Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports
Live Fire Range Policy

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports along with Michigan State University Extension strives to provide a quality shooting sports experience for youth while maintaining the highest standards for safety. All 4-H shooting sports clubs need to comply with the following policy for their 4-H clubs while engaged in live fire activities.

1. A certified shooting sports instructor for that discipline must be present at all live fire activities.
2. Refer to the Michigan State 4-H Shooting Sports Program Safety Practices and Policy document for appropriate safety equipment. Prior to starting any 4-H activities within an indoor range, please refer to the same document for additional information that needs to be considered regarding non-4-H activities that may be occurring at that range.
3. First priority and preference shall be given to securing an existing shooting range that is designed, built and maintained for the sole purpose of shooting. This applies to both outdoor and indoor shooting ranges. A written agreement is encouraged between the parties outlining the terms of use.
4. New shooting ranges may be constructed for shooting provided they are designed, built and maintained for shooting and all measures have been taken to provide a safe and protective setting for participants, instructors, spectators and the surrounding property owners.
5. All Shooting Range specifications should comply with the information provided during your certification training. Appropriate backstops must be utilized. Access to all areas of the range must be controlled at all times. Smallbore and Muzzleloading ranges will require an adequate backstop beyond the targets. Shotgun ranges need a minimum 700 feet shot drop zone. See addendums for backstop information.
6. Ranges may be established on private property with permission of the property owner. The above standards must be followed before a range is deemed acceptable for use.
7. All policies previously established by Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports shall be strictly followed including but not limited to equipment use, safety procedures, live fire and adult supervision ratio.
8. A risk management plan is required to be adopted and on premise during any shooting sports activity.

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