4-H National Championship Match – 2015 Arizona Team

Now is the time to start planning for the 2015 National Championship to be held in Grand Island Nebraska, June 21 – 26, 2015:

- Discipline selection (see the 2014 rules at: http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational)
- Obtaining equipment
- Practice plan
- Travel arrangements
- Funding
- Set goals (see the 2014 results at: http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational)

Each state may send a team of 3 or 4 members in each of nine disciplines: compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol, muzzleloading rifle, shotgun, or hunting. A member may compete in a discipline only once. Individuals may compete if a team is not sent. 4-H members in good standing who have passed their 14th birthday by January 1, 2015 and who have not passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 2015 are eligible to compete.

This is an outstanding opportunity to participate in a national event! The youth development opportunity is unsurpassed. This can be a life changing experience for those who prepare and participate with enthusiastic commitment.

ADEQUATE PREPARATION IS CRITICAL TO HAVING A THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE!

To ensure that Arizona 4-H members are adequately prepared to participate in the National Championship each candidate must prepare a document that includes:

- Goals to be achieved at the National Championship. At a minimum this must include scores desired for each competition. The goal must be justified: why is this score achievable.
- Practice plan: what practices will be undertaken to meet the goals.
- Equipment list: what equipment will be required to compete and how it will be obtained.
- Team description: list of the team members and coach.
- Travel, lodging, and fund raising plan.

The candidates submittal must be signed by the candidate, coach, 4-H Shooting Sports County Coordinator, and County 4-H agent. The document will be reviewed by the State Shooting Sports Coordinator to ensure that adequate preparation is planned. Acceptance of the candidate’s application will be contingent upon approval by the State Shooting Sports Coordinator.

For the maximum benefit:

- Prepare and participate as a team
- Plan ahead – two years is not too much
- Go more than once – you can put into practice what you learn from the first one
- Obtain, read, and understand all of the rules
- Get the right equipment to start with, don’t change equipment just before the match
- Practice, practice, practice
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- Set goals and work towards them – the goals need to be challenging and achievable
- Be proactive in preparation – preparation is solely the responsibility of participants

The team for each discipline will be selected using the following process:

- Teams take precedence over individuals
- Each county is responsible for selecting teams or individuals to be considered
- The State Match results establish the first right of refusal
  - Teams in order of team match score
  - Individuals in order of match score
- For disciplines where a team is not established by the state match the team or individual entries will be established by nomination by the County Coordinator or County 4-H Agent. If more than 4 members are nominated for a discipline the nominees will determine a selection method by mutual agreement.