

UTAH YHEC 2010 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The 2010 UTAH STATE YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE will be held on April 16th and 17th, 2010 at the Cache Lee Kay Public Shooting Range, 56001 West 2100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Registration will begin at 4pm on Friday April 16th. Required items for participants - current photo, hunter education blue card, and birth certificate. The events will run from 6pm until around 9pm Friday and resume at 8am Saturday. Those participants desiring to compete only on Saturday the 17th can register and start at 7am, however they may not be able to complete all events depending on time and event space to make up missed rotations. All rules and regulations will follow the NRA international rules as close as possible.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Must have completed hunter education and have a Blue Card.
2. Junior division (14 years of age and under on or before April 15th)
3. Senior division **Note Rule Change:** (15 – 18 years of age on or before August 1) **EXCEPTION:** Participants turning 19 years of age during the calendar year 2010, must be enrolled in High School for the full school year of 2009-2010 to be eligible for participation in the 2010 NRA International Youth Hunter Education Challenge Program.

EVENTS:

1. Hunters responsibility exam
2. Hunters safety trail challenge
3. Hunting Orienteering skills challenge
4. Hunting Wildlife identification challenge
5. Hunting archery challenge
6. Hunting muzzleloader challenge
7. Hunting shotgun challenge
8. Light hunting rifle challenge .22 Long Rifle

NON-EVENTS:

1. Grievance Committee, Andy Hunter, RaLynne Takeda, Brent Bassett.
2. Registration
3. Scoring
4. Meals

SAFETY:

1. All firearms and Bows will be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
2. Actions of uncased firearms must always be open except when on firing line ready to fire.
3. Firearms are to be unloaded except when on the firing line ready to fire
4. All firearms must have a safety device with the exception of traditional muzzleloaders. The safety will remain on at all times except when ready to fire.
5. Arrows will not be nocked until on the firing line ready to fire.
6. All participants must wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line.
7. Make sure all firearms and bows are safe to fire
8. Store firearms and bows so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Hunter Responsibility Exam: Participants will complete a written examination that includes 60 objective questions (multiple choice, true or false or fill in the blank). Correct answers are worth 5 points; incorrect answers are worth zero for a maximum possibility of 300 points.
2. Hunters Safety Trail Challenge: Participants will walk through a 10 station pre-determined trail; designed to simulate actual hunting conditions and situations. Stations may include, but are not limited to, hunter game situations, target

identification, landowner relationships, and safe gun handling afield. The safety trail has a Maximum possibility of 300 Points.

3. Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge: Will be conducted with participants taking bearings with their compass. Participants may also be ask to close a triangle, identify map symbols or define word. The hunting orienteering challenge has a Maximum possibility of 300 Points

4. Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge: Participants will walk through a 30 station course. Wildlife identification will be conducted with Participants observing animal tracks, mounted animals, and reading and identifying wildlife sign from 1-50 yards. The wildlife identification challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

5. Hunting Archery Challenge: Will be conducted with participants taking shots at targets varying in distance from 10 to 40 yards. Targets will be either NRA life size game target or 3D game targets with scoring areas directly over vital areas of the animal. Equipment: Shooter may use only one bow (exemption bow malfunction), Only hunting type compound, recurves or long bows. Bows may be equipped with hunting type sights, Self-adjusting sight (i.e.Sightmaster). The Hunting Archery challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

6. Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge: Will be conducted with participants shooting at NRA life size paper, knock down or silhouette game targets varying in distance form 15 to 75 yards, with scoring areas over the vitals that are considered the center of mass of the game. Participants may shoot from 3 positions. Position one: Short range 35 yards or less, from standing position (no props permitted). Position two: Medium Range 50 yards or less, participants may use any shooting position (excluding prone) with the vertical post prop or shooting stick as the only aides. Position three: Long range 75 yards or less, participants may utilize any shooting position and available props. (Props to be utilized will be at the discretion of the event director). Equipment: Any flintlock or percussion musket cap or 209-primer type Muzzleloader rifles .54 caliber or smaller will be permitted, Muzzleloader may have a set trigger (not to be set until ready to fire), muzzleloaders may be equipped with a sporter type thumbhole stock (non-adjustable), muzzleloader may also be equipped with a sling not to exceed 1 ½ inches in width. Muzzleloaders may be equipped with any metallic hunting sights. Muzzleloader may be loaded with single projectile patched balls or pure lead bullets. **The Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge may also include a written test as part of a maximum possibility of 300 points.**

7. Hunting Shotgun Challenge: Participants will move through a multiple station hunter clay course or a combination patterned after conventional skeet and trap shooting but is designed to simulate hunting conditions. The scorers will call lost for any targets they determine is missed. The participant must make any challenge to the call immediately. The "ready position" in calling for targets requires the gun to be off the shoulder; with the butt plate below the shoulder the firearm may not be shouldered until the target is visible. Equipment: Any 12 or 20 gauge shotgun will be permitted. Double targets will be thrown in some instances; therefore the shotgun should be capable of holding two shells. Only factory loaded target shells with shot size between 7 ½ and 9 will be permitted. The Hunting Shotgun Challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points

8. Light Hunting Rifle Challenge: Will be conducted with participants taking shoots at NRA life size paper, knock down or silhouette game targets varying in distance from 15 to 75 yards, with scoring areas over the vitals that are considered the center of mass of the game. Participants will shoot from 3 positions. Position one: Short range 30 yards or less from the standing position (no props permitted). Position two: Medium Range 60 yards or less participants may use any shooting position (excluding prone) with the vertical post prop as the as the only aid. Position three: Long range 75 yards or less, participants may utilize any shooting position and available props. (Props to be utilized will be at the discretion of the event director). Equipment: Only standard .22 caliber rifles designed primarily for hunting will be permitted, All action types, excluding fully automatic will be permitted. The rifle may not exceed eight pounds-eight ounces (8.8) in weight without a sling and must have a minimum trigger pull of two pounds. Rifles may be equipped with a hunting sling not to exceed 1 ½ in width. Rifles may also be equipped with sporter type thumbhole stock (non adjustable). Sights will be open, peep with a standard front post and bead, or hunting scopes nine power or less. The Light Hunting Rifle Challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

AMMUNITION AND TARGETS:

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the Utah Hunters Education Instructors Association will supply all ammunition and targets. Participants may bring there own ammunition as long as it is new factory loaded ammunition and meet the event standards.

TIE BREAKER CRITERIA:

Ties for all categories, individuals per event and overall scores will be broken. In the event of a tie the individual with the highest score on the Hunter Responsibility Exam will be declared the winner. If a tie remains, the individual with the highest score on the Hunter Safety Trail will be declared the winner, should a tie remain the individual with the highest combined score in the four responsibility events will be declared the winner. The final tiebreaker will be based on a combined score of the four shooting events.

EVENT RESTRICTIONS: The following details materials and equipment PROHIBITED from use during events

1. Hunting Responsibility Exam / Hunter Safety Trail Challenge: Hunter education books, Written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials, Communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.
2. Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge: Calculators, Orienteering books, Encyclopedias, Written taped or transcribed information and reference materials, Electronic equipment including electronic or battery operated compasses, Communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.
3. Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge: Wildlife identification books, Encyclopedias, Written taped or transcribed information and reference materials, Electronic equipment, Communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while on the course.
4. Hunting Archery Challenge: Cable Stops, Extended sight bars that measures farther than six inches from the back of the riser of bow to the front of sight, Manually adjustable sights may have no more than six sight pins or be adjusted to more than six sight positions, More than one stabilizer, Stabilizers over twelve inches, Range finders, Crossbows, Broadhead hunting tips, Arrow shafts that do not have target or field points, Sights that have lens with or without magnification, Shocker Points, Bludgeon points. Coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.
5. Hunting Muzzleloading Challenge: Shooting mats, Scopes or telescopic sights, Range finders, Binoculars, Monocular or spotting scopes, More than 60 grains of black powder or pyrodex by volume, Pure lead bullets/balls weighing more than 375 grains, Kneeling rolls, Adjustable competition sling swivels, Muzzleloaders larger than .54 caliber, More than one shooting position per shooting sequence, Wooden ramrods, Metal jacketed bullet Sabots, Coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.
6. Hunting Shotgun Challenge: Lenses, optic's and illuminated type sighting fixtures, Release triggers, Shot size larger than 7 ½, Shot size smaller than 9, Ventilated ribs greater than ½ inch in height or width. Coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.
7. Light Hunting Rifle Challenge: Clothing with adding padding, stiffness or shirt cup designed to assist shooter in remaining steady, Shooting mats, Adjustable competition sling swivel, Kneeling roll, Competitive thumbhole stocks, Palm rests or forearm stocks exceeding 2 ¼ inches wide or 2 inches deep as measured from the center line of the bore, Scopes fixed or variable power optics with capabilities greater than nine power, Range finders, Peep sights with rear aperture less than two millimeters, Binoculars, monocular or spotting scopes, More than one shooting position per shooting sequence, Shooting sticks, Coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.

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