

Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Dress Code

The intent of the 4-H Shooting Sports Dress Code is for participants to “KEEP IT GREEN” by displaying pride in being a 4-H member, displaying Oklahoma 4-H and shooting sports in a positive manner, and for safety reasons.

Shirts

4-H collared shirts or t-shirts are acceptable.

Plain collared shirts and t-shirts. A "plain" collared or t-shirt would be without any advertising slogan(s), product(s) advertising, other organization logo(s), other business logo(s) or other business or organization lettering.

A plain shirt may have the manufacturing company's small logo on either the front or back. Examples of a plain shirt that would be acceptable could have the small "Polo". "Under Armor", "Nike" swoosh or OSU icon.

For safety reasons, tank tops and shirts showing the midriff area, are not allowable while participating in 4-H shooting sports activities.

Pants:

Jeans without holes, slacks, appropriate length skirts, skorts and shorts. Shorts, skorts and skirts should not be more than 5 inches above the middle of the knee while standing, so that modesty is maintained in all shooting positions.

Shoes/Footwear

Casual shoes, tennis shoes, or boots. For safety reasons, shoes must cover the entire foot and must be closed toe. Boots are not allowed in Air Rifle or Air Pistol contests.

Awards

Recognition is one way to help young people become self-directed, productive and contributing citizens. Awards or recognition received for accomplishment while participating in 4-H Shooting Sports may be worn and/or displayed by participants. Examples include but are not limited to medals, pins, patches, belt buckles, hats and other 4-H articles. *Federal Straight 25 or Federal Straight 50 patches* may be worn by a participant, if the patch(s) were awarded by 4-H as a result of their performance during a 4-H event.

Sponsored Apparel, Accessories and Awards

Local sponsors and supporters are important partners to the 4-H Program. We do allow sponsors to have their business logo, which includes lettering of the sponsor's name, on apparel and accessories. The size of the lettering of the sponsor's name can be no larger than the smallest 4-H emblem on the shirt or accessory or the Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports logo. If there are multiple sponsors, then the lettering of each individual sponsor's name can be no larger than the smallest 4-H emblem on the shirt or accessory or the Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports logo. Sponsors are encouraged to provide shirts for all club members, not just the individuals participating in 4-H contests.

When allowing sponsorship, the following guidelines should be followed:

- The 4-H name or emblem is to be the most prominent and identifiable name/logo on an item.
- Sponsor logos and lettering are to be no larger than the smallest 4-H Clover included on the item. **Exception:** If the Oklahoma or National 4-H Shooting Sports logo is used, the sponsor's logo, including lettering, would be no larger than the shooting sports logo. In this case, the sponsor's logo and lettering combined are to be no larger than the shooting sports logo.
- The 4-H name and emblem cannot be used to imply endorsement of commercial firms, products, or services.
- The 4-H Name and Emblem cannot be placed on any firearms or bows.

The *4-H Name and Emblem Policy Guide for 4-H Professionals* should be used to ensure appropriate use of the 4-H Name and Emblem. This document will be used to determine items in dispute.

Any sponsor, donor, organization, individual, or group wishing to partner with the Cooperative Extension Service in sponsoring clothing, awards or contests must receive authorization to use the 4-H Name and Emblem from the appropriate extension office.

