

## GENERAL RULES

Pima County 4-H Shooting Sports follows the guidelines for 4-H Competitive Events as established by CSREES. See: <http://www.national4hheadquarters.gov/library/compevent.pdf>

By entry in these events, the team coach or shooting sports program coordinator is verifying that the youth entered are knowledgeable and proficient in the safe use of the equipment and the fundamentals of the event. Match and/or range officials may dismiss or disqualify a participant if he/she believes the participant does not demonstrate the basic proficiency and knowledge required.

Shooting sports events are a functional part of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. They are not the objective. Kids and youth development are the primary objectives of the program. We are seeking to educate young people and introduce them to some activities that are enjoyable, socially acceptable, mentally and physically challenging and useful in building character. Rules are part of every formal game. While we have tried to keep rules to a minimum, the nature of these sports results in abundant rules, some of them very specific. Fun and safety are primary products of the program. They are deeply intertwined with these rules, formalizing courtesy and maintaining order.

**1. 4-H membership** - All bona fide, active, 4-H Shooting Sports members are eligible to compete in 4-H shooting sports events, subject to limitations imposed by the specific event and the rules for active membership instituted by the state. 4-H enrollment is required.

**a. Disqualifications** - Otherwise eligible shooters who are members of organized collegiate or military teams or collegiate or military shooting clubs receiving coaching are **not** eligible for 4-H shooting events. Active participation in other matches or receiving general or specialized instruction in shooting camps, training programs or similar activities (e.g. Junior Olympic Shooting Programs, Olympic Training Center Shooting Camps and state matches) **does not** disqualify any shooter otherwise qualified from participation in the 4-H shooting sports events.

**2. Age Requirement** - Must be 9 by January 1 of the current year and not have passed 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday by same date. They may not have reached the age of nineteen (19) by January 1 of current year, but may complete an event that was started while they were eligible to participate.

**a. Age classifications** - 4-H Shooting Sports events:

**1) Subjuniors** - All 4-H shooting sports members who are 9 years of age or older but not 12.

**2) Juniors** - All 4-H shooting sports members who are 12 years of age or older but not 14.

**3) Seniors** - All 4-H shooting sports members who are 14 years of age or older but not 19.

### 3. Competition

**a. 4-H Invitational** - Conduct, range and safety standards must comply with 4-H criteria. In general, criteria set by national or international governing bodies are acceptable.

**b. Authorization** - Matches and tournaments (series of matches) must be authorized by the Pima County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.

**c. Rules** - 4-H Shooting Sports rules apply to all 4-H competitions in shooting sports. In general rules of national or international governing bodies are acceptable with specific modifications imposed by the 4-H program.

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**d. Events** - Modification of 4-H rules for local events and locally sponsored invitational events is permitted as long as safety and control are maintained and available to all participants.

### **e. Types of matches**

**1) Invitational** - Any match where the sponsoring 4-H group or organization extends invitations to participate to other clubs.

## **4. Eligibility**

**a. Team representation** - No shooter may ~~be a member of more than one team or~~ represent more than one club shooting sports program in any given event. All 4-H members on any team must meet the eligibility requirements, including enrollment in the shooting sports program as required by state rules.

**b. Club team** - All members of a team representing a club in any Pima County 4-H shooting sports event must be members in that club ~~only~~. No All-star teams allowed.

**c. Replacement of teams** - If a qualifying team cannot compete or is depleted below three members and unable to field qualified substitutes, the county coordinator may appoint another team to represent the county at the state match. The order of finishing in the county event is suggested as the order for team substitutions. Written notification of the change must be received at least 10 days prior to the match.

**d. Team Composition** - Teams are composed of 3 or 4 individuals. The high three scores for the day will count toward the daily team score. If there are 4 members to a team, the low score for the day will be dropped. Clubs with less than 3 competitors are not eligible for team awards.

**e. Individual participation** - A club does not have to send a complete team to compete in the Pima County Fair Match. Individuals may come and participate and are eligible for individual recognition and awards.

**5. Official Entry** - State contestants or teams of contestants must be certified/approved as the official county entry by the County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or his/her representative. The individuals or teams may be selected by any procedure the County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator believes appropriate. A county competition does not have to be held to select contestants.

**6. Medical Consent Form & Adult Supervision** - It is the responsibility of each team to have the appropriate health consent and release forms for each of their participants. An adult supervisor, coach or manager should be present at the event site, with immediate access to the forms, any time their youth are participating in the Pima County Fair Event. Pima County 4-H is not responsible for the medical authorization and health history of the participants.

**7. Awards** - Awards will be presented to the top team and top three individuals in each age division in each event. Each event of a 3-event aggregate is to be equal in value when determining the overall discipline awards. Consequently, the match director may use mathematical means to equalize the daily events.

**8. Safety** - Safety must be the number one priority of range personnel, participants, and spectators. Standard accepted safety rules will be followed at all times, special safety considerations will be announced at each venue. The Match Director, range officers, or other event staff may dismiss anyone from the range for unsafe behavior. The score may be forfeited, participant disqualified, or spectators barred at the discretion of the range staff. Safety evaluators (Judges), in addition to range officers, will observe contestants for safety score during each event. Violation of a cardinal rule will result in a 10 point reduction of the shooters score. Other rule violations will result in a 5 point reduction of the shooters score. This will not prevent the shooter from being disqualified for excessive safety violations. Scoring will be based on these principals. Judges will have a copy of the safety rules.

**a. Firearm cardinal safety rules.**

**1) Muzzle management.**

a) Never allow a muzzle of a firearm to point at anything you do not want to shoot.

b) If you handle an empty firearm in an unsafe manner you will eventually do so with a loaded firearm.

c) The mechanical integrity of your safety is suspect at best and will not be accepted as an excuse.

d) Your firearm must be in a secure slip or case while being transported to and from the range.

**2) Never load your firearm until you are ready to shoot.**

a) Ammunition management will be the responsibility of the contestant. Except for the silhouette event do not load your firearm or nock an arrow until you receive the command to commence fire or command to fire.

**3) Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.**

a) Always keep your trigger finger resting along side the trigger guard instead of against the trigger until you are in position to fire.

**b. Archery cardinal rules.**

**1) Keep arrows in the quiver until the whistle is blown one time to begin shooting.**

**2) Always keep your arrows pointed down or towards the target.**

a) Shoot only at your target.

**3) Drawing bows.**

a) Bows may be drawn **only** on the firing line.

**9. Tournament regulations**

**9.1.4 Cease firing** - All persons are responsible for issuing the command "**Cease firing**" in the event of any condition that may result in harm to any living creature on the range. In all other cases the command will originate with the range officer. All firearms will be opened, unloaded and placed on the surface of the firing point or station immediately upon that command.

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**9.2 Range courtesy** - All persons in attendance at 4-H shooting events will conduct themselves in a courteous and responsible manner. Loud or abusive language will not be permitted, and range personnel will limit their conversations during firing to official business.

**9.3 Delaying a match** - No competitor will delay the start of a match through tardiness in reporting to the field or undue delay in preparing to fire. Competitors should be alert to the potential to have their relay called early and should report to their appointed match at least 30 minutes ahead of schedule when that is possible.

**9.6 Repeating commands** - Other range staff will repeat commands of the range officer only when the commands cannot be heard clearly by the competitors under the Chief Range Officer's supervision.

**9.15 Interference** - No competitor or coach may interfere with other shooters or shoot officials in the conduct of their affairs, either on the range or in the handling of targets. Firing lines and points must be kept clear and conversations will be limited to those required to conduct the business at hand during the firing of a match.

**9.16 Shooter position** - Shooters must take their positions at their assigned firing points without interfering with shooters on either side of them. No part of the shooter's body may rest on the ground forward of the firing line.

**9.18 Disturbance of competition** - No shooter will deliberately disturb another during the firing of a shot. If a competitor feels that he/she was disturbed during any shot, the individual will immediately put down their bow or firearm and notify the range officer without disturbing other shooters. If the claim is considered justified, the shot will be disallowed and the competitor will be allowed to repeat the shot. If it is not considered justified, the shot will be credited to the shooter.

**9.24 Disqualification** - The range officials may disqualify and eject any individual from the range premises for unsafe or discreditable conduct. In the event of a disagreement among the match officials in such cases, the Match Director, Event Coordinator or Shooting Sports Coordinator will determine the outcome. Any disqualification will be referred to the 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator for consideration of any additional actions.

**10.0 Eye Protection** - Eye protection is required for all firearm events. All shooters and other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line, including coaches, range officials and any spectators must wear adequate eye protection (glasses or goggles). The equipment must protect both eyes. Eye protection only is required for firearm; and is strongly recommended but not required for archery events.

**a. Corrective lenses** - Normal corrective lenses constructed of impact resistant materials may be used.

**b. ISU glasses** - ISU (UIT) shooting glasses may be used only if the lens system for the shooting eye is large enough and properly situated to provide adequate protection to the shooting eye **and** an impervious shield for the non-shooting eye is firmly attached to the frames to provide adequate protection for the non-shooting eye. Safety is the over-riding consideration in the use of eye

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protection, and the judgment of the range officials and shoot management is final relative to the safety issue, and glasses deemed to be inadequate to protect both eyes may not be used. Shooters should clear their intended glasses with shoot management prior to entering the range.

**c. Sun glasses** - Sun glasses may be used if desired in archery only.

**10.1 Ear Protection** - Adequate ear protection must be worn by all competitors, coaches, range officials and spectators on the range during live firing. Ear protection may be worn, but is not required, when shooting air guns and archery. When ear protection is required either ear plugs or muffs, singly or together, are acceptable.

**11. Spotters/Scorers in silhouette matches** - Club Teams will be split in to different shooting relays and teammates will spot for one another (2 per relay). Quiet conversation between the spotter and the shooter is permissible. An official scorer will be assigned to each shooter to record hits and misses.

**12. No Smoking** - No smoking is permitted on or near the firing lines or in any situation where the smoke constitutes interference to shooters. Smoking by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted on the grounds at any time.

**13. Alcohol Policy** - No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on the grounds of the event during the event. Violation of this policy is grounds for ejection from the grounds.

## **14. Scoring**

**14.1 Scoring times** - Targets may be scored as designated by shoot management.

**14.2 Scoring location** - Scoring will be accomplished at a location decided by the County Shooting Sports Coordinator or County Shooting Sports Director. Scoring for silhouette, shotgun and archery events will take place on the range.

**14.2.1 Targets as score cards** - When targets are scored in the statistical office, targets serve as score cards and must be retained in good order.

**14.3 Plug-type scoring gauges** - Plug-type scoring aids or an outside gauge will be used to determine the value of close shots. Scorers using a plug gauge will mark the target either with a “p” indicating that the value was determined with a gauge or with a “+” indicating that the shot is to be given the higher value or a “-“ indicating that it is to receive the lower value. Plugged shot holes may not be challenged unless the score is wrong for the indicator or missing entirely. Overlays may be used in addition to plug type gauges to determine if a shot hole represents more than one hit.

**14.3.1 Authorized use of scoring gauges** - Only designated range staff and statistical officers are permitted to use plug-type scoring gauges and their determination will be final.

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**14.3.2 How to score (bullseye events)** - Each shot will be scored by the location of the bullet hole on the target surface. The innermost (highest value) scoring area touched by the bullet hole is the assigned value of the shot.

**a. Skid shots** - In scoring skid shots, the value of the highest area touched by the shot is scored, but the value of the shot may be no more than one ring higher than its point of entry. A bullet that enters off the scoring area but touches a scoring ring will be given the value of the outermost scoring ring.

**b. Bullets entering from the back of the target** - Bullets entering the target from the back of the target will be scored as misses.

**14.3.3 Scoring inner 10's** - Inner tens are scored on the AR-5/1, AR-5/5 and AR-5/10 targets when the ten dot has been completely shot out as determined by the use of a 4.5 mm scoring gauge. On the B40 target the shot must be inside in inner 10 ring.

**14.3S How to score (silhouette)** - All shots are marked as they are fired with either an X for a hit or an O for a miss. Hits out of sequence are scored as misses. All spaces on the scorecard must bear an entry, and it is the shooter's responsibility to check their score after each bank of five targets. The scorer will watch targets closely to determine that the targets were hit by the bullet, not blown off the stand by the wind.

**14.4 Misses** - Shots outside the scoring area on the targets will be scored as misses, assigned to the nearest record bullseye and given the value of zero except as provided in Rule 14.3.2 a.

**14.4S Misses (silhouette)** - Any shot that does not knock the proper silhouette over or from its stand will be scored as a miss. Shots not fired through the fault of the competitor or shots fired at the wrong target count as misses.

**14.5 Early or late shots** - If a shot is fired early or late (before the signal to commence firing or after the signal to cease fire) and the required number of hits is on the target, the value of the highest hit will be scored a miss. When fewer than the required number of hits are on the target, the competitor will be scored a miss for each shot not on the target and the visible hits will be scored in the normal manner.

**14.5S Early or late shots (silhouette)** - A competitor firing a shot from the firing line before the "Ready (Listo)" command will be disqualified from the match. Any shot fired between the "Ready" and "Fire" commands will be scored as a miss. Shots fired when closing the action count as shots and are scored as misses. Any shot fired after the "Cease Fire (Alto)" command is also scored as a miss.

**14.6 All shots count** - All shots fired by the competitor after having taken his/her position on the firing line will be counted in his/her score, even if the firearm is unintentionally discharged.

**14.7 Hits on the wrong target or bullseye** - If a competitor fires a record shot at the target of another shooter that shot will be discounted on the other shooter's target and the shot will be scored as a miss.

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**14.8 Ricochets** - Ricochets that strike and knock down the properly designated target in silhouette are scored as hits, but holes made by ricocheting bullets will not be scored in bullseye events. Note that keyhole bullets are not necessarily ricochets.

**14.9 Visible hits and close groups** - Only those hits which are visible will be scored except when a grouping of three or more bullets is so close that a required shot or shots could have gone through the enlarged hole without leaving a mark. If there is no evidence that the shot or shots went elsewhere than through the assigned target, the shooter will be given the benefit of the doubt and scored hits for the non-visible hits. If the hits could have fallen in more than one scoring area, they will be scored in the higher-valued ring.

**14.10 Excessive hits** - If more than the required number of hits are visible on a target, any shot that can be attributed to another competitor or from a previous string will be marked and disregarded. If more than the required number of hits remain, a complete new score will be fired and the target containing the excessive hits will be disregarded, except:

**a. Hits of equal value** - If all hits are of equal value, the score will be recorded as the required number of hits of that value.

**b. Competitor option** - The competitor may accept a score equal to the required number of hits of lowest value.

**c. Scoring with confirmed crossfires** - If the shot fired by another individual on the competitor's target cannot be identified, the competitor will receive a score composed of the required number of hits of highest value.

**d. Excess hits on a target** - If excessive hits occur on any target, only the required number of hits of lowest value will be scored, unless it is confirmed that another shooter fired the excessive hit(s). Confirmed hits by another shooter will be discounted and not entered into the score.

**e. Disclaiming a hit** - If a shooter wishes to disclaim any hit on his/her target, the bullet hole to be disclaimed must be reported immediately to the range officer. If the range officer cannot confirm beyond all reasonable doubt that the competitor did not fire the disputed shot(s) the shot will be scored as a record shot. The following shall be considered sufficient to justify annulment of a shot:

1). The scorer confirms by checking the target and the backer target.

2). A missed shot is reported by another competitor or scorer at approximately the same time and within two or three shooting stations.

**f. Inadequate number of shots fired** - If a competitor fires fewer than the required number of shots through his or her own fault and excessive hits are visible on the target, the competitor will be awarded the number of hits equal to the shots fired of highest value and the unfired shots will be scored as misses.

**14.10.1. On any bullseye** - If a competitor fires the required number of shots but fires more shots than are required at any bullseye, a penalty of one (1) point per shot shall be assessed.

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**14.10.2. Refire limits** - If the competitor refires, the total score may not exceed the total of the required number of hits of highest value on the original target. If the score exceeds the score total of the required number of hits of highest value on the original target, that original score will be posted to the competitor. If it is lower, the refired target score will be posted to the competitor.

**14.12 Insufficient hits** - Shots that are not fired through the competitor's fault are counted as misses.

**14.16 Erasures on score cards** - Erasures are not permitted on score cards. If a change is necessary because of an error, the statistical officer or range official will strike through the error and mark the proper score above the stricken score. The official making the change must initial the altered score.

**15 Dress Code** - Participants are expected to dress appropriately. Team uniforms or shirts are encouraged, but not required. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Clothing with sexually suggestive wording or graphics; and alcohol or tobacco advertisement is not appropriate. Range officials have the final word concerning the dress code and may announce or address specific cases. All shooters and coaches should remember that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media. Remember that you represent all of 4-H Shooting Sports. Make it a positive image!

### **16. Challenges and Protests**

**16.0 Protests** - Competitors only (no adults) may protest.

- a. An injustice they feel has been done them individually.
- b. The conditions under which another competitor was permitted to fire.
- c. The equipment another competitor was permitted to use.

**16.1 Right of appeal or protest and lack thereof** - The right of challenge or protest lies with the shooter who perceives that a target has been mis-scored or an injustice has been done through either errors of commission or omission. Parents, coaches, and other observers have NO right of challenge or protest, and any attempt at exercising such a non-existent right will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. Such conduct shall be considered just cause for sanctions, removal from the grounds, ejection from the event, or further actions decided upon by the event committee or the Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.

**16.2 Protest committee or jury** - In 4-H events, the shoot management shall have the authority to name a protest committee of knowledgeable persons. Suggested composition includes the state shooting sports coordinator (and/or shoot manager), the chief referee for the event and/or two to three persons named by the shoot manager or shooting sports coordinator. This committee will review all sides of the protest and rule on it, either sustaining or denying it. The decision of the committee is final and not subject to further appeal or protest.

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**16.3 Authority of the jury** - Juries assembled for the purpose of hearing challenges and protests in 4-H Shooting Sports events will adhere to the rules of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program and the posted rules of the events being sponsored. 4-H Rules supersede all other rules (NRA, USA Shooting, or others) in 4-H events. Decisions of the juries are final and may not be appealed to any higher level.

**16.5 Protest procedure** - The purpose of formal protests is to redress injustice, not to alter the results of the competition on the field. Protests should be initiated immediately, and no protest will be considered more than 30 minutes after the end of the competition. A formal protest may be initiated by the shooter ONLY. Parents or coaches may not initiate a protest or participate in writing a protest statement. The formal protest procedure follows:

a. State the complaint orally to the range officer or event manager; if not satisfied by the decision then;

b. File a written protest with the statistical office within one hour (as quickly as possible after completion your round).

**16.5.1 Protest fee** - A protest fee of \$5.00 must accompany any formal, written protest. If the protest is sustained, the fee will be returned. If it is denied, the fee will be retained by the shoot management and placed in the general fund of the Pima County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

**16.5.2 Responsibility of shooters** - In the event of a protest, all shooters involved may be asked to provide information to the jury. Failure to do so when requested is a violation of 4-H Shooting Sports Rules. Failure of the complainant to appear at the time and location set for the review will void the protest.

**16.6 Protest committee action** - The protest committee will act on the formal, written protest in an expeditious manner, bringing it to resolution as quickly as possible. Failure of the protest initiator to make himself or herself available to the committee during their deliberations shall be grounds for summarily dismissing (denying) the protest. Excessive, adversarial or abusive argument by the shooter, coach(s) or parent(s) is grounds for summarily dismissing (denying) the protest. Any action taken by the committee will be announced in private to the shooter filing the protest as soon as possible and prior to the awards ceremony.

**16.7 Purpose** - The purpose for appeals and protests is to make every reasonable effort to ensure that the conduct of 4-H Shooting Sports events is both fair and reasonable to the participating shooters. The restriction to the shooters themselves is designed to aid in the development of self-reliance and self-expression in a positive framework. Parental and coach actions must be supportive of those objectives. "Fighting for my kid," is inappropriate, incompatible with the objectives of this program and will not be tolerated.

### 18. Shooter and Coach Responsibility

**18.0 Safety** - Shooters and coaches are responsible for understanding and practicing the rules of safe firearms handling. The highest standards of safety are to be followed at all times.

**18.0.1 Sportsmanship** - The spirit of 4-H sportsmanship and appropriate behavior is expected of all participants in the 4-H shooting sports program.

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**18.0.2 Behavior of participants** - Safe, circumspect and respectful behavior is expected of shooters, coaches and spectators at all 4-H shooting events at all times. Disorderly or unsafe conduct has no place on the shooting range and will not be permitted.

**a. Staff discretion** - All authorized range staff carry the discretionary responsibility to enforce behavioral guidelines.

**b. Warning** - Any shooter or coach displaying disorderly, destructive or abusive conduct may be **warned** a maximum of one time.

**c. Penalties** - Further instances of such conduct may result in the shooter being **penalized** by having an appropriate reduction in their score or **disqualified**.

**d. Review** - Disqualifications will be reviewed by the Pima County Shooting Sports Coordinator and a jury assembled for the purpose of determining additional sanctions, if any, to be applied.

**e. Purpose** - The purpose of this section is to enforce the quality of 4-H shooting sports activities.

**f. Willful destruction of range equipment** - Deliberate damage to range equipment is grounds for expulsion from the range.

**g. Refusal to obey** - No person will fail to obey instructions of any range or match official if instructions are given in the conduct of their appropriate offices.

**i. Behavior of spectators** - Spectators may be ejected from the grounds, and competitors or coaches may be **penalized** (score reduced by an appropriate amount) or **disqualified** (ejected from the competition).

**18.1 Discipline** - It is the duty of each competitor, coach, parent and spectator to sincerely and immediately cooperate with range officials in their efforts to conduct a safe, efficient and sportsmanlike tournament. No competitor, coach or parent may deliberately and knowingly violate the 4-H Shooting Sports Rules or rules of safe firearms handling or permit others to do so.

**18.2 Knowledge of procedures and rules** - Shooters and coaches will make an effort to understand the procedures used in each event and comply with the rules and standards of the events.

**a. Questions** - Questions are encouraged to clarify any areas of misunderstanding or interpretations.

**b. Ignorance of the rules** - Ignorance of the rules in any event does not obviate their existence.

**c. Evasion of rules** - No person will deliberately evade or attempt to evade competition rules, nor shall any person be an accessory to evasion of any rule. Refusal of an individual to give full disclosure of any rule evasion or violation is considered to be acting as an accessory to that evasion.

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**d. Shooter responsibility** - Shooters are responsible for knowing the rules of their event and staying within them. Learning the rules of the events is part of the educational process for shooting sports participants, but the intent is to aid shooters rather than entrap them.

### 18.4. Coaching

**a. Air Rifle and Air Pistol** - As a general rule, limited coaching is permitted. Where rules permit, coaches may spot for and advise their shooters to help them shoot to the best of their ability. Each club is limited to one “coach” per event. This coach is the only adult that is permitted to discuss procedures, ask questions, or advocate for his/her team with range officials. A coaching line will be established on each range behind the shooters area and firing line and separate from the spectator area. Coaches may assist the shooter during prep time only. Once shooting for record begins, no coaching is permitted unless the shooter asks permission from the range officer. Any request for coach assistance must be initiated by the shooter; the coach may not initiate contact with the shooter. The shooter will put down their equipment, make it safe, leave the line, and then go talk to their coach. Coaches may ask the line officer to have their pupil come back to talk, but is not to initiate contact with the shooter. Coaches may not handle firearms or equipment after the match begins or may they advance to the firing line unless authorized by the range officer. A coach may set up his/her own spotting equipment. Specific coaching instructions may be issued at the range for each event.

**1) Coaching in individual matches** - Coaching is **NOT** permitted in individual matches except in silhouette matches, where each shooter may have a spotter or coach to call shots as long as they do not interfere with other shooters.

**2) Coach behavior** - Coaches must conduct themselves in a quiet, supportive and cooperative manner at all times. Except during preparation time, coaches are to stay behind the firing line and in the coaching area.

**b. Archery** - No coaching is permitted on the shooting line or station in 4-H archery events. Coaches may not advise or assist their shooters once they have started to shoot in any event **except** at the direct instruction of the field captain.

**1) Replacement of equipment** - A coach may provide replacement or additional equipment as needed after obtaining permission from the field captain.

**2) Assistance** - Coaches may be requested by the field captain to assist a shooter with a situation on the firing line.

**3) Coach behavior** - Coaches must conduct themselves in a quiet, supportive and cooperative manner at all times.

**c. Removal of coaches** - Range staff or the Pima County 4-H Shooting Sports Director or Coordinator may remove a coach from the vicinity of the shooting line if they violate rules, distract other shooters or appear to distract their own shooters. In the event that a coach is removed, a replacement **may** be permitted at the discretion of the field captain. Continued disruption shall be deemed cause for disqualification.

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**18.8 Timing** - Timing shooting within the official time limits is the shooter's responsibility.

**18.9 Loading** - No competitor will load a gun except at the firing point and after the appropriate command (**Ready (Listo) or Load**) has been given.

**18.11 Checking scores** - Shooters are responsible for checking their scores or score cards for accuracy before the end of the review period or their leaving the range. Failure to sign scorecards forfeits all challenge and protest rights. Failure to observe the targets within the observation and review period forfeits the right of further review and challenge.

**18.12 Clearing the firing point** - Competitors are responsible for leaving their firing points quickly with firearms unloaded, actions open or cased.

**19. Physically Disabled Shooters** - A shooter who because of physical disability cannot fire from one or more of the prescribed shooting positions outlined in these rules, or who must use special equipment when firing, is privileged to petition to the County 4-H Match Director for permission to assume a special position or to use modified equipment or both. This petition will be in the form of a written request from the person concerned to the Committee (match director) outlining in detail the reasons why the special position must be assumed or the special equipment must be used. The petition will be accompanied by pictures of the shooter in the position desiring approval and, if special equipment is required, the picture will show how this equipment is used. The petition and all pictures must be furnished in exact duplicate. The petition must be accompanied by a medical doctor's statement if the physical disability is not completely evident in the pictures submitted. Holders of current NRA authorizations will be honored as valid authorizations but the Match Director must be informed at earliest date possible and not later than at the time of entry.

**a.** Each petition will be reviewed by the 4-H County Match Committee. The Committee may require additional or supplementary statements or pictures. After review the Match Director will be instructed by the committee to issue special authorization to individuals who submit petitions and pictures which have been approved. Such certificates will have necessary pictures attached.

**b.** Shooters who have received special authorization will be required to carry them when competing and to present the certificate when requested by officials of the match. In the case of a protest involving the position or the equipment used by such a shooter, the range officials will compare the questioned position or equipment with the certificate and photographs presented by the shooter.

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