

NC 4-H Shooting Sports Member, Volunteer, and Parental Consent Hard Copy Form

4-H Program Year _____ Member/Volunteer Enrollment County _____

Participant/Volunteer Name _____

Birth Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (if Participant is under the age of 18)

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

I have enrolled in 4-HOnline as (*mark & circle*)

- _____ New Member/ Volunteer
- _____ Returning Member/ Volunteer
 - _____ Participant/ Volunteer: Yes, I understand that I am required to select the appropriate “4-H Project(s)” in 4-HOnline (Archery, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun) that fit my area(s) of interest and complete the online supplemental Shooting/Target Sports Authorizations for the identified project areas.
 - _____ Participant/Volunteer: Yes, I understand that my profile in 4-HOnline must be both “Active and Approved” for the current 4-H Program year in order to participate in any club, county, district, state or national 4-H Shooting/Target Sports Programs, Events and/or Competitions.
 - _____ VOLUNTEERS ONLY: Yes, I understand that all 4-H Shooting/Target Sports Volunteers are required to enroll as a Level 1 Volunteer (**Screened Volunteer*). Only approved 4-H Level 1 volunteers are allowed to work with 4-H Shooting/Target Sports Clubs/Programs/Events. **Background screenings are conducted once every three years.*

I have enrolled in the following project area(s) as a _____ Participant _____ Volunteer

_____ Archery _____ Muzzleloader _____ Pistol _____ Rifle _____ Shotgun

**A “Hard Copy” of this form should be kept on-site during live-fire club programming and/or local, district, state and national events/competitions.*

NORTH CAROLINA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM

I understand and acknowledge that both federal and state law restrict the use and possession of guns by minors and require that minors have permission for use and possession. See 18 U.S.C. § 922(x) (Youth Safety Handgun Act as included in the Gun Control Act of 1968 restricts the use and possession of handguns by youth under 18 years of age and requires prior written consent for possession and use); see also N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-316 (requiring permission for possession, use, or custody of any gun, pistol, or other dangerous firearm by a child under the age of 12). All persons involved with the NC 4-H Shooting Sports Program (the "Program") must, at all times, follow all provisions of applicable law.

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Minor named below ("Minor"). I further understand and acknowledge that the Program requires annual completion of written consent to the Minor's participation by the Minor's parent or legal guardian who is not prohibited by federal, state, or local law from possessing a firearm. **This written consent must be in possession of the Minor at all times during participation and must be on file with the club's approved and certified 4-H Shooting Sports leader – even if a parent/guardian is present.** A copy of the written consent is also required to be kept by the county program and uploaded into 4-HOnline.

In accordance with federal and state law, my signature below constitutes my written consent for the Minor to participate in the Program and to use and possess a handgun or other gun, pistol, or other dangerous firearm as part of the Program. By signing below, I certify that I am not prohibited by federal, state, or local law from possessing a firearm.

Further, I affirm and acknowledge that the Minor is participating in the Program for their own personal benefit. I understand that the Minor will participate in shooting sports educational programs and other activities as part of the Program, and that such activities have inherent dangers and physical risks. I understand and acknowledge that the inherent dangers and physical risks involved in these program activities are such that no amount of care, caution, instruction, or expertise can eliminate them. Dangers and risks include, but are not limited to, partial or total loss of eyesight or hearing, lacerations, other personal injuries, and/or even death that could result from being shot, tripping, falling, contact with other individuals, and equipment failure, among other causes; exposure to contagious diseases such as COVID-19; and accidents while using firearms.

I represent that the Minor is in proper physical and other condition to participate in the Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to determine whether the Minor is sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Program, and, if necessary, I will consult with a physician for appropriate guidance. I further acknowledge that I am solely responsible for any hospital or other costs arising out of any bodily injury or medical condition sustained through the Minor's participation in the Program and that I am solely responsible for maintaining adequate health and accident insurance coverage for such costs. I hereby consent to the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program providing basic first aid treatment to the Minor and seeking emergency medical treatment for the Minor.

I voluntarily assume responsibility for all known and unknown risks related to the Minor's participation in the Program, and I voluntarily authorize the Minor's participation in reliance upon my judgment and knowledge of the Minor's experience and capabilities.

I have read and fully understand the above statement of risks, hazards, and stresses to which the Minor will be exposed by participating in the Program. In consideration for the opportunity for the Minor to participate in the Program, on behalf of myself and the Minor, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless NC Cooperative Extension, NC State University, NC A&T State University, the NC 4-H Youth Development Program, and their trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Released Parties") from any liability, losses, costs, damages, claims or causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising from, resulting from, or relating in any way to participation in the Program. I covenant and agree not to commence, aid in any way, prosecute or cause or permit to be commenced or prosecuted against the Released Parties any action or other proceeding, including, without limitation, arbitration or other alternative dispute resolution procedure, based upon any claim, demand, cause of action, obligation, damage, or liability that is the subject of this agreement. The terms hereof shall serve as a release, indemnification, assumption of risk, and covenant not to sue for the Minor's heirs, executors, administrators, and all members of the Minor's family. I further agree that if, despite agreement to the provisions of this document, anyone makes a claim against the Released Parties related to the Minor's participation in the Program, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Released Parties from any liabilities which may be incurred as a result of such claim.

NC 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Conduct

The primary goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community, and sound character. All persons (Adult Volunteers, Coaches, Parents, 4-Hers, and others) involved with the NC 4-H Shooting Sports Program are bound by the policies and procedures of the NC 4-H Youth Development Program and NC State University and by local, state, and national laws.

As a 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer/Participant/Parent/Guardian, I will:

- Accept the inherent risks and dangers of participating in a shooting sports program.
- Enroll annually in 4-HOnline and complete required training and screening procedures, if applicable.
- Treat all people and property with respect.
- Keep informed about 4-H program policies and projects and read materials about shooting sports programs.
- Teach and foster teamwork.
- Make all reasonable efforts to ensure equal participation access for all youth and adults.
- Obey laws, program policies, and procedures as an obligation of being a good citizen.
- Accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care of other youth and adults, the program facilities, and/or equipment.
- Demonstrate the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- Attend required training, instructional sessions, workshops, etc., and if I miss a required component, make it up before participating in live fire events.
- Allow screened adults and 4-H staff to position participants to teach proper stance positioning during participation and/or to correct how equipment is being held, whether during active participation or if safety issues arise.
- Take action in an emergency, report all incidents via the NC 4-H/ NC State Youth Programs & Compliance Incident Report Form.
- Grant permission for adults onsite to take necessary first aid or medical action.
- Assume financial responsibility for any expense that may be incurred from any potential accident to myself or my minor child.
- Use eye protection; prescription/safety glasses are required when on or near the firing line.

- Use ear protection; ear protection is required for all guns (.22 or larger) and shotguns.
- Handle guns as though they are loaded, regardless of the situation.
- Not participate in horseplay of any kind.
- Abide by all North Carolina 4-H rules, policies, procedures, and codes of conduct.

Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct and/or North Carolina 4-H rules, policies, and procedures may result in: Financial responsibility for damages * Dismissal from an event at own expense. * Dismissal from an event at own expense * Dismissal from the NC 4-H Program * Other appropriate disciplinary action

I understand that the Minor is required to be familiar with and abide by the Program's rules and regulations, including but not limited to the **4-H Code of Conduct, NC 4-H Shooting Sports Code of Conduct**, and any safety regulations established for the benefit of all participants. I accept responsibility for the conduct and actions of the Minor while participating in the Program.

I have read all of this agreement, have had the opportunity to ask any questions that I may have, acknowledge that this is a legal document binding on me and my heirs and assigns, acknowledge that I am 18 years old or older, and acknowledge that I have full capacity to enter into his agreement and do so voluntarily.

My electronic consent/signature on this document shall carry the same force as a physical signature.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name & Signature _____

Date _____

Participant Printed Name & Signature _____

Date _____

N.C. Cooperative Extension prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex (including pregnancy), disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, political affiliation, and veteran status.

OPTIONAL: 4-H Shooting/Target Sports Clubs have the option to require youth participants to be accompanied by a parent or guardian or, at the discretion of the Club, another adult chaperone (for whom prior written consent has been provided and who is not Extension staff or actively leading programs) at meetings and activities. **Club leaders should work directly with their 4-H Agent to implement this club option.*

Optional 4-H Shooting Sports Club/Group Parental Release

Parental involvement and attendance are requirements for youth to participate in a 4-H shooting sports club/group training, activities, and events. As outlined in the *NC 4-H Shooting Sports Policies and Procedures*, “Minor participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or, at the discretion of the Club, another adult chaperone (for whom prior written parental consent has been provided) at meetings and activities.”

NC 4-H understands that it may not always be possible for a participant's parent/guardian to attend club/group meetings, activities, events, etc. At the discretion of the below-named 4-H Shooting Sports Club/Group, the adult leader of record may allow the individual(s) identified below to serve as a chaperone for youth without an onsite parent/guardian.

I, _____ am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (the “Minor”). I understand and acknowledge that to participate in North Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports Programs, an adult must chaperone the Minor.

As such, I grant permission for the Minor to participate in club/group programs in my absence while being chaperoned by _____.

I understand and have discussed with the Minor that the Minor is expected to follow all applicable program rules, policies, procedures and laws regarding shooting sports; is expected to follow the directions provided by the chaperone, staff, and/or volunteers related to programming; and is expected to respect the chaperone, staff, volunteers and club/group participants.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name & Signature _____
Date _____

Participant Printed Name & Signature _____
Date _____

Name 4-H Shooting Sports Club/Group: _____

I, _____, agree to serve as the noncustodial chaperone for the Minor in the absence of the Minor’s parent/guardian at club/group programs. I attest that I have an NC 4-H Shooting Sports Member, Volunteer, Parental Code of Conduct and Authorization, and a North Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports Consent Form on record. I willingly accept this responsibility and assume all risks involved in serving as a chaperone.

Non-Custodial Chaperone Printed Name & Signature _____

Date _____

****Forms will only be accepted if all signatures are in place.****