



2006 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

April 2006

State Coordinator's Comments...

Hello, everyone and welcome to our *2006 4-H Shooting Sports Update*. We are hoping to do spring and fall issues containing articles to keep you informed about what's happening in 4-H Shooting Sports. Your state committee has been busy with the February Volunteer Leader Crafts & Camping/State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors' Training Weekend. We are preparing for the upcoming State 4-H Air Rifle Competition in July Volunteer Leaders' Weekend/State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors' Training Weekend, W.Va. Hunting and Fishing Days at Stonewall Jackson, and much more. We are at an exciting time in 4-H Shooting Sports in West Virginia.

We want to thank ALL instructors; without your commitment and dedication to the 4-H program and your interest in 4-H youth development, shooting sports, and conservation this type of youth programming would not be possible. Our numbers are growing – we currently have 235 4-H certified instructors with 290 certifications (some instructors have multiple certifications) and 16 state instructors providing leadership in 45 counties.

We need your help in making our 2006 updates viable. Please submit articles sharing your program stories or tips for all our 4-H shooting sports instructors. Please submit any items to Jean Woloshuk by Sept. 15, 2006.

Please note that our state 4-H shooting sports instructors are available to assist you and answer your questions once you get home from training. Members of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee are:

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2006 4-H Shooting Sports Directory & Instructor Reports...

Enclosed is a directory of all current 4-H certified instructors in the state. This list of Shooting Sports instructors will be revised annually to reflect only those instructors with current and up-to-date instructor reports. We hope this will be useful in coordinating multicounty programming and improving communication among our 4-H shooting sports community. **PLEASE NOTE: If your last teaching date was 2004*, your certification will be null and void on Jan. 1, 2007. You will need to teach or assist in teaching a class in your respective discipline and turning in an Instructor Report on or before that date.**

New Reporting Form: The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee has developed a new reporting form. Each 4-H Shooting Sports instructor needs to submit the Club/Local-Level 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Report each year in order to remain on the active 4-H Shooting Sports instructor and mailing lists. Even if you have done no teaching throughout the year, you need to submit a report with the box checked "no teaching to report this year." Remember, this form is being used nationally. Some

of the nine disciplines listed in the far left column may not apply to our state. Use your best judgment in reporting to these disciplines. The left side of the table contains two major 4-H enrollment categories - **4-H Clubs** and **Special Interest or Short-term Enrollment**. These are numbers of enrolled 4-H members for the year. The 4-H member numbers come from completed individual enrollments. Example: If you have 10 4-H members in an organized 4-H club that you instruct in 4-H shooting sports, that column should total only 10 on your individual report. If you met with those 10 members over 10 months, you still report only a total of 10 for the year. However, if those 10 members participated in several disciplines during the year, report them in each discipline they were involved in. There will be some duplication of numbers, but the intent of the table is to collect discipline contacts. For the number of instructor hours, you add the hours per month times the number of months for the total number of hours you instructed for the year. The right side of the table is for reporting the number of your contacts outside of organized 4-H activities. If a particular youth is contacted at multiple non-4-H events, it is OK to record that contact multiple times. In short, the numbers on the left side of the table should have no duplications of individual 4-H members, but the numbers on the right side of the table could include individuals counted more than once.

It might be helpful for an instructor to make several copies of the enclosed form and fill one out each monthly for his/her monthly 4-H club activities. Also, a copy could be filled out for each activity (camps, mobile shooting range contact, etc.) and filed to compile one report at the end of the year. If several instructors teach at an event or at regular 4-H shooting sports activities, only one instructor needs to complete a form, adding the names of co-instructors in the table at the bottom of the page. By October 1 of the year being reported, compile your individual instructor report and submit a copy to your county WVU Extension office and the State 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator. Again, if you do not submit a report each year, you will be dropped from the West Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor list!! The purpose of the report is both to have accurate data on the number of youths impacted by the 4-H Shooting Sports program and to help states manage an active list of 4-H Shooting Sports instructors.

We know that a number of our 4-H certified instructors are spending many hours reaching a large number of 4-H and non-4-H youth in this program. Please be sure to include all shooting sports instruction in clubs, camps, fairs, field days, etc. We need the information to report to program donors, National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, etc. Enclosed is a report form; in addition, report forms can be accessed on the Web (www.wvu.edu/~agexten/youth/ssinstform.pdf).

4-H Shooting Sports Policy...

Enclosed is a copy of the West Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Policy dated 7/18/05. Please review it. If you have questions, contact Jean Woloshuk.

West Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Web Pages...

Please review the W.Va. 4-H Shooting Sports Web pages under the Youth Agriculture section of the WVU-ES Web site. Check it out (www.wvu.edu/~agexten/youth/ssports.htm).

National 4-H Shooting Sports Web Site...

Those of you with computers and Internet Access may want to visit the National 4-H Shooting Sports Web site (www.4-hshootingsports.org).

Upcoming Events...

The State 4-H Air Rifle Competition will be held April 29, 2006 in Morgantown (WVU Shell/Natatorium Building. Go in top level of building closest to the Coliseum and go past pool gallery on left. Proceed through double doors to the range - (Room 311) - on the right). This National Standard 3-Position Sporter Air Rifle Competition will serve as the event to qualify a senior county air rifle team to compete in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational June 26-30 in Rapid City, S.D. This event is open to all county junior and senior 4-H teams. 4-H'ers in the junior division must not have passed their 14th birthday on or

before January of the current 4-H year. 4-H'ers who qualify for the out-of-state event must be in the senior competition division of 4-H (contestants must have passed their 14th birthday and may not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1, 2006).

Teams are composed of three or four individuals. The high three scores for the day will count toward the team score. If there are four members on a team, the low score for the day will be dropped. Other Info: Target: NRA AR 5/10; Distance: 10 meters or 33 feet; Course of Fire: 3 x 20. 20 shots each position: prone, standing, and kneeling, in that order (60 shots). Time Limit: 1½ minutes per record shot prone, 1½ minutes per record shot kneeling, 2 minutes per record shot standing. Contestants are to bring their own guns, eye protection, and pellets. The WVU Rifle Club has limited shooting mats, kneeling rolls, and spotting scopes that they will make available to 4-H'ers on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Equipment: .177 caliber air rifles under 7.5 pounds with metallic sights are permitted. Trigger pull must be a minimum of 1.5 pounds. Rifles that are officially approved include Daisy 753/853/953, Daisy 888, Crosman 2000, and Daisy XSV40. Any rifle not included in the list but complies with the requirements of the Sporter Air Rifle as stated in the National Standard Rules may be submitted to Jean Woloshuk at Jean.Woloshuk@mail.wvu.edu by April 21 for a decision before the competition. It may be added to the list of approved rifles. Clothing: Shoes are restricted to soft, low-cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankles. No boots are permitted. A shooting glove may be worn, but no shooting jackets are permitted. Up to two sweatshirts or clothing suitable for the prevailing weather are allowed. A pin or button may be used as a sling keeper in the prone or kneeling positions. Rule Book: CMP 2004-2006 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules, 5th Ed. Contest results are final as announced. Awards: Appropriate awards will be presented to the top three county junior and senior teams and top three junior and senior individuals. The senior winning team will represent West Virginia at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. Limited funds will be available to assist the team going to the national event. The event will be sponsored by the WVU Rifle Club in cooperation with the WVUES 4-H Program. Registration deadline is April 21, 2006. Counties are responsible for travel, meals, lodging, and insurance for their leaders and contestants.

Tentative schedule for the day:

- 9:30 a.m. Registration & Welcome
- 10:00 a.m. 1st Relay
- 12:30 p.m. 2nd Relay
- 3:30 p.m. Awards

*The schedule may be revised, based upon registration.

Registration packets are available at your local WVU Extension county office.

Training Dates...

2006 Maryland-Delaware State 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

May 19-21, 2006, Thendara 4-H Center, 6275 Lords Crossing Road, Hurlock, Md. (Dorchester County). For information contact Conrad Arnold, Extension Educator, 4-H and Md. 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator at (410) 228-8800.

2006 W.Va. State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors' Training Weekend

July 28-30, 2006, at WVU Jackson's Mill in conjunction with VLW. Details for the weekend are in the Event Packet for 2005-06; in addition, registration packets have been sent to county Extension offices. Registration deadline is June 30, 2006.

County Resources...

Federal Cartridge Company is providing local clubs and county programs the opportunity to purchase shotshells directly from the company at a reduced rate. Enclosed is an order form (ammo is prepay) for your county to possibly take advantage of this offer. If your county sends an order to Federal, please also send a copy of the order form to Jean Woloshuk.

Packages from Donors... Our National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation executive director has been busy working on deals for clubs and instructors from our donors. You will need to watch the Web site (www.4-hshootingsports.org) for what is available to instructors and state coordinators. The process for purchasing these packages needs to be followed for you to be able to purchase directly from the donors. Packages may be changed and updated as new donors and new packages become available, so visit the Web site regularly.

Reloading Guidelines: If a county is doing a reloading program in its 4-H Shooting Sports Program, please review the **National 4-H Shooting Sports Reloading Guidelines Recommendations**.

- The shooter assumes full responsibility for the safety of his or her loads, including the safety of other persons on the range. Shooters using reloaded ammunition assume any and all liability for circumstances resulting from any problem caused by that ammunition on the range. The following elements are included to minimize that exposure.
 - The ammunition must be reloaded in accordance with SAMMI guidelines by or under the immediate supervision of an individual who has completed the NRA/NRMA/4-H Reloading Course. Either the loader or the person directly supervising the reloading must have completed the course successfully. Either an instructor course or a student course is acceptable. Reloading courses given through a State 4-H Office are official instructor training courses. Instructors so trained may teach local reloading courses for adults or youths intending to reload. Proof of the course completion must be presented; e.g., a copy of an instructor card or certificate.
 - The ammunition must comply in all respects to the SAMMI Reloading Data provided in a recognized current reloading manual (photocopy of the appropriate page or pages and citation for the manual, including publication date required.) Any current recognized loading manual may be used (component, powder, bullet, shot tool, or other manufacturer's manuals). Complete citations must include the title, publisher, date of publication, page number, and full citation of the load being used. Alternatively, the page in the manual may be copied with the publication data attached. This is required.
 - The ammunition must demonstrate appropriate care and inspection, including being boxed and properly labeled. Boxing need not be in original ammunition boxes, but cartridges must be placed in the boxes in an orderly fashion and displayed in a manner that allows immediate visual inspection. Ammunition that demonstrates obvious reloading or inspection errors will be rejected. Labels may be of any type and design, but must contain basic information on the loads; e.g., case, primers, powder type and charge, bullet manufacturer, type, weight or shot size and amount, loading date and loader.
 - Any reloaded ammunition is subject to random inspection by an NRA/NRMA/4-H trained instructor at the request of any range official to inspect any ammunition at any time they feel it is required. Soft loads, unusual reports or loading problems are all examples that might lead a range official to exercise the option; if requested, the shooter must comply.
 - Loading data from an approved SAMMI manual for the lot of ammunition must be provided at the check-in with the required documentation.
 - Official NRA/NRMA/4-H certified instructors may pull a random round, disassemble (destructively if necessary), and check the accuracy of the loading information provided at the time. Check-in officials may, upon their option, pull random rounds and take them apart to check the accuracy of the loading data provided. With Shotshells, this will likely result in the destruction of the round; with rifle or pistol rounds, it may simply result in having the bullet pulled, the powder charge weighed, and the need to fire the primer and reload. Any official may request a similar inspection at any time. Note also that these rules apply to individual lots of reloads. Anytime a component is changed (with the exception of shot size), it is considered a different lot of ammunition and must be inspected with all of the above requirements met, including the appropriate data.
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Shooting News from the CMP-Civilian Marksmanship Program – Check out articles posted on **The First Shot On-Line**, the CMP's electronic newsletter. Check **The First Shot** front page (www.odcmp.org) to see summaries of all recent articles with links to the full articles.

New for 2007... 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Program...

A great new opportunity for 4-H Shooting Sports teens will be available in 2007. The W.Va. 4-H Shooting Sports Program will begin participating in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Program. This is an opportunity for teens to demonstrate their skills in leadership, citizenship, and community service through ambassador activities that promote and encourage the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Applications will be available from Jean Woloshuk on Jan. 15, 2007. Limited funding will be available to assist the youth and chaperons. To review the 2006 program, check the website at (www4-hshootingsports.org/teen_ambassador.htm).

4-H Insurance Coverage for Accident or Illness...

Questions have arisen on American Income Life Insurance accident and illness insurance for 4-H shooting sports programming. All instructors are encouraged to discuss coverage with their respective Extension agent to determine if there is a club or county-wide annual policy for 4-H youths and leaders in your county, or if you need to use the coverage of the Special Activities Policy (ask about the red, white, and blue brochure).

Under the Annual Policy, which is available to individual clubs or on a county-wide basis, benefits are provided in the amounts of \$2,500 medical for accident; \$5,000 for loss of life; and \$500 for injury to sound, natural teeth. The premium for this coverage is \$1 per year person for one full year of coverage (\$2 for horse clubs). This is primary coverage. Benefits are provided for each person while participating in adult supervised groups activities of the club and while traveling directly between his or her home and the meeting or activity site. Coverage for travel is interpreted as direct, uninterrupted travel. If an injury would occur while a person is running an errand or visiting a friend, benefits would not be provided under the policy. Groups traveling to and from an event must be accompanied by an adult leader who has been approved and recognized by the WVU-ES.

If you choose to use the coverage of the Special Activities (red, white, and blue brochure), coverage is available depending upon the protection plan you choose and the premium is calculated accordingly. Premium is calculated on a calendar day basis, and an overnight event would require two days' premium.

Benefits under both policies are provided up to the limits indicated in the policy schedule for accidents that occur during the time that the youths were your responsibility and while traveling directly between their home and the meeting or activity site. The policies do not provide benefits for eyeglass replacement or repair; suicide; hernia in any form; air travel; pre-existing conditions; any claims arising from the use of intoxicants or nonprescribed drugs; losses covered under Medicare or any plan of Worker's Compensation; injuries sustained while tobogganing, skiing, sledding or tubing. However, under the Special Activities Policy, limited coverage is available for the winter sports of skiing, tobogganning, sledding, and tubing.

Again, if you have specific questions, consult with your WVU Extension agent or contact Jean Woloshuk at 293-6131, ext. 4238.

4-H Shooting Sports Liability Concerns...

There have also been questions regarding liability coverage for 4-H shooting sports programming. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is an educational program supported by the 4-H Youth Development Program Unit of the West Virginia University Extension Service. This university-sponsored program through the WVU Extension Service has 4-H trained/certified volunteer instructors implementing the program in the counties. Therefore, when implementing the program as a 4-H-sponsored activity adhering to the safety and appropriate educational environments for conducting the programs, instructors

are covered under the state volunteer provision for conducting a university-sponsored event. If there are questions, please consult with your WVU Extension agent or contact Jean Woloshuk at 293-6131, ext. 4238.

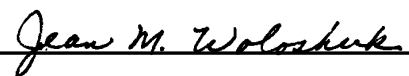
4-H Policy on Paintball...

The purpose of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to promote youth development through the safe and responsible use of archery equipment and firearms. Pointing any type of firearm, including air guns, laser guns and laser sighting devices, at any person or any humanoid or tombstone target is inappropriate and dangerous. Therefore, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee is unequivocally opposed to such use in the 4-H program. This policy has also been adopted by the West Virginia 4-H Program.

Air Rifle Instructors—We Need Your Help!...

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program exhibits and operates the 4-H mobile air rifle trailer at the W.Va. Hunting and Fishing Days at Stonewall Jackson. This year's event will be held Sept. 23-24. We usually run two shifts of workers for Saturday and Sunday (8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.-6 p.m.). If any air rifle instructors are interested in assisting members of the state committee, please contact Jean Woloshuk at 293-6131, ext. 4238.

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