

2018 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

California Team Application Information

Applications due by October 1, 2017

Visit http://w3.4-hshootingsports.org/nat_invite.php for the most current 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships information, event specific rules, and to learn more about the event.

Basic requirements for application (all must be met):

- Must be a minimum of 14 years of age before January 1 of the year of the National Championships, (according to National 4-H Championships Rules),
- Must not have reached 19 years of age before January 1 of the year of the National 4-H Championships (according to National 4-H Championships Rules),
- Must be an actively enrolled member of California 4-H via 4hOnline for the current 2017-2018 4-H year at time of application,
- Must have access to equipment needed for competition (i.e. firearm, stands, scope, cases, etc.). No equipment is provided by the California 4-H program or the California 4-H Shooting Sports team,
- Must be an active member of a club or county-level California 4-H Shooting Sports project and be coached by a certified 4-H project leader in each discipline (archery compound, archery recurve, air pistol, air rifle, hunting, muzzle loading, shotgun, small bore pistol, small bore rifle) in which application is made,
- Must have proficiency with the basic firearm type used in the team(s) of choice and have participated in competitions using that firearm type,
- Proficiency in a firearm type is documented by providing information on participation in the project and in competitions within the past three years (2015-2017),
- Applicants may participate in only one National 4-H Championships team/discipline per year,
- Applicants may be selected for only one National 4-H Championships team/discipline per year even as an alternate,
- Applicants may attend the National 4-H Championships multiple years, but may not repeat a discipline,
- Selection requires you to participate in the mandatory California Team Rendezvous, date and location to be determined. This is an event designed to gather team members and coaches to begin developing as a discipline team and as the California Team.

Fund Raising - Fundraising shall be accomplished in two stages:

Stage 1

Stage 1 will be comprised of support from large corporate business and State/ National level organizations and collected at the State level 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Distribution of the monies shall be as follows: 80% to equally support coaches and participants, 10% to purchase like uniforms for the participants and coaches, and 10% in a revolving fund to support shooting sports training and events at the State level. Fundraising for the State Shooting Sports team shall occur July –January. Amount of monies for coaches and participants shall be made available to counties with entries into the National 4-H Championships event by 1 Feb of the event year.

Stage 2

Stage 2 will Start in February for each county level 4-H with coaches and/or participants. An estimated cost of \$3,200.00 per individual minus the State contribution multiplied by 5% will equal the additional amount required. The additional 5% and any overage shall be submitted to the State Shooting Sports Coordinator to be deposited into the Shooting Sports revolving fund for future training and events. Unmet fundraising goals shall be the responsibility of the participant/coach minus the 5%. Fundraising activities shall keep the each discipline team coach up to date on progress. Fundraising shall end by May 15th. All county level fundraising activities shall be approved by the designated State Shooting Sports coordinator. Fundraising policy will be discussed and presented to all coaches at the rendezvous.

Team Composition - Teams are composed of no less than 3 and no more than 4 individuals. Each state 4-H Shooting Sports Program, is limited to one team per discipline: archery compound, archery re-curve, air pistol, air rifle, hunting, muzzle loading, shotgun, small bore pistol, and small bore rifle, with a maximum of 36 participants overall. A team may send a substitute for a registered participant who is unable to attend the Invitational. Each of the nine disciplines in this competition includes three different events. Participants are expected to complete all individual events in the discipline they represent.

Expectations of California Team members following selection:

- You will be part of the entire California Team competing at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships on June 25 – June 30, 2017 in Grand Island, Nebraska.
- Your name and photo will be posted on the California 4-H Website on the 4-H Shooting Sports webpage along with all other members and coaches of the California Team comprised of each of the shooting disciplines.
- You will be a representative of the California 4-H Youth Development Program and the California 4-H Shooting Sports Project. You will be in essence a national ambassador for us all.
- You will be expected to conduct yourself in a manner that would honor your California 4-H roots and present you as a positive and friendly representative of your generation and home state.

- You will be expected to work as part of the team and put all effort into meeting together as often as possible when asked so that the team develops cohesiveness and a skill level.
- You will be expected to respond to communication from your assigned California Team Coach in a timely manner and be respectful to your team members and coach. Your coach may or may not conduct his/her training as your local coach may. Respect this difference and work on your abilities to enhance the team's progress. Keep in mind that this coach is as much a part of the team as you.
- You will be expected to work with your discipline team in any fund raising efforts to offset travel expenses during the National 4-H Championships.
- You will be expected to participate in the mandatory California Team Rendezvous, an event where you will meet your team members and coach and begin developing as a team.
- You will be expected to prepare yourself and your family for the expenses incurred in participating as a California Team member; travel to team practices and the National 4-H Championships, lodging and meal expenses while traveling, equipment and ammunition expenses while preparing for and participating in the National 4-H Championships, etc. California 4-H policy does not allow fundraising that benefits a single individual. Any funds raised must be used to support the entire discipline group (i.e. 5 – person shotgun team, etc.) Additional information can be found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Policies/Forms/> click on the form titled: "Fundraising to Benefit Groups or Organizations by 4-H Units and VMOs FAQ"

Application Instructions

If you meet the Basic Requirements as listed above and agree to Expectations as listed above, follow the instructions below to apply for the 2018 California Team.

Team Member Applications may be submitted in one of two ways:

- Complete the online application at:
<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21623>
- Download and complete the paper application available at:
<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Projects/SET/ShootingSports/>

Applicants will be required to provide names and email addresses for three character references. Reference forms will be emailed by the California State 4-H Office to the persons listed as references on the application. Please check that you have the current correct email addresses for your references and that the email addresses are typed in correctly on the application.

Application Rules:

1. Applications should be personally completed by the applicant and responses to questions should be the sole work of the applicant.
2. This is not a test of either written or verbal skills; however, grammar and spelling are important to how you represent yourself and your ability to represent your team.
3. Leaving any part of the application blank will result in a score of zero for that section during selection.
4. References are the responsibility of the applicant. All references should be contacted in advance by the applicant to ensure their willingness to complete the reference form. All reference contact information should be verified for correctness and entered correctly on

- the application. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure their references receive an email from the California State 4-H Office and to correct any reference email address that is suspected as incorrect. This must be accomplished by the application deadline.
5. References must be over the age of 21 and must not be a relative of the applicant.

Applicants will have the option to list a parent who is certified as a 4-H Shooting Sports project leader and willing to serve as coach of a California Team. This information is not required and **will not** be considered during the team selection process. This information is for office use only and **does not** obligate parents to coach a California Team. Applicants should secure the permission of their parent before listing them as a potential coach.

Selection Process:

A team of Extension professionals and 4-H volunteers will be gathered to review all applications by team/discipline choices. These will be ranked using the California State 4-H Shooting Team Application Rubric. The top four ranking applications per team/discipline will be notified of their team placement following the selection date. A fifth application per team/discipline (if application numbers allow) will be chosen and notified to be named the team/discipline alternate. This alternate team member will fill a position if a team member is unable to attend the National 4-H Championships for some reason. No guarantee is given to any applicant that their 1st choice of team/discipline will be granted. 2nd and 3rd choices will be used to fill teams/disciplines when necessary. The expected time frame for applicant notification of selection results is November 2017.