

Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports

Overview of what to look for on the range, in photos, and when marketing Shooting Sports for 4-H Professionals & Volunteers.

Shooting Sports membership is among the fastest growing of our 4-H project areas. To ensure safe growth and continued support from sponsors, volunteers, and members, it is important that we portray the program in an accurate way while documenting events and recruiting new resources.

Is the instructor on the range certified in the discipline? All 4-H Shooting Sports programs must be directly supervised by a certified instructor in the discipline being offered.

Quick glance safety check: Everyone is behind the firing line. Everyone is wearing safety glasses. Everyone has hearing protection if using firearms. Everyone is wearing close-toed shoes. Certified instructor is supervising.

Photos are all taken behind the firing line.



Good Example: Certified instructor is closest to us. Firing line clearly marked and everyone is behind the line. Ear and Eye protection is visible.



Good Example: Ear and Eye protection is visible. Person in background that is slightly visible is behind the line.

Are they wearing all the correct safety gear?

- Eye Protection – everyone on or near the shooting line is wearing safety glasses that meet the ANSI-87 eye wear standards. This is for all disciplines including archery. Youth prescription glasses meet this rating. Most adult glasses do not.
- Ear Protection – everyone on or near the shooting line is wearing ear protection for disciplines using firearms (optional for air powered). This needs to be done for archery if members are using any targets that could omit a loud noise.
- Archery – arm guards & finger tabs/gloves are to be used by all participants.

Is clothing appropriate?

- Footwear – are their feet completely covered? No crocks, flip-flops, sandals, clogs etc.
- Sleeves – t-shirts are acceptable. No sleeveless, cut-offs or tank tops. Scoop necks or v-necks are not recommended.
- Archery – nothing hanging that could get caught during activities. Examples include: hoodie strings, nametags, visible necklaces, dangly earrings. Nose piercings should have a band aid covering. Long hair should be pulled back.



Good Example: Eye protection, arm guards, finger tabs, closed toed shoes all visible. Nothing is hanging and hair is pulled back.

Photo Examples



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