

RANCHING & WILDLIFE YOUNG GUNS SHOOTING SPORTS

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Location – Greater Houston Sports Club
 6700 McHard Rd; Houston, TX 77053

Event Check In (Sporting Clays):	Friday, February 11	6:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Practice Rounds (Sporting Clays):	Friday, February 11	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		<i>except during Orientations</i>
Orientations (Each Flight):	Friday, February 11	Flight 1 8:30 a.m. Flight 2 11:00 a.m. Flight 3 1:30 p.m.
Tournament Begins:	Friday, February 11	Flight 1 9:00 a.m. Flight 2 11:30 a.m. Flight 3 2:00 p.m.
Sr. Males, Sr. Females, Jr. Females, & Jr. Males		5:00 p.m.
Champion Qualifier Announcement:	Friday, February 11	
Event Check In (Skeet):	Saturday, February 12	6:30 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Practice Rounds (Skeet):	Saturday, February 12	7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Skeet Orientation	Saturday, February 12	As needed throughout the day <i>(must be completed at 30 minutes prior to your Round)</i>
Skeet Rounds	Saturday, February 12	Beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Championship Round (Sporting Clays):	Saturday, February 12	1:30 p.m.
Awards Presentation:	Saturday, February 12	4:00 p.m.

*** NO LATE ARRIVALS FOR CHECK IN WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO EXCEPTIONS!***
NO SPECIAL ORIENTATIONS WILL BE HELD. CONTESTANTS MUST ATTEND A SCHEDULED ORIENTATION

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports

- Participation:** This is a shotgun Sporting Clay and Skeet competition only. This competition is limited to the first 500 entries for Sporting Clay and 400 entries for Skeet and will be divided between four divisions. Entries will be by division (Jr. Female, Jr. Male, Sr. Female, Sr. Male) based on age. No single division will exceed 250 entries for Sporting Clays submitted online by CEA/AST.

National Skeet Shooting Association and National Sporting Clay Association governing body rules will apply, unless superseded by Young Guns Special Rules. (All entries in this competition are subject to the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports Rules.

- Sporting Clays:** <http://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/>
- Skeet:** <http://mynssa.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/>

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (HLSR) makes available to County Extension Agents (CEAs) and Agricultural Science Teachers (ASTs) in charge of 4-H or FFA programs the opportunity to enter members of their programs in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports, subject to the posted rules. The opportunity to enter 4-H and FFA members in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports is made available only to CEAs and ASTs supervising these members. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered to be an agent of HLSR for any purpose.

Contestants in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.

- Eligibility:** Participation in the Young Guns Shooting Sports Division is limited to TX resident students, who are members of a TX 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the Show. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private elementary or secondary schools in TX. Students must be between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before Aug. 31, 2020. Each FFA Chapter and 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 – 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2021
 - Senior Participant Classification – 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2021

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- c. Contestants also must have been coached in a bona fide TX Agricultural Science Clay Target Shooting program (381 AG Clays) or TX 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun project within the 2021 or 2022 calendar year.
 - d. Contestants also must have competed in a minimum of one of the following in order to be eligible to enter the HLSR Junior Sporting Clays Shoot:
 - i. Texas Agricultural Science Clay Target Shooting competitions (381 AG Clays) within the 2021 or 2022 calendar year.
 - ii. Texas 4-H Shooting Sports sanctioned shotgun competitions within the 2021 or 2022 calendar year.
 - e. **A contestant is not eligible if already graduated from high school.**
3. **Ineligible Exhibitors:** 4-H and FFA members are considered to be eligible by the Houston Livestock Show for participation in the Junior Livestock Show at the time completed online entries are received from the AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent of the Livestock Show at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of any Junior Show activity in which the ineligible exhibitor was to participate. If an exhibitor is determined ineligible, then the entry is ineligible.
- a. **Foreign Exchange Students:** Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports. All Contestants must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the Show.
4. **Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** Per Rule 31 of the General Rules: The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from Show grounds.

Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort
- Providing alcohol to underage persons or providing a space for the consumption of alcohol by underage persons.
- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by underage persons
- Possession of an open alcohol container in a public area regardless of the individual's age
- Excessive consumption of alcohol

The consumption, distribution, and service of alcoholic beverages must be in compliance with the TX Alcoholic Beverage Code, which defines the lawful consumption and service of alcohol and prescribes sanctions for violations. The consumption, distribution, and service of alcoholic beverages must comply with HLSR regulations and policies.

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo™ is an invitational Livestock Show. HLSR reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

5. Rules of Entry:

- a. **Entry Requirements:** There is no limit to the number of individuals each club/chapter may enter. The right is reserved, by Management, to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds or Greater Houston Gun Club (GHGC).
 - i. Entries are limited to the first 500 entries entered. No single division will exceed 250 entries for Sporting Clays submitted online by CEA/AST. No waitlist will be offered.

6. Event Format:

- a. **Sporting Clays:** Shooters will be broken up into squads and scheduled to shoot on 1 of 3 courses. 40 shooters, 10 from each age and gender class, will advance to the Championship Round on Saturday, Feb 12. The list of shooters who advance to the Championship Round will be announced on Friday, Feb. 11, following the final score tabulation.
 - i. **Targets** – 100 targets per shooter
 - ii. **Classes**
 1. Senior Male (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
 2. Junior Male (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
 3. Senior Female (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
 4. Junior Female (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
 - iii. **Championship Round** – 100 targets per shooter

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- b. **Skeet:** Shooters will be broken into squads and scheduled to shoot on 1 of 5 fields. Last flight will be help for the Sporting Clays Finalists
 - i. **Targets** – 50 targets per shooter
 - ii. **Classes**
 1. Senior Male (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
 2. Junior Male (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
 3. Senior Female (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
 4. Junior Female (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
 - iii. **No Finals for Skeet** – all ties will be broken by shoot-off
7. **Shootoffs/Tie Breakers:** Shootoffs will only be held for the Championship Round of competition, on Saturday, Feb. 12.
 - a. NSCA procedures will be followed for any necessary shootoffs/tie breakers.
 - b. All ties, during the Championship Round, shall be shot off unless otherwise specified by shoot management and published in the program or posted at the registration table.
 - c. Procedures for shoot-offs and squads shall be posted prior to beginning of shoot.
 - d. If shoot-offs are held, the shoot-offs must be held on targets or positions not previously shot by any participating competitor in the Sporting Clay Competition.
 - e. If shoot offs are not possible by conditions, HLSR has the right to use alternative means to determine results.
8. **Check-In:** All shooters must check-in prior to mandatory orientation. Shooters will be given credentials in the form of a back number at check-in that must be displayed at all times while shooting. Check-in will be open based on the schedule above. Back numbers must be picked up prior to entering orientation. It is recommended that check-in be done on Friday, as event day schedules will be adhered to. **NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
9. **Orientation:** Orientations will be conducted before each flight on based on the schedule above. Orientation is mandatory for everyone who will participate in events that day. Shooters must attend any one of the scheduled orientations. Failure to attend orientation will result in disqualification. **NO SPECIAL/ADDITIONAL ORIENTATIONS WILL BE HELD.**
10. **Squadding:** Squadding times will be assigned on a random basis. No special request accommodations will be made. Squadding will be posted online at the [HLSR website](#), after January 15. **Contestants should check periodically, as updates/changes may be made.**
11. **Safety Requirements:**
 - a. **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 badge. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event
 - b. **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.
 - c. **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 warning, disqualification from a round, or disqualification from a match.
 - d. **Eye Protection:** Shooting glasses or equivalent prescription glasses are required for all events. All persons on any course are required to have eye protection, including range personnel, and shooters.
 - e. **Ear Protection:** All persons on any course are required to have hearing protection. 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. One set of complimentary ear plugs will be in each shooter packet. Observers should provide their own ear protection.
 - f. **Firearms:** Any 12 gauge or smaller fired from the shoulder shotgun, which conforms to NSSA rules.



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- g. **Ammunition:** NO RELOADS - NSCA PERMITTED FACTORY AMMUNITION ONLY- Shooters must furnish their own appropriate ammunition. It is vitally important to allow extra ammunition for practice rounds, shoot-offs, malfunctions, or other contingencies. Ammunition is subject to inspection and verification.
 - i. No load may contain more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot.
 - ii. No load may contain any shot larger than Number 7 1/2.
 - iii. All loads must contain lead shot.
 - h. **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.
 - i. **Disruption:** Parents, coaches, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviours 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.
 - j. **Alcohol Policy:** Alcohol is not allowed on the GHGC grounds. Consumption use and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.
 - k. **Drug Policy:** Shooting is not allowed while under the influence of any drug or prescription medications that effect judgement and conduct to a degree that a participant is unsafe.
 - l. **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.
12. **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 competition, bar him/her from the grounds/GHGC, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
13. **Photographs:** All photographs taken by the official photographer become property of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Unofficial (i.e. - personal) photographs may not be published without the written approval of Management. Contestants wishing to purchase photographs must contact the official photographer.
 - a. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo event, and by entering the grounds/GHGC and/or competitive events associated with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 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 the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 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.
14. **Property/Security:** All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and GHGC 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 security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and GHGC is not responsible for the acts of a third party.
15. **Official Scores:** The official score is the record kept by the referee/scorer on a sheet furnished him/her by Management. The referee/scorer's decision in 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. They do not represent any club, county, team, or individual. The Young Guns Superintendent(s) 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.
 - i. Scorecards and clipboards will be carried by a Squad Host to the next station. Parents, coaches, observers and shooters should never have possession of scorecards.

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16. **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, 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.
17. **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 the field referee immediately. If satisfaction is not obtained, the situation should be reported immediately to the Superintendent. If resolution is not reached at this point, the shooter only has the right to present a written protest with a \$20.00 protest fee to the Chief Referee or Shoot Coordinator within **1 hour** of the time their squad has finished, or score was posted. The Protest Jury will investigate and reach final resolution of the matter as soon as possible considering all circumstances. Results of all protests are final and will be reported to the shooter. The names of the Chief Referee, Shoot Coordinator and Protest Jury members will be posted at the shoot.
18. **Accommodations:** Lodging is the responsibility of the shooter's party and will not be arranged by the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports.
19. **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.
20. **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.
21. **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.
22. **Personal Carts:** Personal motorized carts will be allowed with valid proof of insurance. Proof of insurance will be verified at the Event Check-In. Cart rentals from Liberty Golf Cars will be available. For more information or to reserve your cart, please contact Liberty Golf Cars at (409) 892-7000. Push carts will be allowed. Cart rental deadline is February 4th.
23. **Practice:** GHGC will be open for practice based on the schedule above.

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24. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded to each division (Jr. Female, Jr. Male, Sr. Female, Sr. Male). Awards will also be given based on the Lewis Class System for Sporting Clays utilizing contestants' preliminary scores. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of HLSR.

Sporting Clays Premiums:										
# in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1-10	\$3,000									
11-20	\$3,000	\$2,000								
21-30	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250							
31-40	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750						
41-50	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500					
51-60	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450				
61-70	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400			
71-80	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350		
81-90	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	
91+	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250

Skeet Premiums:										
# in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1-10	\$2,000									
11-20	\$2,000	\$1,500								
21-30	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000							
31-40	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750						
41-50	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500					
51-60	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450				
61-70	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400			
71-80	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350		
81-90	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	
91+	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250

25. **Contact:** Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: livestock@rodeohouston.com or (832) 667-1125.