We are excited about the growth of shooting sports in the Spokane County 4-H. As we grow, we will need to continue to formalize our program. This first set of guidelines is a step toward that. With that in mind, if you are thinking of starting a shooting sports club or adding a shooting sports component to your existing club please attend to the following:


2. All proposals for shooting sports programs in the WSU-Spokane County 4-H Organization are first be reviewed and discussed with the 4-H staff in a face-to-face meeting.

3. As noted in the state plan, shooting sports programs must be lead by trained individuals in the specific shooting sports discipline in which they are a leader. That is, if you are trained in pistol, you may not lead a shotgun group. You may be deeply involved, as could any trained Spokane County 4-H Volunteer, but you would need a 4-H trained shotgun leader in charge of the program.

4. 4-H shooting sports has a stellar safety record and we intend to maintain that tradition.

5. In time we will also develop county by-laws, through our county Shooting Sports Committee, which every Spokane County 4-H group will need to follow as well.

Sorry, but this is a bit paper intensive to begin, but this way we are all covered!

6. Risk management is critical in all programs including shooting sports. Important pieces to complete before you begin a program include:
   a. A general plan for your program
   b. A “risk management plan”
   c. A “safety assessment form...” which will supplement your risk plan

7. Related to your participants, you will need the following too:
   a. An “assumption of risk” (release of liability) and “image/voice recordings release” for each youth and adult engaged in your program (you turn that in to the office)
   b. An “emergency medical release” (you keep that and have it available at each event...remember it is confidential) for each youth and adult
   c. A “participant health form” (you keep that and have it available at each event...remember it is confidential) for each youth and adult

8. At each shooting meeting/training, etc. where you will have live fire the adults shall sign in for their youth using the “shooting sports meeting/training/workshop” form, which has a copy of the release of liability on the back. (This actual is a short-cut suggested by one of our shooting sports leaders.)

9. All the forms are now on the web site. Go to the 4-H web site, click on “Project Committees” on the left side of the front page, and then click on “Shooting Sports”

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