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2026 4-H Spring Air

Match Program and Registration Information

2026 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Fact Sheet

[1-Spring Air Fact Sheet 1-1- 2026.docx]

Spring Air is a two-day event. This event is managed by volunteers who depend on other volunteers showing up to help set up the ranges and to perform other tasks over the weekend. It is not optimized for those who drive in for a few hours and go home leaving all the work for others. Regarding scheduling and lodging, we will try to accommodate competitors that are only attending for one day, but there is no guarantee that they will be scheduled for every event they request. If there are situations where there are range limitations, we will use the “first-registered first-squadded” method.

Please read through the registration info and match bulletins. Do not rely strictly on this information. If you find a change that we have missed, please let us know. Age participation policy for all events (except BB) is determined by calendar year.

Date: March 13-15, 2026

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational and Conference Center, Wirtz, VA

Driving Directions and Map of Facilities: <http://www.skelton4hcenter.org/>

Registration Deadline: **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

Registration Process: Counties/teams that competed in 2025 will be sent notification of the registration information. Registration materials can be downloaded from the VA 4-H Shooting Education Website <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/shooting.html> or contact Robert Tillotson or Lynn Wheelless; see contact information below.

Eligibility: 4-H members that are: (1) registered in 4-H Online, (2) enrolled in a State 4-H Office approved 4-H Shooting Education Club, and (3) have completed project portfolios in the event(s) in which they are registered to shoot. Portfolios can be downloaded from the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Website (above).

Portfolios for each participant need to be complete and presented at the check-in desk.

Lodging, Meal, and Day Use Fees:

Lodging will be \$49.00 night/room in hotel style rooms with 4 or 5 persons per room or \$11.00/night/person in lodge style rooms. This includes a 12.3% lodging tax. Families with shooting competitors will be given priority for the hotel style rooms. (Please do not ask for them for extended family members such as aunts, uncles, and grandparents.) Youth and adults must provide their own bedding, towels and toiletries. For these room rates, you will be responsible for cleaning the trash out of your rooms and making sure everything is in order. You will be responsible for any damages. There is to be **NO SMOKING** in any building or rooms. Please inform your adults of this. Those wanting hotel style rooms for Friday night only, must be out by 10:00 AM so that room can be cleaned for use on Saturday night. Saturday check-in to rooms after 2:00 PM

Meals are: Breakfast-\$9.00, Lunch-\$10.00, and Dinner-\$15.00. This includes the 4% meals tax. Lodging and meal requirements must be made with registration by February 17th.

Day Use: Everyone who is NOT staying overnight in lodging at the Skelton 4-H Center will be charged a \$5 day use fee (one fee per weekend). This includes parents, guardians, coaches, family members, and any other visitors. Please contact Lynn if you have questions.

Use of Skelton facilities for meals. Skelton has allotted a limited number of areas for groups to have their own meals. These will be on a first-come basis. Please contact Shelley for additional information. This has to be confirmed with Shelley by the registration deadline. **Cooking in the living quarters and use of outdoor grills is prohibited.**

Entry Fee: The entry fee for 4-H participants is \$50 per youth and includes all matches and event t-shirts.

Payment methods for Spring Air 2026:

Payment **Deadline** is February 17, 2026

The following procedures are implemented due to the past practices of some clubs and individuals that did not pay their entry fees until many weeks after the match. To prevent staff and volunteers from spending countless hours tracking down late payments, the following rules are mandatory:

Four-step process.

1. **Register** by the deadline. New for 2026
2. **Wait** a day. Your registration will be reviewed for accuracy, lodging assignments, and day use fees. You will receive an email, usually within 24 hours, that will notify you that your invoice is correct or you will receive a new invoice.
3. **Pay.** Use the invoice from step 2 and pay according to the steps below.
4. **Send Proof** of payment.

New for 2026

Proof of payment needs to be provided so the staff knows the payment is in progress. Proof of payment can be a copy of the journal transfer or a copy of the check that was mailed. These documents must be dated on or before the registration deadline. Registration documents that are not accompanied by proof of payment will not be processed and the competitors will not be squadded. Furthermore, full payment is required prior to a club checking in at the registration desk.

Payment of fees (including registration, lodging, meals, and day use) must be initiated on or before the registration deadline! The registration document includes an invoice. One payment per club is mandatory! Payment by Journal Transfer is the preferred method. There are two **ways to pay** using the invoice tab on the registration document:

1. **Payment by County/Unit 4-H Office** can be by **Journal Entry Transfer** to:
ORG code: 064300
Fund #: 999426
Activity Code: **SPRAIR**
Account #: 12890
Description: "Spring Air" plus your Unit name, for example "Spring Air Appomattox"
New for 2026
2. **Payment by check:** Make the check for the entire amount payable to Treasurer of VT and include this on the memo line: "Spring Air." Mail the check to:
Brody Crockett
Extension Administrative Suite
115 Hutcheson Hall (MC 0908)
250 Drillfield Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24061
New for 2026

Refund Policy:

To preclude wasted hours of volunteers; valuable positions in the relay schedule being wasted; and funds being unnecessarily expended, the refund policy is:

Refunds will only be made if requested before 5:00 PM on February 17, 2026. After the registration deadline, if a club has any "no shows," that club will still be responsible for paying the registration fees, meals, lodging, etc. for everyone who registered for the event.

Portfolio Review:

Club Coordinators or Unit 4-H Agents must complete the form *VA 4-H Shooting Education Portfolio Certification Document* form **for each competitor**. These completed forms must be emailed to rockinshots10@gmail.com by 8:00 PM on **February 24, 2026**. Additionally, **portfolios must be available for review during the check-in process.**

Check-in: Only one official coach of record (or their designee) to come through registration line please! Upon arrival, each club must check-in, **present portfolios and participant registration for review**, receive their housing

assignments (if any) and verify the adult(s) who will be providing overnight supervision. As 4-H has gone to online enrollment, health forms, and code of conduct, each club is responsible for either having paper copies of health forms with them or 24-hour access to online health forms for all participants commuting or staying at the center and those adults staying at the center. Clubs must provide any additional information necessary to have a safe, productive and enjoyable weekend.

Mandatory Scorer/Stat House Worker: Even though AR, AP, and BB will be scored by scanning, we ask that each county/club designate at least one adult (4-H Instructor and/or 4-H Parent) to assist with tasks as needed throughout the event, such as running targets, sorting targets, and generally being available to help. They do not have to stay in the stat house the whole time. Just check by and see if any help is needed and it does not have to be the same person designated for the whole weekend. The operators of the Orion Systems have asked for assistance with the scanning process so that they might be able to take a break occasionally and also to be able to teach others about the systems. For those clubs or individuals interested in learning more about the Orion system, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Events: BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Silhouette, Air Rifle Silhouette, Presentation Contest, Public Speaking Contest, and Archery.

BB will use the age classification in the NRA rules. All other events (including public speaking and presentation) will use the calendar year for ages to determine classification where necessary.

Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB will all be scored by the Orion system.

Presentation and Public Speaking Contests. The 4-H Shooting Education Program is a vehicle for teaching life skills and the youth participating in the shooting program need to be able to communicate to others their interest and commitment to the shooting sports. Youth may participate in either the presentation contest or public speaking contest. The rules for each will follow the main stream 4-H contest areas and can be accessed at the Virginia Cooperative Extension site which is listed later in this announcement. Awards will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd individual in each event and each age group: Junior (ages 9 to 13) and Senior (ages 14 – 19).

“Spring Air” 4-H Age Policy: Youth that turn 9 to 13 in 2026 will be considered juniors and those that turn 14 or older in 2026 will be considered seniors. See the BB and Air Pistol sections for additional information.

Birth Year	Age
2007	18+
2008	18
2009	17
2010	16
2011	15
2012	14
2013	13
2014	12
2015	11
2016	10
2017	9
2018	8

Finals: Sunday
Air Rifle (top 8 Sporter)
Air Pistol (top 8 International Standing)

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At this time of year, some web sites, particularly those for rules, are being updated for the new year. If you find one that has been updated and I have not caught it, please let us know.

A-Spring Air 2026 Registration Instructions.doc] [1/20/26 v1]

This is a two day event.
We ask that you treat it as such.

Registration Form Instructions

Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Any forms with names and addresses typed in all caps will not be accepted.

DO NOT email information back on “strings” of emails as it gets lost with so many on the string!

There are five spread sheets [in excel] that need to be completed for registration. **RETURN IN EXCEL – not pdf., scanned, or any other language or format**

[1] Club Registration:

- Line 1:** Unit (County or Club) Name
- Line 2:** Name of coach of record
- Line 3:** Electronic signature of Certification by Coach or Club Coordinator signifying that all the competitors are knowledgeable of the use of their equipment and of the competition in which they are entered. (BB, supported Air Pistol positions, and AR & AP silhouettes may have coaches.) ***Air Rifle and unsupported Air Pistol positions must be able to handle their equipment without coaching on the firing line. If a competitor is not able to handle their equipment or know the competition process, they will be asked to leave the firing line.***
- Line 4:** Contact Name
- Lines 5:** Address
- Line 6:** City
- Line 7:** State
- Line 8:** Zip Code
- Line 9:** Phone Number
- Line 10:** Email for questions on registration
- Line 11:** Name(s) of individual(s) from the club that can help with stat house. Also, data entry help needed.
- Line 12:** Total number of 4-H competitors. Automatically computed from Competitor Info page
- Line 13:** **All Adults and Non-competitors** attending Spring Air must be included on this form. **There is a \$5 day use fee for each attendee that is NOT lodging with the Center.** (One fee for one or two days.) All attendees must be registered on this form. Automatically computed from information on page.
- Line 14:** Children under 4 years of age. Automatically computed from information on page.
- Line 15:** Fees for additional areas of Center that are used
- Line 16:** Lodging needed. Automatically computed from Lodging & Meals sheet
- Line 17:** Meals needed. Automatically computed from Lodging & Meals sheet
- Line 18:** Day use fees for competitors that are not lodging on the Skelton 4-H Center.
- Line 19:** Danish Ribbons, Medals, and Trophies will not be mailed if not in attendance at awards ceremony. They will be available at the next State Function (State Shoot)).
- Line 20:** Grand Total
- Line 21:** Method of payment. Select “Check” or “Journal Transfer”. pay according to the procedure in the document *Payment Methods for Spring Air*
- Line 22&23:** Office Use

[2] Schedule considerations:

Spring Air is a two-day event. We will try to accommodate competitors that are only attending for one day, but there is no guarantee that they will be scheduled for every event they request. If there are situations where there are range limitations, we will use the “first-registered first-squadded” method.

Before you register, please be aware of these scheduling facts:

- Public Speaking and Presentation contests are only held on Saturday
- Air Pistol International Standing is only held on Saturday
- Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB have limited capacity on Sunday
- If a competitor is in Air Rifle on Sunday, they cannot be in BB or Air Pistol
- If a competitor is in Air Pistol on Sunday, they cannot be in Air Rifle
- If a competitor is in Air Pistol on Sunday, they may or may not be able to compete in BB on Sunday

[3] Competitor Info:

Please follow the instructions in parenthesis in each column of the registration sheet. For more than 30 participants please add additional lines or sheets.

Do not put additional information in columns (such as days they would like to shoot that discipline or email that information to the volunteers. **That information needs to be put on the notes tab on the spreadsheet (not in separate email).** (Additional information may be put in an email but may be missed as registrar is working from registration sheets.)

Competitor Information:

All information for every competitor must be entered. Do not type using all capital letters. Instructions for each column are in each column. **Start on line one and do not leave blank lines for competitors.**

For all disciplines put a “1” in the block if the competitor is shooting that event. Do not put “no” if not shooting that event.

In the column for pistol position place the letter “BS” for Basic Supported, “SS” for Standing Supported, and “1ST” for One Handed Standing.

In the column for Air Pistol Silhouette, select either “Supp” for Supported or “Stand” for Standing.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

[4] Adults & Non-competitors

All adults and Non-competitors attending Spring Air must be included on this form.

[5] Lodging, Meals, & Day Use Info:

Any competitor that wants to “shoot four or more “squadded” events must lodge both nights. Squadded events include: Presentation/Public Speaking, air rifle, air pistol, and BB. Please record all information for all competitors. Also enter any coach, family member, etc., that will be staying at Skelton 4-H Educational Center. Place a “1” in column for each night's lodging for one member of a family (group) desiring a “hotel style” room and a “1” for each person for lodge style room. Place a “1” in column for each meal for each person to be reserved. Form will automatically compute total if “1s” are placed in column. Totals will automatically be entered on Club Registration page.

Lodging will be assigned at check-in. (Families may stay together in one hotel style room for \$49.00/night. A limited number of these rooms are available.) Those wanting hotel style rooms for Friday night only must be out by 10:00 AM so that room can be cleaned for use on Saturday night. Saturday check- in to rooms after 2:00 PM.

Lodge-style rooms are available for \$11 per person per night.

[6] Notes or Comments:

Please record additional information on this sheet such as special needs, requested shoot days, etc.

[7] Invoice will be automatically computed for information from other pages

Cancellation Policy

Refunds will only be made if requested before 5:00 PM on February 17, 2026. After the registration deadline, if a club has any “no shows,” that club will still be responsible for paying the registration fees, meals, lodging, etc. for everyone who registered for the event.

Return completed forms to rockinshots10@gmail.com by **5:00 PM, February 17th**.

Spring Air 2026 -- Overall Event Schedule

Friday, March 13

3:00 PM - Until finished	Ranges Set-up
7:00 PM to 10:30 PM	Registration (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge)
10:30 PM	Lights out and quiet

Saturday, March 14

7:00 AM to 7:45 AM	Breakfast
7:15 AM to 8:00 AM	Late Registration (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge)
8:15 AM	Range Officers & Coaches Meeting (Taubman Conference Room)
8:30 -8:45 AM	Participants with 9:00 AM relays need to move equipment to the ranges (leave guns cased)
9:00 AM	Ranges Open and Relay Start Times
BB (1:15)(16)	9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM (Rocovich Range)
BB Test	9:30 AM- 4:15 PM (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge – lower conference room) (If you shoot on Saturday, please take the test on Saturday. If you shoot on Sunday, you can take the test either day.) Test Times will be posted at the Stat House and on the testing room door. Last Test of the day will fall immediately after the last BB relay of the day has finished on the range (Times will be posted on stat house door and testing room).
Air Rifle (1:45)(16)	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM (Smith Building)
Air Pistol (1:30)(13)	9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM (Welcome center basement, please use downstairs entrance located on back of building, upstairs is not a lounge area)
AR/AP Silhouette	9:15 AM to 4:30 PM (Rocovich Range) (Walk in)
Archery	9:15 AM to 4:30 PM (Rocovich Range) (Walk in)

All Day: Please have adult(s) check by the registration room to see if help is needed

9:30 AM 1:00 PM **Presentations** - All contestants to Taubman Conference Room

Public Speaking - All Contestants to Taubman Conference Room

You are invited and encouraged to come watch the presentation and public speaking contests but please do not enter or leave the room when a contestant is speaking.

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Lunch -- Dining Room Small end - Please keep noise down as consideration for AR shooters

6:30 – 7:15: Dinner

All Day: AR, AP, and BB will be scored by scanning with the Orion System. Targets w/ individual score sheet will be available for coaches inside Reid Jones, Jr. Upper Conference Room for inspection after each relay is recorded.

7:15 – 8:30: Social Mixer JOCO Hall

10:30 PM Lights out and quiet

Sunday, March 15

7:00 AM to 7:45 AM: Breakfast

8:00 AM Ranges Open (Same locations as Saturday)

BB: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (If needed)

BB Test: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (If needed) Test Times will be posted at the Stat House.

Air Rifle: 8:00 AM

Air Pistol: 8:00 AM

AR/AP Silhouette Archery: 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rocovich) (Walk in)

Archery: 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rocovich) (Walk in)

Take down BB and AP ranges as soon as events are over

10:30 AM Take down Silhouette and Archery ranges

10:30 AM: Air Pistol Finals (only for one-handed) (Smith Building – AR range)

12:00 Noon Air Rifle Finals (Smith Building – AR range) (Earlier if possible)

Take down AR range as soon as Finals are over

12:00- 12:45: Lunch – Dining Room Small End

3:00 PM Awards (will start following finals, AR range teardown, awards calculation completion, and facilities cleanup)

Sunday afternoon events will be moved earlier if at all possible but will not start until all ranges are taken down and facilities clean.

NOTE: Help knocking down ranges, packing that equipment up, and cleaning rooms is very important to having the awards in a timely manner

**Official Program for the
2026 Virginia 4-H State “Spring Air” 3-Position Air Rifle**

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center
775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA24184

Dates and
Relay Times: See schedule. All times are subject to change if necessary.

Sponsor: Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H Shooting Education Program

Events: Sporter: 3x20 individual and 4-member team
Top 8 individuals shoot finals
Precision: 3x20 individual only. Due to limited participation there will be no team competition or finals.

Competition This event is restricted to Virginia 4-H Shooting Education participants

Rules: The 15th Edition (2024-2026) National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules will apply.
https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2024-2026-3-PAR-Rules_v4.pdf The wearing of eye protection is mandatory. Scoring will be done utilizing the Orion Scoring System.

	3 x 20 COURSE of Fire	
STAGE	POSITION	TIME LIMIT
PREPERATION AND SIGHTING	KNEELING Unlimited sighting shots	8 minutes
RECORD FIRE	KNEELING, 20 record shots	20 minutes
CHANGE OVER	KNEELING to PRONE	5 minutes
SIGHTING	PRONE Unlimited sighting shots	5 minutes
RECORD FIRE	PRONE, 20 record shots	20 minutes
CHANGEOVER	PRONE to STANDING	5 minutes
SIGHTING	STANDING Unlimited sighting shots	5 minutes
RECORD FIRE	STANDING, 20 record shots	25 minutes

Teams must consist of **four** members and must be declared Saturday morning by the coach’s meeting before the first shot is fired

Targets: NC-AR10 (Orion Scoring System Targets)

Equipment: Competitors must furnish their own rifle, pellets and equipment. Compressed air/ CO2 will not be furnished. Blaze orange clear barrel Indicators (CBI’s) are required.

Ammunition: 100% lead wad cutter pellets are the only approved pellets for the match. Targets shot with round or pointed pellets will not be scored.

Finals: Finals will be shot Sunday following the last air rifle relay and will consist of the top eight sporter competitors.

Awards: Sporter: 1st to 10th individual overall
1st to 3rd in each position
1st to 3rd teams overall
Sub age 14 and under – 1st to 3rd individual overall
(No older than 14 in the year of competition)

Precision: 1st to 3rd individual overall

This match is sanctioned by the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Excellence in Competition (EIC) points will be awarded to shooters with a CMP Competition Tracker Number (CT#) that shoot qualifying scores. If you do not remember your CT# or do not have one visit <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=login> to log in, recover password or register for a CT #.

Gold, Silver & Bronze Achievement Pins will be presented to competitors (Distinguished or Non-Distinguished), in CMP-Sanctioned EIC Matches, that equal or exceed Achievement Award Scores.

Qualification for Air Rifle State Development Team: The guidelines for the 2027 Virginia Air Rifle Development Team for the 2027 National Invitational have been developed. If you would like a copy, contact Lynn Wheelless.

Range Officer: Jim Strand

Virginia 4-H “Spring Air” Air Rifle Silhouette, 2026
[4C-Spring Air 2026 4H Air Rifle Silhouette Match Program.docx]

Targets: 1/10 scale metallic silhouettes

Course of Fire: Twenty (20) shots, four stages, 5 shots each.

Stages:	5 shots chickens at 10 yards
	5 shots pigs at 12.5 yards
	5 shots turkeys at 15 yards
	5 shots rams at 18 yards

Position:

All stages will be standing, unsupported position. No part of the shooter's body or clothing may touch the bench.

Equipment: Any .177 air rifle, any sights. Shooters must furnish their own air rifle, pellets and equipment. No shooting jackets, gloves or slings allowed. No air rifles exceeding 800 ft/second velocity. **Air rifles must not exceed velocity of 800 fps**

Time Limits: For each string of 5 shots, there will be a 30-second ready (preparation time) and a 2 minute 30 second fire. One shot will be fired at each metal silhouette starting on the left and moving left to right.

Awards: First, second, and third place individual in each age division (junior & senior). The air rifle silhouettes will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in the calendar year 2023. Achievement awards will be given to each individual based upon individual score. Ties will be broken by long run as follows - 1) Ram, then if still tied by 2) Turkey, then 3) Pig, then 4) Chicken.

Rules: Based on the NRA Air Rifle Metallic Silhouette Rules.

Coaches' Responsibility: Coaches are allowed (and encouraged) to be on the line and may coach their shooters while firing. Coaches are allowed to cock and load air guns for junior competitors. It is the responsibility of each coach to insure that each of their competitors have met the minimum requirements including knowing how to follow range commands and practice safe firearms handling. Competitors must come with experience shooting the firearm they will be using and should have sight settings for the four distances.

Range Officer: Alan Lerch

2026 VIRGINIA 4H “SPRING AIR” 4-P BB GUN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Saturday, March 14 & Sunday March 15, 2026

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center, Wirtz, VA 24184

Sponsor: Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council

Open to: Youth ages 9 to 15.

The rule is “The age of the competitor shall be determined by the date of the first shot going downrange for each tournament. The limiting out age is still fifteen. However, it has been decided by the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council that if a participant turns sixteen between the State Championship and National Championship, then they will be ineligible to compete for the club team awards. They may still compete at this State Championship as an individual.

Teams will be composed of the top five shooters from each club using scores from the match. Clubs with 10 or more shooters may have multiple teams.

Rules: Current NRA BB Gun Rules (Effective February 2025, Rules date maybe updated if posted) will govern with exceptions from the match program.

<https://competitions.nra.org/media/8919/2023-bb-gun-rules.pdf>

Match Course: 10 shots in each position (prone, standing, sitting, and kneeling) with 10 minutes for each position plus a 50-question test.

Target: AR-4/10 at 5 meters (Orion scoring system targets)

Relays: First relay starts at 9:00 am and successive relays begin every 75 minutes thereafter. Competitors and coaches need to be at the range 30 minutes prior to relay start time.

Safety: Eye protection will be required on the firing line and for anyone supervising or working on or around the firing line including Shooters, Coaches, and Officials. No talking, electronic devices, or flash photography please.

Scoring: The Orion scoring system will be used. Targets will be scored, and scores posted after each relay. Targets may be reviewed in the Stat House until 60 minutes after the last relay ends. Competitors or coaches may be allowed to view that shot in Orion if there is an error. The score of an individual shot may be re-evaluated by the Statistical Officer on request from an athlete. An athlete must designate the specific shot(s) to be re-evaluated. a) The Statistical Officer must evaluate the indicated shot by examining the original scanned image to determine if the shot location was correctly identified. To evaluate, the Statistical Officer must decide if there is an obvious error, that is when the scored shot is not a reasonable

interpretation of the actual shot location. If the Statistical Officer concludes that there is an obvious error, they must make a manual correction of the shot location. b) Only manual modifications for correcting obvious errors are allowed. Rescoring a shot is prohibited. c) Statistical Officers are authorized to inspect any shot fired by any competitor and make manual modifications in cases of obvious errors. Frivolous or excessive challenges are prohibited. Targets will not be allowed to be removed from the scoring room. Supersedes NRA rule 14.3.1.

Test: Each competitor will take a test worth 100 points. Source material for the test will be the Daisy 10 Lesson Curriculum Guide, and the current NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rule Book. The test will consist of 40 T/F and 10 multiple choice questions. Testing schedule will be posted on stat room door and testing room door. First test will begin at 9:30AM Saturday. The kitchen area attached to the testing room will be closed during testing times, and the halls outside the room are a quiet area.

<https://www.daisy.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Daisy-Ten-Lesson-Curriculum.pdf>

<https://competitions.nra.org/media/8919/2023-bb-gun-rules.pdf>

For the state test, questions will be from the **Avanti-Daisy 10 Lesson Curriculum Shooting Education Lessons 1 through 10; from the NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rule Book sections Revisions, Safety is Shooting's Most Important Rule, and Sections 2.3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.1, 11.4.1, 11.5, 14, 15, 18.**

Awards: Medals or plaques will be awarded to top teams and individuals as follows:

Individual Awards –

1st to 3rd place in each; prone, standing, kneeling, sitting, and test;

1st to 10th place in the aggregate; and

1st to 3rd **place** age 10 and under in the aggregate.(No older than 10 in the year of competition.)

Team Awards – 1st to 3rd place 5-member teams

Achievement ribbons will also be awarded.

BB will be shot as the 4-H 4P State Championship in 2026. The top three BB teams will be invited to the Daisy National BB Championship, July 10 - July 13th, 2026, in Rogers, AR.

Range Officer: Jeb Hoge & Howard Turner

**2026 Virginia 4H “Spring Air” Air Pistol
Skelton 4-H Center March 14 & 15, 2026**

Rules: Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation’s Progressive Position Air Pistol Rules --January 1, 2025 PPP Rule Book as updated, will govern:

<https://mysasp.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/PPP-Rules-Jan-1-2025.pdf>

Positions and Ages: There are three positions authorized:

- Basic Supported – Maximum age is 12 (2014 or after)
- Standing Supported – Maximum age is 14 (2012 or after)
- Standing – No minimum age for Spring Air

Targets: Orion Air Pistol Targets. Scoring by Orion Scoring System.

Equipment: Competitors must furnish their own pistol, pellets, and equipment. Any .177 caliber pneumatic, spring piston, or CO2 air pistol as defined by the Progressive-Position Air Pistol Rules. Competitors shooting in the Standing Supported position must use a counter-balance support (T stand) that provides a limited amount of support for the pistol’s weight. The force provided by the counterweight must not exceed the weight of the pistol. Range officers may place the pistol in a cloth bag attached to the support point to ensure the force is appropriate. All rigid support stands, such as air rifle offhand stands are not allowed. If a T stand is used, the support point may be anywhere between the muzzle and the elbow. Compressed air / CO2 will not be furnished. **Blaze orange** Clear Barrel Indicators (CBI’s) are required. If a competitor needs to fill or change air or CO2 during a match, once the preparation/sighting period starts, they must ask Range Officer for permission. Non-refillable CO2 cartridges may be replaced on the firing line. Cylinders filled from a scuba tank shall be refilled off the line. Following replacement of the cylinder or cartridge, gas may be released as necessary under the supervision of the range officer before record fire is commenced. Competitors must ask permission from the range officer. Gas shall not be discharged behind the firing line. Only normal low-cut, street-type or light athletic shoes are permitted. Shoes may not extend above the ankle and must have a flexible sole.

Ammunition: 100% lead wad-cutter pellets are the only approved pellets for use during the match. Targets shot with round or pointed pellets will not be scored.

Course of Fire: 40 Shots plus sighters

Fifteen minutes for preparation period and unlimited sighting shots on two sighting bulls.

Twenty minutes for twenty record shots on the first set of four targets.

Twenty minutes for twenty record shots on the second set of four targets.

Finals: Finals will be shot Sunday morning on the air rifle range once air rifle is finished. Finals will consist of the top 8, International Standing competitors.

Awards:

Individual:

- Basic Supported 1st to 3rd
- Standing Supported 1st to 3rd
- International Standing 1st to 3rd

Team Awards:

- Supported Position 1st to 3rd
- Mixed Position 1st to 3rd
- International Standing 1st to 3rd

Teams: Air Pistol teams for “Spring Air” may be formed as follows:

- Supported Position Teams: consist entirely of members who shoot in a Supported position.
- Mixed-Position Teams: must have: a) One member who shoots in a Supported position and the other two members must shoot in the International Standing position, or b) Two members who shoot in a Supported position and the other one member must shoot in the International Standing position.
- International Standing Position Teams: are composed entirely of members who shoot in the International Standing position.

Air pistol teams must be designated on the AP Teams form, submitted and must be declared Saturday morning, March 14th by the coach’s meeting before the first shot is fired (9:00 AM).

Range Officers: Justin Berry & Caleb Murphey

Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Air Pistol Silhouette, 2026

Note: This is an unsquadded event, competitors must be registered during the registration process and the club's coach must have the competitor's portfolio available during check-in.

NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules (Air Pistol)

Targets: 1/10 scale metallic silhouettes

Course of Fire: Twenty (20) shots, four stages, 5 shots each stage.

Stages: 5 shots chickens at 10 yards

- 5 shots pigs at 12.5 yards
- 5 shots turkeys at 15 yards
- 5 shots rams at 18 yards

Shooting Position: Competitors will register and compete as either Supported or Standing. Those 13 and older must shoot standing using either one-hand or two-hand holds.

- **Standing Position:** No part of the competitor's body or clothing may touch the bench. One or two hands allowed per NRA Rule 5.8
- **Supported Position:** All stages will be seated (in chair at table). The competitor may use supporting material. The competitor may rest any part of either or both hands and forearms and the butt of the pistol on the supporting materials. **No T-Stands (counter balance stands) will be permitted on the Silhouette range.**

Equipment: Any air pistol, any sights. Competitors must furnish their own pistol, 100% lead pellets and equipment. No shooting jackets, gloves or slings allowed. All competitors will be required to use **BLAZE ORANGE** CLEAR/OPEN BARREL INDICATORS (CBI's).

For each string of 5 shots, there will be a 30-second ready (preparation time) and a 2 minute 30 second fire. One shot will be fired at each metal silhouette starting on the left and moving left to right.

Awards: First, second, and third place individual in each age division; Achievement awards will be given to each individual based upon individual score.

NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules (Air Pistol)

Tie Breakers: Utilizing best score from longest to shortest distance.

Coaching: Spotters are encouraged to be on the line to spot for their competitors. Competitors in supported positions have the option to follow the rules of PPP regarding loading and pistol adjustments. The standing competitors must load the pistol at the proper time and must independently make all adjustments to the pistol to include sight/scope settings. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that each of their competitors have met the minimum requirements including knowing how to follow range commands and practice safe firearms handling. Competitors must come with experience shooting the air gun they will be using and should have sight settings for the four distances.

Match Program

2026 Virginia 4H “Spring Air” Archery

(6- Spring Air 2026 Archery Match Program)

Target:

Junior / Senior Traditional – **NEW since 2025** 80 cm target (10 points through 1 from center outwards, with inner 10’s scored as X’s.).

Junior / Senior Genesis– **NEW since 2025** 80 cm target (10 points through 1 from center outwards, with inner 10’s scored as X’s.).

Junior Compound – **NEW since 2025** a 40 cm target (80cm 5 ring) (10 points through 6 from center outwards, with inner 10’s scored as X’s.).

<https://lancasterarchery.com/collections/target-faces/products/morrell-80cm-5-ring-paper-target-face>

Senior Compound– **NEW since 2023** a 40cm 5-spot target (10 points through 7 from center outwards, with inner 10’s scored as X’s.).

NOTE: 5-spot target will be a Vegas face but may be red/yellow or blue/white as needed <https://lancasterarchery.com/products/maple-leaf-5x40g-5-spot-vegas-face>

https://lancasterarchery.com/products/maple-leaf-40cm-nfaa-5-spot-target-face?srsId=AfmBOoqlDI7ne_GsI9670ZiOU8bfdz4UN5vRIEnlah1Qjtfbv7M4pOj7

Course of Fire:

Junior Compound / Traditional/ Genesis- Five (5) shots each at 4 distances: 10, 15, 20 & 25 yards.

Senior Compound / Senior Traditional/ Senior Genesis– Five (5) shots each at 4 distances: 15, 20, 25 & 30 yards

Time Limit: 3 minutes per 5-arrow end.

Categories:

Junior Traditional – Only recurve and long (straight) bows without pulleys or cams are allowed. Pin sights are permitted. Recurve equipment allowed is as permitted in the following rules: <https://worldarchery.org/Rules>.

Junior competitors using bows fitted with magnified or non-magnified sights, a single stabilizer that may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the bow frame, vibration dampeners, or other devices (mechanical releases, multiple stabilizers, clicker, etc.) will compete in the Junior Compound category.

Junior Compound Bow – Compound bows and modified Genesis-type bows using pulleys or cams are allowed. Any compound bow fitted with magnified or non-magnified sights, a single stabilizer that may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the bow frame, vibration dampeners, or other devices. Compound

equipment allowed is as permitted in the following rules: www.ibo.net (pg. 12, Hunter Class, 2021 rulebook) with the following exception: hunter style single pin sights will be allowed.

Junior Genesis **NEW since 2025** includes competitors using Matthew Genesis-type stock bows without sights or other added devices. The Genesis Pro and GenX are prohibited from use in this division. Sights, mechanical releases, draw stops, and stabilizers are not permitted. Archers must wear finger tabs, finger saver guards, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. Metal, tied, or heat-shrink nock locators may be used.

Senior Genesis **NEW since 2025** includes senior competitors using Matthew Genesis-type stock bows without sights or other added devices. The Genesis Pro and GenX are prohibited from use in this division. Sights, mechanical releases, draw stops, and stabilizers are not permitted. Archers must wear finger tabs, finger saver guards, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. Metal, tied, or heat-shrink nock locators may be used.

Senior Traditional **NEW since 2025** Only recurve and long (straight) bows without pulleys or cams are allowed. Pin sights are permitted. Recurve equipment allowed is as permitted in the following rules: <https://worldarchery.org/Rules>.

Senior competitors using bows fitted with magnified or non-magnified sights, a single stabilizer that may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the bow frame, vibration dampeners, or other devices (mechanical releases, multiple stabilizers, clicker, etc.) will compete in the Senior Compound category.

Senior Compound includes all senior competitors using any compound bow fitted with magnified or non-magnified sights, a single stabilizer that may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the bow frame. Vibration dampeners or other devices are not allowed. Compound equipment allowed is as permitted in the following rules: www.ibo.net (pg. 12, Hunter Class, 2021 rulebook) with the following exception: hunter style single pin sights will be allowed.

Type of Bow (not Category)	Competition Category and Distance	
	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Recurve/Longbow with no sights or other devices	Junior <i>Traditional</i> 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	Senior <i>Traditional</i> 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards
Recurve/Longbow with sights, non-magnified	Junior <i>Compound</i> 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	<i>Senior Compound</i> 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards
Genesis Type – stock bow with no modifications	Junior <i>Genesis</i> 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	Senior <i>Genesis</i> 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards
Genesis Type – with any additional devices or changes	Junior <i>Compound</i> 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	<i>Senior Compound</i> 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards
Compound with sights, non-magnified	Junior <i>Compound</i> 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	<i>Senior Compound</i> 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards

Awards:

First, second and third place individual in each age division and each category.

Team Awards in Junior Compound, Senior Compound, Junior Genesis, and Senior Genesis categories only.

Achievement award to competitors based upon individual score.

Achievement Award Criteria			
	Minimum	Maximum	Award
Jr Compound	181	200	Gold
	161	180	Silver
	141	160	Bronze
	0	140	Green

Sr Compound	165	200	Gold
	140	164	Silver
	90	139	Bronze
	0	89	Green

Jr/Sr Genesis and Jr/Sr Traditional	115	200	Gold
	90	114	Silver
	40	89	Bronze
	0	39	Green

Ties: All individual ties to be broken by determining which competitor had a greater number of X's, 10s, 9s, through 1's. If a tie still exists, the scores from the fourth end will be compared, then the third end, etc. If tie still exists, the competitors will remain tied, and both will receive the award for that place. Team ties broken by the same procedure.

Rules: When shooting, the archer shall straddle the shooting line. Participants will be instructed with voice commands as follows:

- "Archers to the shooting line"
 - a) Archers walk carefully to the shooting line
 - b) One foot on either side of the shooting line
 - c) Keep arrows in quiver, fingers off string, bows on toes
- "Commence firing"
 - a) Remove arrows one at a time from quiver, load bow, shoot at target
 - b) When all arrows have been shot, step behind waiting line, place bow on toes, wait for signal to walk forward to remove arrows from the target
- "Retrieve arrows"
 - a) Walk carefully toward your target to retrieve arrows
 - b) Stop at the Target line for additional instructions.
- "Cease fire"
 - a) Dangerous condition
 - b) Stop shooting, even if ready to release
 - c) Place arrow back in quiver
 - d) Wait for signal to resume shooting
 - e) Anyone who detects an unsafe condition can call a "Cease Fire" using a voice command

Finger protection is mandatory unless using a mechanical release. Silicone finger guards on the bow string are allowed. Arm guards are recommended. Back quivers are not allowed.

"Sky-drawing", also called a High Draw, is strictly prohibited.

Competitors will be warned once, but a second violation will result in immediate disqualification and removal from the range.

"Sky-drawing"/High Draw as defined by World Archery Rule Book 3, art. 12.9: *An athlete, when drawing back the string of his bow uses any technique which, in the opinion of the Judges, could allow the arrow, if accidentally released, to fly beyond a safety zone of safety arrangements (overshoot area, net, wall, etc.)*

For a visual reference on Sky-drawing, Lancaster Archery has published a short video on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/jgobp-ei7AE>

An arrow leaving the bow is considered a shot unless the competitor can reach it from their position with their bow.

An arrow shaft (not fletching) cutting two (2) colors shall count as hitting the inner one.

An arrow going through the target paper shall be scored if the line scoring judges can identify and determine the value of the mark left behind of the arrow that passed through the target paper. If the line scoring judges are unable to identify and/or determine the value of the mark left behind of the arrow that passed through the target paper, that arrow shall be shot again.

An arrow bouncing off the target paper shall be shot again regardless of where it hit the target. Exception - arrows shot from Genesis, recurve, and long bows will not be shot again if a “visible mark” where the arrow impacted the target can be scored.

Prior to the competitor pulling their arrows, the judge shall orally count the score at the target. Any protest by the competitor must be taken up at this time. Final decisions rest with the Match Directors. The score shall then be recorded, and the arrow pulled.

Equipment:

Competitors **must** provide their own bows, arrows (each competitor must bring a minimum of 5 arrows to the shooting line), accessories and other equipment described for the categories below. All arrows should be labeled 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. Quivers are required for all competitors. Eye protection is recommended but not required.

Maximum draw weight is 60lbs.

Arrows larger than 27/64ths (0.42”) in diameter are not permitted.

Arrows must weigh a minimum of 5 grains per pound of draw weight.

Crossbows are prohibited. Broad head (blade) points are strictly prohibited. Equipment deemed unsafe by the Match Directors shall be prohibited.

See the table below, “VA 4-H Shooting Education Archery Equipment Safety Specifications”.

Note: Bows and arrows will be spot checked periodically and randomly by match staff to ensure the competitor’s equipment does not violate any match rules or regulations. Any competitor found with equipment violating any match rule or regulation will be immediately disqualified.

VA 4-H Shooting Education Archery Equipment Safety Specifications

Draw weight	*Minimum arrow weight		Draw weight	*Minimum arrow weight	
Pounds	Grains	Grams	Pounds	Grains	Grams
15	75	4.9	38	190	12.3
16	80	5.2	39	195	12.6
17	85	5.5	40	200	13.0
18	90	5.8	41	205	13.3
19	95	6.2	42	210	13.6
20	100	6.5	43	215	13.9
21	105	6.8	44	220	14.3
22	110	7.1	45	225	14.6
23	115	7.5	46	230	14.9
24	120	7.8	47	235	15.2
25	125	8.1	48	240	15.6
26	130	8.4	49	245	15.9
27	135	8.7	50	250	16.2
28	140	9.1	51	255	16.5
29	145	9.4	52	260	16.8
30	150	9.7	53	265	17.2
31	155	10.0	54	270	17.5
32	160	10.4	55	275	17.8
33	165	10.7	56	280	18.1
34	170	11.0	57	285	18.5
35	175	11.3	58	290	18.8
36	180	11.7	59	295	19.1
37	185	12.0	60	300	19.4

* Complies with National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee rule for a minimum arrow weight of 5 grains per pound of draw weight

Arrows larger than 27/64ths (0.42") in diameter are not permitted.

Maximum draw weight for bows is 60 pounds.

Finger protection is mandatory unless using a mechanical release. Arm guards are recommended.

Virginia 4-H “Spring Air” Public Speaking, 2026

[7A-Spring Air 2026 4H Public Speaking.docx]

The Public Speaking Competition will follow the *Virginia Public Speaking Judging Rubric Suggested Criteria* and will use the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication 388-066 (4H-258NP) 4-H Public Speaking Score Sheet* found at:

https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/388/388-066/388-066_pdf.pdf

The only additional requirements to compete at “Spring Air” are that the topic must be shooting related and contestants may not use the same speech that they used in a previous year.

Appropriate Times for speeches are:

Elementary School age – 2 to 5 minutes

Middle School age – 3 to 6 minutes

High School age – 5 to 7 minutes

Awards: Junior 1st to 3rd
 Senior 1st to 3rd

Spring Air 4-H Age Policy: The public speaking competition will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in this calendar year.

Virginia 4-H “Spring Air” Presentation, 2026

[8A-Spring Air 2026 4H Presentation.docx]

The Presentation Competition will follow the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Communication and Expressive Arts Publication*

and will use the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication 4H Presentations Scoring Aid 388-062* found at:

https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/388/388-062/388-062-pdf.pdf

The only additional requirements to compete at “Spring Air” are that the topic has to be shooting related and contestants may not use the same presentation that they used in a previous year.

A 4-H presentation should be long enough to make all of your steps clear and easy to follow, but not so long that it bores the audience. In most cases, the time range will be:

2 to 5 minutes for ages 9 to 11 years

5 to 10 minutes for ages 12 to 13 years

10 to 15 minutes for ages 14 - 19 years

Adequate practice will guarantee your timing will be perfect.

Awards: Junior 1st to 3rd

Senior 1st to 3rd

Spring Air 4-H Age Policy: The presentation competition will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in this calendar year.



4-H Presentations Scoring Aid

Name _____ Age as of Sept. 30 _____ Date and year of birth _____

Unit _____ Club _____

Presentation category/topic area _____

Title of presentation _____

Each person evaluating a presentation is to score all items in divisions I, II, III (see reverse side). It is important that each item be scored and additions be checked for accuracy. The scoring team should compare scores and arrive at a combined score for each presenter, blue, 90-100; red, 75-89; white, 74 or below. Time requirements: Juniors (9-11 Yrs) 2-5 minutes, Intermediates (12-13 Yrs) 5-8 minutes, Seniors (14-19) 8-15 minutes. Time deductions: :01 - :60 seconds outside the limit is deducted 2 points, 1:01 minutes or outside the range is deducted 5 points.

Factors for Scoring Place a ✓ in the appropriate category	Blue 5 points	Red 4 points	White 3 points	Constructive Comments:
I. The 4-H Member (25 pts)				
A. Appearance				
B. Voice				
C. Poise				
D. Grammar				
E. Eye Contact				
II. Presentation (35 pts)				
A. Introduction				
B. Method				
C. Verbal Presentation				
D. Teaching Aids/Audience View				
E. Organization				
F. Audience View/Staging of Materials				
G. Summary				
III. Subject Matter (40 pts)				
A. Selection of Subject				
1. Reason for Choice				
2. One Basic Theme				
3. Practical				
B. Information Presented				
4. Accurate and Current				
5. Complete				
6. Appropriate for Experience				
7. Knowledge of Subject				
8. Practical Application				

of check marks from red and white columns

X1

X2

Final Rating:
Blue – 100-90
Red – 75-89
White – 74 or below

100 - _____ = _____ **Final Score**

Points to Consider in Scoring

Two Kinds of Presentations - (1) Illustrated Talk and (2) Demonstration

I. The 4-H Member (25 points)

- A. Appearance - Neat, appropriate dress, good posture. Is the 4-H'er well groomed? *(5 points)*
- B. Voice - Distinct, forceful, yet natural. Does the 4-H'er have a clear, reasonably strong voice with distinct enunciation? Is he/she enthusiastic? *(5 points)*
- C. Poise - Calm, pleasant, confident. Does the 4-H'er keep his/ her composure even when something appears to go wrong or does go wrong? Does he/she have self-assurance, yet a pleasant manner? *(5 points)*
- D. Grammar - Correct, well chosen words. Does he/she use correct grammar and choose words that make the meaning clear? *(5 points)*
- E. Eye Contact - Did the 4-H'er maintain consistent/effective eye contact during the presentation? *(5 points)*

II. Presentation (35 points)

- A. Introduction - Effective, interesting. This is an explanation of the presentation, not an introduction of the 4-H'er. Does it get the attention of the audience? *(5 points)*
- B. Method - Did the 4-H'er demonstrate when the illustrated talk would have enabled him/her to do a better job or vice versa? *(5 points)*
- C. Verbal Presentation - Steps, illustrative material, and explanation coordinated. Does the 4-H'er talk about what he/she is showing and explain the procedure? If information given is to fill time during the process, is it related to what is being shown? *(5 points)*
- D. Teaching Aids, illustrative aids and supplies are large enough for audience to see and are well-arranged. Did the 4-H'er choose the teaching aids that would best tell the story? *(5 points)*
- E. Organization - Presentation well organized, steps clear and logical, not memorized. Is evidence shown that the 4-H'er has planned the presentation? *(5 points)*
- F. Audience View *(5 points)*/Staging of Materials – can the audience and judges view your materials and actions appropriately?
- G. Summary - Are key points summarized? *(5 points)*

III. Subject Matter (40 points)

- A. Selection of Subject *(15 points)*
 - 1. Reason for Choice - Why did the 4-H'er choose this particular subject? This can be implied in talk. *(5 points)*
 - 2. One Basic Theme - Is the presentation confined to one theme or is it so broad in scope that it cannot be covered in the allotted time? *(5 points)*
 - 3. Practical - Is the subject important to the project area and to the 4-H'er? *(5 points)*
- B. Information Presented *(25 points)*
 - 4. Accurate and Current - Is the information correct? Could you follow directions or information given? - Is it the most current information to which the 4-H'er would have access or is obsolete information given? *(5 points)*
 - 5. Complete - Are all the steps in the process shown? Is given information adequate to cover the topic? *(5 points)*
 - 6. Appropriate for Experience - Is the presentation appropriate to the experience of the 4-H'er? *(5 points)*
 - 7. Knowledge of the Subject - Is there evidence that the 4-H'er understands the topic being discussed? *(5 points)*
 - 8. Practical Application - Did the 4-H'er explain how the topic relates to real life situations? *(5 points)*

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This does not replace project portfolios*

VA 4-H Shooting Education Portfolio Certification Document

Name of Competitor: _____ County/Unit _____

Shooting Year: 2026 Competitor must be **enrolled** in 4-H Online for the current year.

For Spring Air 2026 only
Deadline February 24 at 8:00 PM

<u>RIFLE</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>
BB		_____
Air Rifle 3P		_____
Air Rifle Silhouettes		_____

<u>PISTOL</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>
Progressive Position Pistol (Air Pistol PPP)		_____
Air Pistol Silhouettes		_____

<u>ARCHERY</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>
10 Yards		_____
15 Yards		_____
20 Yards		_____
25 Yards		_____
30 Yards		_____

By signing this document, I certify that I have reviewed the member's portfolio and determined the member has met all competition and safety requirements listed on the discipline project portfolios. The member is enrolled in 4-H Online. The coordinator or 4-H Agent guarantees the Coach of Record will have hard copies of the competitor's project portfolio at the competition available for inspection at match officials' request.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Coordinator or Agent: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Have instructors fill out each competitor's project portfolio and turn into you.
2. Review each competitor's project portfolio for competency & safety in each event the competitor is registered to compete in.
3. Ensure the member is registered in 4-H Online for the current year.
4. Neatly fill in the competitor's name, county, and the year where indicated.
5. Neatly fill in competitor's consistent scores at practice/competitions in the space labeled SCORE.
6. Circle JR if the competitor is a Junior competitor, and SR if the competitor is a Senior competitor in disciplines where asked.
7. If any areas in the project portfolio are not filled in correctly, please contact instructors to fill them in as required before signing page 1 of this document.
8. Sign and date
9. Scan and email page 1 to match officials before the required deadline.
10. Ensure project portfolios are with the Coach of Record at each match.

This form is for Spring Air only, a different form will be available for State Shoot. Take note of minimum score requirements for each discipline and ensure the competitor has consistently met these in practice. Please fill out each blank correctly. It is not the match official's responsibility to go on Orion and look up previous match scores.

As stated on both page 1 and 2, this sheet does not replace the requirement of the project portfolios. The coach of record must have the full project portfolios on hand at every competition. The portfolio review process is a risk management issue with up to 6 or 7 pages to review per competitor per match. This ensures coordinators have reviewed each competitor's portfolio before registering them in a match. The failure to complete page 1 completely and correctly could result in the competitor being pulled from events.

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