



**2026 MARYLAND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
STATE 4-H SHOTGUN MATCH**
Saturday, October 17, 2026
Glen Dale, MD

Match Location: Prince Georges County Trap and Skeet Center
10400 Goodluck Road, Glen Dale, MD 20768

Match Times: 8:30 am - Participants Arrive
8:45 am - Check In and Gun Check
9:10 am - Safety Briefing
9:45 am - Shooting Begins
Awards ceremony at the conclusion of the event

Age Divisions: *Age divisions are based on the 4-Her's age on January 1, 2026 (4-H age):*

Junior: 8 - 10

Intermediate: 11 - 13

Senior: 14 - 18

Coaches: Each 4-H county/city program must register at least one adult Coach in the 4-H Online System. Coaches must be certified UME 4-H Volunteers and certified Shooting Sports Instructors.

Eligibility: The event is open to Maryland 4-H Youth 4-H ages 8 to 18 (age as of 01/01/26), who are currently enrolled and actively participating prior to **September 1, 2026**, in a 4-H Instructed Shotgun Club or 4-H Shotgun Program being conducted by a 4-H Certified Shotgun Instructor. Each participant will require approval at the county and state levels.

Registration & Fees: All youth participants and adult volunteer coaches must register for this event via 4-H Online. Registration closes at 11:59 pm on Friday, October 2, 2026. Fees are based on age category:

Juniors: \$20

Intermediates: \$35

Seniors: \$45

Registration fees cover course targets, insurance and event supplies.

The registration fee is payable by credit card through 4-H Online or may be paid by the county/city 4-H program. Local 4-H programs should instruct youth participants what payment method to choose when registering.

Accommodation: Participants who need special assistance/exception for participation in this contest may request accommodation. Indicate the requested accommodation when registering for the event in 4-H Online.

Lunch: **LUNCH WILL NOT be provided.** A potluck lunch sign-up will be emailed to registered participants closer to the event. This is an optional sign-up. If you don't plan to participate in the potluck, please bring your own lunch. There will not be time to leave the contest to get lunch.

Awards: Awards will be presented at the end of the day (time will vary based on the number of participants).

Pending funding and approvals, and potential team members, we would like to send a State 4-H Shotgun Senior Team to represent Maryland at the National 4-H Shoot scheduled for the Summer of 2027 in Grand Island, Nebraska. As with all National 4-H events, a 4-H member can only participate one time in a particular National event.

Match Rules: Participants will be assigned to squads for various events. **No release triggers permitted.** Practice rounds are not included in the registration fee. Each participant is responsible for the cost of practice rounds. No reloaded ammunition permitted.

Standard Rules for All Events

Equipment: Any shotgun, 12 gauge or smaller, firing a shot charge not to exceed 1 1/8 ounces with a shot no larger than US 7 1/2 fine or smaller than US 9 fine at velocities between 1100 and 1290 feet per second.

Ammunition: Participants must provide their own ammunition (minimum 150 shells Sr./ 100 shells Int./ 50 shells Jr.) Shot size 7 1/2 – 9; max load 1 1/8 oz; Max powder charge (1 1/8 oz = 3 dram eq./ 1 oz. = 3 1/4 dram eq.) **No Reloaded ammunition permitted.**

Safety Attire: Any participant while on the shooting line or shooting course will be required to wear shoes that completely cover their feet.

Eye and ear protection required. No shotgun release triggers.

Time Limit: Shooters must fire in an expeditious manner, avoid unnecessary delays, and be prepared to report to the field 20–30 minutes before their scheduled start time.

SKEET Junior, Intermediate and Senior Age 4-H Members

Event: Standard NSSA (American) skeet.

Course of Fire: Jr & Int.-1 round (25 targets), Sr. – 2 rounds (25 each), consisting of singles and doubles from stations 1, 2, 6, and 7 and singles from stations 3, 4, 5, and 8.

Scoring Ties: Ties will be broken by either long runs or shoot-offs at the discretion of the event management. If shoot-offs - Doubles from stations 3, 4, and 5, miss the station.

NGB Rules: National Skeet Shooting Association - NSSA

TRAP Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Age 4-H members

Event: Standard ATA (American) trap

Course of Fire: Jr & Int.-1 round (25 targets) Sr. – 2 rounds (25 each), consisting of five targets from each of five shooting stations at 16 yards.

Scoring Ties: Ties will be broken by either long runs or shoot-offs at the discretion of the event management. If shoot-offs -Five targets from stations 1 and 5 from the 21-yard line. Management may increase the distance to 27 yards if required to break ties.

NGB Rules: American Trap Association-ATA

SPORTING CLAYS –Intermediate & Sr. Age 4-H members

Any sporting clays course as set by the management. The sporting clays course of fire is flexible- depending upon the capabilities of the facility. A minimum of 50 sporting clays targets are required.

Event: 50-target clays event

Course of Fire: a walk-through course

Scoring Ties: Ties will be broken by either long runs or shoot-offs at the discretion of the event management. If shoot-offs -5 pairs as arranged by the shoot management.

Equipment: Choke tubes may be changed between stations only.

NGB Rules: National Sporting Clays Association – NSCA

At the county level, 4-H Educators will work with Shooting Sports instructors for approval. **Instructors must be certain that youth participants understand the shotgun games they will shoot before they come to the state match and that the youth can safely participate. State matches are not the day to be teaching youth the basics of trap, skeet, or sporting clays.**

Senior-aged 4-H members who previously represented Maryland 4-H at the National 4-H Shotgun Contest may participate in this match, but are not eligible for awards. Former Maryland 4-H Shotgun Team members must meet the same enrollment eligibility requirements as all other contestants.

Matches: Course Includes:

Age Division	Trap	Skeet	Sporting Clays
Junior (8 - 10)	25 Targets (1 round)	25 Targets (1 round)	None
Intermediate (11 - 13)	25 Targets (1 round)	25 Targets (1 round)	50 Targets
Senior (14 - 18)	50 Targets (2 rounds)	50 Targets (2 rounds)	50 Targets
Sr. Previous Nat. Participants	50 Targets (2 rounds)	50 Targets (2 rounds)	50 Targets

DIRECTIONS TO STATE 4-H SHOTGUN CONTEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

Arrive by 8:30 am – Check-In begins at 8:45 am – Matches begin at 9:45 am

Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center
10400 Goodluck Road
Glen Dale, MD 20768

From Interstate 95, take Route 450 east until you come to Route 193, Greenbelt Road. Take a left on Greenbelt Road and at the fourth light, take a right onto Goodluck Road. Follow approximately one-half mile to the Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center on your left.

From the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, take the exit at Route 193, Greenbelt Road. Follow Greenbelt Road East until you come to Goodluck Road. Turn left and look for the Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center on the left, approximately one-half mile.

Park in the LOWER (second lot you come to) lot near the pavilion

