

Qualification Guidelines for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

Team members are selected annually through 4-H competitive shoots offered to 4-H members across the state. Members who meet the criteria for eligibility earn their place on the team by recording the highest scoring percentage in a discipline. Members who qualify but forfeit their National trip allow the next highest scoring individual to move up. Teams shall be comprised of no more than four individuals. Team selection is determined in the fall by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Management Committee.

Requirements:

1. Participants in the state qualification shoots and those representing Wisconsin 4-H at the 4-H National Invitational shall be members in good standing currently enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports in their county.
2. The following are qualification disciplines which represent each team: Archery (compound), Archery (recurve), Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Smallbore .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol and Hunting Skills.
3. Those attending the 4-H National Invitational in the Hunting Skills discipline must participate in the State 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) the same year before they attend National. Discipline qualifiers, other than Hunting Skills, must participate in the Wildlife/Ecology contest at each event where they are qualifying.
4. Age for National qualification: Participants must have passed their 14th birthday and not have passed their 19th birthday by January 1st of the year of the National.
5. The minimum number of scores for each discipline are as follows:

Archery Compound...3 target scores, 1 animal score and 1 FITA score
Archery Recurve.....2 target scores, 1 animal score and 1 FITA score
Air Rifle.....3 target scores and 1 silhouette score
Air Pistol.....2 scores (one handed standing)
Smallbore .22 Rifle...2 target scores and 2 silhouette scores
.22 Pistol.....1 score (one handed standing, except for silhouette)
Muzzleloaded.....1 score
Shotgun.....2 scores
Hunting Skills..... 1 Archery animal score,
1 .22 Rifle silhouette score,
1 Shotgun score,
1 score from the State 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation
Program (WHEP) contest

6. Multiple qualification scores may be earned at a single event but only the highest score(s) are used.
7. Multiple scores (.22, Air Pistol, Archery) may be earned at one event but only one score per discipline is permitted. Archery scores may be earned in target, animal

- and FITA at the same event. (Archery compound and Archery recurve will be scored separately for qualifying.) Rifle and Pistol scores may be earned in target and silhouette at the same event.
8. Participants who qualify for National are only eligible to attend National the year following their qualification.
 9. Once you attend National, you are no longer permitted to repeat in the same discipline. However, Archery compound and Archery recurve are different disciplines with different teams allowing you to qualify for a different Archery team. Any Wisconsin National Team members may continue to compete in Wisconsin's 4-H Statewide Invitational competitions after attending National Competition.
 10. Participants are allowed to represent only one discipline team each year.
 11. Requirements not covered here will follow the 4-H National Invitational General Rules located at <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/index.php>.
 12. The number of required scores above for each discipline was established according to the current number of statewide events in which an individual could attempt to qualify for the 4-H National Shoot. Should the number of events be reduced for any given year the number of required shoots for qualification may also be reduced. The maximum number of required scores will not exceed three for any discipline.

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