

Person County 4-H Shooting Sports Club Constitution and Bylaws

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be **Youth on Target**

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the shooting sports club is to provide a learning environment for the development of knowledge and life skills in the disciplines of archery, shotgun, small bore rifle, small bore pistol, muzzleloaders, air rifle, air pistol, and orienteering. Youth gain self-discipline, focus, and confidence through individual and/or team opportunities while concurrently developing group leadership skills.

Article III. Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to North Carolina youth who are at least 9 years of age and who have not reached the age of 19 as of January 1 of the current year.

Section 2: New members must be enrolled annually through NC 4-H Online and be approved as active. All members must re-enroll annually.

Section 3: Youth members must have completed a hunter safety course and have a certificate of completion on file with the club.

Section 4: Visitors are welcome by invitation.

Section 5: Youth participating in 4-H shooting sports must follow all the provisions of The Youth Safety Handgun Act; which includes .22LR pistols. In the club, youth 14 years old and older are allowed to possess and use a pistol for target shooting while under the supervision of qualified coaches. Youth under 14 years old are not allowed to participate in Small Bore Pistol. While participating in 4-H Small Bore Pistol instruction or in matches, the youth participant must have a "prior written consent of the youth's parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, or local law from possessing a firearm." This written permission must be in the youth's possession or kept with the range binder.

Article IV: Officers and Elections

Section 1: The officers of the club shall include a president, vice-president, and secretary.

Section 2: Officers shall be elected annually. Officers shall serve a term for one year, whenever installation is held, and shall not be eligible for the same office the following year. Any person appointed to fill an unexpired term may be eligible for the same office the following year.

Section 3: Officers of the club shall constitute an executive committee.

Section 4: Any officer position that becomes vacant shall be filled by someone appointed by the executive committee.

Article V: Removal of an Officer

Section 1: If for any reason, such as change of residence, illness, or if an officer is not fulfilling his/her duty he/she may be removed from office if it is in agreement with 2/3 of the majority of the Youth on Target 4-H club members present.

Section 2: After the said removal procedure has been completed a committee shall be formed by the remaining officers, and if necessary their advisors and several appointed members. This committee shall appoint someone to promptly fulfill the office.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Meetings will be held the first and third Sundays of each month.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the club leader or executive committee.

Section 3: Seasonal breaks from club meetings may be scheduled in winter and/or summer.

Section 4: A Parent/Guardian must be in attendance with each youth member during range use.

Article VII: Procedures

The following order will be followed at regular club business meetings:

1. Attendance sign in
2. Call to order/agenda
3. Plèdge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge
4. Review minutes
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

An educational program, range time may be included before or after the meeting.

Article VIII: Amendment of Bylaws

These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of the club members present.

Article IX: Club Disbandment

Upon the disbandment of the club, all real property, money, and equipment shall become the property of the Person County 4-H Program for care and disposition. This applies to all inventory and assets acquired by and/or owned by this club. The last official duty of the club's organizer

shall be to affect the transfer of club property and to turn over club records to the county Extension Agent.

Article X: Range Safety

Section 1: Safety must be the number one priority of range coaches, participants, and spectators. Standard accepted safety rules will be followed at all times. Unsafe behavior is grounds for immediate dismissal.

Section 2: Eye and ear protection is required for all firearm disciplines. All shooters and other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line, including coaches, and spectators must wear adequate eye protection (glasses or goggles) and ear protection. The equipment must protect both eyes. Eye protection only is required for air disciplines and is strongly recommended but not required for archery.

Section 3: No smoking is permitted on or near the firing lines or in any situation where the smoke constitutes interference to shooters. Smoking by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted on the grounds at any time.

Section 4: No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on the grounds during range meetings/use.

Section 5: Dress Code-youth and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest.

- shorts, skorts, and skirts must be finger tip length, with arms extended and shoulders relaxed, while standing, so that modesty is maintained in all shooting positions
- tank tops with spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, low necklines, or otherwise revealing clothing will not be allowed
- clothing with sexually suggestive wording or graphics; and alcohol or tobacco advertisement is not appropriate

Section 6: Archery Specifics

- Arrow tips must extend 1" (from the point of the tip) in front of the bow riser
- All archers use use gloves, tables, or releases
- All archers must wear arm guards

By-laws relating to general items are as follows:

Youth on Target meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the Person County Sheriff's Range.

Visitors may not vote, but may participate in any discussion.

Club members will nominate the officers.

Secret ballot shall be used for determining officers.