

Rule Changes for 2025

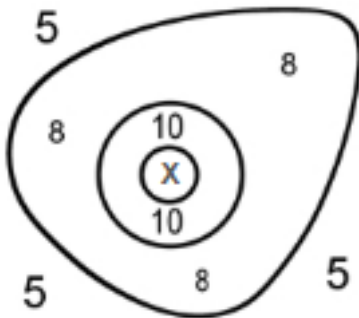
The Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council met on January 4 and decided upon the following changes to our competitions during 2025.

Archery

- Juniors compound shooters will now shoot a 5-80 target. It is the same size bullseye as an 80 cm target with rings 1-5 removed. <https://lancasterarchery.com/collections/target-faces/products/morrell-80cm-5-ring-paper-target-face> Two of these targets will be placed side-by-side during Spring Air and State Shoot.
- Targets for all other categories are the same as 2024.
- The Instinctive category is re-named to the Genesis category to help competitors sign up for the correct class. This includes competitors using Matthew Genesis-type stock bows without sights or other added devices. The Genesis Pro and GenX are prohibited from use in this division. Sights, mechanical releases, draw stops, and stabilizers are not permitted.
- The traditional category has been clarified. Only recurve and long (straight) bows without pulleys or cams are allowed. Pin sights are permitted.
- Spring Air will now be the same as the District & State shoots. Competitors will shoot at distances 10/15/20/25 yards for Juniors and 15/20/25/30 yards for Seniors. There will be a total of 200 points.

3-D Archery

- During State Shoot 2024 there were 10 targets used. For 2025 there will be 15 targets for a total of 150 points.
- Different scoring diagram -the very center is scored 10x



Muzzleloader

- During the State Shoot, each competitor will fire at two targets instead of the single target we previously used.
- The target is NMLRA 100-Yard 8-Ring target positioned at 50 yards.
- The time allowed for 12 shots has increased from 25 minutes to 35 minutes.
- Muzzleloading rifles will now be inspected as each relay starts

Air Pistol PPP

- Rules: Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation's Progressive Position Air Pistol Rules --January 1, 2025 PPP Rule Book as updated, will govern: <https://mysasp.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/PPP-Rules-Jan-1-2025.pdf>
- Equipment: Competitors must furnish their own pistol, pellets, and equipment. Any .177 caliber pneumatic, spring piston, or CO2 air pistol as defined by the Progressive-Position Air Pistol Rules. Competitors shooting in the Standing Supported position must use a counter-balance support (**T stand**) that provides a limited amount of support for the pistol's weight. **The force provided by the counterweight must not exceed the weight of the pistol. Range officers may place the pistol in a cloth bag attached to the support point to ensure the force is appropriate.** All rigid support stands, such as air rifle offhand stands are not allowed. If a T stand is used, the support point may be anywhere between the muzzle and the elbow.

Air Pistol Silhouette

- Shooting Position: **New for 2025** Competitors will register and compete as either Supported or Standing. Those 13 and older must shoot standing using either one-hand or two-hand holds.

Air Rifle

- Course of Fire: The course of fire is now Kneeling, Prone, and Standing.

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette at State Shoot

- Minimum score (accomplished on two occasions) for Juniors is now 9.
- Minimum score (accomplished on two occasions) for Seniors is now 12.

Shotgun

- No changes

Hunting

- No Changes