

Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports

Essential Standards for Youth Participants

It is the policy of the University of Kentucky, Kentucky 4-H and the Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports program to encourage and accept participants without regard to race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental ability. While the 4-H Shooting Sports program is open to all individuals who meet the required age qualifications, their use of firearms and archery equipment is subject to the joint approval of their county 4-H Agents, Certified Level I Instructor(s) and Certified Level I Coordinator. This approval is based on the youth's ability to follow instructions, adhere to all safety rules, and exhibit the standards detailed below. If a youth is not following these Essential Standards, the 4-H Code of Conduct or the safety guidelines provided to them their approval to use firearms/archery equipment can be revoked at any time by a county 4-H Agent, Certified Level I Instructor(s) or Certified Level I Coordinator.

Parents/Guardians of participants who have medical conditions or other disabilities requiring special attention should alert the agent to ensure proper accommodations are provided. If the participant requires one on one assistance or a level of attention not available through county Certified Level I Instructors, the parent/guardian may be asked to provide an adult chaperone that will go through the Client Protection Process to assist the participant during live fire activities.

To determine whether a youth can participate in the Shooting Sports program, the following factors will be considered:

- Ability to understand and follow oral or written instruction.
- Ability to understand and respond to potentially dangerous and/or high stress situations.
- Ability to safely handle and fire the firearm/archery equipment being used.
- Ability to participate in group activities with minimal individual attention.
- Ability to foster an attitude that promotes the principles of 4-H youth development.
- Ability to represent the organization in a positive manner at all times.
- Ability to maintain proper behavior, as outlined by county 4-H Agent, Level I Coordinators and Level I Instructors in order to have a safe environment for oneself, others in the club, spectators, and the public.

As a member of the _____ County 4-H Shooting Sports Club, I have read and understand the above standards I will be held to as a participant. I have also read and understand the Kentucky 4-H Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations regarding the Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports Program or I forfeit the right to participate in the program.

Signature of Youth Participant

Date

I certify that my child and I have read and understand the above standards and the Kentucky 4-H Code of Conduct. I understand that for my child to participate in 4-H Shooting Sports they must uphold these standards at all times.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

