Hamblen County 4-H Shooting Sports

Shotgun 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
Starter package payment / Premium deposit	Oct. 15, 2026
Ammo add-on selection/payment, if applicable	Nov. 15, 2026
Registration paid in full – required to practice	Jan. 1, 2027
Required dry-fire training completed	Feb. 27, 2027

What this discipline includes

- Safe shotgun range procedures and line commands
- Shotgun fundamentals: stance, gun mount, target focus and follow-through
- Preparation for local trap events and series

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

Package options (see Appendix B-6)

- Starter 4-H Package - $260
- Premium 4-H Package - $820 (includes 7 cases of ammunition)
    - Payment plans may be available for Premium.

Important: Athletes may not participate or compete until registration is paid in full.

Forms

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

Equipment

Required

- Shotgun – please do not buy before first practice; coaches can help with fit and selection
- Eye and ear protection
- Firearm case
- Shell catcher for semi-automatic shotguns
- Team shooting vest – provided & required
- Closed-toe shoes
- Ammunition (factory ammo only; no reloads; under 1300 FPS; no high-brass)

Ammunition

- Minimum required for the season: 7 cases
- Premium includes 7 cases. Ammo add-ons available through registration; the program does not sell ammunition separately

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

- Practices: Feb-May (see Appendix B-6 in the handbook for full schedule)
- SMTS events: March-May
- Competition fees are paid week-to-week at Monday practice for the upcoming event

Next steps

- Install Band App (required communication)
- Attend Signing Day with forms + payment
- Plan ammunition needs (Premium includes 7 cases; add-ons due Nov. 15, 2026)
- Complete dry fire by February 27, 2027

Safety & communication

- Everyone on range property must sign in each day
- Firearms must remain unloaded until the coach gives permission and it is the athlete's turn
- Keep the action open & secure the firearm as directed when it is not being used
- 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

Package and payment details: Appendix B. Shotgun equipment and rules: Appendix E.

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

Shooting Sports Handbook