



## PENNSYLVANIA 4-H STATE ACHIEVEMENT DAYS 2017 CONTEST RULES

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### AIR PISTOL

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**Note:** A disabled 4-H'er can compete in the course of fire, or be the 4<sup>th</sup> person on a 3-person team acting as a spotter and share in the team's awards.

**Purpose:**

This event is designed:

1. To support the county 4-H shooting sports program.
2. To broaden the 4-H interaction experiences of youth and adults from across the Commonwealth.
3. To challenge 4-H'ers skills and knowledge of air pistols.
4. To recognize demonstrated abilities in the use of air pistols.
5. To better acquaint 4-H'ers with the faculty, services and facilities of The Pennsylvania State University.

**Objectives:**

1. To provide an opportunity for teams and individuals to compete for 4-H and team honors.
2. To give 4-H air pistol marksmen and women an opportunity to demonstrate their skills.

**Eligibility:**

1. **All contestants must be enrolled, and have been instructed in, the Pennsylvania Shooting Sports Air Pistol Project prior to competing in the contest.**
2. Only counties who have certified 4-H or National Rifle Association Air Pistol leader(s) may compete.
3. This is restricted to trained teams of 4-H'ers thoroughly familiar with safety.
4. The contest will be divided into two divisions.  
Junior Division: Participants must be at least 13 years of age and must not have passed their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the current year.  
Senior Division: Participants must be at least 13 years of age and must not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the current year, i.e. Junior shooters may compete in the Senior division, but Senior shooters may not compete in the Junior division.
5. Each county may enter **one** of the following combinations in the Junior and Senior divisions:
  - One (1) team consisting of four (4) people
  - One (1) team consisting of three (3) people
  - Two (2) individual shooters
  - One (1) individual shooter

**Counties may not combine members to make a team of four (4). Each county is allowed four (4) members maximum per team in the Junior Division and four (4) members maximum per team in the Senior Division (only one (1) team of four (4) in Junior and only one (1) team of four (4) in Senior).**

6. Anyone who has participated in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Air Pistol Competition is NOT allowed to take part in this state contest again.
7. The first place shooter from the Senior division is NOT allowed to take part in this state contest again whether or not they attend the National Contest.
8. Once you compete in the Senior division of this contest you are NOT allowed to compete in the Junior division in future years regardless of your age.

**Championship Eligibility:**

In order to be eligible for participation in a 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships, youth must have been enrolled in 4-H the prior 4-H year as well as being a member in good standing and age eligible the year of the National Championships.

Example: For the 2011 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships, a youth must be enrolled in 4-H in their state of residence and if registering for the National Championships, must register as a team member or individual of their state of residence.

Members must declare official membership in one state and may only compete as a representative of that state.

An individual may enter the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships repeatedly, through the process of selection used in their home state. They may participate in an event in which they qualified if they have not previously competed in that discipline in a prior National Championships, i.e. youth may participate in a given discipline at the National Championships only once, regardless of state residence.

#### **Contest Organization and Content:**

All matches are single pistol matches. A shooter is to shoot the entire course of fire of that event with the same pistol. No pistol changes between stages. Only one pistol per shooter will be allowed on the line.

This event shall follow the NRA International Style Pistol Rules ~~CI16500-(2013)~~ (2015)

~~[http://www.nrahq.org/compete/RuleBooks/IntlPistol/intl\\_pst\\_index.pdf](http://www.nrahq.org/compete/RuleBooks/IntlPistol/intl_pst_index.pdf)~~, however, The course of fire shall differ between the Junior and Senior divisions.

#### **SLOW FIRE - BULLSEYE**

**Target:** NRA B-40 or B-40/4

**Distance:** 10 meters or 33 feet

**Course of Fire:** Junior: 30 shots, 10 shot strings, 5 shots per bull  
Senior: 40 shots, 10 shot strings, 5 shots per bull

**Time Limit:** 1 minute per record shot (15 minutes per string)  
10 minute preparation time, 15 minutes for unlimited sighting shots

**Shooting Position:** Junior: 15 shots two-hand hold, standing  
15 shots one-handed, standing

Senior: one-handed hold, standing

**Equipment:** Any .177 caliber (4.5 mm) air pistol weighing less than 3.3 pounds with a trigger pull of at least 17.6 ounces, metallic sights only. Overall size is limited to those that will permit the pistol to be enclosed completely in a rectangular box having inside dimension of 420mm x 200mm x 50mm (approximately 16.35" x 7.87" x 1.76"). Pellets must be single loaded.

#### **Rulebook:**

NRA International Style Pistol Rules ~~CI16500-(2013)~~ (2015)

~~[http://www.nrahq.org/compete/RuleBooks/IntlPistol/intl\\_pst\\_index.pdf](http://www.nrahq.org/compete/RuleBooks/IntlPistol/intl_pst_index.pdf)~~ **NRA.org International Style Pistol Rules**

#### **General:**

One team member may be at the firing position with the shooter to act as coach and spotter. Spotting scopes and/or binoculars are permitted. Coaching is permitted by team members only.

**EYE PROTECTION IS REQUIRED. SHOOTING CONTESTANT MUST BRING THEIR OWN EYE PROTECTION.**

Disabled 4-H'ers may use special equipment. It is best to consult with the contest chairperson prior the event.

4-H'ers may provide their own firearms and pellets. Air pistols and ammunition will also be provided for 4-H'ers who do not bring their own. Targets will be provided. Personal firearms and pellets will be secured by the state 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and not stored on campus.

The committee will determine order of fire the day of the match.

Shoes must be closed at the toe and heel. No sandals or clogs.

#### **Safety Statement\*:**

**Eye Protection:** Adequate eye protection (shooting glasses, safety glasses, or safety goggles, or hardened prescription lenses) is required for all participants in Muzzle Loading, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, and Shotgun disciplines. Such protection is required for archery events as well. Coaches or spectators on or near firing lines are subject to the same requirements.

**Ear Protection:** Adequate ear protection is required for all participants in Muzzle Loading, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, and Shotgun disciplines. Where electronic hearing protection is used it may not include radio or similar broadcasts as background noise, since that could interfere with range commands. Such protection is strongly

advised for archery events as well if held in close proximity of other shooting sports contests. Coaches or spectators on or near firing lines are subject to the same requirements.

**Footwear:** Any participant while on the shooting line or shooting in any shooting event is required to wear shoes that completely cover their feet. Examples of footwear that are not acceptable include, but not limited to: sandals, clogs, crocks, flip-flops, and bare feet.

\*Safety statement implemented by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee's "*National Shooting Sports Best Practices*".

**Scoring:**

Scoring will be determined as follows:

1. A team score is defined as the total of the three highest scoring individuals from a team of three or four individuals.
2. An individual score is defined as the total of all scores from each part of the contest.
3. Junior Division: A total possible team score is 900 points. Each of 30 rounds is potentially worth 10 points for a total individual score of 300.
4. Senior Division: A total possible team score is 1200 points. Each of 40 rounds is potentially worth 10 points for a total individual score of 400.

**Awards:**

1. The members of the 1<sup>st</sup> place high scoring team in each division will receive an award.
2. The high scoring individual in each division will receive an award.
3. The top team and top individuals will be announced at the Recognition Assembly during Penn State 4-H Achievement Days.
4. Team ribbons will be awarded to a maximum of ten (10) teams.
5. Participant ribbons will be awarded to participants that do not place.

**Each contestant that chooses to bring their own air pistol must have the following form completed and returned with registration materials in order to participate in the Air Pistol Contest.**

If an air pistol contestant chooses to use his/her own air pistol, arrangements must be made between Extension staff, the 4-H air pistol leader and the contest chair to have air pistols and ammunition delivered to and transported from the contest site. No air pistols or ammunition may be brought on campus.

If I choose to use my own air pistol, I understand that I must make arrangements to have the air pistol and ammunition that I will use for this contest delivered to and transported from the contest by a responsible adult.

Adult responsible for delivering air pistol and ammunition:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructor verification:**

Each contestant must have demonstrated his/her ability in safe handling of firearms on the range to the satisfaction of his/her 4-H certified air pistol instructor prior to the contest.

I verify that 4-H member (name) \_\_\_\_\_ has demonstrated safe handling skills with an air pistol and should be considered for participation in the Air Pistol Contest at Penn State 4-H Achievement Days.

Instructor Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Name (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_