

Code of Conduct
Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Participants

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program expects all participants, youth and adult, to adhere to basic and agreed upon codes of conduct and behavior. In order to provide some minimum level of guidance and unity, we provide the following minimum standards:

- Respectful behavior toward for all persons involved in the program and in sponsored events.
- Practice and support for the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- Honesty and every effort to adhere to the rules in all events and activities.
- Practice and reinforcement of safe firearms and archery handling rules and procedures.
- Modesty in dress and deportment.
- Strict avoidance of any illegal or unethical practice.
- Avoiding practices or behaviors offensive or harmful to others or disruptive to the program.
- Keeping kids, their development and fairness at the forefront of all activities and decisions.

To forward these ends, prohibited behaviors include but are not limited to the following examples:

- Use of alcoholic beverages during any 4-H Shooting Sports activity or event.
- Use of tobacco products on or near the ranges, or by minors at all times.
- Use or possession of any controlled substance ("drugs").
- Use of threatening behavior or language toward others.
- Use of foul or abusive language.
- Deliberate disruption or delay of events or activities without justifiable cause.
- Parental or coach interference with conduct of events on any range or in any official office.

Consequences of violating these standards may include, but are not limited to:

- Personal explanation of the behavior to the Extension Professional in charge.
- Documentation and notification by letter of the County Extension Staff and District 4-H Leadership Team
- Verbal reprimand by the Extension Staff member or their representative.
- Required written letters of apology to those affected by the action or behavior.
- Expulsion from the round, event, or match as deemed necessary.
- Disallowing participation in any 4-H county, district, or state activity for the period of one-year from the date of the infraction.
- Forced resignation from any offices held in the 4-H program.
- Return of any monetary awards or scholarships from the Texas 4-H Program.

This written material constitutes a briefing on the behavioral expectations for participants in 4-H Shooting Sports events and activities. It may be supplemented or augmented by additional verbal or written information contained in the 4-H Shooting Sports Rules or in on-site orientations.

I have read the above Code of Conduct, and I agree to abide by it in all shooting sports activities, including any participation as a member of the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Team.

4-H Member _____ Date _____

As the parent or guardian of _____, I have read the above Code of Conduct and support the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Extension staff involved in 4-H Shooting Sports in maintaining that code.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
