

WEST VIRGINIA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS POLICY- REVISED 12/1/09

- I. The West Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports (SS) Program encompasses the goals of volunteer leadership, capacity building for youth and families, and environmental stewardship. The program developed in 1986 and revised in 1993 is modeled after the National 4-H SS Program and is administered by a nationally certified state committee consisting of Extension personnel both paid and volunteer. The program is designed to: 1. give youth thorough, safe instruction and training in the use of firearms, archery equipment, and conservation; 2. enhance self-confidence, personal development, responsibility, and sportsmanship; 3. create an appreciation and understanding of natural resources; and 4. provide volunteer instructors safe and proper instructional techniques and information on how to plan and manage shooting and conservation clubs. The program relies on state 4-H certified/trained instructors to conduct classes in the various disciplines (archery; rifle including air rifle, small-bore, and center fire; air pistol; shotgun; muzzleloading; and wildlife conservation). The West Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Program will utilize the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and Curriculum. All 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors need to obtain 4-H Shooting Sports Program Instructor Certification prior to conducting 4-H shooting sports programs with youth.

Statewide and Multi-State training programs and Instructor Updates utilizing National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and Curriculum will be offered annually. The length of the training has involved a Friday evening through Sunday midday format. The state shooting sports committee has reviewed training requirements and has determined that this is an adequate time frame to provide acceptable training for instructor certification.

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and Curriculum was developed, drafted and tested by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee over a period of years and has been offered to states since the mid 1980's. The curriculum is scrutinized continually and revisions made as appropriate. Writers of the curriculum included National Rifle Association instructors and training counselors, hunter education instructors, National Bow hunter Education instructors, National Archery Association instructors, National Muzzleloading Rifle Association instructors, and Extension Specialists.

Many youth shooting programs have been available, so the subject matter of 4-H Shooting Sports is not unique. Several of the programs laid claim to a youth development foundation. Most of them used a volunteer corp. to present the program to young people. A few of them even tried to link shooting to other areas of concern. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program combines the best of all of these programs while keeping a relationship with the existing natural resources, safety or outdoor recreation programs. The materials and training programs emphasize young people and their life skills as the product of the program while using tested techniques and positive reinforcement. Strong and continuing recruitment of volunteers, intensive volunteer equipping and management, minimal commitment of professional staff and time and attractiveness to males and females, older teens, and families have been and continue to be key elements in successful 4-H Shooting Sports Programs.

The program relies on National and State 4-H trained & certified instructors to conduct classes/programs in the various disciplines (Archery; Rifle including air rifle, small-bore, and center fire; Shotgun; Muzzleloading; Air Pistol; and Wildlife Conservation) using the National 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum. Shooting Sports has the potential of being a high liability activity. Therefore, the program requires 4-H trained & certified instructors to adhere to the safety rules and regulations as dictated by the program to decrease the liability of such an educational experience. The intent of the program is that it be conducted as a group project with appropriate supervision rather than an individual 4-H member independent project.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is a youth development education program which uses a prevention education model that strongly emphasizes positive youth-adult interaction and peer leadership. It uses skills and disciplines of safe shooting and wildlife management to assist young people and their leaders in attaining knowledge and developing essential life skills. The program can enhance family communications and quality time together. It creates an environment for a caring relationship between a young person and a significant adult, whether this is a family member, other adult or teen volunteer. These activities provide the opportunity for immediate gratification to the youth and satisfaction and self-worth to the adult/teen volunteer who acts as teacher and role model for younger 4-H youth members.

II. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. Youth development is the number one goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. 4-H Shooting Sports provide an outstanding way of promoting human growth and development in the life skills identified by the National 4-H Program.
2. To enhance development of participant's self-concept, character and personal growth through safe educational and socially-acceptable involvement in shooting activities.
3. To strengthen families through life-long recreation activities.
4. To develop leadership qualities in youth and adult participants.
5. To expand 4-H membership and involve additional 4-H adult volunteers.
6. To encourage understanding of natural resource concepts through participant's interest in shooting and wildlife conservation.
7. To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and lifelong a vocational activities related to shooting sports.
8. To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, including sound decision-making, self-discipline, and concentration.
9. To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
10. To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety and hunter education programs.
11. To provide 4-H training and certification in the various shooting sports disciplines for adult volunteers.
12. To maintain and expand a state level committee of nationally trained and certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors.

III. PHILOSOPHY

1. All instructors in the program will be certified by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee to teach specific discipline(s). Instructors shall participate in an instructor update if new material, new instructional methods or significant program changes are developed.
2. A county shall not sponsor or schedule any shooting sport activity conducted by anyone other than a 4-H trained and certified Shooting Sports Instructor of the appropriate discipline.
3. Instructor training and certification sessions will be scheduled and conducted by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee as a group. No certifications will be given by individual state instructors.
4. The county is responsible for implementing the WVUES Volunteer Policy as it pertains to shooting sports instructors and for verifying proper certification.
5. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is not an individual 4-H project, but should be taught as a group project, 4-H club, 4-H special interest group, or 4-H camping sessions.
6. The enrollment in the program has the potential of reaching new youth audiences as well as new volunteer adult leaders.
7. Competitive events may be available in specific disciplines as developed and implemented by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. Competitive shooting events are optional and individual, and not the main thrust of the program.
8. 4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to all youth 9-21 years of age. The individual can join when he/she is in at least the third grade and/or 9 years of age (example: a child can join 4-H if he/she is 8 years and will reach his/her 9th birthday during the 4-H club year); and will not be eligible for membership if he/she reaches his/her 21st birthday on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year. All 4-H groups and clubs are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, sexual orientation or national origin. 4-H Cloverbuds is a pre-4-H program for 1st and 2nd grade youth and is not eligible for any aspect of 4-H shooting sports programs.
9. Only youth 12 years of age and older on January 1 of the current year, may use firearms (any gun which uses a powder charge).
10. A 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor has the right to refuse any participant from the shooting sports activity in the interest of safety for the participant and others in the program.
11. Inter-agency cooperation/collaboration and participation through use of facilities and equipment as well as cooperative programming is strongly encouraged.
12. Pistol training will be limited to air pistols.
13. Games using paintball guns where participants shoot paintballs at other participants is NOT AN ACCEPTABLE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ACTIVITY. 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 or 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.

IV. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

This program is administered by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. The committee includes Extension Agents, Extension Specialists, and volunteers. The committee will:

1. Administer the program.
2. Develop a program outline for counties to follow.
3. Conduct instructor training and certification activities.
4. Develop informational materials used in publicizing the program.
5. Provide orientation of county Extension faculty to the 4-H shooting sports program.
6. Initiate resource development in partial support of programming.
7. Maintain files of 4-H instructor certification status.
8. Cooperate with county Extension faculty to assist in program operations and administration.
9. Provide leadership for all State 4-H Shooting Sports events including the following:
 - All 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training and Certifications
 - Other State 4-H Shooting Sports contests, events, fun shoots, activities or programs as established by the committee and supported by the WVUES.

V. INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Program requires the use of national or state 4-H trained and certified instructors to conduct classes/programs in the various disciplines (Archery; Rifle including air rifle, small-bore, and center fire; Shotgun; Air Pistol; Muzzleloading; and Wildlife Conservation). No person may be certified as an instructor until the following requirements are met:

1. Age: Instructor – 18 years of age or older (Must be 18 years of age on or before January 1, of the current year).
2. Be recommended by County Extension Faculty.
3. Have been approved as a WVUES Volunteer through local County Extension Office.
4. Successfully complete instructor training sessions administered by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and demonstrate competent knowledge of curriculum material and instructional techniques to be measured through a written test and teaching practicum. A minimum score of 70% is required on the test and practicum.
5. Volunteers who respond positively to the question on criminal offenses must be approved by the WVUES/4-HYD Director before being approved as instructors.
 - A. Have no felony convictions.
 - B. Have no convictions for hunting or fishing violations in the immediate past two (2) years.
6. Only one discipline certification may be achieved at a single state sponsored training and certification workshop. A participant must attend all of the training sessions at a state 4-H sponsored workshop which includes a minimum 12 hours of discipline instruction and an additional 6 hours on topics of shooting sports philosophy, youth development, risk management, planning county programs and other topics identified by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.
7. The State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee reserves the right to withhold certification of any instructor who fails to meet these requirements. The instructor in each class reserves the right not to certify a person if he/she feels the candidate will not be a competent instructor.

VI. INSTRUCTOR RENEWALS, RECERTIFICATIONS AND REPORTING

1. Your desire to continue as a volunteer in the 4-H Program.
2. Your County and/or State's interest in seeing you continue as a 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer.
3. Keeping up-to-date in your certified discipline through teaching the program in your county.
4. Attending instructor updates as deemed necessary by the certifying committee.
5. Reporting your teaching in the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

6. To maintain certification as a Shooting Sports instructor, you must teach or assist in teaching a class within your discipline every two years. It is required that all classes be reported and documented as per Section X.
7. Should instructor certification lapse an individual must repeat the state 4-H training program.
8. All instructors in the program will be certified by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee to teach specific discipline(s). Instructors shall participate in an instructor update/renewal if new material, new instructional methods or significant program changes are developed.

Instructors are to report all students trained to the County Extension Faculty and to make annual reports to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee or other designated representative. Reports are to cover the calendar year and be submitted by December 31 of that year. Forms for reporting shooting sports programs can be obtained from your local county Extension office or online at (<http://www.wvu.edu/~agexten/youth/ssinstform.pdf>). Extension Faculty should sign the report form, return a copy to the instructor, retain a County Office copy and forward a copy to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee or designated representative. **THIS REPORTING OF TEACHING ACTIVITIES IS A PREREQUISITE TO MAINTAINING THE CERTIFICATION OF INSTRUCTORS WHO CONDUCTED OR ASSISTED WITH THE PROGRAM AS PER OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION VI RELATED TO MAINTAINING CERTIFICATION.**

VII. DUTIES OF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

1. To provide basic instruction to students and other duties as outlined in the individual WVU Volunteer Job Description as developed in cooperation with County Extension Faculty.
2. To report all students trained to the County Extension Faculty and to make annual reports to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee or other designated representative. Reports are to cover the calendar year and be submitted by December 31 of that year.
3. To keep current as certified instructors by teaching classes and attending instructor updates or retraining sessions as available and as required by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.

VIII. INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

1. Instructors certified through the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee will receive a copy of the 4-H shooting sports curriculum for their individual discipline.
2. Methods of instruction at state workshops will include: A. Lesson outline and use of outline; B. Discipline Curriculum Manual; C. Other methods may include – Hands on Learning, Live Firing, Demonstrations, Lecture, Role Playing, Class Involvement, Simulated Experience, Visual Aids, and Exhibits.
3. Instructor training will include a practicum where workshop participants will demonstrate teaching skills in their respective discipline.

IX. INSTRUCTOR CODE OF ETHICS

1. All certified instructors will adhere to the 4-H philosophy and goals, as well as, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Code of Ethics.
2. Instructors of 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs and Special Interest Groups are to work with youth to learn the 4-H pledge, and to encourage member participation in club meetings, county, and state 4-H activities.
3. Instructors should demonstrate a positive role model for youth to follow.

X. STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

1. Committee membership shall include all state level, nationally certified 4-H shooting sports instructors, both 4-H volunteers and Extension Faculty.
2. Committee leadership will be provided by Extension faculty nationally certified as 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators.
3. The function of this committee will be as specified under Section IV. Program Administration.
4. State Shooting Sports Coordinators may call meetings as necessary. In addition, the state committee will conduct quarterly meetings as appropriate.

XI. National 4-H Shooting Sports Minimum Standards for a Shooting Sports Program

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee recognizes the diversity of the 4-H shooting sports programs within each state has established the following minimum standards:

- That all instructors accept and abide by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Ethics

- That the 4-H Curriculum is the established and accepted curriculum for teaching youth the shooting sports within 4-H program
- That it is in the best interests of adult leaders and 4-H youth that the recognized 4-H curriculum be utilized in conjunction with a written risk management plan
- That the thrust of the 4-H shooting sports curriculum is to teach the child life skills, as opposed to teaching shooting skills to the child
- That certifications by other national organizations are a welcome supplement to the 4-H shooting sports certification process
- That the following minimum guidelines for instructor training at the state level are adhered to:
 - All certified adult 4-H volunteers with supervisory responsibilities in the shooting sports program are a minimum of 18 years of age or older.
 - All state level certification workshops must provide a minimum of twelve (12) hours of instruction; including a minimum of eight (8) hours instruction in each specific discipline taken and a minimum of four (4) hours instruction in teaching youth development, ages & stages and life skills.
 - All instructors must teach at least once every three (3) years to remain certified.
 - **However in WV it is every 2 years.**

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XII. National 4-H Shooting Sports Risk Management Plan - O U T L I N E

- I. Staffing/Supervision
 - A. Training
 - B. Certification
 - C. Age requirements/Experience
 - D. Adult/youth ratio
 - E. Specific requirements (i.e.: VIP process)
- II. Insurance Issues
 - F. Waives
 - G. Health History/Parental Permission
 - H. Liability/Vehicle Insurance
 - I. Health Insurance
 - E. Equipment Insurance
 - F. Facility Insurance
 - G. Leases
- III. Emergencies
 - Procedures
 - A. Transportation/Emergency vehicle
 - B. Communication/P.R.
 - C. First Aid
 - D. Parental Notification
 - Separate Plan for each Situation
 - Range Accident
 - Lost Child
 - Misfire
 - Rabid Animal
 - Flood/Fire/Tornado
 - Vehicle Accident
 - Other areas as specific to your activity
- IV. Equipment
 - A. Safety Check Procedures/Maintenance
 - B. Handling
 - C. Proper Storage
 - D. Transportation
 - E. Parental permission to Use
- V. Facility
 - A. Safety Inspection
 - B. Safety Procedures (signage, berms, safety zones, lines, etc.)

- C. Insurance
- D. Leases

National 4-H Shooting Sports **Risk Management Plan General Information**

A good **Risk Management Plan** will address specific situations that might be encountered during the program. These include, but are not limited to:

- **RATIONALE and GOALS**
 - Simply, what you want to do, why you want to do it, and where you intend to go with the program; write it down.
- **PERSONNEL POLICIES**
 - How you select individuals to assist the program should be spelled out.
 - *If your state has a volunteer application and selection program, include that in your plan.
 - *Establish and document required training for your personnel.
 - *Establish and document procedures of conduct for your personnel.
 - There are never to be less than two instructors present at all times youth are present. Ex: **At no time will an instructor be alone with a student.**
 - No instructor is allowed to provide transportation for a youth unless on a planned and authorized travel event.
- **JOB DESCRIPTION**
 - Include a written job description for each of your trainers.
- **RECORDS**
 - Keep accurate, thorough, up-to-date records of your training activities.
- **SUPERVISION**
 - Establish in your written plan what levels of supervision are required, whose responsibility it is, and the extent of authority assigned to each supervising trainer.
- **INSPECTIONS**
 - All equipment and sites should be inspected according to a written procedure (a check list) on an established schedule.
- **LESSON PLAN**
 - Each activity should have a written lesson plan outlining the activity and what will occur.
- **EMERGENCY PLAN**
 - A written emergency plan should be included, outlining specific duties and actions to be taken in the event of an emergency or an injury. This would include the required youth and adult health forms.
- **FIRST AID**
 - First aid kits and trained personnel should be on site at every activity.
- **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**
 - A written policy statement should be drafted and included in your plan indicating your adherence to the established equal opportunity policy of your State's 4-H program.

Following is a standard risk management plan outline to be used with the general information presented here.

XIII. National 4-H Shooting Sports – Objectives of 4-H the Shooting Sports Program

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program strives to enable people, their parents and adult volunteers to become responsible, self-directed and productive members of society. Agents, leaders, instructor and coaches must understand the goals and objectives of the program in order to manage or present it properly. These goals and objectives are consistent with the goals and objectives of the 4-H program. The program transfers knowledge skills and attitudes to develop human capital, using the subject matter and resources of the land-grant universities.

The specific goals and objectives of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program include, but not limited to, those listed below.

1. To encourage participation in natural and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through shooting, hunting, and related activities.

2. To enhance development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activity.
3. To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision-making, self-discipline and concentration.
4. To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
5. To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and life-long a vocational activities related to shooting sports.
6. To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
7. To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter education programs using experimental educational methods and progressive development of skills and abilities.

Remember the differences in the age, experience, abilities and development of young people when programs are presented. Refer to a publication on ages and stages of development to be sure appropriate methods are used to reach the objectives.

XIV. 4-H Shooting Sports Equipment: Storage and Transportation Suggested Policy Guidelines

In many states, the storage of Shooting Sports equipment has not been consistent nor have any standards been set forth to assist states in developing policies related to equipment storage and transportation. This is a list of suggested guidelines for states to consider.

Inventory Control

1. Inventory list of equipment should be maintained by one individual in charge of equipment for the local group/county program/state program. A sign-out process will be used to record who/when/what/when returned.
2. Only approved, current instructors may sign out program equipment from inventory.
3. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment, the inventory list, and sign-out records.
4. Equipment inventory should be audited at least annually (or more often if requested) by local and/or state Extension personnel responsible for 4-H Shooting Sports program. *The state Extension staff person responsible for 4-H Shooting Sports program has the ultimate authority to remove 4-H Shooting Sports program equipment from any 4-H Shooting Sports club or instructor based on lack of safety practices, inadequate storage and transportation safeguards, concerns about inventory control, inadequate emphasis on positive youth development, or other reasons based on professional judgment.*

Storage of Firearms

1. All Firearms will be stored unloaded in a commercial firearm safe when not in use. *(Should we include a requirement for open action indicators and/or trigger locks?)*
2. All gun safes should be secured in a locked storage area, following local statutory requirements, if applicable. If no local laws apply, suitable locations include local law enforcement department firearm storage, storage closet or room with limited access, etc.
3. Keys and combinations should be available only to certified instructors, county coordinators, and state coordinators. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment.

Storage of Air Guns

1. Air guns will be stored in gun cases that can be locked and stored in a storage room accessible only to instructors, county coordinator and state coordinator.
2. Keys to the storage area should only be available to instructors, county coordinator and state coordinator. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment.

Storage of Archery Equipment

1. Archery equipment will be stored in a locked closet or room accessible only to instructors, county coordinator or state coordinator.

2. Doors should be double locked and key should only be available to instructors, county coordinator and state coordinator. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment.

Storage of Muzzleloading Equipment

1. All muzzleloading guns will be stored unloaded in a commercial firearm safe when not in use.
2. All gun safes should be secured in a locked storage area following local statutory requirements, if applicable. If no local laws apply, suitable locations include local law enforcement department firearm storage, storage closet or room with limited access, etc.
3. Keys and combinations should be available only to certified instructors, county Coordinators and state coordinators. Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment.

Ammunition

1. All ammunition, shotgun shells, rifle shells, pistol shells, powder, caps, BB's and pellets will be stored separate from the guns which use them.
Access to the ammunition should have access limited: the instructors, county coordinator or state coordinator. . Extension staff responsible for the 4-H Shooting Sports program in the county/state should also have access to all program equipment.
2. Ammunition should be stored in a closet or room where there are at least two separate locks on the door

Transportation of Equipment

1. All applicable local, state and federal laws are to be followed when transporting firearms, ammunition and other 4-H Shooting Sports program equipment and supplies. Only licensed individuals age 18 or older are permitted to drive vehicles transporting 4-H Shooting Sports equipment.
2. When transporting firearms, air guns, ammunition and muzzleloading guns, the transporter should have the guns in locked hard cases with gun locks on each gun (either a trigger style gun lock or a cable style gun lock).
3. Equipment should be transported in such a way that the equipment cannot be seen from outside the vehicle. Some examples of concealment include transporting in the vehicle's trunk, in a locked trailer, beneath a pick-up truck bed topper, etc. The vehicle should not be left unattended when equipment is being transported.

XV. National 4- H Shooting Sports Reloading Guidelines – Recommendations

If a state chooses to have a reloading program in their 4-H Shooting Sports Program, The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee recommends the following components be a part of the guidelines.

1. 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.
2. 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 is official instructor training courses. Instructors so trained may teach local reloading courses for adults or youth intending to reload. Proof of the course completion must be presented i.e.: a copy of an instructor card or certificate.
3. The ammunition must comply in all respects to the SAMMI Reloading Data provided in a recognized reloading manual of current date (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, and date of publication, page number and full citation of the load being used. Alternatively, the page in the manual is copied with the publication data attached. This is required.
4. 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.

5. Any reloaded ammunition is subject to random inspection by a 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.
6. Loading data from an approved SAMMI manual for the lot of ammunition must be provided at the check in with the required documentation.
7. 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 Shot shells, this will likely result in the destruction of the round, while 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. Any time 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

XVI. National 4-H Shooting Sports Paintball gun Policy

- Paint Ball Policy
 - A motion was made to add the following statement to the Policy Manual: 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 or 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.