

4-H Shooting Sports

Organizational Meeting

September 28, 2025

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Research and Extension



Agenda

- Introduction
- How to Enroll and Shotgun Program Fee
- Shooting Sports Coordinator – Meet Vicki
- Requirements
- Expectations
- Upcoming 2026 season outlook



Introduction

- 4-H Shooting Sports Program has 10 project areas
 - Archery, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, BB Gun, Hunting Skills, Muzzleloading, Shotgun, Small Bore Pistol, Small Bore Rifle, and Western Heritage
- Local certified shooting sports coordinators and instructors are required per county
 - Need of volunteers willing and if youth are active
 - Minimum requirements must be met to be in good standards



How to Enroll and Join

- Annual 4-H program year begins October
 - Enroll as you normally do via 4-H Online
 - Select Shooting Sports – Shotgun under project enrollment
- Must be 10 in 4-H age to compete in state matches
- **1. Must be enrolled in 4-H Online to join and participate**
- **2. 2025-26 Shotgun Program Fee paid to “Doniphan 4-H Council”**
 - **\$30**
 - This fee is to help with shotgun program costs and is separate from 4-H Online fee



Shooting Sports Coordinator

- Vicki Shuetz
 - Brown County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator
 - Temporary Doniphan County Coordinator
 - Shooting sports program paperwork, deadlines, and qualifier/ state fees



Requirements

- Matt Symns – Shotgun instructor
- Requirements
 - Enrolled in 4-H and Shotgun project
 - Shotgun Program Fee paid
 - Must be mature and it is Instructor's authority if youth is unsafe or not ready yet – every youth must be safe
 - Must utilize own shotgun and correct shells
 - Council owns 2? firearms



General Firearm Safety and Handling

- Matt Symns – Shotgun instructor
- What is everyone's previous experience with handling shotgun?
- Trap vs Skeet
- No reactive targets or reloading of spent shells



Expectations

- Practices
 - Sign in/ sign out sheet – required every practice
 - Practice safety
 - Youth and parents at practice – help clean up
- Location
 - 2026 practice location
 - May change in future



2026 Season Outlook

- Practices to begin in May through August
 - Set dates will be shared by around April 15th to those enrolled
- Number of practices per month
- August 2026 – Qualifier matches
- October State Fall Shotgun Match



Thank you!

Doniphan County 4-H Shooting Sports