



## MICHIGAN 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS MAIL-IN MATCH

### Trapshooting Event Rules

Please be sure to review General Mail-In Match Rules in addition to these Event Rules. All Match rules are available at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/shooting\\_sports/tournaments](https://www.canr.msu.edu/shooting_sports/tournaments). To maintain a safe and fun atmosphere, failure to follow rules will result in disqualification.

Number of Individual Entrants per County: No limit.  
Number of Team Entrants per County: Individual only.  
Age Division Determination: Age on January 1, 2021.

#### **Trapshooting Contest Divisions:**

Junior	Ages 12-14
Senior	Ages 15-19

#### **Trapshooting Equipment**

1. Any safe shotgun .410 through 12 gauge may be used. Shotguns greater than 12 gauge are not permitted.
2. Release triggers are prohibited.
3. **Only factory-loaded ammunition shall be used.** Ammunition will be presented in original box at check-in for inspection.

**Course of Fire:** Contestants will shoot **two rounds** of 25 shots, totaling **50** clays.

**Trapshooting Range and Targets:** Competition will be from the 16-yard line on a trap range following the [Amateur Trapshooting Association \(ATA\) guidelines](#). Only clay targets meeting the ATA rules will be thrown.

#### **Rules and Scoring**

1. Firearms will NOT be removed from the case any time before receiving permission from the Range Officer.
2. All actions must be open and firearms empty until at the shooting station and in immediate preparation for the shot.
3. **Muzzle control:** Each shooter is responsible for proper muzzle control at ALL times. Resting the muzzle on the foot or other portions of the anatomy is strictly prohibited, as is resting any part of the body on the muzzle of the firearm.
4. **Rule violations:** Any shooter violating a rule for the first time will receive a warning issued by the Range Officer. Flagrant or repeated rule violations will be grounds for disqualification.
5. **The Scorekeeper** is the official judge for "lost" or "broken" clays. All lost clays will be called out.



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6. **Field protest or appeal:** If a shooter disagrees with a call on any target she/he may appeal by raising an arm and saying, "appeal." The Range Officer will immediately suspend shooting and consult the assisting Range Officers. After the consultation, the Range Officer will make the final decision. The decision of the Range Officer is final and questions of a lost, broken or irregular target may not be appealed further.
7. **Score confirmation:** All competitors will confirm their scores and initial their score sheets at the completion of their rounds. The certified discipline instructor and one additional club member will also sign the score sheets to signify all are in agreement with the score. Clubs must retain score sheets for one-week after scores are posted. Youth members are expected to contest any reporting error within that time to Laura Quist, [quistla1@msu.edu](mailto:quistla1@msu.edu). The awards ceremony will be held shortly thereafter.

*Firearms must be transported to the range in a proper gun case (One firearm per case). All firearms will be brought up to the firing line while still cased and will remain, until instructed by the range officer. Participants who violate this rule will be disqualified. This rule has been established to promote and maintain a safe environment for everyone at the tournament site.*

*Except where noted above the State 4-H Trapshooting Tournament will be conducted in accordance with current [ATA Official Trapshooting Rules and Regulations](#).*

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