

Shooting Sports Safety & Training and Practice Requirements

Shooting sports safety and training meeting attendance requirement:

Each 4-H year every Jefferson County 4-H Shooting Sports member is required to attend one (1) official Jefferson County safety and training meeting (also known as 'safety meeting') for each discipline they shoot.

Colorado 4-H requires members to have completed a Colorado Hunter's Education course and have a valid Hunter's Education card to be eligible to shoot in any contests. (The Hunter's Education requirement is a separate requirement and not counted as a county safety meeting and not counted toward the minimum number of practices.)

We will hold the safety and training meetings two times each year. The first one is in February and the second meeting will be in May. (Please see schedule for exact dates.) Attendance is required at only 1 meeting per discipline per year (you do not need to attend the first AND the second safety meetings, only one or the other for each discipline for which you enrolled.) You are welcome to attend both safety meetings, but only one can count toward the minimum safety meeting and practice requirements.

The purpose of the safety meeting is to teach, refresh and reinforce safe shooting and range rules and to provide training on the discipline to help advance shooting ability for the members as well as parents\guardians. The safety and training meetings are for parents\guardians just as much as it is for 4-H members. At least one guardian must attend **any 4-H event** with the member, including the safety meeting. It is highly encouraged that all parents\guardians attend the safety meeting to help everyone understand the project and the 4-H program. We require attendance each year the member is enrolled in a discipline. As members and their families grow each year in 4-H, they are able to gain new details from the safety and training that they may not have been able to grasp in the year(s) prior. The yearly meetings also allow us to share new rules or other changes from the year before.

Discipline	Safety and Training Meeting Required
Archery	Archery Safety Meeting
.22 Rifle	Rifle Safety Meeting
Air Rifle	Rifle Safety Meeting
Muzzleloader	Rifle Safety Meeting & Muzzleloader addendum
Air Pistol	Pistol Safety Meeting
.22 Pistol	Pistol Safety Meeting
Shotgun	Shotgun Safety Meeting
Western Heritage	Western Heritage Safety Meeting

Shooting sports practice attendance requirement:

One of the goals of 4-H is to make the best better. To work toward this goal and to keep a safe shooting environment, Jefferson County requires all county contest participants attend a minimum number of practices.

Contest participants must have attended a minimum of four (4) official county practices with a county leader certified by Colorado 4-H in that discipline (the safety meeting counts as one practice). Practices must be a full round of shooting. (3 of the official practices must be scheduled club practices with a full round of actual shooting at a 4-H approved official club range), per discipline, prior to the due date for the contest registration form to be eligible to shoot in the Jefferson County 4-H Shooting Sports contests. (Shotgun skeet and sporting clays contest requires that the participant **MUST** have attended a minimum of 1 full official 4-H club practice for each skeet and sporting clays **PRIOR** to the contest participation form due date. Attendance at skeet & sporting clays practice will count as 1 full practice for shotgun.)

Contest participants should have an understanding of how to safely shoot a full round of the discipline in which they sign up to compete.