
FFA Sporting Clays Event

2011-2012 Guidelines

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DISTRICT EVENT

FFA Northwest District

November 1

Fort Supply

Instructor - Contact

Brandon Knowles, Arnett

580-885-7245

FFA Central District

October 25

Norman/Golsby

Instructor - Contact

Brandon Morgan, Newcastle

405-387-6399

FFA Southwest District

November 3

Altus

Instructor - Contact

Tim White, Tipton

580-667-5268

FFA Southeast District

October 26

Keota

Instructor - Contact

Dustin McLemore, Spiro

918-962-2707

FFA Northeast District

October 12-13

District Contact

Guy Shoulders

405-743-5488

STATE EVENT

November 9

Oklahoma City Gun Club

Arcadia, Okla.

Instructor - Contact

Justin Kliewer, Thomas-Fay-Custer

580-661-3200

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WHO MAY PARTICIPATE

- Junior Division**
- 8th- 9th-, 10th-grade FFA members only
 - Maximum of four participants per chapter
 - Three or four participants make up a team and only three scores are counted.
 - One or two individuals may compete for individual awards if a chapter does not have three to make a team.
- Senior Division**
- Any FFA member 8th–12th grades may compete
 - Maximum of four participants per chapter
 - Three or four participants make up a team and only three scores are counted.
 - One or two individuals may compete for individual awards if a chapter does not have three to make a team.

IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION

- It is expected that the local Agricultural Education instructors will share information about this event with their local school administrators and receive prior approval for the local chapter and its members to participate in the FFA Sporting Clay Event.
- A **Hunter Safety Card** is **required** for each FFA member participating. A copy of each member's Hunter Safety Card must be stapled to the permission form.
- Each FFA member participating must have a minimum of eight hours of shotgun practice to compete in the district competition. Each participant must know how to load and operate a pump-action shotgun. No first-time shooters may participate.
- A **Permission Slip** signed by the parent or guardian of each participant is required. A copy of the permission slip is attached.
- The **Department of Wildlife Conservation will provide firearms and ammunition** for the event. Participants will be immediately disqualified if they bring their own firearms or ammunition to the event site.
- The Department of Wildlife Conservation will provide the following equipment at each event site. All are equipped with skeet or improved cylinder chokes. Participants may choose from a Remington 12 ga. 870 28-inch or a Remington 20 ga. 870 26-inch youth or 28-inch adult.
- The Department of Wildlife Conservation will provide Steel Shot (non-toxic) 12 ga. #7- 1 oz.-max. dram and 20 ga. #7- 3/4 oz.-max. dram.
- The Department of Wildlife Conservation will provide Orange Dome targets.
- The Department of Wildlife Conservation will provide earplugs that must be worn by all participants in the shooting gallery.
- The Department of Wildlife Conservation will provide protective glasses that must be worn by all participants while competing. However, participants are allowed to bring their own shooting glasses. Nonparticipants desiring to observe the competition at close range must bring their own protective glasses.
- The Department of Wildlife Conservation will identify the Range Master (the overall supervisor), the safety officer (who will load all equipment, monitor safety, and score during the event), and the puller (who operates the throwers). Immediate disqualification will occur for any participant who loads equipment in his/her possession.
- The Department of Wildlife Conservation will provide site layouts for the event. A sample site layout is attached.

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DISTRICT EVENT

- There will be one team round of competition. The top four teams and four individuals will be determined for state qualifiers. Everyone who qualifies for the state contest will be eligible for individual awards at the state contest.
- Any gun safety violation will result in immediate disqualification.
- A student who participated on a senior sporting clays team may not compete in a junior contest during the same year. Students must compete just as they qualified at the district level and stay in that division at the state contest.
- Before the competition begins, the Range Master and safety officer will determine a late pull. The safety officer is the only person who can disqualify a target because of a late pull. The safety officer will call “No Target.”
- Wrong targets may accidentally be thrown because of human error. The safety officer will call “No Target.” In the event that the station master does not realize his mistake in time and fails to call “No Target” and if the contestant assumes the target and shoots, then the targets will be scored as either a hit or miss.
- Range Safety Officers and Scoring Personnel will make the calls concerning shooter error versus gun malfunction. For example, short shucking a pump-action shotgun is not a gun malfunction.

STATE EVENT

- All District rules apply.

Pre-Registration Required

- Local Agricultural Education instructors must preregister their teams(s) and/or individuals by phone or e-mail (e-mail preferred) with the District Contact Instructor at least one week prior to the District event. Late substitutions are to be made by arrangement with the contact instructor.
- The District Contact Instructor will notify the Department of Wildlife Conservation of the number of teams/individuals participating so that the proper amount of supplies and personnel will be available for the event.
- The District Contact Instructor will develop a schedule of participation and will notify participating Ag-Ed instructors of the approximate time their participants will need to be at the event site. It is anticipated that the first participants scheduled will be at the site by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event.
- The District Contact Instructor will provide State FFA Office with the specific date and location for each District event.
- A list of certified STEP INSTRUCTIONS can be found on the Oklahoma FFA Association Web site.

Awards and Recognition

District Event Awards will be presented to the top four teams and the top four individuals who will advance to the state event. Each district is responsible for providing district awards.

State Event Awards will be presented to the top three teams and top three individuals at the annual State FFA Convention. Everyone who qualifies for the state contest will be eligible for individual awards at the state contest.

FFA Shooting Sporting Competition Rules

1. All “Safety Rules and Participant Regulations” apply during any shooting event as explained in the *FFA Blue Book*.
2. At each competitive shooting event, the course layout will be set up within a reasonably uniform manner and supervised by an Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation official. The FFA event coordinator will inspect and recommend any necessary alterations. Then he/she will approve the layout before the events.
3. The course layout will not be altered due to weather conditions at any event.
4. The shooting area and the event location will be the responsibility of the FFA event coordinator. Each contest will provide a range master, safety officer (monitors safety, loads guns, and determines the results of each shot—hit/miss), and a puller.
5. In the event a target is broken when releasing a true pair, the broken target will be presented to the shooter again as a pair (true double target), even if he/she hits one of the targets in a broken pair.
6. Each shooter will compete with the same firearm throughout the entire sequence. When moving from station to station, safe gun handling is paramount and is the responsibility of both shooter and safety instructor.
7. At any time, the safety officer may request to replace or exchange a firearm, but it must be of the same gage. Fouled firearms will be removed and secured immediately from the firing line. In the event of a fouled gun on the second shot of a true pair, then the pair of targets will be presented to the shooter again, even if he/she hits one of the targets before the gun fails.
8. Each shooter will call for their target release.

Course of Fire: Based on a (4) shooter team

Each shooting station will have its individual target presentation (recipe) posted.

First Round—Beginning with station #1

- A single target from a specified location will be presented. The shooter may shoot two times at this first target. The next shooter then takes his/her turn from that individual’s station.
- When all four shooters complete this part of the course, the first shooter will begin the next course of fire from the same station.

Second Round—Beginning with station #1

- A true target pair will be presented from specified locations. Only two shots may be fired at this time. The next shooter will take his/her turn from that individual’s station. For scoring purposes, the first trigger pull in this sequence will denote the second target at that station.
- When all four shooters complete this part of the course, the first shooter will begin the next course of fire from the same station.

Third Round—Beginning with station #1

- A true target pair will be presented from specified locations. Only two shots may be fired at this time. The next shooter will take his/her turn from that individual’s station. For scoring purposes, the first trigger pull in this sequence will denote the fourth target at that station.
- When all four shooters complete this part of the course, the first shooter will begin the next course of fire from the same station.

FFA Shooting Sporting Competition Rules (continued)

When all four shooters complete this part of the course (each competitor has shot 5 rounds from the same station), then **ALL SHOOTERS WILL ROTATE TO THE LEFT. THEY WILL ONLY ROTATE WHEN DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE RANGE MASTER.**

Next Course of Fire Begins:

Note: Station #1 will always begin the next course of fire.

- ❑ Each station target sequence will remain the same, which gives each shooter different target presentations from each station.
- ❑ Upon completing the entire course, each shooter will have been given 20 different target presentations. At the completion of the course of fire, the contestant will initial the individual score sheet to verify the score.
- ❑ It is recommended that each FFA advisor (or designee) be present during his/her respective team's competition.

In the event of tie, the following rules will be used to determine the winner:

For TEAM TIES:

First Tiebreaker: The first tiebreaker for teams will be the total number of breaks by the lowest scoring team member. (If a team does not have a four-person team, it will lose the tiebreaker if the other team's low-scoring team member breaks at least one target.)

Second Tiebreaker: The second tiebreaker will be **the total** of consecutive breaks for each team member before the first miss, starting at station 1, target 1 for each player. Example:

	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Tiebreaker
Player 1:	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	oxxxx	3
Player 2:	oxxxx	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	0
Player 3:	xooxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	ooxxx	1
Player 4:	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	19
			Team Tiebreaker Total		23

Third Tiebreaker: State Contest: Shoot off as determined by the range master prior to the contest.

District Contest: Coin toss or shoot-off as determined by each district prior to the start of the contest.

For INDIVIDUAL TIES:

First Tiebreaker: The first tiebreaker will be **the total** of consecutive breaks for the individual before his/her first miss, starting at station 1, target 1 for each player. If there is still a tie, look at the next set of consecutive breaks, beginning with the next shot. Use this method again if possible.

Example: (Four individuals tied with the same score)

	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Score	Tiebreaker
A:	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	oxxxx	16	3-6-0
B:	oxxxx	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	16	0
C:	xooxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	ooxxx	16	1
D:	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	xxxoo	16	3-6-6

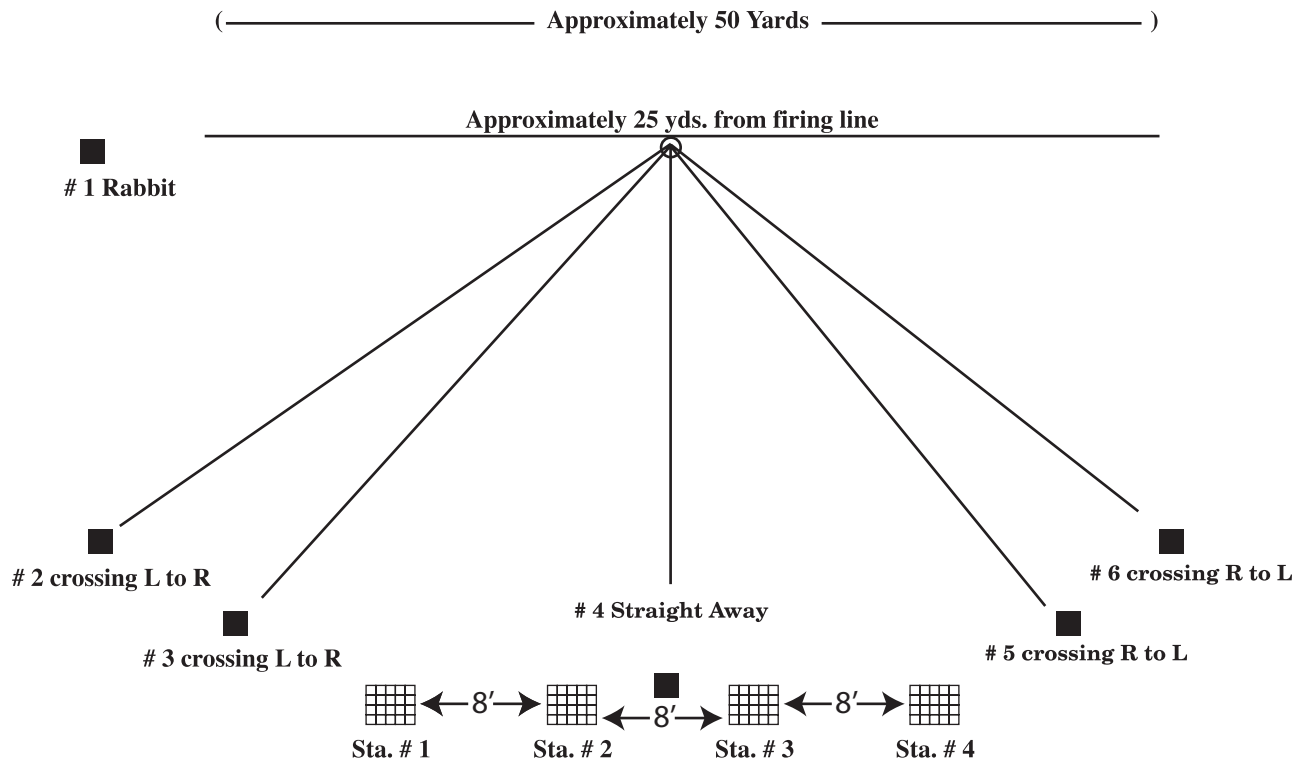
In the above example, the individuals would rank as follows:

- First Contestant - D
- Second Contestant - A
- Third Contestant - C
- Fourth Contestant - B

Second Tiebreaker: State Contest: Shoot off as determined by the range master prior to the contest.

District Contest: Coin toss or shoot-off as determined by each district prior to the start of the contest.

FFA Sporting Clays • Course Layout



All shooters will rotate to the left. Shooter at Station #1 will go to Station #4.

FFA Sporting Clays Event Member Permission Form

The FFA Sporting Clays Event is administered by the STEP Program Technician (Shotgun Training and Education Program) provided by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. FFA members participating will be supervised by their local school Agricultural Education instructor.

- This completed Permission Form is required of all participants. Both signatures are required. No exceptions.
- A Hunter Safety Card is required of each FFA member participating. A copy of each member's Hunter Safety Card must be stapled to this permission form. No exceptions.
- Each FFA member participating must have a minimum of eight hours of shotgun shooting practice to compete in the District competition. Each participant must know how to load and operate a pump-action shotgun. No first-time shooters. No exceptions.
- This Permission Form and an attached copy of the Hunter Safety Card must be presented to the STEP coordinator for each participant on the date of the event. No exceptions.

_____, a member of the _____ FFA
FFA Member's Name

Chapter, has my permission to compete in the officially sanctioned Oklahoma FFA Sporting Clays event.

Signed _____
Parent or Guardian Signature

Signed _____
Local FFA Chapter Advisor Signature

Date Signed _____