.