

Dallas County Shooting Sports Club Guidelines

January 2012

Exclusive benefits of membership in Dallas 4-H Shooting Sports Club:

- A. Participation in Club-arranged training
- B. Enjoyment of range discounts (currently a discounted fee at Elm Fork);
- C. Inclusion in Club events

Requirements for membership:

- A. Have a valid and current registration in the Dallas County 4-H program;
- B. Request membership in the Dallas 4-H Shooting Sports club (open at no charge to all registered Dallas County 4-H members);
- C. Attend and be on time for no less than two (2) regular monthly meetings between September and December (fall session), and two (2) between January and June (spring session).
- D. Have completed a safety training program and have safety form signed off by the Shooting Sports club manager. For experienced shooters a training waiver may be approved and signed off in lieu of the safety training program.

Safety training

- A. No Dallas 4-H member or guest may discharge a firearm at a 4-h event until he or she has successfully completed an approved course of firearms safety training;
- B. At each practice, a member selected on a rotating basis will give a safety briefing to all shooters.

Practice sessions:

The location of practice sessions is Elm Fork Shooting Sports. Practice days and times vary, but in general are held on Saturday mornings at 8:45 during the colder months, and on Thursday nights at 6:30 when the days are long enough for safe light on the fields. We sometimes also have informal Saturday morning practices year-round. The following equipment and safety gear is required without exception by Elm Fork and by 4-H:

- A. Eye and ear protection,
- B. Clean safe shotgun,
- C. Shooting vest or side pouch,
- D. Closed toe shoes, At least 2 boxes of ammunition with a shot size **no larger than 7 ½** (remember that sizes get smaller as the numbers get larger, so #6 shot is

LARGER than #7 shot, and #8 shot is SMALLER than #7 shot. You must use #7 ½, #8, or #9)

Community service:

Community service is a very important part of the 4H development program. We highly encourage all our members to participate in community service. Shooting sports offers opportunities such as assisting in charity events such as the **Exodus event (Jody Dean)** as well as the Buchner Clay Shoot – both being held this spring. Dallas County 4H also offers a variety of other community service activities. Each Spring and Fall the club will establish the target amount of community service hours for the Shooting Sports club program.

Participation in shooting events and tournaments:

The following guidelines help to ensure that our 4-H members have the necessary knowledge and skill to safely and enjoyably participate in shotgun events:

- A. Each shooter who wishes to participate in a shooting event **MUST** have been thoroughly informed about that event so as to understand the process, the rules and proper conduct and have completed no less than three (3) rounds of that event in practice sessions. So, for example, a Dallas 4-H shooter wishing to sign up for the skeet competition in a local or regional tournament must demonstrate understanding of the game of skeet and have shot at least three (3) practice rounds of skeet.
- B. In order to participate in the 4H state event each shooter is to have completed 2 4H invitational events.
- C. 4H clubs outside of Dallas County are welcome to participate in Dallas County 4H weekly and monthly events. Those attending must adhere to the Safety Training guidelines and must check in with the Shooting Sports Club Manager or a representative there of.