



2012 Alabama 4-H AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2012 Alabama 4-H Air Rifle Championship will be held on **Saturday March 10** at the state-of-the-art indoor Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Range in Anniston. It will be one of three State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships held that day.

Lunch and snacks are not provided; however there are several fast-food restaurants and convenience stores local to the Range. Many Teams choose to picnic, for the sake of convenience.

FEES: The cost is \$12 per shooter, payable at the event by check or money order made out to the ACES. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE for REGISTRATION FEES! However, cash is acceptable for the one-dollar per target Challenge Fee, which is refundable if a change is made to the target score. (All non-refunded money is considered a donation to the 4-H Shooting Sports program fund.)

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REGISTRATION: Registrations should be e-mailed to Perry Mitchell at perrymitchell@att.net . Priority Registration will be accepted **by e-mail only** beginning **Monday Feb 13** through **Friday March 2 at 5:00 PM**.

***Team Registration:** Coaches may pre-register teams (with or without participant names) from **Monday Feb 13 - Friday March 2**. They must provide: County/Club affiliated with; Class (Jr/Sr); Date of Birth; Requested relay time; and their Division (*Sporter, Precision, etc*).

***Individual Registration:** Opens on **Monday February 27** through **Friday March 2** and **must include the above-mentioned information**. (Individual entries may be submitted earlier than 2/27 but will not be assigned relay/lane assignment until 2/27/12).

Coaches may request relays with their Pre-Registration. All reasonable efforts will be used to accommodate relay requests. Teams have priority over individual shooters in scheduling until 2/27/12 when Individual Registration opens. Coaches of 4-Hers planning to shoot in more than one Championship must determine the required relay times and register early enough to assure their availability. If requested relays are not available, the entry contact will be notified. This registration should be sent to perrymitchell@att.net registration and relay assignment with copy (cc) to andresh@aces.edu.

The on-site registration desk will open at 7:30 AM on March 10.

Juniors Participating on Senior Teams: If a county or club has enough seniors to make a team, then no juniors from that county or club may compete on that county or club team. If a junior will participate on a senior team, the coach must provide all of that team's participant names during pre-registration.

Coaches must provide the complete name of the team. Team name must include the county it represents. For counties with more than one club, please include a 3-letter acronym after county to designate the club, i.e., Shelby-NOR (North), Shelby-SOU (South). Fayette-BEB (Bulls-Eye Bandits), etc. If no acronym is provided, one will be assigned by the registrar. Separate e-mails should be sent for each club to avoid confusion with registration. Do not submit multiple club entries on the same e-mail.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 2. Don't wait until the last minute.

Registrations and relay requests will be accepted on a *first come, first served* basis with limitations given above. If all relays are filled prior to this date, no further registration will be accepted.

RELAY: There will be **one relay only**. It will begin at 8:30 AM. Coaches, Team Members, and Individuals must **arrive in time to complete registration and be at the designated lane 30 minutes prior to the start of the relay** for a safety briefing, equipment check, and target distribution.

Shooters will be called to the line with 5 minutes to bring equipment to the line and hang targets. At the end of this time, the 10-minute preparation period will begin. At the end of the preparation period, the competitors will have 20 minutes to complete the prone target, 30 minutes to complete the standing target, and 25 minutes to complete the kneeling target. There will be a five minute changeover between positions. At the end of the kneeling relay, and as instructed by the Range Officer, competitors will immediately remove their equipment from the firing area.

ELIGIBILITY: 4-H events are open to active members of a chartered Alabama 4-H club that has experiential learning in regularly scheduled and planned meetings. Participation is limited to those members who are actively participating in the 4-H program and have been a member for a 90-day minimum.

The Alabama 4-H Club Year begins on August 1 and ends on July 31. Age eligibility is determined by how old the youth is prior to January 1 of the Alabama 4-H Club Year. To be eligible for 4-H the youth must be nine (9) years old and not older than 19 years old prior to January 1 of the Alabama 4-H Club Year. Checking the Alabama 4-H Age and Eligibility Chart for 2011-2012 4-H Club Year will help families, volunteers and staff to determine the divisions of 4-H Membership. Go to http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/programs/Eligibility_Chart.pdf.

This Match is limited to bona fide 4-H members who have completed the 4-H Basic Rifle Course. *The Team Coach will have to certify in writing that the 4-Hers have completed one of these safety programs.* The Coaches or County Agents should also have in their possession a signed Alabama 4-H Parent and Youth Consent Form for each 4-Her at the Match. This form can be found at <http://www.aces.edu/fourh/volunteers/> under the *Important Forms* heading.

DIVISIONS: There will be a separate division in the Match for Junior and Senior 4-H Sporter and Precision Rifles. Counties which have more than one club may send or bring a junior and a senior team from each club, and unlimited individuals, subject to range capacity. Team entries have priority. To qualify as separate clubs, the clubs must meet and practice at different times and different places and be led by different volunteers/coaches (i.e., different clubs).

The highest scoring Senior Sporter team may elect to represent Alabama at the National 4-H Air Rifle Invitational <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/> from June 17-22 in Grand Island, Nebraska. The team will have limited funding from the State 4-H Office. Should the winning team decline, the next highest scoring Sporter team will have the opportunity to accept or decline. Junior shooters may be used to make up a senior team if the club does not have enough seniors (3) to make a team. However, teams composed of junior and seniors cannot be considered to represent Alabama at the national 4-H

Invitational. Juniors used to complete on senior teams will still be considered as juniors in the individual competition. If a club has three seniors shooting, juniors may still be used on the senior team, but in this case the junior will forfeit his right to compete as a junior in the individual competition.

CONDUCT OF THE MATCH: This event will use the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules (**the blue book**) as the guide. **Coaches and 4-Hers are expected to be familiar with these rules** (*there was at least one disqualification in 2007 because of improper clothing*). Modifications to the rules are stated in this Program announcement. This rulebook is available for a nominal fee from the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council, Camp Perry, P O Box 576, Port Clinton Ohio 43452. It can be downloaded from <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/Rules.pdf> . (The document contains 60 pages).

All participants will fire as members of a Team and/or as an Individual. **The Coach may choose to designate the official team prior to the beginning of the match or choose the top four individuals after the final scores are tabulated.** (This process is used in all of the other Alabama 4-H Natural Resources-related competitions). NOTE: If the latter method is used, senior teams will be chosen from senior competitors only.

A Team consists of 3 (three) members with all scores counting, or of 4 (four) members with the three highest scores counting to make the Team Score. Individual shooters will be moved to the end of the Match if space becomes an issue in filling relays. Pre-registration is required to ensure receiving a relay assignment. If a late registration is received it will be given the lowest priority if space is available.

COURSE OF FIRE: Position Air Rifle 3X 200. Twenty shots will be fired in each position (prone, standing, kneeling) in this order. Targets will be placed at 10 meters (33 feet). Electronic targets (AR-10) will be used. Preparation time will be 10 minutes. Competitors will have 30 minutes to fire all sighting and record shots in prone, 40 minutes for standing, and 30 minutes for kneeling.

Challenges on electronic targets are made on individual shots, and must be made before the next shot is taken.

EQUIPMENT: Teams and individuals will furnish all of their own equipment, including eye protection. Participants and spectators must wear Protection covering the eyes while on the Range and firing line. Failure to wear eye protection will result in a warning or warnings followed by disqualification. Only rifles firing .177 caliber pellets will be allowed. No rifles equipped with scopes will be allowed. Equipment may be checked by Match personnel for compliance with Sporter classification. Since there is only one relay, sharing of equipment is not possible.

AWARDS: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Team Awards will be given in each Division. Individual awards will be given to the first, second, and third place finishers in each Division (Sr. Sporter, Jr. Sporter, Sr. Precision, and Jr. Precision). Awards will be announced at the end of the Match.

MEALS: There are fast food and convenience stores in the area, but participants, coaches and families are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunches.

SAFETY: All shooters, coaches and spectators (including small children) must wear eye protection while on the air rifle and BB gun ranges and/or firing lines. Safety glasses will

be on sale at on-site registration for \$5 each.

CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM (MATCH): In the event a change must be made to the program, schedule, or rules to facilitate the overall 4-H program, only those teams that pre-register will be notified by e-mail prior to the event. ALL REASONABLE EFFORT WILL BE USED TO AVOID A CHANGE!

CODE OF CONDUCT & DRESS: All participants will be expected to follow the 4-H Code of Conduct and Dress Code, which is found on the back of the *Youth Consent* form, and dress as appropriate for their shooting discipline. (<http://www.aces.edu/fourh/volunteers/>). No open-toed shoes on the range.

EVALUATION & CLUB REPORT FORMS: Please bring completed shooting sports program evaluation forms (separate forms for Youth and Coaches) and the Club Report form to the contest and turn in at registration. To find the evaluation forms, ask your 4-H Agent to print them for you or, go to <http://www.aces.edu/fourh/programs/nree-new.php> and scroll down to *NREE Program Evaluations*. There are separate evaluations for youth and adults.

SAFETY CERTIFICATION: Coaches should turn in the Safety Certification Form at on-site registration (see attached).

SUMMARY OF SPORTER AIR RIFLE EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING RULES:

1. RIFLES: Only the following rifles are pre-approved: Daisy 753/853/953/M887/M888/XSV40, & Crossman M2000. All other makes and models of air rifles are not pre-approved, and must be inspected and approved by match director prior to being allowed.
2. SIGHTS: Only sights made for approved air rifles are allowed. Scopes are not allowed in any case.
3. STOCKS: Stocks of rifles must be of conventional design and may not be adjusted in any way once shooting has started.
4. CLOTHING:
 - a. Two loose fitting shirts or sweatshirts may be worn over one T-shirt. The top two shirts may not be tucked into pants.
 - b. One pair of ordinary pants or jeans may be worn. Skirts are allowed.

- c. Only normal low-cut street shoes or athletic shoes with flexible soles may be worn. No boots are allowed. Shoes may not extend above the ankle. Shooters may elect to not wear shoes in any or all positions.
- d. **Slings are allowed in the prone and kneeling positions. Slings are not allowed in the standing position. Slings may be a maximum of 1.25 inches wide, and must be attached to the upper arm on the shooter, and to the fore end of the rifle.**
- e. **An ordinary glove or a shooting glove may be used. Gloves that restrict movement of the wrist (golf glove, etc) are not allowed.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE JUST HIGHLIGHTS OF SPORTER AIR RIFLE RULES. FOR COMPLETE RULES, REFER TO “NATIONAL STANDARD THREE-POSITION AIR RIFLE RULES”

DIRECTIONS TO THE CMP RANGE IN ANNISTON

From Interstate-20, Exit 188:

1. Head **north** on **Golden Springs Rd/Leon Smith Pkwy.** Continue to follow Golden Springs Rd for 1.2 miles.
2. Turn **left** at **Greenbrier Dear Rd** and go 0.3 miles.
3. Turn **left** at **Sentinel Dr.** the range will be on the right.

MOTELS: Ask for the CMP Corporate Rate.

<u>Jameson Inn</u>	161 Colonial Drive	(256) 835-2170
<u>Comfort Suites</u>	125 Davis Loop	(256) 835-8873
<u>Holiday Inn Express</u>	160 Colonial Drive	(256) 835-8768
<u>Sleep Inn</u>	88 Colonial Drive	(256) 831-2191
<u>Wingate Inn</u>	143 Colonial Drive	(256) 831-1921
<u>Country Inn & Suites</u>	100 Colonial Drive	(256) 241-0950
<u>Hampton Inn & Suites</u>	210 Colonial Drive	(256) 831-8958



2012 Alabama 4-H Shooting Sports TEAM SAFETY CERTIFICATE

All Clubs participating in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship must present a completed copy of this form On-Site Registration.

COUNTY/CLUB _____

COACH(ES) _____

<u>Name of Senior Team Members</u> (ages 14-18)	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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<u>Name of Junior Team Members</u> (ages 9-13)	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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<u>Name of Individual Shooters</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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Check appropriate selections: I certify that EACH of the 4-Hers listed above did successfully complete the Alabama 4-H Basic Archery ____, Air Rifle ____ or BB ____ Course(s).
Signature: _____ (Coach)



2012 4-H Air Rifle CLUB REPORT FORM

All Clubs participating in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship must present a completed copy of this form at On-Site Registration.

County _____

Club Name _____

Shooting Discipline(s): _____

Number of Volunteer Leaders: Male _____ Female _____

Approx. total # of Volunteer Hours. This is the cumulative total of hours ALL ADULT Leaders, Parents, and other Adult supporters who assisted with your Club contributed in any way this past Club year: _____

Number of 4-Hers: Male _____ Female _____

Juniors _____ Seniors _____

Location of Meetings _____

Average Length of Each Meeting _____

Date of First Meeting _____

Date of Final Meeting before State Event _____

Highlights of this club's 2011-2012 4-H Year (please e-mail photos to andresh@auburn.edu and "cc" your Regional 4-H Extension Agent):