

2008 Alabama 4-H BB Gun Championship

The 2008 Alabama 4-H BB Gun 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 the ACES. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR REGISTRATION FEES!! However, cash is acceptable for the one dollar 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.

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. **Any team parent who is willing to assist with scoring should have their name included in the pre-registration e-mail.**

If a team must share equipment, PLEASE state this need in the registration request so that the 4-Hers can shoot in different relays.

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 for 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: Relays will last 1 hour, and will be at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. With seven relays we can accommodate 56 competitors. All BB-Gun participants will be expected to be on hand one hour prior to their relay time for a safety briefing and to take the 50 question written test. 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!

ELIGIBILITY: This championship match is open to bona fide 4-H members Who have completed one of the following safety programs: Alabama Hunter Education Course; 4-H Basic Rifle Course; or Daisy 10 Lesson 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.

CATEGORY/DIVISION: There will be two (2) Divisions for teams, Junior and Senior. Senior competitors are those that were 13 years old on January 1, 2008. Ages of the 4-Hers may be 9 to 15, with 9 to 12 competing as juniors and 13 to 15 competing as seniors. Teams may be a mix of any age participant (8 to 15). However, any team with senior members will compete as a senior team. Counties may have bring as many individual competitors and teams as they want in each of the two (2) different divisions—as long as the teams are coached by different coaches at different locations at different times. The top three scoring teams, either junior or senior, may elect to represent Alabama in the International BB-Gun Championship this summer at their own expense.

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.**

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.

Teams will consist of five (5) members. The team score will be the combined total of the five designated team members. Counties may have additional individuals compete in the match, but their score will not be use as part of the team score.

COURSE OF FIRE: Forty (40) shots fired for record, Ten (10) shots in each of the following positions: Prone, Standing, Kneeling, and Sitting in that order. Competitors will be called to the line and be given ten (10) minutes at the beginning of each relay to bring and arrange their equipment at the line and to hang targets. Competitors will be allowed 40 minutes block time to fire unlimited sighters and all record shots for all positions. Before the 40-minute block time, the competitor will be given a three-minute preparation period. Range personnel will retrieve the fired targets.

CONDUCT OF THE MATCH: 4-H has elected to follow the rules governing The Daisy/Jaycees International BB-Gun Championship. However, our participants must be nine years old as of January 1, 2008 to be eligible to compete.

Competitors will be given a ten (10) minute chance to review their targets. Any challenge to the score will cost one dollar (cash is acceptable--refundable if changed). All monies not refunded will go to the 4-H Shooting Sports program fund. Please note that **only competitors will be allowed to challenge their targets**. Neither coaches, parents, nor other competitors will be allowed to challenge a competitor's target.

EQUIPMENT: Teams will furnish their own equipment, including eye protection. Eye protection must be worn covering the eyes at all times on the range by 4-Hers, parents, coaches or anyone assisting with the program. **ONLY DAISY MODEL 499 MUZZLE LOADING BB-GUNS WILL BE ALLOWED IN COMPETITION!** Equipment is subject to inspection for compliance with competition rules.

ASSISTANCE: A buddy (coach, parent, leader) will be allowed to spot and load for the shooter during the firing of shots. No other assistance will be allowed!

AWARDS: Team awards will be given to the five (5) team members that make a team for first, second, and third place in each division, Junior and Senior. Individual awards will be given to the first, second, and third high scoring finishers in each division, Junior and Senior. All awards will be presented after the end of the Match.

CODE OF CONDUCT: All participants will be expected to follow the 4-H Code of Conduct.

DRESS CODE: All participants will be expected to follow the 4-H Dress Code.

EVALUATION FORMS: Please bring completed shooting sports program evaluation and club report forms (separate forms for youth and coaches) to the contest and turn in at registration. To find the forms, go to <http://www.aces.edu/fourh/NaturalResourcesPrograms/Shootingsports.php> and click on *Evaluation*.

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

2008 Alabama 4-H BB Gun Safety Certification

COUNTY or 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 Daisy 10 Lesson 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.