

2026 Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament

Trapshooting 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 **10** contestants.

Number of Team Entrants Per County: Each county may identify two teams of up to five members each. Team scores will be determined per tournament general rules.

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

Contest Divisions:

Junior Trap: Ages 12-14

Senior Trap: Ages 15-19

Equipment

1. Any safe non-tactical style shotgun .410 through 12 gauge may be used. Shotguns greater than 12 gauge are not permitted.
2. Release triggers are prohibited.
3. **Only factory-loaded ammunition shall be used.** Any shot size 8 or 7.5 load with a velocity equal to or less than 1290 FPS (Feet Per Second) with maximum shot charge of 1 1/8 ounces, or equal to or less than 1325 FPS with a maximum shot charge of 1 ounce, or equal to or less than 1350 FPS with a maximum shot charge of 7/8 ounces or less, as measured in any individual shotshell. Ammunition will be presented in original box at check-in for inspection.

Course of Fire: Contestants will shoot **two** rounds of 25 shots, totaling **50** clays.

Trapshooting Range and Targets

Competition will be from the 16-yard line on a trap range following the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) guidelines. Only clay targets meeting the ATA rules will be thrown.

Rules and Scoring

1. Firearms will NOT be removed from the case anytime before receiving permission from the Range Officer.
2. All actions must be open and firearms empty until at the shooting station and in immediate preparation for the shot.
3. Muzzle control: Each shooter is responsible for proper muzzle control at ALL times. Resting the muzzle on the foot or other portions of the anatomy is strictly prohibited, as is resting any part of the body on the muzzle of the firearm.
4. Rule violations: Any shooter violating a rule for the first time will receive a warning issued by the Range Officer. Flagrant or repeated rule violations will be grounds for disqualification.
5. The Scorekeeper is the official judge for "lost" or "broken" clays. All lost clays will be called out.
6. Field protest or appeal: If a shooter or squad member disagrees with a call on any target, she/he may appeal by raising an arm and saying, "appeal." The Range Officer will immediately suspend the shooting and consult the assisting Range Officers. After the consultation, the Range Officer will make the final decision. The decision of the Range Officer is final and questions of a lost, broken, or irregular target may not be appealed further.
7. All competitors will confirm their scores and initial their score sheets at the completion of their rounds.

To maintain a safe and fun atmosphere during any shooting sports event, those who fail to follow these rules will be disqualified. Except where noted above the State 4-H Trapshooting Tournament will be conducted in accordance with current ATA Official Trapshooting Rules and Regulations.

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