
FFA Sporting Clays Event

2025-2026 Guidelines

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AREA EVENT

FFA Northwest Area

October 7

Fort Supply

FFA Southwest Area

October 9

Altus

FFA Northeast Area

October 15

Coweta-Oil Capital

FFA Central Area

October 23

Oklahoma City Gun
Club

FFA Southeast Area

November 5

Broken Bow

STATE EVENT

November 12

Oklahoma City Gun Club
Arcadia

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WHO MAY PARTICIPATE

Junior Division

- 7th-, 8th-, 9th-grade FFA members only
- Maximum of four shooters per chapter
- Three or four shooters make up a team and only three scores are counted.
- One or two individuals may compete for individual awards if a chapter does not have three to make a team.

Senior Division

- Any FFA member 7th–12th grades may compete
- Maximum of four shooters per chapter
- Three or four shooters make up a team and only three scores are counted.
- One or two individuals may compete for individual awards if a chapter does not have three to make a team.

IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION

- It is required by law that the local Agricultural Education instructors will share information about this event with their local school administrators and receive prior approval for the local FFA Chapter and its members to participate in the FFA Sporting Clay Event.
- It is expected that all Agricultural Education Instructors complete the Oklahoma FFA Sporting Clays Event Teachers' Training provided by the ODWC (dates and locations to be determined). If the Agricultural Education Instructor has completed the ODWC Scholastic Shooting Contest Teacher Training, that will serve as well. Teacher trainings are only required once, not annually
- A Hunter Safety Card is required for each FFA member participating. Each member's Hunter Safety Card Number must be written on the permission form.
- Each FFA member participating must have a minimum of eight hours of shotgun practice to compete in the area competition. Each participant must know how to load and operate a shotgun. No first-time shooters may participate.
- A Permission Slip signed by the parent or guardian of each participant is required. (A copy of the permission slip is attached.)
- Students are allowed to use their own guns at the contests. The ODWC will provide guns for those students who do not have their own guns.
- All guns must be Over-and-Under, break-action style. No other gun actions are allowed.
- All guns must be 12-gauge or 20-gauge only.
- Any choke is allowed. (Improved cylinder is suggested.)
- Beads are the only allowable sights; however, guns with no sights are allowed.
- No Release Triggers.
- All guns must be functioning in a safe manner. Any Firearm deemed unsafe by the ODWC or FFA Staff will be removed.
- The ODWC will provide ammunition on the day of the contest. 12-gauge and 20-gauge shells with a maximum velocity of 1350fps will be provided.
- Immediate disqualification will occur for any participant who loads gun in his/her possession unless on the shooting line.
- The ODWC will provide targets with at least an orange dome.
- The ODWC will provide protective earplugs that must be worn by all participants on the competition field. However, participants are allowed to bring their own protective earplugs. Non-participants desiring to observe the competition must bring their own protective earplugs.

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- The ODWC will provide protective glasses that must be worn by all participants while competing. However, participants are allowed to bring their own shooting glasses. Non-participants desiring to observe the competition must bring their own protective glasses.
- The ODWC will identify the range master (the overall supervisor), the safety officer (who will monitor safety and scoring during the event) and the puller (who will operate the throwers).
- A copy of the course layout is attached

AREA EVENT

- There will be one team round of competition. The top four teams and four individuals will be determined for state qualifiers. Everyone who qualifies for the state contest will be eligible for individual awards at the state contest.
- Any gun safety violation will result in immediate disqualification.
- A student who participated on a senior sporting clays team may not compete in a junior contest during the same year. Students must compete just as they qualified at the area level and stay in that division at the state contest.
- Before the competition begins, the Range Master and safety officer will determine a late pull. The safety officer is the only person who can disqualify a target because of a late pull. The safety officer will call “No Target.”
- Wrong targets may accidentally be thrown because of human error. The range manager will call, “No Target.” In the event that the range manager does not realize his mistake in time and fails to call, “No Target,” and if the shooter assumes the target and shoots, then the target will be scored as either a hit or miss.
- Range master and safety officers will make the calls concerning shooter error versus gun malfunction.

STATE EVENT

- All Area rules apply.

Pre-Registration Required

- Local Agricultural Education instructors must preregister their teams(s) and/or individuals by phone or e-mail (e-mail preferred) with the Area Contact Instructor at least one week prior to the Area event. Late substitutions are to be made by arrangement with the contact instructor.
- The Area Contact Instructor will notify the Department of Wildlife Conservation of the number of teams/individuals participating so that the proper amount of supplies and personnel will be available for the event.
- The Area Contact Instructor will develop a schedule of participation and will notify participating Ag-Ed instructors of the approximate time their participants will need to be at the event site. It is anticipated that the first participants scheduled will be at the site by 8 a.m. on the day of the event.
- The Area Contact Instructor will provide State FFA Office with the specific date and location for each Area event.
- A list of certified STEP INSTRUCTIONS can be found on the Oklahoma FFA Association Web site.

Awards and Recognition

Area Event Awards will be presented to the top four teams and the top four individuals who will advance to the state event. Each area is responsible for providing area awards.

State Event Awards will be presented to the top three teams and top three individuals at the annual State FFA Convention. Everyone who qualifies for the state contest will be eligible for individual awards at the state contest.

FFA Shooting Sporting Competition Rules

1. All “Safety Rules and Participant Regulations” apply during any shooting event as explained in the *FFA Blue Book*.
2. At each competitive shooting event, the course layout will be set up within a reasonably uniform manner and supervised by an Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation official. The FFA event coordinator will inspect and recommend any necessary alterations. Then he/she will approve the layout before the events.
3. The course layout will not be altered due to weather conditions at any event.
4. The shooting area and the event location will be the responsibility of the FFA event coordinator. Each contest will provide a range master, safety officer (monitors safety and determines the results of each shot—hit/miss), and a puller.
5. In the event a target is broken when releasing a true pair, the broken target will be presented to the shooter again as a pair (true double target), even if he/she hits one of the targets in a broken pair.
6. Each shooter will compete with the same firearm throughout the entire sequence. When moving from station to station, safe gun handling is paramount and is the responsibility of both shooter and safety officer.
7. At any time, the safety officer may request to replace or exchange a firearm, but it must be of the same gauge. Fouled firearms will be removed and secured immediately from the firing line. In the event of a fouled gun on the second shot of a true pair, then the pair of targets will be presented to the shooter again, even if he/she hits one of the targets before the gun fails.
8. Each shooter will call for their target release.

Course of Fire: Based on a (4) shooter team

Each shooting station will have its individual target presentation (recipe) posted.

First Round—Beginning with station #1

- A single target from a specified location will be presented. The shooter may shoot two times at this first target. The next shooter then takes his/her turn from that individual’s station.
- When all four shooters complete this part of the course, the first shooter will begin the next course of fire from the same station.

Second Round—Beginning with station #1

- A true target pair will be presented from specified locations. Only two shots may be fired at this time. The next shooter will take his/her turn from that individual’s station. For scoring purposes, the first trigger pull in this sequence will denote the second target at that station.
- When all four shooters complete this part of the course, the first shooter will begin the next course of fire from the same station.

Third Round—Beginning with station #1

- A true target pair will be presented from specified locations. Only two shots may be fired at this time. The next shooter will take his/her turn from that individual’s station. For scoring purposes, the first trigger pull in this sequence will denote the fourth target at that station.
- When all four shooters complete this part of the course, the first shooter will begin the next course of fire from the same station.

FFA Shooting Sporting Competition Rules (continued)

When all four shooters complete this part of the course (each competitor has shot 5 rounds from the same station), then **ALL SHOOTERS WILL ROTATE TO THE RIGHT. THEY WILL ONLY ROTATE WHEN DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE RANGE MASTER.**

Next Course of Fire Begins:

Note: Station #1 will always begin the next course of fire.

- ☐ Each station target sequence will remain the same, which gives each shooter different target presentations from each station.
- ☐ Upon completing the entire course, each shooter will have been given 20 different target presentations. At the completion of the course of fire, the contestant will initial the individual score sheet to verify the score.
- ☐ It is recommended that each FFA adviser (or designee) be present during his/her respective team's competition.

In the event of tie, the following rules will be used to determine the winner:

For TEAM TIES:

First Tiebreaker: The first tiebreaker for teams will be the total number of breaks by the lowest scoring team member. (If a team does not have a four-person team, it will lose the tiebreaker if the other team's low-scoring team member breaks at least one target.)

Second Tiebreaker: The second tiebreaker will be **the total** of consecutive breaks for each team member before the first miss, starting at station 1, target 1 for each shooter. Example:

	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Tiebreaker
Player 1:	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	oxxxx	3
Player 2:	oxxxx	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	0
Player 3:	xooxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	ooxxx	1
Player 4:	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	19
Team Tiebreaker Total					<hr/> 23

Third Tiebreaker: State Contest: Shoot off as determined by the range master prior to the contest.

Area Contest: Coin toss or shoot-off as determined by each area prior to the start of the contest.

For INDIVIDUAL TIES:

First Tiebreaker: The first tiebreaker will be **the total** of consecutive breaks for the individual before his/her first miss, starting at station 1, target 1 for each shooter. If there is still a tie, look at the next set of consecutive breaks, beginning with the next shot. Use this method again if possible.

Example: (Four individuals tied with the same score)

	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Score	Tiebreaker
A:	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	oxxxx	16	7
B:	oxxxx	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	16	0
C:	xooxx	xxxxx	xxxxx	ooxxx	16	1
D:	xxxox	xxxxx	xooxx	xxxxx	16	7

In the above example, the individuals would rank as follows:

First Place Shooter - D

Second Place Shooter - A

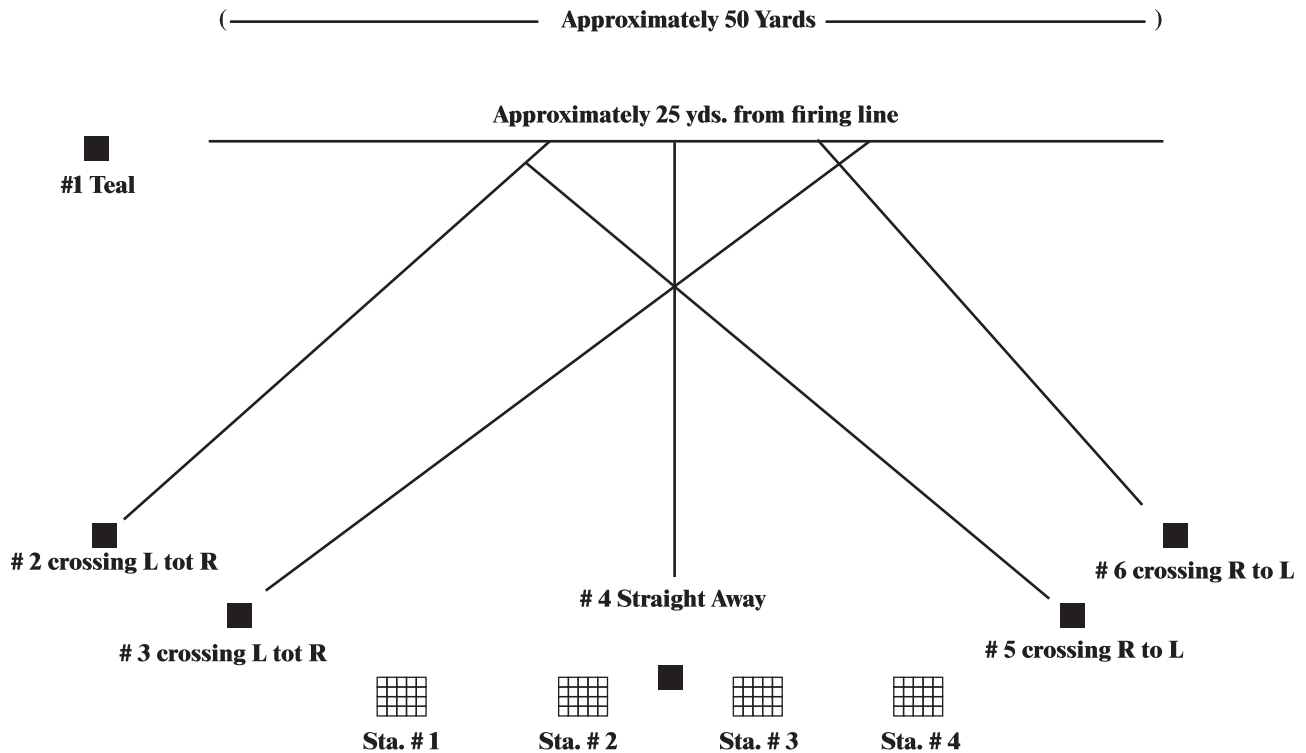
Third Place Shooter - C

Fourth Place Shooter - B

Second Tiebreaker: State Contest: Shoot off as determined by the range master prior to the contest.

Area Contest: Coin toss or shoot-off as determined by each area prior to the start of the contest.

FFA Sporting Clays • Course Layout



All shooters will rotate to the right. Shooter at Station #4 will go to Station #1.

Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4
4	1	2	1
5 6	3 4	4 5	5 6
2 3	2 6	3 4	2 3

FFA Sporting Clays Event Member Permission Form

The FFA Sporting Clays Event is administered by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. FFA members participating will be supervised by their local school Agricultural Education instructor.

- This completed Permission Form is required of all participants. Both signatures are required. No exceptions.
- A Hunter Safety Card is required of each FFA member participating. No exceptions. Write Hunter Education # _____
- Each FFA member participating must have a minimum of eight hours of shotgun shooting practice to compete in the Area competition. Each participant must know how to load and operate a pump-action shotgun. No first-time shooters. No exceptions. Each participating FFA member must have read and understand all rules for Area and State competitions.
- This Permission Form must be presented at time of check-in for competition for each participant on the date of the event. No exceptions.

_____, a member of the _____ **FFA**
FFA Member's Name Local FFA Chapter Name

Chapter, has my permission to compete in the officially sanctioned Oklahoma FFA Sporting Clays event.

Signed _____
Parent or Guardian Signature

Signed _____
Local FFA Chapter Adviser Signature

Date Signed _____