

New Mexico State 4-H “Alternative” Shooting Sports Championships Rules

Due to Covid 19 and current NM Department of Health orders and New Mexico State University directives, an alternative to our State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships will be offered to our 4-H Senior members for a state competition and qualify teams for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships if they happen. All 4-H activities will follow all regulations and restrictions for their specific county dealing with Covid safe practices and will be adhered to without alterations. Teams will complete the course of fire exactly as it is stated in these rules in their home county qualifier and will submit targets or scores depending on the discipline to the State 4-H Office by May 3, 2021. In the event that we can gather in groups of 20 or less, in a specified location, we will take the top four (4) teams in each discipline this summer to determine the top teams and determine final team placings. If current health restrictions prevent us from being face to face, all mail in scores will be used for team and individual awards as well as determination of national teams. All individual awards will be taken from scores sent in and not at the “finals” to allow all participants to be eligible.

General Rules:

- Counties are limited to two teams (3 or 4 individuals) per discipline.
- Youth may participate and submit scores in up to two disciplines only.
- There will be a \$10.00 per contestant/discipline entry fee for the contest. This fee will cover postage, targets, awards and costs of putting on the “alternative” contest.
- Teams will shoot the specified course of fire in their **home county qualifier** and targets or scores will be submitted to the State 4-H Office by May 3rd by the County 4-H Agent.
- Teams will send in Orion targets for smallbore rifle, air rifle and air pistol. Muzzleloading and smallbore pistol will send in targets. Archery and Shotgun will send in the official scorecard. All targets and scorecards will be provided by the State 4-H Office and all targets are due in the State 4-H Office by **May 3rd**.
- Contestants participating in the Hunting discipline will take an on-line exam. Once registration is done, counties with hunting teams will receive information and instructions on steps to complete the contest on Canvas. The contest should be open April 19th-30th unless otherwise noted.
- County Agents will witness all competitions and sign off that all rules and regulations were followed in the conduct of the contest.
- All paper targets and scorecards can be obtained through the State 4-H Office.
- Entries must be approved and verified that youth are enrolled in the project by the County Extension Agent responsible for 4-H.

- Youth may participate in the same discipline in which they have participated in any previous 4-H National Invitational, but they are not eligible to go back to National Contest in that event as per national rules.
- By entry in these events, the County Extension Agent is verifying that the youth entered are knowledgeable and proficient in the safe use of the equipment and the fundamentals of the event. Range officials may dismiss or disqualify a participant if he/she believes the participant does not demonstrate the basic proficiency and knowledge required.
- By entry in these events, the County Extension Agent is verifying that the youth entered are representatives of their respective counties and have met those counties guidelines for qualifying to shoot in the state contest.
- No changes to team roster will be allowed unless by the County Extension Agent.
- The rules for the state contest can be found on the following website: <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/state--national-events.html#anchor33708>
- There will not be any ammunition provided for this contest.
- All participants must be senior age 4-H members as of January 1, of the current year. (Senior: Ages 14-18. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 14th birthday **or** be 13 years old and in the 8th grade but cannot have passed his/her 19th birthday by January 1 of the current 4-H program year.)
- Youth that are not 14 as of January 1, of the current year are **not** eligible for National Competition.
- **Link to NRA Rulebooks:** <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp>
- **Cell phones will not be allowed on the ranges for any reason.**
- No military or assault type firearms will be **allowed at the State 4-H Rifle Shooting Contest. This is due to safety and the image of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program.**
- **(Examples below of what is not allowed)**



Shooting Sports Schedule

April 1-15, 2021

Registration Open

Monday, May 3, 2021

All Scores due in State 4-H Office

Monday, May 10, 2021 (if not before)

Scores are tallied and top four teams are notified as to eligibility at the State Finals at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM.

Date and Location to be Determined as State and University Health Orders Allow

8:00 am	Top four qualifying teams in each discipline report to assigned ranges at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM and register with the Range Officers and begin the first event as determined by the Range Officer.
1:00 pm	Second event begins
6:00 pm	Awards ceremony by discipline

ARCHERY MATCH EVENT

Under the alternate State Shoot format FITA will be the only event

- Recurve
- Compound

Recurve and compound archery are different competitions with different teams BUT will shoot the same event. Even though the two governing bodies for the two events have slightly different requirements or restrictions-for the sake of simplification- this 4-H match will use one standard for equipment – for all events. Procedural rules, course of fire, scoring, etc. will follow the NGB unless otherwise noted.

Match Equipment Standard:

	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
RECURVE ~ Longbows & Recurve Bows	One adjustable sight pin or multiple hunting style sight pins may be used; clicker and kissers permitted; Participants may have as many sight pins as deemed necessary; Torque compensators are permitted. 60 lb. maximum draw weight.	String peeps and mechanical release aids. Glass of any type in sight.
COMPOUND	Release aids, String peeps, optical sights, spirit levels; 60 lb. maximum draw weight. Multiple pin sights allowed.	Overdraws may not place the arrow rest further than 6 cm from the pivot point of the bow.
ARROWS for both disciplines	Must meet AMO minimum weight standard; 5 grains arrow weight per pound bow peak draw weight.	No arrows larger than 27/64ths in diameter are permitted.

**** All bows are subject to a random draw weight test. If bows are not at or less than the 60 lb. draw weight, contestant will be disqualified from the archery contest.**

FITA ROUND (36 total shots)

Target	122cm and 80 cm faces, 5-color face (available from the State 4-H if needed)
Distance	60, 50, 40 and 30 meters in that order
Course of Fire	3 ends of 3 arrows each from each distance identified above
Time Limit	2.5 minutes per 3 arrow end
Scoring	10-1 from the center outward, teams will score inner 10's as an "X" on the scorecard Shaft location - The location of the shaft in the target will determine the point value of the shot. Shafts touching a higher value scoring zone/line will receive the higher score. Initialing the score card - Both the scorer and the shooter will initial the score card to affirm their agreement on the score awarded.
Rules	NGB Rules; USA Archery/FITA FITA
Information	https://worldarchery.org/rulebook

Additional criteria for mail/distance shoot

- Only score cards provided by the State Office will be accepted as valid for the State Shooting Sports Championship.
- Score cards must be signed by the shooter, scorer(s) and Extension Agent.
- All score cards submitted will be evaluated for individual recognition/placement.
- Ties will be broken in the following order: number of X, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. If a tie still exists the following method will be used to determine final placement in the order listed: Total score at 60m, 50m, 40m, 30m, first end score 60m, 50m, 40m, 30m.

SMALLBORE RIFLE MATCH

General Rules:

- All smallbore rifles are required to have the action open and a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) in place when the rifle is not being fired and is uncased. Either commercial or personally made flags are permitted.
- Cased rifles will be the last equipment to be brought to the range and the first to be removed from it.
- Official weight of a rifle will be determined with the magazine inserted in the rifle.
- .22 rifle contestants please be aware that there can only be 2 participants sharing a rifle and **not used in the same relay**.
- Youth, parents, and leaders will be given one verbal warning for a safety violation or behavior. If the offense happens again they will be asked to leave the contest and will not be allowed to finish the contest.
- No military or assault type rifles will be allowed at the State 4-H Rifle Shooting Contest. This is due to safety and the image of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program.
- (Examples below of what is **not allowed**)



NRA THREE-POSITION

Target	Orion Target TAR0041 – Provided by the State 4-H Office
Course of Fire	20 shots in each position – prone, standing and kneeling in that order at 50 yards. Totaling 60 record shots
Time Limit	One (1) minute per record shot prone, two (2) minutes per record shot standing and one and one-half(1 ½) minutes per record shot kneeling Time is not checked on each shot. The time allowance is computed for a complete stage (including sighting shots); Prone 20 minutes, Standing 40 minutes, Kneeling 30 minutes.
Equipment	Rule 3.2-any .22 caliber rimfire rifle chambered for .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle cartridges may be used in smallbore 3- position. No restriction is placed on barrel length or overall weight of rifle and accessories. If a rifle is equipped with a magazine, no more than five (5) rounds may be loaded

	in the magazine at a time. Slings may only be used in the prone and kneeling positions.
Sights	Metallic sights, non-corrective
Ammunition	<u>Solid point (40 grains) standard velocity – match or target ammunition</u>
Rule Book	http://competitions.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/SBR/sbr-book.pdf

Coaching: Coaches will be back behind the shooting area at a distance, as designated by the CRO, and will not be allowed to contact the shooters during any of the firing periods including during sighter shots. If the shooter wishes to consult with the coach during the firing or sighting period, they may ask the range officer to be excused and step back off the line where they can meet with their coach and have discreet discussion where it does not interfere with other shooters, but the clock will still be running.

How to use Orion Target:

- When hanging targets, use push pins only, no staples.
- Use care when handling targets, they tear easily.
- All rifle targets will be scored by an official team of individuals selected by the State 4-H Office and not by individual counties. The targets will be scored electronically by the Orion system. It is critical that the targets remain clean from debris, as much possible, to ensure accurate scoring.
- To prepare target for submission, tear the target along perforated line. Note: only the four record shot bulls will be submitted. Do not submit the sighter bulls (two top bulls). Paper clip the four record bulls (four bottom bulls) together for each position, by participant.

AIR RIFLE MATCH

AIR RIFLE EVENTS

- 1) All air guns are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when the gun is not being fired. (It is strongly recommended that CBI be bright orange.)
- 2) Only wadcutter & domed pellets are allowed ... No hunting pellets
- 3) Each event is equally weighted ... 600 points are possible in this contest

NATIONAL STD THREE-POSITION SPORTER AIR RIFLE

TARGET	Orion Target TAR0002 – Provided by the State 4-H Office																											
DISTANCE	10 meters or 33 feet																											
COURSE OF FIRE	3 x 10. 10 shots each position: prone, standing, and kneeling in that order; (30 record shots - 300 points maximum)																											
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EQUIPMENT	.177 caliber air rifles may not exceed 7.5 pounds; metallic sights are permitted; trigger pull must be a minimum of 1.5 lbs. All air guns will require the use of a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when not being fired.																											

<p>APPROVE RIFLES</p> <p>See National Standard Three Position Air Rifle Rules, 4.2/4.8</p>	<p>4.2.1, Approved Rifles/Air Rifles officially approved for Sporter Class air rifle competitions are the AirForce Air Guns Edge, Crosman CH2000 (CO2), Crosman CH2009 (CO2 or compressed air), Daisy M599, Daisy M853/753/953/853CM (pneumatic), Daisy 888/887 (CO2), Daisy XSV40 Valiant (compressed air), Air Arms T200 (compressed air, with non-adjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate) and the Champions Choice T200 (CZ 200T, compressed air, with adjustable cheek-piece and butt-plate). Daisy 887/888 rifles may have 2010 model replacement stocks.</p>
<p>CLOTHING</p>	<p>Shoes are restricted to soft, low cut, athletic or street shoes that do not extend above the ankles. No boots are permitted. A shooting glove may be worn, but no shooting jackets are permitted. Up to two sweatshirts are allowed. A pin or button may be used as a sling keeper in the prone or kneeling positions. Shooting shirts and 4-H shooting sports vests are permitted</p>
<p>RULES</p>	<p>CMP 2018-2020 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules, 12th Ed.</p>
<p>INFORMATION</p>	<p>http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules.pdf</p>

How to use Orion Target:

- When hanging targets, use push pins only, no staples.
- Use care when handling targets, they tear easily.
- All rifle targets will be scored by an official team of individuals selected by the State 4-H Office and not by individual counties. The targets will be scored electronically by the Orion system. It is critical that the targets remain clean from debris, as much as possible, to ensure accurate scoring.
- To prepare targets for submission, paper clip the three targets together for each participant.

AIR PISTOL EVENTS

All events are “single pistol” matches, meaning participants are to shoot the entire course of fire of that event with the same pistol. No pistol changes will be allowed between stages. Only one pistol per shooter allowed on the line. When not cased and not in use all air guns are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) in place except as permitted by range officer.

SLOW FIRE -BULLSEYE

<u>TARGET</u>	Orion Target TAR0007 – Provided by the State 4-H Office
<u>DISTANCE</u>	10 meters
<u>COURSE OF FIRE</u>	40 shots, 10 shot strings, 5 shots per bull
<u>TIME LIMIT</u>	1½ minute per record shot (15 minutes per string) 10 min preparation time, 15 min for unlimited sighting shots.
<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	Any 4.5 mm (.177 cal.) compressed air, CO2 or pneumatic air pistol that conforms to the pistol specifications listed here or in the NGB rules Pistol weight: 1500-gram maximum (3.3 lbs.) Trigger pull weight: 500-gram minimum Pistol must fit within confines of a box having inside dimensions of 420mm x 200mm x 57mm* (approximately 16.53” x 7.87” x 2.25”). Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescope, laser-beam, electronically projected dot sights, etc. are prohibited. *(50 mm modified to 57 mm for 4-H, to accept standard Daisy air pistol grips)
<u>SHOOTING POSITION</u>	The athlete must stand free, without any artificial or other support, with both feet and/or shoes completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one (1) hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support.
<u>RULES</u>	International Shooting Sport Federation and USA SHOOTING. See all sections that apply at http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/usarules i.e. USA Shooting General Regulation Rules; USA Shooting General Technical Rules; USA Shooting Pistol Rules; USA Shooting Rule Update.

<u>TIE BREAKERS</u>	USAS General Technical Rule 6.15.1. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The highest number of inner tens;2. The highest score of the last ten (10) shot series working backwards by 10-shot series in full ring scoring (not inner tens or decimals) until tie is broken. If not yet broken, refer to 6.15.1 for further details.
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How to use Orion Target:

- Use push pins and not staples, when hanging.
- Use care when handling targets, they tear easily.
- All pistol targets will be scored by an official team of individuals selected by the State 4-H Office and not by individual counties. The targets will be scored electronically by the Orion system. It is critical that the targets remain clean from debris, as much possible, to ensure accurate scoring.
- To prepare target for submission, paper clip the eight record targets together for each participant. Do not submit the two sighted targets.

SMALLBORE PISTOL MATCH EVENTS

The Youth Safety Handgun Act, as included in the Gun Control Act of 1968, puts restrictions on the use and possession of handguns by youth under 18 years of age. Youth participating in National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational must, at all times, follow all provisions of this act. Therefore, event officials will require “the prior written consent of the juvenile’s parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm.” This written permission must be in possession of the youth – even if a parent/guardian is present. We suggest a simple statement, reduced to wallet size with the name of the youth, a parent’s name, address, as well as their signature, and that of a witness and dates. The participant can laminate this card and keep it with the shooting kit or on their person. This document must be displayed at check-in. Failure to have this document will require the National Championships Committee to disqualify the shooter to avoid violation of federal law.

All smallbore pistols are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when the handgun is uncased and not being fired. Cased pistols will be the last equipment to be brought to the range and the first to be removed from it.

All events are “single pistol” matches, meaning participants are to shoot the entire course of fire, with the same pistol. No pistol changes will be allowed between stages, and only one pistol per shooter is allowed on the line. Pistols may be replaced only if they are disabled or malfunctioning.

.22 pistol contestants please be aware that there can only be 2 participants sharing a pistol and **not used in the same relay.**

CAMP PERRY ROUND

(modified)

TARGET	NRA B-8
DISTANCE	25 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	10 shots slow fire, 15-timed fire and 15-rapid fire; (40 record shots)
PROCEDURE	The Match consists of: *One slow fire string of 10 rds. In 5 minutes *Three timed fire strings of 5 rds. In 20 seconds *Three rapid fire strings of 5 rds. In 10 seconds See NRA Rules 10.7 for commands and details Malfunctions: For allowable malfunctions (Rule 9.6) one refire string will be allowed in timed fire and one refire string in rapid fire. See Rule 10.9 for malfunctions in slow fire.

EQUIPMENT	<p>3.1.3 Standard Smallbore Pistol .22 caliber rim fire – The pistol may be any .22 rimfire pistol, either semi-automatic or revolver. The pistol shall most closely match the description of a pistol of the NRA Production Division – except as noted in Rule 3.1 3 or a rule specified in this synopsis. A Production Firearm is one which is or has been a catalog item readily available to the general public equipped with factory notch and post sights. All standard safety features of firearms must operate properly. <u>The firearm shall have no visible internal or external modifications</u> except as noted in the NGB rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrel length, including cylinder, not more than 10 inches. • Trigger pull not less than 2 pounds. • .22 caliber rimfire – long rifle • Open sights only (4-H National Championship match rule). Rear sight may be adjustable, but sight radius no more than 10 inches.
SHOOTING POSITION	One-hand standing
NGB RULES	<p><i>NRA Precision Pistol Rules (2018 Edition)</i></p> <p>http://rulebook.nra.org/documents/pdf/complete/RuleBooks/Pistol/pistol-book.pdf</p>

- All paper targets are to be sent to the State 4-H Office for official scoring. Do not attempt to score in the county as it may damage the target and result in a lower score.

SHOTGUN EVENTS

- There will be no toleration with any firearms on your toe or on any magnetic or leather pads. At no time shall the muzzle come in contact with the ground and must be kept in a safe direction. If any competitor is seen with a muzzle on his or her toe, or if they are not controlling their firearm, **THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!**
- No release triggers permitted.
- Tie breakers will be done for high point individual only.
- No reloads, only factory ammo permitted in shotgun.

TRAP

Event	Standard ATA (American) trap (16 yards)
Course of Fire	4 rounds (100 targets) consisting of five targets from each of five shooting stations at 16 yards per round.
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.
Time Limit	Shooters will fire in an expeditious manner, avoiding unnecessary delay and should be prepared to take the field up to 1 hour prior to listed start time.
Equipment	Any shotgun 12 gauge or smaller firing target ammunition for that gauge with a maximum load of 1 ounce of size 7 ½, 8, 8 ½, or 9 shot may be used in this event. Factory loads are required. All guns used by contestants must be equipped, fitted and utilized (i.e. shell catcher) so as not to eject empty shells in a manner that substantially disturbs or interferes with other contestants.
Procedure	2 tied: 5 shots each at stations 1 and 5 3 tied: 5 shots each at stations 1, 3, and 5 4 tied: 5 shots each at 1, 2, 4, and 5 5 tied: 5 shots each at all stations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tie broken by greatest total of targets broken after the completion of all stations. Team ties broken by a round of 25, 5 at each station. If a full team of 4, all 4 may shoot and the low score will be dropped. If after 1 round,

	all placings are not determined, the yardage may be increased.
Rule Book	Amateur Trap Association https://shootata.com/Portals/0/pdf/ata_rulebook_web.pdf

Additional criteria for mail/distance shoot

- Only score cards provided by the State Office will be accepted as valid for the State Shooting Sports Championship.
- Score cards must be signed by the shooter, scorer(s) and Extension Agent.
- All score cards submitted will be evaluated for individual recognition/placement.
- Any ties for first place will be decided by the longest string of consecutive hits. In the event a shooter shoots a perfect score of 100, that individual must remain on the station and continue to shoot until a miss occurs.

MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE MATCH

- All firearms must remain in case until given permission to remove by Range Officer (RO).
- All ramrods must be marked clearly to tell if a firearm is empty or has a load. We should be able to clearly and easily identify the difference between a loaded and unloaded firearm.
- Unless actively loading or firing, a ramrod shall always be placed in the firearm.
- If needed, coaches are expected to help clear or fix a firearm, WITH approval of RO.
- No one may touch, clean, move, or load any rifle while anyone is down range.
- Any “one-hole group” shall **immediately** be brought to the attention of a RO.
- Only the competitor may challenge a shot or score.
- No unsafe rifles will be allowed to compete or continue a match.
- Once a match is started, a rifle may not be switched out unless it is declared unsafe or a malfunction. If so, it is no longer able to be used for the day.
- No “alibis”. If you fail to load properly, all effort will be given to help clear the firearm, as quickly as possible, but does not allow added time to your match.
- Malfunctions (does not include improper loading) have up to 20 minutes to repair or replace rifle. Make up time may go to another relay to prevent other shooters having a delay of match.

EQUIPMENT	<p>Rifle: Any traditional or non-traditional NMLRA Conventional muzzle loading rifle (in-lines permitted);</p> <p>Sights: Metallic – non-traditional permitted (open or aperture);</p> <p>Position: Standing –no slings;</p> <p>Ramrods: No wooden ramrods allowed;</p> <p>Ignition: percussion cap, or flintlock. Number 209 primers are permitted; Maximum charge of 60 grains of black powder or its equivalent is allowable. There are no limits on the caliber.</p> <p>All events are restricted to patched rounds balls only.</p> <p>Spotting scopes are permitted.</p>
NGB RULES	<p>NMLRA Muzzle Loading Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun—except as noted (January 2020 Edition). No open powder containers are permitted on the firing line except when powder is actually being measured. Any open container will become the property of the range officer. A separate powder measure must be used to carry the powder from the container to the muzzle of the gun. Powder is to be measured by volume, not weight, on the line. No pre-measured loads allowed. No rifle may be capped or primed until on the firing line and the command to fire has been given by the range officer. No wooden ram rods are permitted on the firing line to load or clean guns.</p>

INFORMATION	https://www.nmlra.org/rules
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50 YARD BULLSEYE Modified

TARGET	NMLRA 100 yard 8 ring targets (TG2406)
DISTANCE	50 yards
COURSE OF FIRE	15 shots standing. Sight-in shots permitted, but as part of the total running time.
TIME LIMIT	60 minutes total running time.
PROJECTILE	Patched soft lead round ball only.
SCORING	Highest scoring area touched by ball. Note: The latter is less stringent than standard NMLRA scoring.

- All paper targets are to be sent to the State 4-H Office for official scoring. Do not attempt to score in the county as it may damage the target and result in a lower score.

HUNTING SKILLS EVENTS

At the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational, all hunting skills events will be based on the content of the following resources:

- 4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Leader Manual, Revised May 2014
- 4-H Shooting Sports Member Manual, New, May, 2014
- Contact your state 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator to obtain a copy of these manuals.

- NRA Hunters Guide

<http://materials.nrahq.org/recreation-shooting/hunting/the-hunters-guide.html>

or NRA Store- 1-800-336-7402 \$10.00/copy

- Federal Cartridge Company wildlife guides:
 - Illustrated Guide to Upland Game Birds
 - Illustrated Guide to Ducks, Geese and Swans
 - Illustrated Guide to Small Game and Furbearers
 - Illustrated Guide to Big Game Animals

<https://4h.unl.edu/4hssnationalchamp/rules-forms>

This is a national hunting skills evaluation. Any species covered in the listed resources may be included in the contest, including any game or furbearing animal north of Mexico in North America. Participants may expect some focus on species found in the host state, but events will only include species found in the listed resources.

The 2021 “Alternative” hunting competition will be a virtual written knowledge exam utilizing NMSU’s CANVAS online course system. Questions will incorporate subject matter from resources listed in the New Mexico 4H shooting sports hunting skills event rules.

The test will consist of 50 question exam and will include the following

- Up to 30 hunter decision making questions,
- Up to 10 orienteering questions and
- Up to 15 wildlife ID and management questions.

Each question is worth 2 points for a total possible score of 100. Highest score determines final rankings. No shooting discipline, walking orienteering course or walking wildlife ID course will be held during the Alternative online event. If an in person state championship is allowed, the archery shooting discipline, walking orienteering courses, walking wildlife ID and management course and a hunter decision making event will be utilized.

2021 Alternate Hunting event Tie Breaker rules

For Individual Rankings

- 1 - Highest score on orienteering section
- 2 - Highest score on wildlife section
- 3 - Highest score on hunter decision making section
- 4 - Total number of questions missed in the orienteering section

- 5 - Total number of questions missed in the wildlife ID and management section
- 6 - Total number of questions missed in the hunter decision making section
- 7 - 1st odd numbered question missed starting at question number 1
- 8 - 1st even numbered question missed starting at question number 2

For team rankings consisting of top 3 scoring individuals results

- 1 - Highest score of drop score
- 2 - Highest scoring team in orienteering
- 3 - Highest scoring team in wildlife ID
- 4 - Highest scoring team in hunter decision making
- 5 - Highest overall individual score of 3rd place member from respective teams
- 6 - Highest overall individual score of 2nd place member from respective teams
- 7 - Highest overall individual score of 1st place member from respective teams.

If an “in person” state championship event is held and a tie occurs on team scores, the overall ranking from the Alternative online event will be utilized to finalize team standings. I.E. the higher ranked team entering into the “in person” event will be awarded the higher rank.

Once registered for the contest, contestants will be given instructions on how to register and take the test on the on-line Canvas platform at NMSU. Teams will need to register for a time slot within a specified period of time and this will be a timed event meaning participants will have only so much time to take the test. More information will be given as we get closer to the actual event in April.