



2025 MARYLAND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS STATE 4-H SHOTGUN MATCH

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Glen Dale, MD

MATCH LOCATION: Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center

10400 Good Luck Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20768

MATCH TIMES:

8:30 am – Participants Arrive

8:45 am – Check In and Gun Check

9:10 am – Safety Briefing

9:45 am – Shooting Begins

Awards ceremony at the conclusion of the event

MATCH RULES:

Participants will be assigned to squads for various events.

No release triggers permitted. Practice rounds are not included in the registration fee. Each participant is responsible for the cost of practice rounds. No reloaded ammunition permitted.

SKEET Junior, Intermediate and Senior Age 4-H Members

Event: Standard NSSA (American) skeet.

Course of Fire: Jr & Int.-1 round (25 targets), Sr. – 2 rounds (25 each), consisting of singles and doubles from stations 1, 2, 6, and 7 and singles from stations 3, 4, 5, and 8.

Scoring Ties: Ties will be broken by either long runs or shoot-offs at the discretion of the event management. If shoot-offs - Doubles from stations 3, 4, and 5, miss and out by station.

Time Limit: Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay. Shooters should be prepared to take the field 20 minutes to 1/2 hour before their scheduled firing time. **Equipment:** Any shotgun, 12 gauge or smaller, firing a shot charge not to exceed 1 1/8 ounces with shot no larger than US 7 1/2 fine or smaller than US 9 fine at velocities between 1100

and 1290 feet per second.

NGB Rules: National Skeet Shooting Association - NSSA

TRAP Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Age 4-H members

Event: Standard ATA (American) trap

Course of Fire: Jr & Int.-1 round (25 targets) Sr. – 2 rounds (25 each), consisting of five targets from each of five shooting stations at 16 yards.

Scoring Ties: Ties will be broken by either long runs or shoot-offs at the discretion of the event management. If shoot-offs -Five targets from stations 1 and 5 from the 21-yard line.

Management may increase the distance to 27 yards if required to break ties.

Time Limit: Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay, and should be prepared to take the field up to 20 minutes to 1/2 hour prior to the listed start time.

Equipment: Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller, firing a shot charge not to exceed 1 1/8 ounces with shot no larger than US 7 1/2 fine or smaller than US 9 fine at velocities between 1100

and 1290 feet per second.

NGB Rules: American Trap Association-ATA

SPORTING CLAYS –Intermediate & Sr. Age 4-H members

Any sporting clays course as set by the management. The sporting clays course of fire is flexible- depending upon the capabilities of the facility. A minimum of 50 sporting clays targets is required.

Event 50-target clays event

Course of Fire: a walk-through course

Scoring Ties: Ties will be broken by either long runs or shoot-offs at the discretion of the event management. If shoot-offs -5 pairs as arranged by the shoot management.

Time Limit: Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay.

Equipment: Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing a shot charge not to exceed 1 1/8 ounces with shot no larger than US 7 ½ fine or smaller than US 9 fine at velocities between 1100 and 1290 feet per second; chokes tubes may be changed between stations only.

NGB Rules: National Sporting Clays Association – NSCA

ELIGIBILITY: The event is open to Maryland 4-H Youth 4-H ages 8 to 18 (age as of 01/01/25), who are currently enrolled and actively participating **prior to September 1, 2025**, in a 4-H Instructed Shotgun Club or 4-H Shotgun Program being conducted by a 4-H Certified Shotgun Instructor. Each participant will require approval at the county and state levels.

At the county level, 4-H Educators will work with Shooting Sports instructors for approval. **Instructors must be certain that youth participants understand the shotgun games they will shoot before they come to the state match and that the youth can safely participate. State matches are not the day to be teaching youth the basics of trap, skeet, or sporting clays.**

Senior-aged 4-H members who previously represented Maryland 4-H at the National 4-H Shotgun Contest may participate in this match, but are not eligible for awards. Former Maryland 4-H Shotgun Team members must meet the same enrollment eligibility requirements as all other contestants.

ACCOMMODATION: Participants who need special assistance/exception for participation in this contest may request accommodation. Indicate the requested accommodation when registering for the event in 4-H Online.

AGE DIVISIONS: Age divisions are based on the 4-Her's age on January 1, 2025 (4-H age):

- Junior: 8-10
- Intermediate: 11-13
- Senior: 14-18

COACHES: Each 4-H county/city program must register at least one adult Coach in the 4-H Online System. Coaches must be certified UME 4-H Volunteers and certified Shooting Sports Instructors.

MATCHES: Course Includes:

AGE DIVISION	TRAP	SKEET	SPORTING CLAYS
Junior (8-10)	25 Targets (1 round)	25 Targets (1 round)	None
Intermediate (11-13)	25 Targets (1 round)	25 Targets (1 round)	50 Targets
Senior (14-18)	50 Targets (2 rounds)	50 Targets (2 rounds)	50 Targets

Sr. Previous Nat. Participants	50 Targets (2 rounds)	50 Targets (2 rounds)	50 Targets
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EQUIPMENT: FOOTWEAR: Any participant while on the shooting line or shooting course will be required to wear shoes that completely cover their feet. **EYE AND EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED. NO SHOTGUN RELEASE TRIGGERS.**

Participants must provide their own ammunition (minimum 150 shells Sr./ 100 shells Int./ 50 shells Jr.) Shot size 7 1/2 – 9; max load 1 1/8 oz; Max powder charge (1 1/8 oz = 3 dram eq./ 1 oz.= 3 ¼ dram eq.) No Reloaded ammunition permitted.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented at the end of the day (time will vary based on the number of participants).

Pending funding and approvals, and potential team members, we would like to send a State 4-H Shotgun Senior Team to represent Maryland at the National 4-H Shoot scheduled for the Summer of 2026 in Grand Island, Nebraska. As with all National 4-H events, a 4-H member can only participate one time in a particular National event.

REGISTRATION & FEES:

All youth participants and adult volunteer coaches must register for this event **via 4-H Online. Registration closes at 11:59 pm on Friday, October 3, 2025.** Fees are based on age category:

Seniors \$45

Intermediates \$35

Juniors \$20

Registration fees cover course targets, insurance and event supplies.

The registration fee is payable by credit card through 4-H Online or may be paid by the county/city 4-H program. Local 4-H programs should instruct youth participants what payment method to choose when registering.

LUNCH WILL NOT be provided. A potluck lunch sign-up will be emailed to registered participants closer to the event. This is an optional sign-up. If you don't plan to participate in the potluck, please bring your own lunch. There will not be time to leave the contest to get lunch.

DIRECTIONS TO STATE 4-H SHOTGUN CONTEST

Saturday, OCTOBER 18, 2025

Arrive by 8:30 am – Check-In begins at 8:45 am – Matches begin at 9:45 am

Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center
10400 Goodluck Road
Glen Dale, MD 20768

From Interstate 95, take Route 450 east until you come to Route 193, Greenbelt Road. Take a left on Greenbelt Road and at the fourth light, take a right onto Goodluck Road. Follow approximately one-half mile to the Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center on your left.

From the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, take the exit at Route 193, Greenbelt Road. Follow Greenbelt Road East until you come to Goodluck Road. Turn left and look for the Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center on the left, approximately one-half mile.

Park in the LOWER (second lot you come to) lot near the pavilion.



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