



**MARION COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**2023**

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1. 4-H has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for alcohol and/or drugs.
2. **A parent, guardian or someone authorized by the parent or guardian must be present during each meeting. (No one is to drop off and leave a child under the age of 16).**
3. Horseplay of any type is forbidden on the range by any participant or spectator.
4. 4-H members are expected to show respect for coaches, parents, agents, and fellow members.
5. **PROFANITY OR VULGARITY** in speech, manners, or dress is unacceptable. Language that could be interpreted as racist is unacceptable.
6. Handle other people's property respectfully at all times. You will be expected to pay for any damages you cause. If it cannot be determined who caused the damage, the cost will be split among the members in attendance.
7. All equipment is to be brought to the sight of practice unloaded (firearms with action open, arrows in quiver), and enclosed in some type of casing.
8. All equipment and ammunition must be approved by the corresponding leaders of that discipline.
9. All firearms will be handled as loaded at all times. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.
10. Eye and ear protection will be worn when on or near the firing line. Members are responsible for providing their own eye and ear protection.
11. The Range Officer's instructions will be followed at all times.
12. The command to "fire" will only be issued by the Range Officer. The command to "Cease Fire" can and should be issued by anyone who observes an unsafe act or condition. A normal "Cease Fire" at the end of a firing session will be issued by the Range Officer. Return gun to gun rack and return to check score.
13. When not on the firing line, **ALL GUNS** will be placed in the gun rack or other designated storage area.
14. When a safety violation occurs, a written warning will be given to the parent/guardian and a signature is required to return to practice - repeated offenses will result in suspension and expulsion. Decision is by Shooting Sports coaches and Range Officers.
15. Members are expected to attend regularly scheduled club meetings.
16. You must attend at least one practice session per month and a minimum of 50% of all scheduled practices to be eligible to participate in any 4-H Shooting Sports competition. With *prior notice*, exceptions can be made for college students or high school students with jobs. However, it is strongly recommended that you attend as many as possible if you wish to do well. Remember, practice makes perfect!
17. A member must compete in a county or district 4-H Shooting Sports competition before attending the State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest.
18. No Tobacco products used by participants. No tobacco products used by coaches on line.



19. Dress code:

- All shirts must have sleeves.
- Shirts must cover stomachs.
- No clothing with vulgar or suggestive language, tobacco or alcohol, racist or sexist comments allowed.
- No short-shorts. Shorts must be at least mid-thigh. Skirts must be ankle length.
- Closed toed shoes must be worn.
- All dress code rules apply for the entirety of the event, not only while on the line.

20. At each shoot every 4-H'er must check in with their coach before shooting.

21. Parents must sign their child up for each shoot.

22. The club will fund five shoots along with District and State. If a child is unable to attend one of the shoots the club signs up for they can find an alternate on the 4-H SS Website. (as long as funds are available). If a child signs up for a shoot and does not show up, a written warning will be sent. If this happens a second time parents will be responsible for reimbursing the club for the second shoot. Sign ups will be done electronically in 2023 via the Marion County 4-H website.

I understand that it is my responsibility to review and explain these rules to my child. I certify by signing this form that we both understand and plan to abide by these rules. We understand that consequences may incur if these rules are broken. I do grant my permission for my child to participate in the Marion County 4-H Shooting Sports Education program.

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Parent Signature

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4-H Member Signature

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Date