

# Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Policies and Procedures for 2005-06

*This publication shall serve as the official source of policies and procedures for Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports*

## Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification

### *Definitions*

A **County 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor** is an individual who has completed a 15-hour, State 4-H sanctioned shooting sports training and certification workshop. County instructors are eligible to conduct county level 4-H Shooting Sports programs in the discipline in which they have been trained.

The Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Program requires the use of trained and certified 4-H instructors at the county level to operate a live-fire range or to conduct any class in which firearms or archery equipment are handled. In order to be certified as a 4-H shooting sports instructor in any discipline (rifle, shotgun, pistol, muzzleloader/black-powder, archery, outdoor skills, and reloading) the following requirements must be met:

### 1. **Age Requirement**

- a. **Instructor:** must be at least 21 years old.
- b. **Assistant Instructor:** must be at least 18 years old, a 4-H member in a shooting sports discipline for a minimum of one year, and have attended a state training. They can only instruct youth under the direct supervision of an instructor and only if the instructor is present during the instruction.

- c. **Teen Leader:** must be at least 14 years old, has leader approval, and has attended a state instructor training. Teen leaders only function under direct supervision of, and request of, a certified instructor who is present during the instruction. A teen leader is not to be in charge of a live fire range.
- d. **Volunteers/Parents:** May be allowed to assist on the firing line with individual approval from both the county Extension agent and with approval of and under the direct supervision of a certified instructor in charge of the firing line at the time of instruction. Must be signed up as a current adult 4-H leader in the county in which they are instructing.

### 2. **County Level 4-H Leader Screening and Training**

Instructors and Assistant Instructors older than 4-H age must be screened, trained, and appointed as a current 4-H leader through the local county Extension office before attending a State 4-H Shooting Sports workshop.

### 3. **Certification at a State 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop:**

- a. Instructors must successfully complete a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training session administered and/or sanctioned through the State 4-H office.

- b. Training will consist of a minimum of 15 hours of instruction in the use of National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum, discipline instruction (rifle, shotgun, pistol, muzzleloader/blackpowder, archery, outdoor skills, and coordinator), safety, risk management, teaching methods, and 4-H program management.

#### 4. **State Team 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors**

- a. 4-H Shooting Sports instructors must be trained and certified in the discipline that they are teaching at the county level.
- b. State Team members must be trained and certified at a National 4-H Shooting Sports workshop in the discipline they are teaching.

#### 5. **Maintaining State 4-H Shooting Sports Certification**

- a. To maintain certification an instructor/leader must be active two out of three consecutive years. If inactive for two consecutive years re-certification is required.

A **State Team Member** is an individual who has completed a 40-hour National 4-H Shooting Sports workshop. State Team Member Shooting Sports Instructors are eligible to conduct 4-H Shooting Sports programs at the county level as well as train and certify instructors as part of the State Team.

#### **State Contest Responsibilities**

Proposed rule and event changes will be reviewed by the State Team and adopted during the State Team meeting. Any changes will be approved by the Director, 4-H Youth Development and/or his designee.

The Director, 4-H Youth Development will appoint the state contest superintendent. The state contest superintendent will conduct the state contest in accordance with the current Colorado State Fair Exhibit Requirements, utilizing assistance as needed from State Team members and volunteers.

#### **Attendance at National Invitational**

Only senior 4-H members in good standing participating in the state qualifying match are eligible to attend the 4-H National Invitational Shoot. They also must not have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1 of the year the national event is held. State team members for each discipline will be determined at the state competition. Each team will be made up of the top 4 places with the 5<sup>th</sup> place as alternate.

*\*An individual may participate only once at the National level in any one venue.*

The coach of the invitational team will be a certified instructor in the discipline in which they are coaching. The coach of the 1<sup>st</sup> place participant is eligible to be coach. If they decline the position moves down the placing until the position is filled.

The Director, 4-H Youth Development or designee must certify all state teams, individuals, or groups attending regional or national 4-H events.

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