

2026 Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament

.22 Cal Rifle Event Rules

****NOTE: PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW "GENERAL INFORMATION" PAGES FOR GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES. CONTACT YOUR COUNTY 4-H OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION.**

Number of Individual Entrants Per County: Each county is eligible to enter a maximum of **12** contestants.

Number of Team Entrants Per County: Each county may enter three 4-member teams.

Age Division Determination: Age on January 1st year of the tournament

Individual Smallbore Rifle Contest Divisions:

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| Jr. Smallbore Field Rifle | Ages 12-14 |
| Sr. Smallbore Field Rifle | Ages 15-19 |
| Jr. Smallbore Target Rifle | Ages 12-14 |
| Sr. Smallbore Target Rifle | Ages 15-19 |

Field Rifle Equipment for Junior and Senior Field Rifle Divisions

1. Any .22 caliber rimfire rifle may be used. (No .22 Magnum rifles are permitted.) Single-shot rifles are preferred. Rifle weight may not exceed 7.5 pounds. The barrel diameter may not exceed 3/4 of an inch at the muzzle. Trigger pull must be 2 pounds or more.
2. Sights may be open or peep style only. The front sight must be permanently mounted, and not capable of changing inserts or movements. The rear sight must not be capable of micrometer adjustment; no TECH-type sights.
3. No telescopic sights, slings, palm rests, adjustable butt plates, pistol grip stocks, or specialized shooting coats, pants shoes, etc., are permitted.
4. Only rimfire .22 "short", "long", or "long rifle" ammunition will be allowed.
5. Participants should bring their own kneeling roll and shooting mats, blankets, or ground cloths. These items are subject to inspection and acceptance by the range officer.

Target Rifle Equipment for Junior and Senior Target Rifle Divisions

1. Any .22 caliber rimfire target rifle may be used. (No .22 Magnum rifles are permitted.) See NRA Smallbore Rifle Rule 3.2 for complete equipment specifications.
2. No telescopic sights will be allowed.
3. Only .22 caliber "short", "long", or "long rifle" ammunition will be allowed.
4. Participants should bring their own shooting mats, kneeling rolls, spotting scopes, and specialized shooting jackets, pants, shoes, gloves, etc. (See NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules for complete equipment specifications.)

Target, Rules, Course of Fire

1. **Field Rifle will use the NRA (A-32)** light rifle target. The A-32 target is 10x12 inches and has one sighting bull's-eye and five scoring bull's-eyes (**2 shots per bull**).
Course of Fire: 3 x 20: 20 shots in the **Prone** position-2 targets-20 minutes
 20 shots in the **Standing** position-2 targets-40 minutes
 20 shots in the **Kneeling** position-2 targets-30 minutes
2. **Target Rifle will use the NRA (A-17)** target. The A-17 target is 10x12 inches and has one sighting bull's-eye and ten scoring bull's-eyes (**1 shot per bull**).
Course of Fire: 3 x 20: 20 shots in the **Prone** position-2 targets-20 minutes
 20 shots in the **Standing** position-2 targets-40 minutes
 20 shots in the **Kneeling** position-2 targets-30 minutes
3. Competition will be held on a 50-ft. target range.
4. Unless specified above, all rules will be according to the current NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules.
5. **Empty Chamber Indicators (E.C.I.) are mandatory.**

NOTE: All participants will be assigned a relay number. Relay assignments are included in the county coordinator packets. Participants must check in at the range prior to their relay time. You must be at the range (with your equipment) when your relay number is called.

An NRA rule book is available from the NRA Program Materials Center, 800-336-7402 (Item # CR 16750, NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules) or online at https://competitions.nra.org/media/9391/2024-smallbore_rulebook.pdf

All firearms must be transported to the range in a proper gun case (One firearm per gun case). No firearm will be removed from the case until directed to do so by the range officer. Participants who violate this rule will be disqualified. This rule has been established to promote and maintain a safe environment for everyone at the tournament site.

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