Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports
Shotgun Discipline Guidelines

Adult leaders

- All Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun programs must be led by an adult leader who is 21 years of age or older and meets the guidelines set forth in the 4-H Volunteer Leader Job Description.
- All adult leaders must be certified by the Tennessee 4-H State Shooting Sports Training Team.
- The adult leader's first and foremost responsibility is to ensure the safety of all participants in their program. Adult leaders must emphasize the safe handling and use of firearms in every part of their program.
- Adult leaders must follow and conform to all rules and policies outlined in the Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports Risk Management Plan.

Participant Eligibility

- All youth who qualify under the Tennessee 4-H Program guidelines are eligible to participate in the Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun program.
- It is the adult leader's responsibility to ensure that the participants have the physical, mental, and emotional maturity to participate in the program.
- All participants in the program must comply with all rules of conduct set forth in the Tennessee 4-H Program. It is the duty of all participants and adult leaders to set good examples by upholding ethical standards of conduct at all times. Any infractions of these rules are grounds for dismissal from the Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun program.

Equipment

- Shotguns used in the Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun program may be of any action type as long as the bore size is 12 gauge or smaller and the shotgun is in a safe and serviceable condition.
- Allowable ammunition may only be clay target loads containing shot sizes of 7-1/2, 8, or 9 shot.
- Reloaded ammunition is allowed unless otherwise specified. It is the adult leader's responsibility to ensure all reloaded ammunition conforms to the proper specifications.
- Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all participants and adult leaders during all practices and competitive events.

Fund Raising

- All fund raising must be done under the rules governing such activities as specified in the Tennessee 4-H State Program Guidelines.

Community Service

- Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun program participants are encouraged to become involved in a community service project that contributes to the betterment of their community.

Competition

- Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun program participants are encouraged to engage in all competition programs available to them. If they choose to participate, then all rules and guidelines set forth by the governing board regulating the competition must be followed.