

North Dakota 4-H 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 curriculum
- NRA Hunters Guide
http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=Hunting_books_booklets_handbooks
- Federal Cartridge Company wildlife guides
http://www.federalpremium.com/hunters_education/educational_materials.aspx
- Host's state's game laws & Federal Laws – a specific scenario will be provided (see information below) and will concern specific game species, no more than two species, and will be from the nonresident point of view. Only knowledge relevant to that scenario will be used for testing purposes. For study and preparation – 2009 Nebraska see:
 (Online & Downloadable)
<http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/hunting/guides/smallgame/HuntGuide.pdf>
 (Online only)
<http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/hunting/programs/crp/overview.asp>
<http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/hunting/programs/crp/atlas.asp>

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 a focus on species found in the host state, but events will only include species found in the listed resources.

Participants must provide:

- Clipboard
- Pen or pencil
- Orienteering compass (No GPS units)
- A small ruler or tape is recommended

Participants must provide their own archery equipment, firearms and ammunition for the live-fire events, but they must meet the restrictions listed below. Equipment will not be provided.

HUNTER DECISION-MAKING

EVENT DESCRIPTION	<p>This event is based on: ethics, safety, land-owner relationships, Federal games laws & regulations, and the host state game laws.</p> <p>Participants may be asked to demonstrate knowledge or skill and/or may be evaluated by an oral or written test. The desire is that any written testing will be as “objective” as possible rather than “subjective” in nature. Test may consist of: True/False, multiple choice, matching, short answer, fill-in the blank, ranking alternative choices or any other objective testing method the officials may choose.</p>
SCENARIO – 2009 NEBRASKA	<p>As a 16-year-old hunter from Kentucky, you are extremely excited about your first out-of-state hunting trip. You dad plans on taking you and your 13-year-old sibling to Nebraska to hunt pheasants and, if lucky, maybe prairie chickens too. Even though your family knows no landowners you have heard that Nebraska has plenty of public hunting</p>

	<p>land and public access hunting. Dad hasn't decided if he will drag along the pop-up camper for overnight accommodations or stay at motels. You can hardly wait to see how your 2-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer will measure up against your dad's senior Brittany. For a successful trip you know that you, your brother and dad need to study up on Nebraska laws, regulations, & resources as you prepare for this special hunt.</p> <p>Use the 2008 Nebraska Guide to Hunting and Public Lands, the links to information about CRP-MAP, and the other resources listed above.</p>
COURSE	Twenty to 30 decision-making stations based upon content of the resources listed above will be included.
TIME LIMIT AND SCORING	As determined by the Event Officials.

WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT

EVENT DESCRIPTION	<p>This event includes wildlife identification and management, and wildlife management techniques or problems. Participants will be asked to identify specimens or parts of specimens (skulls, skins, wings, single feathers, antlers/horns) tracks, scat or other sign. Questions relating to relatively simple wildlife management or ecology may be posed, e.g. habitat preference, breeding or loafing habitat, primary activity times, etc.</p>
COURSE	Twenty to 30 stations requiring identification, analysis, or interpretation; up to 100 additional questions may be asked about wildlife habitat, breeding, groups, classifications, identifying marks, management, and specific game species characteristics or traits.
TIME LIMIT	Participants will move through the course expeditiously without undue delay; time limit of two hours after beginning of test.
SCORING	To be determined by Event Officials.

HUNTING SKILLS

EVENT DESCRIPTION	<p>Any hunting related skill or any skill-based element in the resource manuals listed may be tested in this event. Participants may be asked to perform the skill or be evaluated by an oral or written test. This event will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map and compass skills • Shooting skills, including 20 targets for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archery - Shotgun - Small bore rifle <p>This event may include, but is not limited to: aerial photo interpretation, selection of a stand/blind site, first aid, cutting instruments, hunting clothing choice, footwear, firearms, ammunition, ballistics, GPS navigation & use, recovering game,</p>
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	<p>handling of game after harvesting, track/sign interpretation, backpacking, hunting camp, optics, etc.</p> <p>The desire is that any written testing will be as “objective” as possible rather than “subjective” in nature. Test may consist of: True /False, multiple choice, matching, short answer, fill-in the blank, ranking alternative choices or any other objective testing method the officials may choose.</p> <p>No calculators are allowed on the compass course. For 2009 – the compass course will run the following units: feet.</p>
<p>COURSE</p>	<p>No set course can be predicted, it will depend on the terrain, facility, skills selected for testing, etc. Stations for each Hunting Skill task will be designed as needed. Live-fire situations will not be “formal” courses of fire, but will seek to imitate hunting situations. No shooter may glass the target from the shooting line after taking his or her first shot. Participants may glass the target prior to shooting.</p>
<p>TIME LIMIT AND SCORING</p>	<p>As determined by the Event Officials</p>
<p>EQUIPMENT</p> <p><i>Necessary equipment and supplies required for the live-fire portions of this event must be provided by the participants.</i></p>	<p>Only in case of malfunction may a participant change firearm or bow during the activity. No Rangefinders permitted.</p> <p>Shooting Equipment must meet the following guidelines:</p> <p><u>Smallbore rifle:</u> limited to sporter rifles (hunting-style stocks, sporter barrel); maximum weight including sights of 8.0 pounds with safe hunting triggers (at least 2.5 pounds). Scopes no greater than 6X. If variable scopes are used, they must be taped by the Range Officer before the beginning of the event at no greater than 6X. Range-finder reticules are not permitted. Standard velocity .22 LR ammunition or high velocity .22 LR ammunition is allowed...no “hyper” velocity rounds. A hunting-style sling no more than 1 ½ inches in width is permitted. All smallbore rifles are required to use an ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) or have the bolt removed and action open when the gun is not being fired.</p> <p><u>Shotgun:</u> 12 gauge or smaller, capable of 2 shots without reloading, with standard target or field loads of no more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot and shot no larger than #8. No high brass, maximum loads.</p> <p><u>Bow:</u> recurve or compound suitable for hunting (no crossbows), drawing no more than 60 pounds with suitable arrows tipped with field points only, are permitted. Hunting sights that are fixed with no more than 4 sighting pins that neither magnify nor project an image on the target are permitted. Stabilizers are limited to a maximum length of 12 inches. All shooting will be at unmarked distances. Maximum distance to target: Compound – 50 yards; Recurve – 35 yards. All shooting will be at unmarked distances.</p>

