

UHSRA Shooting Event Rules & Guidelines

The official rules for shooting events follow the **National High School Rodeo Shooting Sports Rules/Guidelines** and **UHSRA Rules and Bylaws**. The rules include provisions for safety, ammunition, gun handling, shooting positions, range commands, challenges, scoring, and competition formats. The guidelines are available online through the [National High School Rodeo Shooting Sports Rulebook](#) and [Official Dress Code Rules](#).

1. Shooting Events

- **Shooting events** for high school participants are held on **Friday morning** (except for one-day rodeos) and must be completed before the **rodeo start time** on Friday evening. This is to accommodate shooting participants who are also competing in core arena events.
 - **Shooting events** for junior high school participants are held typically after high school shooting events on **Friday** (except for one-day rodeos).
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2. Mandatory Safety Briefing

- All participants must attend a **mandatory safety briefing**. This is crucial as core rodeo events take precedence over shooting events.
 - **On-time arrival** is essential: Shooters must be at the range and ready for the safety briefing at their scheduled time. If a shooter misses the briefing, they will be **turned out** (disqualified) from the event.
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3. Range Requirements

- At least **two trap houses** must be available for each rodeo weekend.
 - All **rifle ranges** must be approved by the UHSRA Rifle Director.
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4. Shooting Position Draw

- The **shooting position draw** will be **random** and sent out by the state secretary, similar to other rodeo events.
 - If a conflict arises between trap and rifle events for a contestant, a **re-draw** will be conducted.
 - The **shooting positions** for the event will be determined by the official rodeo draw for the day, and these positions will be used for both rodeos.
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5. Shooting Event Directors

- **Trap Event Director:** The squad leader of each group.
 - **Rifle Event Director (Junior High & High School):** The director drawing the **first lane** in each round. If there is a second event director needed, they will automatically be assigned to the **last lane**.
 - For **State Finals**, each round of trap will have a **non-shooting event director** in the squad, and the rifle round will also have a **non-shooting event director** in the round.
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6. Trap Points

- Due to time constraints, **shoot-offs** for trap points will not occur; points will be **split between tied contestants**.
 - **Shoot-offs** will only take place for **1st to 3rd place prizes**.
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7. Conflict Resolution

- Shooting events will **wait** for any contestant with conflicts **between rifle and trap** events.
 - The **Trap** and **Rifle Directors** will coordinate to resolve any scheduling conflicts.
 - **Core rodeo events** will not be delayed to accommodate shooting event conflicts. Contestants must choose between conflicting events if the schedule does not allow for participation in both.
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8. Shooting Coats

- **Shooting coats and outerwear** are not permitted during rifle events. This includes vests, sweatshirts, and jackets that could provide support or an advantage.
 - The **Rifle Director** has the discretion to allow certain outerwear if weather conditions require it.
 - This rule applies **only to rifle events**, not trap events.
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9. Eye Protection

- All contestants must wear **ANSI Z87.1** or equivalent standard **shooting regulated glasses**.
 - **Sunglasses** are not allowed as eye protection.
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