

# Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports



## Why Join Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports?

**Safety** - About two-thirds of the homes in the U.S. have firearms. Exposure to safe and responsible handling is vital to preventing accidents in or out of the home. The core concepts stress safety, ethical development, decision making and personal responsibility.

**National Programming** - Ohio uses the National 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum, which provides a framework of knowledge and skills, using experiential learning and positive interactions with adult role models

## Who can Join Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age and grade as of January 1 of the current project year. Eligibility for participation in 4-H Shooting Sports projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in the 3rd grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible regardless of grade level. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19.

## How to Join Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports

Ohio Shooting Sports is part of the OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program. For information on county shooting sports clubs and programs contact your local Extension office. A complete county office director can be found at [www.extension.osu.edu/lao#state](http://www.extension.osu.edu/lao#state)

## What is expected?

Members are expected to participate in their local 4-H club/program meetings. Attendance policies are county/club specific with most require a minimum of 6 meetings. Members must abide by the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct, follow all range safety practices and commands including wearing all required safety equipment.

## 4-H Certified Shooting Sports Instructors

All 4-H programs are conducted by trained 4-H Volunteers. Shooting Sports Instructors have completed a minimum of 15 hours of specific shooting sports training in the discipline they teach. Screening & background checks are required.



## Shooting Sports Disciplines

*Archery*  
*Crossbow*  
*Hunting & Wildlife*  
*Living History*  
*Muzzle Loader*  
*Pistol*  
*Rifle*  
*Shotgun*  
*Western Heritage*

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