

1) Are there any changes to rules for the Spring State Match that we need to be aware of?

Yes, changes have been made in each discipline. Air pistol classes have been eliminated. The format of the BB Gun match has been changed to align with the Daisy National Match. CMP has updated the rule book for Air Rifle. Finally, qualifying scores have been increased in each discipline. Those changes are documented in the 2019 Spring State Match Rules and underlying rule books linked from the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports page.

2.) By making it a two day event, you are forcing a good portion of the competitors to stay two nights in a hotel. This can be a financial burden. With an all-day BB event, it will force several to stay away from home for two nights.

The BB Gun match will be held on Saturday, April 13th and the Air Pistol and Air Rifle matches will be conducted on Sunday, April 14th. In the past, whether the match was conducted in the east or the west some families chose to travel the night before the match rather than drive. Rock Springs 4-H Center is the 4-H's state official center for activities and 4-H. Kansas 4-H Foundation wants to create a stronger partnership for extending Kansas 4-H including 4-H Shooting Sports.

3.) What accommodations will be provided to youth with disabilities, or having an IEP or 504 plan?

Parents will be able to indicate any special needs on the registration form. The test will be read to all participants in the test portion of the BB Gun match. If that does not meet the special needs of the child, as facilities we will provide the necessary provisions to provide them an opportunity to succeed.

4.) Will instructors or county agents have literature for these tests, so shooters can study them?

Yes, reference information is available electronically, free of charge, and will be posted on the 4-H web site. The Spring State Match Bulletin will specify which portions of the literature will be covered by the test.

5.) What is the purpose of not letting them shoot an entire flight?

The format of the Daisy match is the test followed by the shooting portion of the match, where all competitors shoot the current position at that time in the match. Historically, all Daisy qualifiers in the state except the state match have been conducted using this format. These changes will result in the state match being consistent with the other Daisy qualifiers. Each participant must be given the same opportunity at the match and allowing one to shoot in a different format could cause distractions to other shooters and will set a precedent that anyone not wanting to shoot the Daisy format can request to do so. This would defeat one of the goals to align with the Daisy match.

6.) We have a long distance to travel to the match. What provisions are there for families like mine?

Families can decide whether they want to travel the night before, or the morning of the match. Lodging will be available at Rock Springs or area hotels if you choose to arrive early and stay over between the two days of the match.

7.) Usually we get there about 9-11 PM if we travel the day before the match.

Special requests can be made at registration only for Air Rifle and Air Pistol but cannot always be accommodated for times when many 4-H Families want the same times. Special considerations are given for distances people need to travel.

8.) Changing to this format of BB Gun match results in my participants being more anxious and exhausted at the match. Why are we changing the format of this match?

Change is difficult for everyone involved; however, if the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun Match can align itself more closely with the National Daisy Match the 4-H competitors will be more prepared when participating. In the past, it was possible for a team to qualify for Daisy, having never taken the written test or shot in the Daisy format if the State Match was the only Daisy qualifier they attended.

9.) How many clubs are even interested in attending the Daisy match? It seems like the State Match is being tailored to those clubs. And why is the test important?

There are 4 qualifiers for Daisy in Kansas, one of which is the 4-H Spring State Match. As a result, Kansas can qualify up to 12 teams to go to Daisy. There are usually in the neighborhood of 10 teams from Kansas that attend the Daisy match. The test covers two important aspects of shooting sports, namely rules and education. Teaching youth to consult and understand rules or regulations that govern whatever activity they choose in life, encouraging them to be life-long learners, and accepting personal responsibility for each of these are all life skills we are working to grow in our youth. Regarding the test, 4-H at the national level is pushing to add or increase the amount of education in 4-H activities, and the test requires clubs to put more education into their youth to prepare them for this test.

10.) Doesn't having the match in one part of the state gives shooters closer to the match an advantage?

Proximity to the match does not offer competitive advantages.

11.) You are having it in the midst of prom season and other school functions. Doesn't this force the youth to have to decide between two activities they want to participate in?

Unfortunately, we realize that scheduling is difficult, and we cannot avoid everyone's conflicts such as prom. Many families in the past have had school scheduling conflicts and have chosen to work through the scheduling issue by sharing their needs on the registration or opted not to participate due to the conflict. Learning to make decisions are a part of life and 4-H has one of its life skills as learning to make decisions.

12.) One of my children will shoot BB while another will shoot air rifle. As a one day event, we could potentially make it home. As a two day event, how is this possible?

Unfortunately, not all events with the new schedule can be done in one day. The Advisory wanted to align the state BB Gun Match with the Daisy format so youth participating would be better prepared for the Daisy match. A positive side-effect of this is it will offer the opportunity for 4-H members to participate in all three activities if they had qualified rather than just two. Many qualifiers have become two-day matches to accommodate the number of participants attending the match.

13.) In the past, participants were relayed, if possible, based on special requests if they had multiple activities on match day. You are making high school kids choose between getting to compete at state level or a once or twice in a lifetime experience.

One of the life skills in 4-H is decision making, so this presents an opportunity for the youth to make a decision based on their priorities.

14.) Rock Springs is an expensive location. How much will the state fees be this year?

Comparable, Rock Springs costs are equivalent with hotel and meal expenses.

15.) Will meals be available at the match? Do we need to pack lunches or make plans to go elsewhere to eat?

The steering group has been discussing and making plans with Rock Springs. Meals, Breakfast, Lunch and Supper will be available at Rock Springs and will be included in the Rock Springs fee. The meals served buffet style will be available at 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and Supper 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Additionally, Rock Springs will have a snack bar available for participants and spectators. Rock Springs can accommodate large groups, which is one reason for moving the event to the 4-H Center.

16.) How will we know when the next shooting time is?

Relay information will be sent out prior to the match. In addition, relays will be posted at the State Match.

17.) Will the shoot not rotate around the state?

Unfortunately, locating facilities for the Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Match is difficult with the program growing rapidly. The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory wants to support the growth and build a stronger partnership with the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Rock Springs 4-H Center as 4-H's Shooting Sports home which in turn could financially boost the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

18.) Why have the qualifying scores been raised?

The State Match is the equivalent to the State Fair for other 4-H projects. Therefore, it was desirable to set the bar where it was not trivial to qualify to attend the State Match. In addition, scores being shot in the state have continued to increase, so the raising qualifying scores aligns them more closely with the level of shooting in the state. Qualifying scores need to be reviewed periodically to ensure that the state match can be conducted using the available facilities.

19.) My club does not have enough shooters to name a team in BB Gun. Does that mean they cannot participate in the BB Gun match at state?

While shooters may be part of a named team, competition is at the individual level, as it always has been. For those youth in clubs with named teams, it provides those on the team another opportunity to earn an award as a team, as well as qualify to go to Daisy Nationals. The team score is simply 5 individual scores being added together for a team score.

20.) My club has 25 youth qualified to compete in the BB Gun match. How will this work?

Each club has only been able to declare a single team at State in the past. This continues to be the case. Clubs with many shooters will have a firing point assigned for each set of 7 shooters, with remaining shooters sharing a firing point with shooters from other clubs that either do not have enough to make up a team or have a number of competitors not divisible by 7.

21.) At the Daisy match, there are no age divisions. How will individual awards be given in BB at the State Match?

Awards will be presented to individuals as they have in the past. BB will have a Junior division and Senior division, and position and aggregate medals will be awarded to each age division, like in the past.

22.) At Daisy, regular team members compete against regular team members and alternates compete against other alternates. How are team awards given?

While team awards have always been awarded to the top three teams, and alternates were named if possible, only the regular team members received awards. The Spring Match Steering Group felt it was important to recognize the two team alternates as part of the team. Therefore, these alternates will receive a team medal if their team places in the top three.

23.) This year, my child will be 4-H age 15 and plans to compete in the BB Gun match at state. The NRA BB Gun rules are the basis for the Daisy National Match where a shooter who turns 16 before the first shot of the match is ineligible. Will 4-H enforce the age 16 requirement, since a 4-H age 15 youth can turn 16 as early as January 1, 2019?

While 4-H age 15 youth are allowed to compete, they would be ineligible to compete at Daisy if they turned 16 on or before the first shot of the Daisy match (**July 5, 2019**). Since the State Match is a qualifier to Daisy, this would also make them an ineligible team member at the State Match and if the team places high enough to earn an invitation to the Daisy match, the team would be ineligible to receive that invitation. To be consistent, if the 4-H age 15 youth turns 16 before any match, whether it be a qualifier, State, or Daisy, they are not eligible to compete, per the NRA rule book. However, if they will turn 16 after the first shot of the Daisy match (July 5, 2019), they would be eligible to compete in all matches, including Daisy. The date of the Daisy match is usually late June or early July.

24.) We would like to name a team for the State BB Gun Match but can only do so if we name kids to the team that shot in the Daisy match last year. Is this allowed?

You may name a team for the State BB Gun Match which has members who are ineligible because of participation in the previous Daisy National Match. They would be able to compete as a team for placing and team awards, but would not be able to receive an invitation to the Daisy match if they placed appropriately at the State Match.

25.) I noticed on the Match Registration Form Template, in the Date of Birth column, there is a requirement that the participant must be 9 before 1/1/2019. In the past, we have had 4-H age 8 youth participate in qualifiers, with the understanding they could not compete at the state match until they were 4-H age 9. Why has this change been made?

It was noted that Shooting Sports was not following State Policy that youth needed to be 9 to participate at state level events. Since a qualifier is for the state match, age requirements at qualifiers must match those for the state match. The 8 year-olds may participate at county fair or single county competitive events, or non-competitive educational clinics.