

# Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports



SHOOTING SPORTS

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

## **Air Pistol Silhouette Event Rules**

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## **Air Pistol Silhouette General Rules**

1. Event is a pilot event to introduce a potential future class to the Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Championships.
2. Event is open to Seniors (Ages 14-18) who are competing in the Air Pistol Contest at the Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Championships.
3. Event is for ribbons only, placing do not count towards National Championship Qualification

## **Equipment, General Rules**

1. Firearms shall be .177 caliber. Lead pellets only. Wadcutter-type pellets only (flat head). No domed, sabot or pointed heads on pellets allowed.
2. Firearms must be loaded one shot at a time
3. Open sights or optics that do not project a beam or image will be allowed.
4. The use of a telescope or other optical device by the spotter to spot shots is permitted. Only 4-H members are allowed to act as a spotter for the competitor. A certified 4-H shooting sports leader can act as a spotter as long as they are only calling the shots and not coaching during the event. No parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. are allowed to spot for the competitor.
5. Eye protection is required to be worn by the competitor and any other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the firing line. This includes spotters and score keepers.
6. All targets will be shot in the standing position, with one hand or both hands.
7. In the standing position, no supports are permitted, including leaning on or against benches or tables. The standing position is a free hand position. No part of the arm(s) may be braced on any part of the body beyond the wrist.
8. Equipment malfunctions shall be reported to the line official.
9. There will be no sight in period given
10. No loaded air pistol shall be raised more than 60° above the horizontal shooting plane.
11. All air pistols must remain in their case until on the firing line.
12. Targets are one-tenth size Air Gun targets, constructed of (1 /8) one-eighth inch thick steel and welded to bases of the same material.
13. All targets are to be shot from left to right, bottom rail first, top rail second
14. 40 recorded shots:
  - a. 10 chickens at 10 yards
  - b. 10 pigs at 12.5 yards
  - c. 10 turkeys at 15 yards
  - d. 10 rams at 18 yards
15. Crossfires must be reported to the line official immediately, before the allotted relay time expires.
16. In the case of a tie, the most Ram hits will be declared the winner. If a tie remains, then by the most Turkey hits, then most Pig hits. If all animal hits are the same, a shoot off on Rams will determine the winner. The competitors will fire alternate shots until one competitor misses with the other competitor hitting the target. Competitors will be allowed one warmup shot with their spotter prior to firing their first tie breaker.

## Firing Line Commands

1. **Competitors to the line:** Competitors may bring equipment and pistols to the line. Pistols are to be benched with actions open.
2. **Make Ready** – Competitors will be given 30 seconds to remove CBIs, load one round, close action, find natural point of aim, and rest muzzle at 45 degrees down
3. **Commence Firing** – Competitors will have 2 minutes, 30 seconds to fire one shot at a time at the lower target bank of 5, from left to right. When competitors are finished, pistols are to be benched and remain on the line to receive further instruction.
4. **Cease Fire** – All shooting stops and any silhouette on the bank of 5 not shot at will be scored as a miss
5. **Make Ready** – Competitors will be given 30 seconds to remove CBIs, load one round, close action, find natural point of aim, and rest muzzle at 45 degrees down
6. **Commence Firing** – Competitors will have 2 minutes, 30 seconds to fire one shot at a time at the upper target bank of 5, from left to right. When competitors are finished, pistols are to be benched and remain on the line to receive further instruction.
7. **Cease Fire** – All shooting stops and any silhouette on the bank of 5 not shot at will be scored as a miss.
8. Wait for further instruction from Range Officer

## Air Pistol Silhouette Stand Information



