

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Statement: In addition to adhering to the *Minimum Standards for a 4-H Shooting Sports Program* the following applies:

National Instructor (level 3)

A National 4-H shooting Sports instructor has successfully completed a national workshop, is actively engaged in training volunteers at the state level, adheres to national guidelines in their instruction, has an instructor application on file, has apprenticed at a National level 4-H instructor workshop, has been approved by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee as a National level 3 instructor and understands that their status as a national instructor may be contingent upon periodic update as required by the national committee. Instructors must also recognize that by having a number of National Instructors in a particular discipline that individuals will be requested to instruct at a National Workshop on an as needed basis. National Instructors must maintain current 4-H volunteer status within their respective state 4-H program and have approval of their State 4-H Program Leader as well as their State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator to serve as a national instructor.

National Apprentice Instructor

A National Apprentice Instructor is someone who has participated in a National Workshop and served as a State Level 2 Instructor teaching in a specific discipline; has completed a National Instructor application and has been approved to Apprentice at a national workshop. Once an individual has apprenticed at a National Workshop, they may be approved by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee to: 1) become a National Level 3 Instructor; 2) Continue as an Apprentice Level or 3) Remain a Level 2 State Instructor to gain additional knowledge and experience.

State Instructor (level 2)

A State 4-H Shooting Sports instructor has successfully completed a National 4-H Instructor Workshop in a particular discipline and has been approved by their respective State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator/State Committee.

Local Instructor (level 1)

A Local 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor has successfully completed a State level instructor workshop in a particular discipline. That workshop must meet National minimum standards for State Instructor Workshops:

- All certified adult 4-H volunteers with supervisory responsibilities in the shooting sports program are a minimum of 21 years of age or older and are enrolled as 4-H volunteers through local, county & state 4-H program.
 - All state level certification workshops must provide a minimum of twelve (12) hours of instruction; including a minimum of nine (9) hours instruction in each specific discipline taken and a minimum of three (3) hours instruction in teaching positive youth development, life skills and risk management.
 - It is preferable and recommended that state level certification workshops provide fifteen (15) hours of instruction composed of twelve (12) hours of discipline instruction and three (3) hours of teaching positive youth development, life skills and risk management.

- Familiarity with all shooting sports disciplines is critical to understanding skills within the Hunting & Coordinator training. But both Hunting Instructors and Coordinators are not approved to teach any other shooting disciplines unless they completed the discipline specific training. Hunting discipline permitted to do live fire exercises only, as long as there is a certified instructor with the shooting discipline is in attendance at the lesson.

- All instructors must teach at least once every three (3) years and report teaching efforts to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator/Committee in order to remain certified.