



Nueces 4-H
Trap & Skeet
DOUBLE WHIZ BANG SCHOLARSHIP SHOOT

Special Rules for the Nueces 4-H Double Whiz Bang Scholarship Shoot

Location: Corpus Christi Gun Club
2832 FM 763, Corpus Christi, Texas 78415
(361) 852-1212

Schedule: Check-In Opens: 8:00 am Saturday
Orientation/Safety: 8:30 am Saturday
Shooting Begins: 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday
Awards Presentation: Sunday after all events, shoot-offs and tabulations are certified.

Event Limit: This event is limited to the first 220 registered shooters on iClays.com. 4-H shooters registrations will take priority over adult shooter registrations. If adult shooters have to be bumped from Sporting Clays on Saturday, they have the option of:

- Full refund of their registration.
- Shoot Sporting Clays on Sunday on the Sponsor flight.

This event is subject to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

1) Participation: This is a shotgun Sporting Clay, Skeet, Trap, and Whiz Bang competition.

National Skeet Shooting Association and National Sporting Clay Association governing body rules will apply, unless superseded by Nueces 4-H Double Whiz Bang Scholarship Shoot Special Rules.

- Sporting Clays: <http://nsca.nssa-nasca.org/rule-book/>
- Skeet: <http://mynssa.nssa-nasca.org/rule-book/>
- Trap: <https://shootata.com/About-Us/ATA-Bylaws-Rulebook-Forms>
- Whiz Bang: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education/shooting-sports-opportunities/sporting-clays-schedule>
- Texas 4-H: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/shooting_sports_general_rules_22update.pdf

Contestants in the Nueces 4-H Double Whiz Bang Scholarship Shoot are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.

2) Eligibility: Participation in the Nueces 4-H Double Whiz Bang Scholarship Shoot is limited to Texas resident students, who are members of a Texas 4-H Club. Contestants must be enrolled in and attending a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas or a homeschool program. Students must be between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before August 31st of the current year. Each 4-H Club must be a member in good standing with its state and national affiliates. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible shooters.

- Junior Participant Classification – Grade 3, 4, and 5.
- Intermediate Participant Classification – Grade 6, 7, and 8.
- Senior 1 Participant Classification – Grade 9 and 10.
- Senior 2 Participant Classification – Grade 11 and 12.
- Contestant is NOT eligible if already graduated from high school.**

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- 3) **Ineligibility:** 4-H members are considered to be eligible for participation in the Nueces 4-H Double Whiz Bang Scholarship Shoot at the time completed and paid in full iClays.com online entries are received. Any 4-H County Extension Agent who has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the Nueces 4-H Trap & Skeet Club's Events Manager at least 24 hours before the commencement of any Nueces 4-H Double Whiz Bang Scholarship Shoot events in which the ineligible exhibitor was to participate. If an exhibitor is determined ineligible, then the entry is ineligible.
- 4) **Code of Ethics:** The Nueces 4-H Double Whiz Bang Scholarship Shoot is a family-friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as a contestant or patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from Corpus Christi Gun Club grounds.
 - a. Violations include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Disruptive or improper conduct
 - ii. Public display of profanity of any sort
 - iii. Violence of any sort
- 5) **Entry Format:**
 - a. Entry registration will be done through iClays.com.
 - b. Entry will close 7 days before the shoot start date or when the maximum entry limit is reached.
- 6) **Event Format:** Each contestant will select to compete in:
 - a. Skeet: Either Saturday or Sunday (50 targets) – HOA event
 - b. Sporting Clays: Either Saturday morning or afternoon flight (100 targets) – HOA event
 - c. Trap: Either Saturday or Sunday (50 targets) – HOA event
 - d. Saturday Whiz Bang (50 targets) – HOA event and TPWD Qualifier
 - e. Sunday Whiz Bang (50 targets) - TPWD Qualifier ONLY
- 7) **Awards:**
 - a. Top Gun Awards (2) – Will be calculated from the combined final scores of Skeet, Sporting Clays, Trap and Saturday Whiz Bang events. The highest calculated combined score from both the Open and Ladies divisions will receive Top Gun awards. Top Gun award winners will be pulled from all remaining awards.
 - b. HOA Awards (8) – Will be calculated from the combined final scores of Skeet, Sporting Clays, Trap and Saturday Whiz Bang events. The highest calculated combined score from each Class (Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1, and Senior 2) in both the Open and Ladies divisions will receive HOA awards. HOA award winners will be pulled from all remaining awards.
 - c. First Place Awards (32) - Will be calculated from the final scores of each event (Skeet, Sporting Clays, Trap, and Saturday Whiz Bang). The highest calculated score from each event, in each Class (Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1, and Senior 2), in both the Open and Ladies divisions will receive First Place awards.
 - d. Second Place Awards (32) - Will be calculated from the final scores of each event (Skeet, Sporting Clays, Trap, and Saturday Whiz Bang). The highest calculated score from each event, in each Class (Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1, and Senior 2), in both the Open and Ladies divisions will receive Second Place awards.
 - e. Third Place Awards (32) - Will be calculated from the final scores of each event (Skeet, Sporting Clays, Trap, and Saturday Whiz Bang). The highest calculated score from each event, in each Class (Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1, and Senior 2), in both the Open and Ladies divisions will receive Third Place awards.

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8) Shoot-offs/Tie Breakers:

- a. Skeet: Doubles miss-and-out shoot-offs will be used to settle all ties. Doubles shoot-offs shall be conducted on stations 3-4-5-4-3. This means that a shooter must break both targets on a station in order to beat a shooter who only broke one target (i.e. if one shooter breaks the first target and another shooter breaks the second target, they are still tied).
- b. Trap: Miss-and-out shoot-offs will be used to settle all ties. Competitors will start on Station 1 at the 19-yard mark and shoot 2 targets. A shooter must break both targets on a station in order to beat a shooter who only broke one target (i.e. if one shooter breaks the first target and another shooter breaks the second target, they are still tied). If there is still a tie, competitors will continue to move one station to their right and one yard back until the tie is broken. If there is still a tie after Station 5, the competitors will move one station to their left and one yard back until the tie is broken. If there is still a tie after Station 1 at the 27-yard mark, competitors will continue shooting each station (1-2-3-4-5-4-3-2-1) at the 27-yard mark until the tie is broken.
- c. Whiz Bang: TPWD Whiz Bang procedures will be followed for any necessary shoot-offs to settle all ties.
- d. Sporting Clays: Predetermined stations will be used to settle all ties.
- e. Top Gun and HOA:
 - Skeet Doubles: Stations 3-4-5-4-3, one pair at each station, 10 targets total.
 - Trap: Two targets at each station from the 21-yard mark, 10 targets total.
 - Whiz Bang: One predetermined pair at each station, 10 targets total.
 - Sporting Clays: Will be shot at a Whiz Bang field and the competitors will shoot a predetermined pair five times at one predetermined station, 10 targets total.
 - Combined final scores will be calculated. If there is still a tie, competitors will repeat the above-listed shoot-offs.
- f. If weather or other unforeseen circumstances make shoot-offs impossible, Nueces 4-H Trap & Skeet Club coaches reserve the right to use alternative means to determine results.

9) **Check-In:** All shooters must check in before the Orientation/Safety meeting.

10) **Orientation/Safety:** Orientation is mandatory for everyone who will participate in events that day. Failure to attend orientation will result in disqualification.

11) **Squadding:** Squad members will be assigned on a random basis. **NO** special request accommodations will be made other than **siblings on Sporting Clays ONLY**. The Texas Team (if participating) will be squadded together for all events. Squadding will be posted online on the iClays website once completed. Contestants should check periodically, as updates/changes may be made after initial posting.

12) **Range Safety:** The safety of all involved is of paramount importance. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any shooter failing to conform to safety standards will be warned or disqualified from the event. Minor infractions will be noted and marked on the shooter's scorecard. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event.

13) **Open and Empty:** All firearms will remain open and empty until the shooter is on the shooting station and it is his/her turn to shoot. The firearm must be open and empty before leaving the shooting station.

14) **Muzzle Control:** Shooters must maintain safe control of their muzzles at all times. Regardless of condition, muzzles may not be pointed toward or rested upon any part of the body of the shooter or another person. This includes the use of toe pads. The only exception is the limited exposure required in changing chokes. Violation of this rule may result in a warning, disqualification from a round, or disqualification from a match.

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- 15) **Eye Protection:** Shooting glasses or equivalent prescription glasses are required for all events. All persons beyond the safety line at each event field or on the sporting clay course are required to have eye protection, including range personnel, shooters, and spectators.
- 16) **Ear Protection:** All persons beyond the safety line at each event field or on the sporting clay course are required to have hearing protection, including range personnel, shooters, and spectators. Either ear plugs or ear muffs may be worn at the discretion of the shooter, or range officer; but proper hearing protection is required. Electronic devices, other than those specifically designed for hearing protection only, are forbidden on the shooting field forward of the safe line. This includes, but is not limited to, radios, CD players, MP3's, walkie-talkies, and cell phones.
- 17) **Firearms:** Any 12 gauge or smaller fired from the shoulder shotgun, which conforms to NSSA rules.
- 18) **Ammunition:** NO RELOADS - NSCA PERMITTED FACTORY AMMUNITION ONLY- Shooters must furnish their own appropriate ammunition. It is vitally important to allow extra ammunition for shoot-offs, malfunctions, or other contingencies. Ammunition is subject to inspection and verification.
 - a. No load may contain more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot.
 - b. No load may contain any shot larger than Number 7 1/2.
 - c. All loads must contain lead shot.
- 19) **Field and Range Boundaries:** For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around all fields and ranges is essential. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of the officials.
- 20) **Weather/Emergency Contingency:** The shoot will take place rain or shine. In the event that the shoot is shut down for unavoidable inclement weather or other situations beyond our control, the event will start back up once it is safe to do so and we are allowed by CCGC Staff. In the event that events must be postponed, we will work with CCGC staff to reschedule. In the event that a reschedule is impossible, full or partial refunds will be granted to those unable to participate in an event. The awards will be distributed based on those who completed their rounds in each event.
- 21) **Disruption:** Parents, coaches, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviors deemed detrimental to shooters or the operation of the match. Sanctions ranging from warning to ejection from the grounds or disqualification of shooters may be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on a firing line or field.
- 22) **Alcohol Policy:** Alcohol is not allowed on the CCGC grounds during this event.
- 23) **Drug Policy:** Shooting is not allowed while under the influence of any drug or prescription medications that affect judgment and conduct to a degree that a participant is unsafe.
- 24) **Tobacco Policy:** Smoking is not permitted on or near the firing lines or in any area where it would be considered inappropriate or is a situation where the smoke constitutes interference to shooters. Smoking use and possession of tobacco products (including smokeless) by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.
- 25) **Interference:** If any contestant, in any way, whether in person or by agent, or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows disrespect to them, to the show or competition, they are subject to be penalized. Management may demand a proper apology from the contestant, may exclude him/her from the competition, bar him/her from the grounds/CCGC, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.

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- 26) Photographs:** All photographs taken by the official photographer become the property of the Nueces 4-H Trap & Skeet Club.
- Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the Nueces 4-H Double Whiz Bang Scholarship Shoot. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings at this event, and by entering the grounds/CCGC and/or competitive events associated with this event, you consent to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to this event, and you further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.
- 27) Property/Security:** All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Nueces 4-H Trap & Skeet Club and CCGC do not undertake to do so and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property of contestants thereof. All contestants are responsible for the security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property. The Nueces 4-H Trap & Skeet Club and CCGC are not responsible for the acts of a third party.
- 28) Official Scores:** The official score is the record kept by the referee/scorer on a sheet furnished to him/her by shoot management. The referee/scorer's decision on whether a target is dead or lost is final. All reported scores are checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required. Shoot officials maintain the objective of producing timely, accurate, and complete scoring records for each event. Shoot management will be responsible for conducting any and all aspects of the event pertaining to "shooting". Including, but not limited to: squadding, scoring, posting of scores, determination and conducting shoot-offs, determination of winners, and rule interpretation.
- Scorecards and clipboards will be handled by volunteers only. Parents, observers, and shooters should never have possession of scorecards, except during Sporting Clays
 - Sporting Clays: Each team will be issued their scorecards at their assigned start station. Each team will carrier their score cards from station to station and turn them in at their last station to the puller/scorer at that station. A master sheet will be kept by each puller/scorer and compared to the final scorecards turned in.
- 29) Appeals:** A shooter may appeal a ruling on the field immediately if he/she feels a referee has missed a call. Once the shooter has called for another target, leaves the station, or the next shooter has fired, such right of appeal is lost. The referee may seek assistance from the scorer or may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the referee on the field is final and not subject to further appeal. Parent/coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted.
- 30) Protests:** Shooters may only protest any injustice, violation of the rules, or other circumstance that may have resulted in placing them at a disadvantage relative to other shooters. Such conditions must be reported to management immediately. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$300 deposit which will not be returned if the protest is not sustained by management review. Protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to shoot management immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. The shoot management will investigate and reach a final resolution of the matter as soon as possible considering all circumstances. Results of all protests are final and will be reported to the contestant.
- 31) Coaching:** A participant may not be coached while in the shooting box. Coaching includes any communication between the coach, parent or other spectator and the shooter; verbal or non-verbal. The shooter may request assistance from the range safety officer and the range officer may assign an assistant, in the event of a malfunction.

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- 32) Dress Code:** Participants and spectators are required to dress appropriately. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Shooters must wear a shirt with sleeves. Clothing deemed immodest or distracting to other shooters will not be permitted. Where eye and ear protection is required, fully enclosed shoes must be worn for safety reasons by both shooters and spectators. All shooters and coaches should consider their dress in that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media.
- 33) Use of Two-Way Radios:** To assist us in range and match operations, only authorized persons are permitted to use two-way radios on the grounds. Any action by either youth or adults interfering with the frequencies in use imposes a safety hazard. Deliberate disruption of range communication by anyone at the event will be considered a safety violation and will be treated as such.
- 34) Driving Carts:** Anyone driving a cart on CCGC grounds must be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license. Violation of this rule can mean expulsion from CCGC grounds for the driver and the owner of the vehicle.
- 35) Speed Limit:** The speed limit on CCGC grounds is 10 mph. Violation of this rule can mean expulsion from CCGC grounds for the driver and the owner of the vehicle.
- 36) Personal Carts:** Personal motorized carts will be allowed with valid proof of insurance. Proof of insurance will be verified at the Event Check-In.
- 37) Rental Carts:** Golf cart rentals from CCGC will be available for \$50 for sporting clay use ONLY. To reserve your golf cart, you must add it to your iClays.com registration. Push carts will be allowed. Golf cart rental deadline is 10 days before the shoot start date.
- 38) Refunds:**
- Full refund if canceled before April 1st of the current year.
 - Partial refund if canceled before April 15th of the current year.
 - No refund if canceled after April 15th of the current year.
- 39) Practice:** NO practice rounds will be available for any event.