4-H Shooting Sports Agent Summary

The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Program is a part of the 4-H Natural Resources area that focuses on using shooting sports as an approach for teaching life skills to participating youth members. The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Program is founded upon the National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum. Throughout the 4-H Shooting Sports program, risk management and safety procedures are of upmost importance. Therefore to ensure Kansas 4-H is following requirements, each county/district must adhere to the following requirements before offering 4-H Shooting Sports.

1) A recognized 4-H Shooting Sports county/district program must have a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator that has completed the 4-H Volunteer Screening process. The Coordinator may either be a volunteer or extension agent that has received certification at a Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators training. Trainings usually held Spring and Fall.

2) Additionally, for a county/district to offer a shooting sports program, a certified discipline instructor must have completed training at the Statewide 4-H Shooting Training and have completed the 4-H Volunteer Screening Process. The discipline instructor must be recommended by the Extension Agent or 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. Training usually conducted Spring and Fall; attendance minimum at State Training required to offer discipline sessions. Instructors must attend training for each discipline in order to be certified in that area. Once completed discipline instructors are to use National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum. The curriculum is for only the instructor’s use and may not be posted the on web site. 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines include:

- Air rifle
- Air pistol
- BB gun
- Archery
- Shotgun
- Hunting skills
- Muzzleloading
- Small bore rifle
- Small bore pistol
- Western Heritage

3) Once local 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and discipline Instructor(s) are certified; they must follow the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports policies and risk management instructions when conducting educational and competitive sessions. County/district may only offer disciplines with certified instructors.

4) Adult helpers can be recruited to assist with educational and competitive sessions provided volunteers have completed the Volunteer Screening process and participated in a risk management session conducted by the 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. Adult helpers may not assist on the firing line without direct supervision from a certified instructor.

5) Apprentice Instructors (ages 18, 19 and 20) may assist local shooting sports programs provided they have completed the Volunteer Screening process and discipline training successfully, and receiving an apprentice certification. Apprentices can assist with program; except for conducting live fire. At age 21, apprentice certified instructor may complete the 4-H Shooting Sports discipline training at a reduced cost to become a certified instructor.

6) Junior Apprentice Instructors (ages 14 to 17 before the training) who have completed necessary Volunteer Screening, can participate in 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Training. Upon successful completion of the Junior Apprentice program, the participant can assist with educational and competitive session; except for conducting live firing. Reaching age 18, a Junior Apprentice may become apprentice instructors.
7) Annual renewal and insurance fee due before November 30. Local instructors and coordinators must have been active within the past two years or volunteer process starts over.

8) If annual renewal is missed, local 4-H program youth are ineligible for competitive events i.e. Springs and Fall matches.