



Summary of Rule Changes for 2023

2023 State Shoot registration:

- For Saturday, only register for a maximum of 4 squadded events.
- For Sunday, only register for a maximum of 3 squadded events.
- Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouettes are now squadded events.
- Air Rifle Silhouettes, Air Pistol Silhouettes, and Target Sprint are unsquadded events.

Highlights of changes for Archery

Spring Air

1. Hunting style Compound targets are changing to a 5-spot target. Here is the link to the one we will be using. <https://lancasterarchery.com/products/maple-leaf-5x40g-5-spot-vegas-face>
2. All distances for all categories will go from meters to yards.
3. Draw weight is increased to 60 lbs
4. All arrows should be labelled with an identifying mark so if shooters are sharing targets, they can determine whose arrows are whose. For youth who use club arrows, we will try to make sure two shooters with the exact same arrows do not shoot together.

State/District shoots

1. The category "Senior Bowhunter Compound" will be changed to "Senior Compound"
2. Senior Compound targets will be changed to a 5-spot target (see link above)
3. National Compound and National Recurve targets are unchanged from 2022.
4. All other categories will use the 80cm target (unchanged from 2022)
5. Scoring criteria for Achievement ribbons will be changing for some categories.
6. Competitors at State shoot will be able to shoot in two archery classes (space permitting).
7. All arrows should be labelled with an identifying mark so if shooters are sharing targets, they can determine whose arrows are whose. For youth who use club arrows, we will try to make sure two shooters with the exact same arrows do not shoot together.

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2023 State Shoot Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette:

- Smallbore rifle silhouette will use the NRA Silhouette Rifle Rules. All shooters, Jr and Sr, will shoot in the standing (unsupported) position.
- Smallbore rifle silhouette will be a squadded event.
- Minimum qualifying score to participate in smallbore rifle silhouette will be Jr 6/20 and Sr 9/20.
- (Qualifications can be shot on ½ scale targets at regulation distances with commands & timing; OR using the paper target ... NRA 50ft Rifle Silhouette Target TQ-14)

2023 State Shoot Air Rifle Silhouette:

- Air Rifle Silhouettes Jr and Sr will shoot in standing (unsupported) position.

2023 State Shoot BB:

- Youth may compete in the BB event if they are age 15 and younger on the day of the match (September 9, 2023).

2023 State Shoot Light Rifle:

- 3 Position Small-bore Light Rifle course of fire will be Prone, Standing, and Kneeling for BOTH Jr and Sr.
- 3 Position Small-bore Rifle minimum qualification score to participate is Jr 100/300 and Sr 150/300.

2023 State Shoot Shotgun: No changes from 2022.

2023 State Shoot Muzzleloader: No changes from 2022.

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2023 State Shoot Hunting and Outdoor Skills

The Hunting Test will be conducted at the club level during the week before the State Shoot. The written tests, Wildlife Identification slides, and answer sheets will be mailed to the coach of record shortly after the registration deadline. The test will be given to all of the club's competitors during one meeting. The answer sheet will be turned in to match staff during check-in, not later than 9 AM on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

The Hunting & Outdoor Skills list of study materials:

- Federal Cartridge Company Wildlife guides:
 - Big Game Booklet
 - Ducks, Geese, and Swan Booklet
 - Small Game and Furbearers Booklet
 - Upland Game Booklet
- "Hunting and Trapping in Virginia July 2022 to June 2023"
- Ladder Stand Safety
- Tree Stand Safety
- NRA "The Hunters Guide"

See www.va4hsec.com to download or for ordering information.

Each Hunting competitor will pre-register for their choice of two shooting events to be accomplished on Saturday. The competitor must select their two events from Archery (one archery event only), Light Rifle (3-Position Smallbore), Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes, and either Trap or Skeet but not both. All mandatory and optional events for Hunting and Outdoor Skills will be completed on Saturday for the 2023 State Shoot. Only register for 3 squadded shooting events on Saturday (Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette is now a squadded event).