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The 4-H Nationals is just a few weeks away and I would like to pass this information along to all the Coaches and Coordinators planning on sending an Air Rifle Team to the Nationals 4-H Invitational in Grand Island, NE.

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee made the following changes regarding the Silhouette Match and the equipment that will be allowed.

NRA SPORTER AIR RIFLE SILHOUETTE

TARGET	1/10 scale, metallic silhouettes
DISTANCE AND COURSE OF FIRE	10 chickens at 20 yards, 10 pigs at 30 yards, 10 turkeys at 36 yards, 10 rams at 45 yards in banks of 5 targets and shooting from left to right on each bank of targets
TIME LIMIT	15 second ready time and 2 ½ minutes firing time for each bank of 5 targets
EQUIPMENT	Rule 3.3 (b) Sporter Air Rifle: Any unaltered factory sporter air rifle that is or was a catalogue item, readily available over the counter to the general public, weighing no more than 11 pounds, with scope and mounts. Rifles utilizing pre-charged systems of any kind other than 12.0 gram disposable CO2 units are prohibited. National Invitational Match rules restricts this event to .177 caliber only.

APPROVED RIFLES	In addition to any rifle that meets the equipment requirement (3.3b) above, officials will allow the use of any rifle listed as approved for the Sporter 3-Position and the Standing air rifle matches.
SHOOTING POSITION	Rule 5.8 - Any standing position without artificial support. The rifle will be supported by the hands and one shoulder. All parts of one hand must be forward of the pistol grip. The chin may not rest on top of the comb. The stock may not be hollowed, altered or manufactured so as to facilitate chin contact. This does not preclude the use of abrasive materials or finishes.
SCORING	Target must be knocked over or from its stand in order to be scored as a hit. Targets not knocked over or hit out of order will be scored as misses.
RULES	<i>NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules CS16820 – CS16820 (most recent printing)</i>
INFORMATION	http://www.nrahq.org/compete/RuleBooks/SIL-R/sil-r-index.pdf

This has opened the Match up to the many High Velocity air rifles on the market today, 1000fps and over, two stage triggers, curved butt plates,(Rule 3.15), ported barrels, muzzle breaks, and compensators, (Rule 3.16.1) Ammunition will be a factor as well this year. Loads (pellets) that damage the targets may be disapproved, (Rule 3.17).

Coaches will have some big decisions to make this year before making a trip to the Nationals. Any questions in regards to equipment for the Silhouette Match need to be directed to the **NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS Committee for their approval, (Rule 3.18). Please inform me**

of their decision or present a copy at Equipment Check. If possible I would like to be "C.C." when you send in your questions. This will give me a better understanding of the type of equipment that will be allowed.

We will keep the color of silhouettes WHITE and the Range site will again be the "Plane Range". Worked great last year, didn't lose a single critter.

The 3-P Sporter Air Rifle match & Standing match will be governed by the current National Standards Three Position Air Rifle Rules. These can be downloaded from the CMP website.

If you have any questions regarding the Air Rifle Match drop me a line or call me.

Looking forward to another great 4-H Event

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