

## **4-H Shooting Sports National Championships Qualification Wisconsin Requirements for State 4-H Shooting Sports Team**

Team members are selected annually through competitive shoots offered to 4-H members across the state. Members who meet the criteria for eligibility earn their place on the team by recording the highest scoring percentage in a discipline. Members who qualify but forfeit their National trip allow the next highest scoring individual to move up. Teams shall be comprised of no more than four individuals. Team selection is determined in the fall after all state competitions have completed. Qualifiers who are age eligible will receive a letter of invitation in December or January which explains the application process for the National Shoot.

### **Requirements:**

1. Participants in the state qualification shoots and those representing Wisconsin 4-H at the 4-H National Championships shall be members in good standing currently enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports in their county.
2. The following are qualification disciplines which represent each team: Archery (Compound), Archery (Recurve), Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Smallbore .22 Rifle, Smallbore .22 Pistol and Hunting Skills.
3. Discipline qualifiers must participate in the Wildlife/Ecology contest at each shoot where they are qualifying.
4. Participants in intermediate archery (compound and recurve) who want their scores to be considered for Nationals (who will be age eligible for Nationals) must compete in the senior division (shoot the senior distance) for their scores to be considered for Nationals. All intermediates in gun disciplines (age eligible for Nationals) will be considered for Nationals providing they have the scores required for each discipline.
5. Age for Nationals qualification: Participants must have passed their 14th birthday and not have passed their 19th birthday by January 1st of the year of the Nationals. Since qualifying takes place the year before Nationals, participants must have passed their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and not passed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year when earning qualifying scores.
6. The minimum number of scores for each discipline are listed on the following document below.
7. Multiple qualification scores may be earned at a single event but only the highest score(s) are used.
8. Multiple scores (.22, Air Pistol, Archery, etc.) may be earned at one event but only one score per discipline event is permitted. Archery scores may be earned in target, animal and FITA at the same competition. (Archery Compound and Archery Recurve will be scored separately for qualifying.) Rifle and Pistol scores may be earned in target and silhouette at the same competition.
9. Participants who qualify for Nationals are only eligible to attend Nationals the year following their qualification.
10. Once you attend Nationals, you are no longer permitted to repeat in the same discipline. However, Archery Compound and Archery Recurve are different disciplines with different teams, allowing you to qualify for a different Archery team. Any Wisconsin National Team member may continue to compete in Wisconsin's 4-H Statewide competitions after attending a Nationals competition.
11. Participants are allowed to represent only one discipline team each year.
12. Requirements not covered here will follow the 4-H National Championships General Rules located at [www.4-hshootingsports.org](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org). The number of required scores listed on the "National Qualification Events (NQE) – Wisconsin Requirements" document was established according to the current number of statewide 4-H competitive shoots in which an individual could attempt to qualify for the 4-H National Shoot. Should the number of events be reduced for any given year, the number of required scores for qualification in that event may also be reduced. The maximum number of required scores will not exceed three for any event. If two events are offered then one score is needed. If only one event is offered, no score may be required in that event. Events defined: skeet and trap are two different events in the shotgun discipline; FITA, 3D, field and target are four different events in the compound and recurve archery disciplines; silhouette and target are two different events in the smallbore rifle and air rifle disciplines.

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## National Qualifying Event (NQE) – Wisconsin Requirements

Listed below are the current minimum number of scores needed to qualify in a discipline for the National 4-H Championships and the Wisconsin competitive shoots where you can earn qualifying scores. This list is subject to change at any time. Be aware that this list may or may not be updated in a timely fashion as those changes occur. The required minimum numbers may go up as shoots/events are added or may go down as shoots/events are removed. If you earn more than the minimum number of scores in a discipline, your highest scores will be used. You can earn multiple qualifying scores per shoot but only one qualifying score per discipline event. For example, if you shoot three archery target events at a shoot, only the highest target score will count as the qualifying target score at that shoot. However, you can earn qualifying target, animal and FITA scores at the same shoot along with shotgun, air rifle or other scores. **National Age Requirement:** Participants must have passed their 13th birthday and may not have passed their 18th birthday by January 1 of the year of qualifying for the National 4-H Championships held the year following qualification.

The statewide events listed below are a general listing of shoots scheduled annually. Please check the current year schedule of Competitive Shoots at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/> as it may differ from below. That link will provide a complete list of scheduled shoots offering National 4-H NQE opportunities for the given year. Should the number of events be reduced or added due to an event cancellation or addition, the number of required shoots for qualification may also change as noted above. The maximum number of required NQE scores will not exceed three (3) for any one discipline event. If only one event is offered in a discipline, no scores may be required for that event (example: Field score in archery, Skeet and 5 Stand in shotgun).

*Following is the method for determining the number of scores required to qualify for nationals: 1 shoot offers event = 0 or 1 score required; 2-3 shoots offers event = 1 score required; 4-5 shoots offers event = 2 scores required, 6+ shoots offers event = 3 scores required. All events require participation in wildlife events for score to qualify. Event examples include target, animal, FITA, field, silhouette, trap, skeet, 5 stand and wildlife.*

### ARCHERY COMPOUND

3 – Target Scores  
3 – Animal Scores  
1 – FITA Score  
0 – Field Score

Qualifying Shoots/Events:

Target  
Winter Invite (Marshfield-March)  
Tri-County (West Bend-April)  
Lafayette Co (Belmont-April)  
Eau Claire Co (Mondovi-April)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-May)  
Pierce Co (River Falls-June)

Animal  
Lafayette Co (Belmont-April)  
Eau Claire Co (Mondovi-April)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-May)  
Brown Co (De Pere-June)  
Triple Crown (Marshfield-July)  
Dodge County (Horicon-July)

FITA  
Triple Crown (Marshfield-July)  
Dodge County (Horicon-July)

Field Round  
Dodge County (Horicon-July)

### HUNTING SKILLS

3 – Wildlife Scores  
1 – Archery Animal Score  
1 – .22 Silhouette Score  
1 – Shotgun Score

### ARCHERY RECURVE

3 – Target Scores  
3 – Animal Scores  
1 – FITA Score  
0 – Field Score

Qualifying Shoots/Events:

Target  
Winter Invite (Marshfield-March)  
Tri-County (West Bend-April)  
Lafayette Co (Belmont-April)  
Eau Claire Co (Mondovi-April)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-May)  
Pierce Co (River Falls-June)

Animal  
Lafayette Co (Belmont-April)  
Eau Claire Co (Mondovi-April)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-May)  
Brown Co (De Pere-June)  
Triple Crown (Marshfield-July)  
Dodge County (Horicon-July)

FITA  
Triple Crown (Marshfield-July)  
Dodge County (Horicon-July)

Field Round  
Dodge County (Horicon-July)

### MUZZLELOADER

2 – Scores  
Qualifying Shoots:  
Shawano Co (Shawano-July)  
Kettle Moraine (Saukville-May)  
Pierce Co (River Falls-June)  
Chippewa Co (Bloomer-Sept)

### AIR RIFLE

3 – Target Scores  
1 – Silhouette Scores

Qualifying Shoots/Events:

3-Position  
Winter Invite (Marshfield-March)  
NRA/Jr Olympics (Chippewa Falls-April)\*  
Tri-County (West Bend-April)  
Eau Claire Co (Mondovi-April)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-May)  
Brown Co (De Pere-June)  
Pierce Co (River Falls-June)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-July)  
Triple Crown (Marshfield-July)

Silhouette  
Eau Claire Co (Mondovi-April)  
Brown Co (De Pere-June)  
Triple Crown (Marshfield-July)

### .22 RIFLE

2 – Target Scores  
1 – Silhouette Score

Qualifying Shoots/Events:

Target  
Winter Invite (Marshfield-March)  
Kettle Moraine (Saukville-May)  
Brown Co (De Pere, June)  
Pierce Co (River Falls-June)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-July)

Silhouette  
Kettle Moraine (Saukville-May)  
Brown Co (De Pere-June)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-July)

### AIR PISTOL

(one-handed only)  
2 – Scores

Qualifying Shoots:

Winter Invite (Marshfield-March)  
Eau Claire Co (Mondovi-April)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-May)  
Pierce Co (River Falls-June)  
Triple Crown (Marshfield-July)

### SHOTGUN

2 – Trap Scores  
0 – Skeet Score  
0 – 5 Stand Score

Qualifying Shoots/Events:

Trap  
Kettle Moraine (Saukville- May)  
Brown Co (De Pere-May)  
Pierce Co (River Falls-June)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-July)  
Summer Blast (Marshfield-July)

Skeet  
Summer Blast (Marshfield-July)

5 Stand  
Summer Blast (Marshfield-July)

### .22 PISTOL

(one-handed only)  
1 – Scores

Qualifying Shoots:

Winter Invite (Marshfield-March)  
Pierce Co (River Falls-June)  
Shawano Co (Shawano-July)

\*If two shoots are the same days, at the same location, and have one wildlife test, only ONE SCORE (highest) will be recorded for NQE for National 4-H Competition.