

## **4-H Shooting Sports – Shotgun Discipline**

Signing Day – Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00-8:00 PM  
at 4-H Office – 511 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> North St. Room 204

### **Requirements to Join the Team**

- Noted down payment for all packages due at Signing Day
- All registration fees, regardless of package choice, are due by January 1, 2024
- TWRA Hunter Safety Course
  - Certification is required but can begin practicing prior to the class
  - Once we have the number of 4-H'ers needing a Hunter Safety Course we will work with TWRA to schedule an in-person course
  - No fees, but must register early to secure a spot in the class
  - Online class available at <https://www.tn.gov/twra/hunting/hunter-education.html>.
- Age Requirements
  - Open to 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, as of Jan. 1, 2024.
  - Any member under 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian over 21 at practices and events. A 16-year-old member cannot bring underage siblings or other 4-H'ers.
- Attendance - all athletes will be participating in the Smoky Mountain Trap Series. Starting on February 24, 2024 scores from the previous 2 practice(s)/event(s) will be used to determine squads for the next competition.
- Band – Free download and communication app to communicate with parents and coaches. This is our ONLY form of communication for the Shooting Sports Teams.

### **Required Equipment** (not limited to those listed)

- Ear Protection
- Eye Protection
- Purchase of firearm if not already owned (4-H does not provide firearms)
  - Do NOT purchase before first practice, let instructors guide you to the correct firearm for you
- Shotgun shells
  - Minimum of 6 cases of ammo for season
  - Recommend 9-10 cases so they can practice more
- Shooting vest or pouch
- Firearm case
- Shell catcher for semi-automatic shotguns (or rubber bands)

## Schedule

- Safety Meeting – REQUIRED
- New Shooters – required to have 2 hours of Dry Fire System training before February 7, 2024.
- Returning Shooters – required to have 1 hour of Dry Fire System training before February 7, 2024.
- Monday nights at 6 pm from October 30, 2023 – February 5, 2024.
- Season Practice Schedule

February 10, 2024	50 rounds	10 AM
February 13, 2024	50 rounds	6 PM
February 17, 2024	75 rounds	10 AM
February 20, 2024	75 rounds	6 PM
February 24, 2024	100 rounds (SMTS avg)	10 AM
February 27, 2024	100 rounds (SMTS avg)	6 PM

- Smoky Mountain Trap Series (SMTS)
  - 50 round practices between each Saturday TBD (total of 4 practices)

March 2, 2024	Tennessee Smoke vs Greeneville	Away
March 9, 2024	Tennessee Smoke vs Sevier County	Away
March 16, 2024	Jefferson Patriots vs Tennessee Smoke	Home
March 23, 2024	Greeneville vs Tennessee Smoke	Home
April 6, 2024	Sevier County vs Tennessee Smoke	Home
April 13, 2024	Tennessee Smoke vs Jefferson Patriots	Away
April 20, 2024	ATA Hog Heaven Shoot	Optional
April 27, 2024	SMTS Championship at Hog Heaven Youth Shoot	
May 4, 2024	4-H Shotgun Jamboree – Nashville Gun Club	

## Certified Instructors

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## Shotgun Registration Options

### **Starter 4-H Package                      \$405**

- 10 Practices: Targets (6 – 50 round, 2 – 75 round, 2 – 100 round)
  - 4-H Insurance
  - Dry Fire Sessions (2 hours rookie, 2 hours returning shooter)
  - Team Shooting Shirt
  - 4-H Shooting Sports T-shirt
  - Hog Heaven Youth Shoot registration
  - 4-H Jamboree registration
  - Individual Morristown Trap Club membership
  - Payment Options - \$105 down payment, 3 payments of \$100 due by Feb. 1, 2024
- \*\* Series competitions are available to attend, see a coach for details. \*\*

### **Basic 4-H Package                      \$550**

- Everything in Starter 4-H Package
- 6 Smoky Mountain Trap Series Competitions
- Payment Options - \$175 down payment, 3 payments of \$125 due by Feb. 1, 2024

### **Premium 4-H Package                      \$840**

- Everything in Starter 4-H Package
- Ammunition for 10 practices, Hog Heaven Shoot and 4-H Jamboree (excludes optional Hog Heaven shoot) for 12 ga
- Total ammunition is 34 boxes for 12 ga
- Payment Options - \$210 down payment, 3 payments of \$210 due by Feb. 1, 2024

### **Elite 4-H Package                      \$1060**

- Everything in Starter 4-H Package
- Ammunition for 10 practices, Hog Heaven Shoot and 4-H Jamboree (excludes optional Hog Heaven shoot) for 12 ga
- Ammunition for all Smoky Mountain Trap Series Contests for 12 ga
- Total ammunition is 60 boxes for 12 ga
- Payment Options - \$265 down payment, 3 payments of \$265 due by Feb. 1, 2024

## **Add On Options**

### **Morristown Trap Club Add-On \$20**

- Upgrade from Individual Membership to Family Membership

### **Ammunition Add on for Starter Package ONLY**

- Up to 6 cases of ammunition for 12 ga for \$85 per case

## **Other Information**

### **Payment Options**

- Payment in Full on Signing Day
- Deposit on Signing Day and monthly payments until January 1, 2024
  - Athletes cannot attend any practices until paid in full.
  - Payment reminders will not be sent.

**Fundraising** – All athletes will be required to participate in fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

Dry Fire will be reviewed at the Information meeting and the safety meeting.

## **Hamblen County 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Conduct**

**Hamblen County Shooting Sports Program** teaches life skills to 4-H youth. It is valuable for helping young people develop self-confidence, personal discipline, responsibility, teamwork, self-esteem and sportsmanship. It also teaches youth respect for wildlife and hunting. This program is affiliated with National 4-H Shooting Sports. Exposure to safety and responsible firearm/bow handling is vital in preventing accidents. Our program teaches youth safe and ethical use of firearms/bows. Shooting sports disciplines teach safety, concentration, self-discipline, self-confidence, goal setting and decision-making skills.

### **Hamblen County Shooting Sports Code of Conduct**

1. Parents or guardians must be present at practices. They do not have to participate but must be present on the property.
2. Every child participating in shotgun must have a shooting vest or belt. Every child participating in archery must have arm and finger guards.
3. All shotgun participants will wear shooting glasses and ear plugs/ear protection on the line at all times. This includes coaches, volunteers and parents.
4. All participants will show respect for other competitors, teammates, instructors/coaches and/or volunteers.
5. Firearms/bows will be handled safely and treated as loaded **AT ALL TIMES**.
6. If you are not on the line shooting, your firearm/bow is to be on the rack, actions open (if applicable) and left alone until you return to the line.
7. Firearms/bows will remain unloaded until live fire instruction is given by coach or it is your turn to shoot. This includes putting a shell/arrow in too early on the line.
8. Instructor/Coach has the right to put a firearm/bow out of service if they believe that it is unsafe and un-operational.
9. Participants will be respectful to other teams that shoot at that range.
10. Participants **must help to pick up after each class or 25 rounds**. This includes empty firearm rounds, arrow and trash such as drinks and snacks.
11. Participants need to attend all meetings. The first few meetings will deal with safety. This is for the safety of the individuals, teammates and volunteers. If you do not attend these meetings or make them up, you will not be allowed to participate.
12. Arrive 10-15 minutes early for each meeting. This prep time should be used to put on shooting gear, prepare the firearm and sign-in. All participants, parents, coaches and other observers **MUST** sign-in for UT Contact Tracing Requirements. Shooters/Archers should be geared up and ready to begin practice at the scheduled practice time.
13. Participants that miss 3 meetings/practices, without proper documentation or approval by the instructor/coach, will be suspended and/or dismissed from the team.

14. Any shooter qualifying for a next level shoot will be required to attend regular practices for said shooter prior to the shoot or they forfeit their opportunity to attend the next level shoot. There will be practices held off-site (not at MTC) dedicated for skeet and/or sporting clays.
15. Appropriate language is expected at all times. This includes participants, instructors, volunteers and parents/guardians.
16. School dress code and appropriate attire, including closed toe shoes, are required during all Shooting Sports activities, practices and events.
17. Shooting sports is considered an athletic sport which requires discipline, commitment and responsibility. We also want participants to have fun as well.
18. No horse playing or being loud at any club/range at any time. This includes team members, instructors, coaches, volunteers, parents/guardians and any others supporting the team as observers. This could cause a shooter to be distracted and someone end up getting hurt.
19. No talking on the line at any time, unless with an instructor/coach.
20. No walking on to the range while live fire is going on. This includes participants and parents/guardians.
21. Ceasefire: IMMEDIATELY stop firing, unload firearm/bow and keep the firearm/bow pointed in a safe direction (up is always the safest direction). Anyone can call a ceasefire if they see anything that is unsafe, including parents/guardians.
22. Instructors/coaches have the right to dismiss a child from practice or from the team for being unsafe, disrespectful or refusing to follow the rules. Instructors/coaches can also dismiss a child from practice or from the team for parents/guardians being unsafe, disrespectful or refusing to follow the rules.
23. All participants must participate in fundraiser activities in order to be eligible for targets and/or ammunition to be provided. All money from the fundraisers will go to purchasing things for the team such as practice targets, shells and anything else deemed necessary by the instructors and 4-H Agent. See Fundraising attachment.
24. Instructors/coaches have the right to add or change rules as they deem necessary to keep all participants and observers safe at all times.
25. Please remember not to have any firearms/bows on school property. This is a zero tolerance and students will be dismissed from the school.
26. Both the Morristown Trap Club and the Archery Club have their own set of club rules. These will be followed in addition to the 4-H rules.

Hamblen County Shooting Sports meets a minimum of once a week at the appropriate range.

**By signing the Activity and Event Acceptance Form (F600A) both the 4-H member and the parent/guardian have agreed to abide by all rules set forth in the general 4-H program, the 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Conduct and Range Guidelines.**