



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE  
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# South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports National Selection Eligibility Requirements



## **Basic Requirements:**

1. Must be an enrolled South Dakota 4-H member. This must be accomplished before shooting in a qualification event.
2. Must be a Senior 4-H member to attend the National Championships as a competitor. Most teams require that you be a senior competitor at the time of participation in a qualifying event. In some events with lower participation, we may occasionally go into the junior participation pool to select a potential competitor who will be aging into the senior ranks before nationals. Incoming seniors (current juniors aging up to seniors) may apply. Current seniors will have a preference on team selection.

## **Specific Discipline Requirements:**

### **Archery (Compound and Recurve)**

1. Participants must compete in the 4-H Outdoor Tournament (currently held in Yankton) competition in both competitions that weekend.
  - a. Field Archery
  - b. FITA
2. Qualify and shoot at the State Shoot in Pierre (referred to as the Indoor Tournament), in their chosen archery discipline (recurve or compound).
3. Shoot the How-Kota 3-D Archery tournament, in the archer's chosen discipline.
4. If the archer wishes to be considered for both teams (recurve and compound) the archer must compete at the Indoor Tournament and the 3-D event with both types of bows.
5. Team selection occurs the fall before the calendar year competition. (Ex. 2022 team selected in September 2021). Youth must still be 4-H age (18 or under) at the time of national competition.

### **Shotgun**

1. Qualify and shoot Trap at the state shoot event. Team selection occurs the fall before the calendar year competition. (Ex. 2022 team selected in September 2021). Youth must still be 4-H age (18 or under) at the time of national competition.
2. Shoot Sporting Clays at state shoot.
3. Shoot Skeet at state shoot.

### **Air Pistol**

1. Qualify and shoot in the Air Pistol event at state shoot in Pierre.
2. Shoot Air Pistol Silhouettes at state shoot in Pierre.

### **Air Rifle**

1. Qualify and shoot in the Air Rifle event at state shoot in Pierre.
2. Shoot Air Rifle Silhouettes at state shoot in Pierre.

### **22 Rifle**

1. Qualify in either CMP or 22 3-P and shoot both events at state shoot in Pierre.
2. Shoot 22 Rifle Silhouettes at state shoot in Pierre.

### **22 Pistol**

1. Qualify in 22 Pistol and shoot event at state shoot in Pierre.
2. Shoot 22 Pistol Silhouettes at state shoot in Pierre.

## Muzzleloading

1. Qualify in Muzzleloading Bullseye and shoot the entire Muzzleloading event during the fall shoot. Team selection occurs the fall before the calendar year competition. (Ex. 2022 team selected in September 2021). Youth must still be 4-H age (18 or under) at the time of national competition.

## Hunting

1. The Hunting Team is currently selected through an application process.
2. Team selection occurs the fall before the calendar year competition. (Ex. 2022 team selected in September 2021). Youth must still be 4-H age (18 or under) at the time of national competition.

## Team selected through an application (process and procedure).

1. If applications received on time, and exceed spots available, additional selection competitions will be held. Participation in those additional events is required for continued consideration in that discipline.
2. If there are not enough applicants at time of application close, additional applications will continue to be accepted. Application acceptance will close a week after the minimum requirement to field a team (4 person) is achieved.
  - a. Those who have completed application materials turned in on time, will be given team selection preference.
  - b. If the additional applicants lead to there being more applicants than available positions, those applying late will be required to participate in additional events/competitions if they want to continue being considered for events.

## Requirements after participants are notified of selection for national teams.

1. Return required paperwork in a timely manner (by the due date) to the trip coordinator/state coordinator.
  - a. Give an email address that is checked regularly!
  - b. Give working communication channels (phone number, emails, etc.)
2. Deposits will no longer be required (Sept 2023 Meeting). However, as a general policy see below.
  - a. With the exception of registration, state shirt and a select number of state trading pins, this trip is self-funded by the families. If this is a financial hardship – visit with trip coordinator/ state coordinator to discuss options.
3. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AND MEET DUE DATES WILL FORFEIT YOUR TEAM SELECTION AND WE WILL MOVE ON TO ALTERNATES.**
4. When a participant returns a form accepting a team, if they later choose to decline that team and accept a different one, they will forfeit the state paid registration benefit and be required to pay their own registration for the National Event (billed to them from the state, which will still handle the registration process). Example: Accepting the Shotgun team in September, then declining that team in May to Accept Smallbore Rifle (Sept 24 Meeting).

## Formulas for determining top qualifying seniors

Muzzleloader: Bottles + Critters + Bullseye

Shotgun: (Trap/2) + Skeet + Sporting Clays

.22 Pistol: (Bullseye x 2) + Timed Total + (Silhouettes x 10)

.22 Rifle: CMP + Precision Score + (Silhouettes x 10)

Air Pistol: Bullseye + (Timed Fire x 2) + (Silhouettes x 10)

Air Rifle: 3- Position + (Standing x 1.5) + (Silhouettes x 10)

Archery: Bullseye + 3-D (How Kota shoot) + Fita + Field

Hunting Skills: Hunting Skills: **65% Written Test + 5% Rifle** participation at state (Air or 22(CMP or 3-P)), this year or last (0 pts or 5 pts awarded) + **5% Archery** participation at state, this year or last (0 pts or 5 pts awarded) + **5% Shotgun** participation at state, this year or last (0 pts or 5 pts awarded) + **10% Refence Letter** (scored as a value 1-10) + **5% National Team Experience** (0 pts or 5 pts awarded) + **5% other discipline participation** (Pistol, muzzleloading, Western Heritage) (0 pts or 5 pts awarded)

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