

2008 Alabama 4-H Air Rifle Championship

The 2008 Alabama 4-H Air Rifle Championship will be held on March 15 at the Alabama 4-H Center. It will be one of three state championships held that day.

COST: The cost will be **\$10 per shooter**, payable at the event by check or money order made out to ACES. **Cash is not acceptable for registration fees.** However, cash is acceptable for the \$1 challenge fee per target, which is refundable if a change is made to the target score. All non-refunded money will go to the 4-H Shooting Sports program fund!

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REGISTRATION: Priority registration will be accepted **by e-mail only beginning Feb. 18** until 4:00 p.m. March 7. **Coaches may pre-register teams (with or without participant names) from Feb 18 to Feb 24. Individual registration opens Mar. 1 to Mar. 7 and must include county/club affiliated with, class (Jr/Sr), name, and Date of Birth. Individual entries may be submitted earlier than Mar 1, but will not be assigned relay/lane assignment until Mar 1.**

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 registor. 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.

Coaches may request relays with the registration. All reasonable efforts will be used to accommodate relay requests. Teams have priority over individual shooters in scheduling until Mar 1 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 perry.mitchell@worldnet.att.net registration and relay assignment with copy (cc) to klingeb@auburn.edu.

The on-site registration desk will open at 7:30 A.M. on March 15.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 7. 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.

RELAYS: Relay times will be 8:30 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 11:30 P.M., 1:00 P.M., & 2:30 P.M. Coaches, Team Members, and Individuals must arrive at the range 30 minutes prior to the start of their relay for a safety briefing, equipment check, and target distribution.

All reasonable effort will be used to start the relays on time. Coaches, Teams, and Individual Shooters will be expected to be ready and in attendance based on this schedule regardless of the actual start time!

There will be five relays. Each relay can accommodate 13 competitors. Relays 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 60 minutes block time to complete all record and sighting shots for all positions. At the end of the block time competitors will immediately remove their equipment from the firing area. The number of competitors that can fire on Saturday is limited to $13 \times 5 = 65$.

ELIGIBILITY: This Match is limited to bona fide 4-H members who have completed the Alabama Hunter Education Course or 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/newsite/Volunteers/> under the *Important Forms* heading.

DIVISIONS: There will be a separate division in the Match for Junior and Senior 4-H Sporter 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 in the National 4-H Air Rifle Invitational at their own expense. 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 a 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. Modification to the rules should be 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. **NEW THIS YEAR: 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.

Target labels supplied to coaches at on-site registration must be placed on the front lower right corner of each 4-Hers' targets. Juniors shooting on senior teams will receive a second target label that must be placed on the front lower left side of the target.

COURSE OF FIRE: Position Air Rifle 3X10. Ten (10) shots will be fired in each position (prone, standing, kneeling) in this order. Targets will be placed at 10 meters (33 feet). Three (3) AR-5/10 targets will be hung at the beginning of each relay (one in each position) by the 4-Her. The Target Backers being used are slightly smaller (shorter) than the standard in the rulebook. Preparation time will be 10 minutes. Competitors will have 60 minutes to fire all sighting and record shots. Range personnel will remove targets. Targets not properly identified will be disqualified (counted as zero). Targets will be scored immediately after each relay.

Each team will be allowed ten minutes to challenge scores. A fee of \$1 will be charged to challenge a target. Please note that only competitors may challenge their own targets. Neither coaches, nor parents, nor other competitors will be allowed to challenge a competitor's targets. All targets will be returned after the ten-minute period. Targets will be available for the competitors at the end of the match.

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. It is desirable that shooters not share equipment. If sharing is necessary, please indicate this on the registration.

AWARDS: First, Second, and Third 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 (senior sporter and junior sporter). Awards will be announced at the end of the Match.

MEALS: Participants, coaches & families are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunches. There will be no food service at the 4-H Center, and the closest fast food restaurants are eight miles away in Columbiana.

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: All participants will be expected to follow the 4-H Code of Conduct, which is found on the back of the *Youth Consent* form. (<http://www.aces.edu/fourh/newsite/Volunteers/>)

DRESS CODE: All participants will be expected to follow the 4-H Dress Code. (<http://www.aces.edu/fourh/newsite/Volunteers/>)

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, go to <http://www.aces.edu/fourh/newsite/Programs/nree.php> and click on *Program Evaluation*.

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

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”

(Space intentionally left blank. Please scroll down to find the **Safety Certification** and **Club Report** forms).

2008 Alabama 4-H Air Rifle Safety Certification

COUNTY/CLUB _____

COACH(ES) _____

<u>Name of Senior Team Members</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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<u>Name of Junior Team Members</u>	<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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I certify that each of the individuals listed above has completed the 4-H Basic Rifle or Alabama Hunter Education course.

Signature: _____



2008 CLUB REPORT FORM

Club _____ County _____

Number of Volunteer Leaders: Male _____ Female _____

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 2008 4-H year:

Please send this form and all program evaluation surveys to Dr. Emily Kling, ACES-210 Duncan Hall, Auburn University AL 36849-5620 before the state event OR bring them to the state event.