Hamblen County 4-H Shooting Sports

Rifle Discipline 2027

Key dates & deadlines

Signing Day – required

Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 6:00-7:30 PM
4-H Office – 511 W. 2nd North St., Room 204

ITEM	DEADLINE
Full payment due at registration	Oct. 15, 2026
Required safety meeting	Nov. 2, 2026

What this discipline includes

- Safe firearm handling and range commands
- Fundamentals of marksmanship: position, breathing, trigger control, sight alignment
- Progression opportunities - BB, air rifle, smallbore (as offered)

Who can participate?

- Open to eligible 4-H members in grades 4-12 (grade as of January 1, 2027), subject to county program requirements

Registration

Fees (see Appendix B-5)

- Registration Fee - $60

Payment: Registration fees must be paid in full at time of registration. Payment plans or deposits are not available.

Forms

- Registration form
- Health form (F600A)
- Code of Conduct form (signed by athlete + parent/guardian)
- School permission form (if in public school)

Equipment

Required

- Eye protection
- Ear protection (required for smallbore)
- Closed-toe shoes
- If bringing personal equipment: a lockable case for transport

Recommended

- Small notebook for sight settings/notes
- Comfortable layers

Supervision

- Members under 16 must have a parent/guardian remain on site (21 or older)
- Members age 16 or older may attend without a parent/guardian on site only when driving themselves. A parent/guardian must be reachable by phone and able to pick them up immediately if needed
- If a member age 16 or older is not driving themselves, a parent/guardian must remain on site

Season at a glance

- Safety Meeting: November 2, 2026
- Practices: Nov-May (see Appendix B-5 in the handbook for full schedule)

Next steps

- Install Band App (required communication)
- Attend Signing Day with forms + payment
- Attend safety meeting November 2, 2026

Safety & communication

- Everyone on range property must sign in each day
- Keep actions open and equipment grounded or benched when not shooting, as directed
- No handling firearms until the coach gives the command
- Muzzle control is mandatory at all times
- No phones or electronic devices on the shooting line or downrange
- Anyone may call a ceasefire for a safety concern
- Respectful behavior is required from youth and adults
- Band App is used for schedule updates and announcements

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Scan to view the handbook, Code of Conduct and season details

Registration and season details: Appendix B. Rifle equipment and rules: Appendix D.

Link – https://tiny.utk.edu/ShootingSportsHandbook

Shooting Sports Handbook