

MEDINA COUNTY SHARPSHOOTERS 4-H CLUB RULES & REQUIREMENTS

- (1)** Meetings are from 7-9 p.m. - sign in IMMEDIATELY upon arriving. You will be directed to help set up for the activity that evening. The more help, the sooner we shoot! If not helping, sit down quietly and wait for further instructions. We must have signed release and health forms on file for each member or visitor to shoot.
- (2)** Members must bring their own eye and ear protection, a pen or pencil, SCSA membership badge (once received), and shooting project book (once received), to **EACH** meeting. If you forget these items, you will not shoot that evening. Make up a pouch or bag with your name on it containing these items and keep it in a handy place to bring each week.
- (3)** OFFICERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL EVENTS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS UNLESS THERE IS A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE. The youth leaders of our club have greater responsibility than other members, and need to be just that – LEADERS! The President is invited to attend the Advisor Meeting. Officers should review the online training for their office.
- (4)** For safety, tennis shoes or other closed-toe, foot covering shoes or boots must be worn to ALL meetings (crocs don't count, as they have holes in them). Shirts must not be low-cut and must cover the midriff area and shoulders (t-shirt length sleeve or longer), and shorts or skirts must come at least to mid-thigh. This is to protect against possible injury from debris and hot brass on the range during shooting, as well as to maintain a distraction-free shooting environment. If you attend a meeting improperly dressed, you will be either given a t-shirt or sweatpants to wear, or asked to go home until the next meeting.
- (5)** LISTEN courteously when announcements are being made or presentations given – repetition or correction should not be necessary.
- (6)** HORSEPLAY OR RUNNING IN THE RANGE AREA AND DISOBEDIENCE OR DISRESPECT TO INSTRUCTORS, COACHES, ADULTS, OR OTHER MEMBERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!!!! The consequence will be removal from the program to sit with an adult for the evening. Repeated offenses will necessitate speaking to your parents and possible expulsion from the club. YOU MUST REMAIN IN DESIGNATED AREAS AT ALL TIMES!!!!!!
- (7)** Your club is only as strong as its members' support for one another – NO malicious teasing or actions regarding another member or adult, even within your own family, will be tolerated. See above consequences.
- (8)** When shooting, we are there to learn and have fun SAFELY. You should ONLY be in the designated area(s) for that evening within sight of an adult (not running around in the dark or going elsewhere to goof off). Parents, please assist us in keeping track of members. If you need to go to the restroom or out to your car for something, notify an adult of your whereabouts.
- (9)** EVERYONE needs to stay and help clean up – do NOT leave early unless it is absolutely necessary. It is unfair for the same few kids and/or adults to clean up each week, and many hands make light the work! WASH YOUR HANDS IN COLD WATER IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING THE RANGE EACH EVENING, and before eating any snacks! Even if there is no shooting going on, there is lead present, which you will pick up on your hands and is hazardous to ingest or absorb.
- (10)** YOU MUST SIGN OUT BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE EVENING! There is a space on the sign-in sheet for either the adult who is driving you or you (if you are driving yourself) to sign, along with the time when you leave. In addition to signing out, notify an advisor when you are leaving and with whom. We have had incidences where members are picked up without anyone being notified, and this creates a VERY unsafe situation. Again, you must stay and help clean up before leaving.
- (11)** We will be cleaning firearms on a regular basis. Care of firearms is an integral part of ownership and use, and keeps them in good working order for years to come. Failure to attend firearm cleaning meetings (unless you have good reason and an advisor is notified prior to the meeting that you will not be able to attend) will result in your not being able to shoot at the next meeting you attend.
- (12)** If you wish to bring your own firearm or bow to a meeting to shoot, you may after we have observed you shooting with the club's equipment for a few meetings. Firearms need to be brought in a case and must have a copy of the instruction book with it in the event that instructors are unfamiliar with that particular firearm. Keep your firearms cased until presented at the range. If your bow is a recurve greater than 30 pounds draw weight or a compound greater than 20 pounds draw weight you must bring your own arrows, and have them quivered. ALL personal firearms and bows will be safety-checked by an advisor each time prior to allowing use on the range. Please note State of Ohio Revised Code 2923.16 legal procedures for transportation of firearms, as follows:

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- A. You may not transport a firearm in a vehicle in any manner where it is accessible to anyone inside the vehicle without leaving the vehicle unless it is unloaded and carried in one of the following ways:
- a. in a closed package, box, or case
 - b. in a compartment that can be reached only by leaving the vehicle (such as the trunk or a box in a truck bed)
 - c. in plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for that purpose
 - d. if it is a firearm at least twenty-four inches in overall length and if the barrel is at least eighteen inches in length in plain sight with the action open or the handgun stripped, or if the firearm is of a type in which the action will not stay open or cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight

It is a common and safe practice to transport firearms in a location separate from any ammunition and inaccessible to unauthorized persons.

(13) This is YOUR club – each member is expected not only to participate during the safety and shooting portions of our program each year, but also in fundraisers, service projects, and support for events held by local shooting clubs. We are a 4-H club first and foremost, a shooting club second, and leadership and community service are integral parts of our operation. These criteria **MUST** be met during the current year:

- A. Five business meetings must be attended (dependent upon date of registration) – a lot of information is distributed and planning done at these meetings, and we need your unique input and ideas!
- B. Assist with at least one shift at two club service projects/events (i.e. helping with the Pioneers in the Park, cleaning gravestones, helping pull and score shooting events, etc.)
- C. Help with fundraisers (collecting recyclables and Our Family labels counts as one, unless no major fundraiser is held in a given year) per year. If there is a major fundraiser, each family **MUST** participate.
- D. Complete your shooting sports project(s) and attend judging, otherwise a fair pass will not be granted. Exceptions would be if there is a serious reason for inability to attend judging (such as vacation or illness), in which case your completed project book and display **MUST** be reviewed by an advisor **PRIOR** to the fair. To complete your project, at least 5 shooting sessions must be attended in your project area.
- E. Participate in one scheduled club event during the county fair (i.e. booth setup, Beamhit, or building guide duty).

We realize that circumstances come up which might make it difficult for a member to complete one or more requirements; therefore, excuses **MUST** be communicated to and authorized by an advisor.

These changes are necessary, as in the past we have had extremely low participation in many crucial areas, which has placed an unnecessary burden on those who regularly participate, and which may result in our losing a place to shoot. To address this issue, failure to participate as outlined above will result in the following:

- 1. Members will not be authorized to receive a Fair pass.
- 2. The real cost per member for ammunition and upkeep of the club equipment and operations is approximately \$200 at the current membership level, and we keep our fees low through fundraising efforts, grants, and the goodwill and support of community members and clubs. Members have the opportunity to either meet the above requirements to maintain a \$65 yearly enrollment fee, includes one shooting sports project book, or to pay a \$165 registration fee based on a review of the previous year's participation. If a member, after failing to meet requirements and having to pay the increased fee in a previous year, meets the requirements in the current year, the enrollment fee will again be reduced for the following year.

(14) Any members having special needs which may limit their ability to participate fully in our program will be accommodated to the degree they are able to do so. Parents or guardians will be asked to meet with the club coordinator and the county extension educator to go over possible limitations and guidelines, and to sign a form of understanding.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE, AND AGREE TO ADHERE TO CLUB POLICY.

Member Signature: _____ **Parent/Guardian:** _____

Date: _____