

# SAFETY RULES/REQUIREMENTS

## **Know and obey all range commands.**

1. Firearms and bows are to be encased at all times until approaching the firing line or shooting position.
2. Arrows will not be nocked until on the firing line. Quivers must be used.
3. All firearms must have a safety device. Muzzleloaders will remain uncapped until on the firing line. The safety will remain on at all times except when ready to fire.
4. All firearms will be pointed and bows drawn in a safe direction at all times.
5. Actions of uncased firearms must always be open except when on the firing line, ready to fire.
6. Only one shell or cartridge may be placed in a gun at a time, unless otherwise specified in the rules for the activity.
7. All persons must wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line.
8. Firearms and bows should be placed in a gun or bow rack at the activity until called to participate. Their security is the coach's responsibility.
9. Participants must bring their own ammunition.
10. **Must have completed the Hunter Education (HE) course and bring card or a copy of the card to contest.**  
**No exceptions, all participants 9-18 MUST HAVE THEIR HUNTER ORANGE CARD.**
11. Age Exception (Can be 19 and a participant only if enrolled fulltime in High School - proof of High School enrollment must be submitted with registration) otherwise the age limitations are 9-18 years of age.
12. There will be 2 age divisions: Junior 9-14, Senior 15-18.  
Junior age youth may be moved up to Senior age level in order for a county to have a team, but Senior age youth cannot be moved down to make a Junior team.  
**Be sure to designate juniors that are participating at the senior level on registration forms.**  
\* All participants - ages 9-14 and 15-18 are eligible to attend the National contest.
13. **Registration deadline: Postmarked by April 25, 2009. Send registration to:**  
**Tina Hitchner 1565 Clifton Road Danville, KY 40422**
14. Contact information:  
Doug Brockman (270) 789-8244; Marion Creech (502) 252-8881; Bill Balda (800) 858-1549
15. Any range official has the right to ask parents or coaches to leave the event area if a violation of rules occur. If a second warning is given, the county team will be penalized.
16. Funds are not provided to support teams participating in the National contest.
17. One adult must accompany each team/group.
18. Substitutions for absentee participants will only be allowed for already registered participants. Bring HE Card at check-in with completed registration format.
19. A team will consist of the top four individuals - cumulative scores from all events for each county/team. Tie Breakers will be in accordance with the national rules.

20. Equipment needed: (there are no categories based on different equipment)

**Rifle** - .22-caliber light (not target) rifle (may be equipped with a sling and a scope not to exceed 9 power), manually operated rifles are preferable to semi-automatics, which are discouraged for safety reasons.

**Archery** – generally everyone uses compound bows with sights. All bows may be equipped with any sighting system allowed by Kentucky law for hunting purposes.

Contestants who proceed to the National YHEC contest must be familiar with the equipment limitations imposed at that level.

- Participants should have at least 10 arrows and will be required to provide their own finger tabs, shooting gloves, or releases and arm guards.
- There will be three stations with five targets and five shooting pegs at each station.
- Five participants will approach a peg and shoot. After each shot, at the direction of the range officer, shooters will rotate to the next peg until all targets have been shot.
- Scoring will be done after participants have shot all five targets, then they will move to the next station.

**Muzzleloading Rifle** – Any caliber .54 or smaller is permitted. **Round ball ammunition only.** Crossed sticks will be allowed in the muzzleloader event in all positions except standing. Any peep sight will be allowed in the Muzzleloader event. No scopes.

**Shotgun** – ONLY 12 gauge or 20 gauge shotguns. Single shot firearms are NOT appropriate because of multiple shots in the event.

Required Ammunition (12 gauge) – A contestant cannot use:

- a) Any load other than lead shot.
- b) Any load heavier than 3 drams equivalent of powder, (1290 FPS), 1 1/8 ounces shot, any load containing shot other than 7 1/2, 8, or 9.
- c) Any load except factory loaded.

Required Ammunition (20 gauge) – A contestant cannot use:

- a) Any load other than lead shot.
- b) Any load heavier than 2 1/2 drams equivalent of powder, 1 oz. shot, any load containing shot other than 7 1/2, 8, or 9 or ammunition faster than 1290 FPS by manufacturers specification.
- c) Any load except factory load.

### ***CODE OF CONDUCT***

The following specific regulations and conduct codes will be adhered to at all times during the KHEC program by all participants, coaches, instructors, volunteers, spectators, etc.

**PLEASE PARK VEHICLES IN ASSIGNED AREAS ONLY.**

**PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THEIR ASSIGNED CABINS.**

**PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES** While at the KHEC, attendees are **prohibited** from doing the following:

1. **PROHIBITED** - Consuming alcoholic beverages AND/OR illegal substances on the premises.
2. **PROHIBITED** - Contestants, instructors, family members, any other persons associated with contestants, and/or attendees-spectators going to, evaluating and/or observing an event area prior to their scheduled participation of the event. Additionally, NO filming videos or still photos for the intent of showing participants the event layout.
3. **PROHIBITED** - Keeping ammunition in their housing units.
4. **PROHIBITED** - Using electronic equipment (i.e. walkie-talkies, beepers, or other communications equipment) with the intent of assisting individuals during event.

**Violation of these regulations may result in the disqualification of the team(s) and/or individual(s) involved in the KHEC program.**