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South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Recertification



Situation:

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee has, as of October 2018, added a requirement that instructors go through a recertification at a minimum of once every seven (7) years. They also require that to maintain certification as a 4-H Shooting Sports Level 1 (county) or Level 2 (State Trainer) Instructor, one must assist in instruction within the discipline certified at least once every three (3) years.

It is also a state expectation that you remain a volunteer in good standing during your service as a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. If you choose to let your volunteer status lapse, you may be required to start the process over regardless of the number of years since you were last an active instructor! Remaining a volunteer in good standing involves enrolling annually in 4HOnline and paying the \$10 yearly volunteer fee. It is the responsibility of 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers to remain in contact with their county offices. Shooting programs exist within the county 4-H program not as separate entities which operate independent of the county program! **If you are excused as a volunteer (Non-Renewed) by the State Program Director, you will no longer be considered a Shooting Sports Coach, and your discipline certifications will become null and void in South Dakota 4-H.**

Re-certification could include any of the following, as determined by the State Coordinator:

- Continuing education credits
- Updates to curriculum or state standards/requirements
- Refresher course on curriculum
- Attend a Level 1 training

Reasoning:

While the national committee requires that re-certification take place once every 7 years, the South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports State Committee, made the decision to start this year and to require those certified before Jan 1, 2017 to attend the recertification. This was done for the following reasons:

- The Level 2 State Trainers in the state of South Dakota had not recently attended national training, with the exception of 1 archery instructor. In May of 2017, South Dakota sent several individuals to Level 2 certification. While there they found out that the national curriculums had added First Shot Fundamentals. This addition changes the way new participants are introduced to the program. The following year another group attended national training, which allowed us to have new instructors in every discipline. This has allowed us to update our current instructors and move the program forward with the new information.
- Get everyone on the same page with trainings. This will also allow for a refresher, which may rejuvenate coaches who may have felt the old curriculum had gotten stuck in a rut.
- The South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports program changed State Coordinators in March of 2017. This meant a new person was established to maintain and update pertinent records and information. This has involved trying to mesh older training attendance records with new records. This will also hopefully allow for all county coaches to be identified and for them to receive coach's cards, so they have records of their trainings.
- This will move the South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports program forward with the most recent and pertinent training material available.
- Increase attendance at annual meeting. The annual meeting is where the rules for the year are updated. There is also a statement of the State 4-H Shooting Sports program given. This allows for all to be on the same page going into the new year.

Action:

The South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports State Committee (made up of Level 2 instructors and volunteers) met and have decided how South Dakota will handle re-certification. There will be two options for recertification in South Dakota.

1. Attend a Level 1 Training
 - a. After Jan 1, 2023, (regardless of certification date) everyone will be required to begin the process again (unless the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee makes changes to the time requirements again). Recertification activities will become an annual training opportunity.
 - b. After Jan 1, 2023, recertification will revert to the once every seven (7) years. For example, if you trained in rifle in 2019, you would need to attend a recertification class before Jan 1, 2025, to maintain certification in that discipline.
 - c. Level 1 instructor training is offered throughout South Dakota in the fall and summer. These are initial certification classes which use the curriculum developed by the National 4-H Shooting Sports committee. Cost to attend is \$50/discipline. These initial certifications have 8-12 hours of instruction and education associated with them.
 - d. If attending these to re-certify the expectation is that participants attend for the entirety of the discipline training portion.
2. Continuing Education Points System
 - a. Points acquired will be applied to all disciplines.
 - b. After 100 pts are attained recertification date will be moved ahead seven (7) years. Continuing to earn points (in blocks of 100) will continue to move the date forward.
 - c. All point bearing events, such as zooms, workshops, etc. must be approved by the State Shooting Sports Coordinator and assigned a points value before the event happens. This approval must be done at least two weeks before the scheduled event. ZERO points will be awarded for events that are not pre-approved.
 - d. If there is a curriculum change or change in focus within the curriculum, attendance at face-to-face training may be required for any discipline.

Recertification - 100 points required to be recertified.

Event	Points
NRA, USA Archery, American Legion, CMP, NFAA, etc. (Other) - Level 1 - New	30 (Total)
NRA, USA Archery, American Legion, CMP NFAA, etc. (Other) - Level 1 - Current	20 (Total)
Help at state - Scoring/Check-in for entire event	50 / Year
Help at state - RO or Assist with RO for entire event	50 / Year
Discipline workshop	10 - 30 / Event
Help at other events	15 pts / 3 hrs - Max 30 / year
Participate in educational Zoom	10 / Event
National Coach	20 / Year
Leading of educational workshop	30 / Event

The county offices have received an Excel file which has a year associated with your discipline if you have been trained or re-certified after 2017. That year designation is the year you attended the class. That list is kept and updated each year after the training is done.

The dates and lengths of time between are subject to change at the direction of the National Shooting Sports Committee.

Recertification Timeframe	
Year Trained	Due By December 31
2019	2025
2020	2026
2021	2027
2022	2028
2023	2029
2024	2030
2025	2031
2026	2032
2027	2033

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