

2019 Morgan County Shotgun Team Project S.A.F.E.

In order for the Morgan County Shotgun Team Project S.A.F.E. to be both a rewarding and safe experience, 4-H'ers must abide by the Shotgun Team Regulations and Range Rules set forth by the Team Certified Coaches and Team Leaders. They are as follows:

2019 Morgan County Shotgun Team Regulations

1. Morgan County Shotgun Team annual dues are **\$100.00** and must be paid prior to the **2nd practice**. This fee covers purchase and maintenance of throwers, clay targets and competition fees.
2. Team members will provide their own shotgun in a case, ammunition (2 complete boxes of shells per practice session), safety glasses and hearing protection (i.e., earplugs or earphones).
3. Attendance at a minimum of 10 of the 13 scheduled practices prior to the AREA QUALIFICATION SHOOT is required for all members. Excessive absences will not be tolerated and Team Coaches reserve the right to not allow members to participate in AREA and STATE Competitions due to absences.
4. All Team members are **REQUIRED** to have successfully completed the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education Course prior to competing in the AREA contest. Failure to complete the course will result in the Team member not being allowed to compete. Detailed information on course requirements and other information can be found at <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/education>
5. Horseplay and any other unsafe behavior will result in suspension from the Team. Acts constituting unsafe behavior are determined at the discretion of the Team Coaches.
6. 4-H'ers (or a parent) may transport **ONLY** cased shotguns (with open chambers) and closed boxes of ammunition to and from the range. Cased shotguns will be placed by the 4-H'er (or parent) on the provided firearms rack and closed boxes of ammunition will be placed in a designated location. **ONLY** Team Certified Coaches are authorized to uncased or case shotguns.
7. In all circumstances, shooters, parents and Team Coaches are responsible for their actions and with upholding the standards of the Georgia 4-H Project S.A.F.E. Program. All of us are expected to behave in a manner suitable for the promotion of a 4-H youth development program, high ideals and the promotion of shooting sports as a safe and respectable recreational activity. Cooperation, self-control, respect for self and others, and high standards of sportsmanship are expected at all times.
8. Competition teams will be designated by the Team Certified Coaches. Each participant must qualify (1 RD, JR = 16/25, SR = 20/25) at the AREA-level contest in order to participate in the STATE-level contest.
9. Members are aware of the shooting sport equipment involved and the potential physical danger if safety and training are not followed. With respect to this potential danger; Team Coaches may deem it necessary to instruct and discipline Team members in the best interest of all involved. The foremost concern is safety with skill attainment and enjoyment second.
10. **NO TOBACCO** use (smoke or smokeless) by 4-Hers, parents, friends, etc. is permitted or will be tolerated at any 4-H activity.

2019 Morgan County Shotgun Range Rules

1. All Shotgun Team members are expected to:
 - A. **Arrive** at practice 30 – 15 minutes prior to the scheduled practice start time to assist in range set-up, **AND**
 - B. **Remain** at practice after all shooting has been completed and the range has been cleaned with throwers and clays returned to the storage shed.
2. Range set-up and clean-up are the responsibility of team members, not parents or coaches. If you know your schedule will not allow you to consistently participate in range set-up and clean-up, you should not participate in this 4H program.
3. Practices are normally scheduled for a 2-hour block (e.g., 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sundays). A weekly team announcements meeting will be held at the start of each practice that each team member should attend.
4. The roadway leading to the shotgun range is Morgan County property and considered part of the range. Travel at excessive speeds or reckless driving to and from the range on range property will not be tolerated and will result in suspension from the Team.
5. All members are required to sign-in on the provided Sign-Up Sheet prior to every practice session. Team Members will show the upmost respect for their teammates on the firing line by keeping noise and other distractions to a minimum. **CELL PHONES** or other electronic devices should only be used as necessary during practices.
6. All ammunition is to be in closed boxes and located in the designated ammunition storage area. Extra, loose ammunition is not allowed and any extra, loose ammunition found in possession of a Team member can result in suspension from the team.
7. All 4-H'ers will dress appropriately for participating in a shooting sport. Only appropriate, well-fitting clothing will be worn and only closed toed shoes are allowed (i.e., **NO** flip-flops or sandals).
8. Shooting will begin when the command "The Firing Line is HOT" is given by the Range Officer. Only authorized persons are allowed to be on the firing line when it is hot and includes the Shooter, the Certified Coach, the Thrower and the Score Keeper (4 persons at each throwing station maximum). The Score Keeper of each round is the Team Member who just finished shooting the prior round at that station. The Range Officer will give the command "The Firing Line is CLEAR" when all shooting has ended. Clean-up of the range will take place at that time.
9. All Team Members will use firearms that are in good order and in proper working condition. Inexperienced shooters should take their shotguns to an experienced gunsmith to ensure the proper operation of their firearm prior to use by the 4-H'er.
10. The Morgan County Shotgun Team has the tradition of "Shooting the Hat" of any Team Member that shoots a perfect 25/25 during practice. Special safety rules apply for this tradition and 4-H'ers will abide by all safety instructions given by Certified Coaches.