

Georgia 4-H Project S.A.F.E.

2009 Competition Guideline Updates

(effective for 2009 District/State Events)

Following is an overview of changes for the 2008-2009 Competition Guidelines 4-H S.A.F.E. Events. The following highlights do not reflect wording changes or where additional comments were added to further clarify the rules. In some cases, the guidelines have been reorganized to help clarify rules by grouping similar items. It is the responsibility of the county office and coaches to review the complete competition guidelines found on the Georgia 4-H Website. Changes are highlighted in different color text.

For All Events

- Closed toe shoes that are secured to the feet by use of a heel strap or formed heel must be worn at all times while on the range. Flip flops and sandals are not allowed. Shoes must be worn at the firing line for all 4-H S.A.F.E. Events.

22 Rimfire Sporter

- Teams composed of 3-4 members for both "O" Class and "T" Class competition will be recognized at the state event. State winning teams includes recognition and awards at the event only and does not include eligibility for Master 4-H Status.
- High Individual Winners in both "O" Class and "T" Class will be eligible for Master 4-H Status.

Air Rifle

- Teams for sporter and precision air rifle events will consist of 3-5 members with top 3 individual scores determining team scores.
- Course of fire will be a 3X20 consisting of 20 shots fired in the prone, standing and kneeling position.
- Sporter Air Rifle Competition will be expanded to allow Junior 4-H'ers (7th and 8th grade) to participate.
- State winning senior team members in both Sporter and Precision classes are ineligible to compete in future years as part of a team, but may participate as individuals. State winning teams in one class are eligible to compete in a different class as a team members in future years.

Archery

- Teams will be composed of 3-4 members with top 3 individual scores determining the team score.
- 4-H'ers will have a total of 4 minutes to shoot each end of 6 arrows.

- State winning senior team members in both Recurve and Compound classes are ineligible to compete in future years as part of a team, but may participate as individuals. State winning teams in one class are eligible to compete in a different class as a team members in future years.
- Target Challenge Weekend for Archery will be moved to a separate weekend due to growth. The 2009 State Match will be held on April 25th.
- A State Indoor Event will be offered on February 28, 2009.

BB

- All 4-H'ers, coaches and safety officers are required to wear eye protection at the firing line.
- Addition guidelines were reworded or expanded upon for further clarification.
- A revised BB Safety Manual for 4-H'ers for the 2008-2009 year has been completed. A link to the manual can be found on the Georgia 4-H Project SAFE Pages under "Policies/Rules." www.georgia4h.org/safe/policies.htm *Please note that the link to the manual on the Extension Publication website is not working. Counties will need to obtain the manual from the link listed above.*

Modified Trap

- Maximum load for competition is limited to a maximum of 1 oz of shot.
- For the 2009 State Event, we will move to an electric machine for competition. Doubles will continue to be thrown from the Trius machine. Information on electric machine use for Georgia 4-H events can be found at: www.georgia4h.org/safe/policies.htm
- Failure of Fire rule changed limiting two failures to fire where a no target will be granted for mechanical or shooter error.
- State winning senior team members are ineligible to compete in future years as part of a team, but may participate as individuals.

Trap and Skeet

- Maximum load for competition is limited to a maximum of 1 oz of shot.
- Expanded procedures for Shoot offs/Tie breakers have been added to the guidelines.
- State winning senior team members are ineligible to compete in future years as part of a team, but may participate as individuals.

Copies of the current 4-H Competition Guidelines for S.A.F.E. Events can be found at the Project S.A.F.E. Website under "Policies/Rules" at:

www.georgia4h.org/safe