



Tate County Shooting Sports News

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A copy of the official 2010 Mississippi Shooting Sports Event Handbook may be viewed on our website.

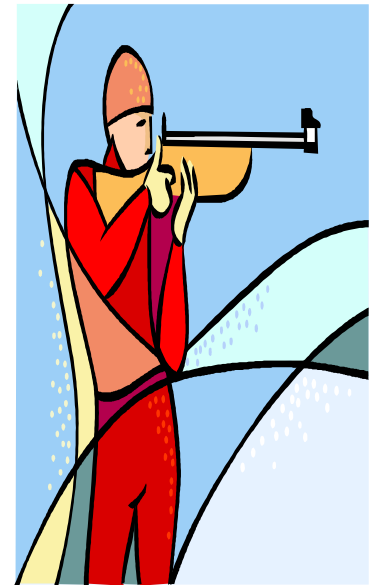
4-H Motto
"To make the best better"

4-H Pledge
"I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking, my **HEART** to greater loyalty, my **HANDS** to larger service, my **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world."

4-H Slogan
"Learn by doing"

4-H Shooting Sports Program Goals

- To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through shooting, hunting and wildlife habitat management.
- To enhance development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activity.
- To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration.
- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and lifelong avocational activities related to shooting sports and wildlife management.
- To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
- To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter education programs using experiential educational methods and progressive development of skills and



Safety Training February 13th & 20th

We will be offering two shooting sports safety trainings this year. These two programs are set for **February 13th and 20th**. Each training will be held at our office from **10:00 –12:00 noon**.

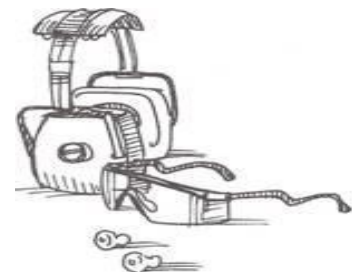
All 4-H'ers and parents/guardians must attend at least

one of these trainings to advance to the range practice and the district competition.

We will also take time to review over the rules from the Shooting Sports Event Handbook.

I will need to know which

training you will be attending by **February 1st**.



http://msucare.com/counties/tate_69/4h.html



“Better a thousand times careful than once dead.”

~Author Unknown~



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A few things from the handbook to think about...

Young people 4-H age 8-18 (age as of January 1) may join local 4-H Shooting Sports clubs, although participation in certain disciplines is limited to older 4-H'ers.

All participants are required to have completed 8 hours of training each year in each discipline in which he/she is going to compete. Thus, for a 4-H'er to compete in 3 disciplines (maximum), he/she must have completed 24 hours of instruction. Additionally, youth must have participated in at least one competition identical to that of the District Discipline(s) in which he/she is going to compete, prior to the District Event (County Postal Match). The minimum training requirements will be verified on individual registration forms by a 4-H Shooting Sports certified discipline instructor. This instructor must be certified in the discipline in which he/she is verifying.

Safety will be first and foremost at all times. 4-H Shooting Sports training committee will examine and inspect all ranges in accordance with NRA standards prior to live fire exercise.

Participants and coaches are responsible for reading and understanding the rules. While on the firing line, each team or individual must be accompanied by an adult or qualified Senior II. Participants must have a sponsoring adult who will be responsible for them at all times during the day. Each county must have a minimum of one adult per 5 youth at the contest.

Participants shall provide their own firearms, ammunition, bows, and arrows, and eye and ear protection, and other personal shooting equipment. This includes sandbags of shooting blocks, shooting rolls, slings, jackets, etc. Coaches are responsible for handling and control of all ammunition.

Counties sharing firearms or other equipment must limit the sharing to no more than 3 youth per piece of equipment.

All firearms and archery equipment must be cased at all times, except when on the firing line.

All firearms-air pistols, air rifles, .22 caliber rifles, .22 pistols, and shotguns-must have a breech block safety flag inserted in the chamber. Breech block safety flags can easily be made from yellow or orange weed eater trimmer line and inserted into pistols, rifles, and shotguns of all kinds. Muzzleloader rifles must have a yellow safety flag attached to the barrel inserted ramrod.

Arrows will not be nocked until the participant is on the firing line. The use of a hip or ground quiver is required.

Participants must obey all range commands. Arrive at each event at least 15 minutes prior to relay times to receive range orientation.

Rifles must be single loaded, except where safety would be better served and the range officer dictates. Coaches must certify when each firearm is clear.

Participants must wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line.

Ammunition will be stored so as not to be readily accessible except on the firing line. Arrows are not classified as ammunition and thus may be stored in the bow case.

All participants will check-in equipment at the appropriate check-in station for their disciplines. Equipment will be checked to ensure it is safe and in usable condition. Any loaded

firearms will result in immediate disqualification!

Range assignment cards will be issued with relay number and approximate time as well as the competition Equipment Class they will participate in.

All equipment, including firearm, will be the responsibility of the participant under the supervision of their coach and 4-H youth agent.

A ready area behind the firing line will be designated for shooters and coaches to gather in just before their relay is called on the line. There will also be a designated area for spectators and people not directly involved in the competition. Failure to remain in designated areas could result in removal from the competition.

Participants and/or coaches violating any safety rules (as listed) will be given one warning and then be disqualified from further participation if a second infraction occurs. If the safety violation is severe, the competitor may not be given a warning. Participants bringing loaded firearms (including BB guns and air rifles) to competition are automatically disqualified. Coaches as well as the 4-H Youth Agent will be reprimanded.

4-H rules apply! Each participant must have a completed Parental Consent/Code of Conduct Form and Health Card in order to participate in any event. These forms can be obtained from your local MSU-Extension Service office.

Each discipline event will have a registration fee to be determined by that district. Registration date and late fees will be determined by district.

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Competition Categories

Category	Junior I 8-9 years	Junior II 10-11 years	Junior III 12-13 years	Senior I 14-15 years	Senior II 16-18 years
Rifle					
<i>Air Rifle</i> 5 meter-BB/Pellet	X	X	X		
<i>Air Rifle</i> 10 meter-Pellet	X	X	X	X	X
<i>.22 Rifle</i> 3-position		X	X	X	X
Archery*					
Recurve		X	X	X	X
Standard Compound		X	X	X	X
Bare Bow		X	X	X	X
Unlimited		X	X	X	X
Pistol					
<i>Air Pistol</i> 5 meter-BB	X	X	X		
<i>Air Pistol</i> 10 meter-Pellet	X	X	X	X	X
<i>.22 Pistol</i> Combination Fire				X	X
Muzzleloading					
50 yd Bullseye		X**	X***	X***	X***
25 yd Bottles & Critters			X***	X***	X***
Shotgun					
Clover Clays		X	X	X	X

*Males and females will be scored separately and compete in different classifications.

**Junior II's will only compete in the 50 yard Bullseye event.

***Junior III's and Seniors will compete in Bullseye and Bottles and Critters as one event.

**JUNIOR III'S AND SENIORS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOOT AT ALL THREE TARGETS- BULLS,
BOTTLES AND CRITTERS**