



2025 DISTRICT 5 4-H SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN WHIZ-BANG & SPORTING CLAYS

The District 5 Shotgun Games event consists of a 50 bird Whiz-bang and 100 bird sporting clays walking course. This event is open statewide to all enrolled 4-H youth and adults! Be sure to wear your favorite Spooktacular costume for prizes before the games begin.

Date

Friday, October 31, 2025

Location

5H Shooting Sports Range
19105 County Rd 4235

Frankston, TX

2-Step Registration

Step 1:

- Enter individually on 4HOnline beginning **September 5, 2025**, at <https://texas.4honline.com>
- Open to all enrolled 4-H youth and adults in the state.
- \$175 per 4-H youth contestant
- \$100 per approved 4-H adult contestant
- Late entry fee - \$50 per contestant plus regular registration fee
- The general refund policy for 4HOnline is that no refunds are provided to a 4-H member or family once the registration is approved at the COUNTY level. In extreme circumstances, such as death in the immediate family, severe illness/accident, or cancellation of an event, refunds will be provided, less any expenses already incurred by the event.

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DISTRICT 5 PRESENTS

Spooktacular Halloween Whiz-bang & Sporting Clays

October 31, 2025
5H Shooting Sports 🎃 Frankston

Events: 50 bird Whiz-bang and 100 bird Sporting Clays

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior I, Senior II, Adult

Prizes: HOA Buckles, Gun Cases, Shell Pouches and more! Best Halloween costume - Judging to take place BEFORE the shoot (prizes for each age division & Clover Kids).

Sponsors: 5H Shooting Range, Henderson County Wildlife Committee, J.L.W. Law Group, PLLC, First State Bank - Athens, Bacon Auto Ranch, Henderson Co Farm Bureau

Registration: 4-H Online @ texas.4honline.com AND Scorechaser @ scorechaser.com

Entry Fee: (includes one hamburger basket and sides - additional meal tickets can be purchased on 4HOnline)
🎃 \$175 4-H Youth
🎃 \$100 Adults

Regular Registration: September 5 - October 17
Late Registration: October 18-20 (\$50 late fee)

For information contact your local county Extension office

District 5 Contest Rules: <https://D54-H.tamu.edu>

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Carolyn Walton at 903-834-6181 by October 9, 2025. The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

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Step 2:

- Enter individually on Scorechaser no later than **October 17, 2025**, at <http://scorechaser.com>
- There is no fee to register on Scorechaser, however, you will need to set up a profile to login.

District 5 Deadlines

- Regular registration on 4HOnline **September 5 – October 17, 2025**
- Late registration – **October 18-20, 2025** (late fees apply)

Special Accommodations

- Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodation must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the competition or note such needs when registering on 4HOnline.

**Adult Attendance**

- A parent/guardian/or designated adult (shooting or non-shooting), over age 18, must remain on the premises the entire time of the event (other 4-H youth cannot be classified as a designated adult of a minor, regardless of their age).
- The name of the designated adult will need to be provided when registering in 4HOnline and he/she will need to sign-in at the check-in desk with youth participant.
- The ratio of 1 adult to 8 youth is required for this Program for Minors as required by the Texas A&M University System.

Adult Sporting Clays Shoot

- District 5 follows State 4-H Shooting Sports rules regarding adult participation as a shooter. This event allows adults to register and shoot with a registered youth 4-H shooter. This event is offered for fun and family bonding.
- Adults who wish to participate **MUST** be an enrolled adult volunteer on 4HOnline **AND** registered for the event; then registered on Scorechaser for squadding.

Personal Buggies/Side by Side ATVs

- The Sporting Clays event will be a walking course. You are welcome to bring your personal buggies or side-by-side ATVs to navigate the course.
- A limited number of buggies are available for rent from the shooting range.

Volunteer Assistance

- Adults that desire to assist with this event are greatly appreciated. Please use this Google link to sign-up to help during this event
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdE0Uul3P_QfnhOIP109munBP1fTIA5RMCAU9HRUmWwMr6NIw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=111247321722638873773
- You need to be a registered 4-H volunteer to provide assistance **AND** have knowledge of the shotgun event rules.
- Be sure to check-in at the Help Desk to receive your assignment.

Tentative Schedule

- Schedule may be modified based upon number of shooters.
- Specific times for each event will be sent to county agents ONE week before event.
- Facility gates will open at 7:45 a.m.
- Check-in at the registration/help desk between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.
- Spooktacular Halloween Costume Contest – 8:30 a.m.
- Contest and safety orientation will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Contest will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m.

Lunch and Concession Stand

- Each registered participant will receive one lunch ticket which will be distributed at check-in.
- Additional meal tickets can be purchased when registering on 4HOnline. A limited number of additional meal tickets can be purchased for \$10 each at check-in (NO CASH can be accepted – checks or money orders, only).
- Complimentary bottled water and coffee will be provided by 5H Shooting Sports in the club house.
- Snacks and other drinks are available for purchase in the club house.
- Attendees are welcome to bring their own refreshments to enjoy.

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Spooktacular Halloween Costume Contest

- Come dressed in your BEST Halloween costume (4-H appropriate).
- Contest will take place between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Shooters participating in this contest will have time to change before the safety orientation.
- Prizes will be awarded in each age division to include Clover Kids and adults (you do not need to register to participate in this contest).

Awards

- Presentation of awards will be held following tabulation of results.
 - Spooktacular Halloween Costume: 1st place in Clover Kids, 4-H youth age divisions, and adults will receive a prize.
 - Whiz-bang: 1st – 3rd places in each youth age division will receive a rosette and a prize.
 - Sporting Clays: 1st – 3rd places in each youth age division will receive a rosette and a prize.
 - High Over All (HOA) Buckles will be awarded to the highest placing Junior, Intermediate, Senior I, Senior II, Junior/Intermediate Female, and Senior I/II Female.
- Entry via 4HOnline gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and/or photograph as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.

Questions Before Contest

- Contact your local county Extension agent for eligibility, participation, and county-level questions.
- Contact Carolyn Walton at the District 5 office at 903-834-6191 or Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain, District 5 4-H Extension Specialist at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu for registration questions.

Questions at Contest

- A help desk will be located at the check-in/registration table at entry to facility.
- Committee members will be wearing a 4-H lanyard and can help provide directions.

Sponsors

- A big “thank you” to our sponsors of this 4-H event:
 - 5H Shooting Sports, Frankston
 - Henderson County Wildlife Committee
 - JLW Law Group, PLLC
 - First State Bank, Athens
 - Bacon Auto Ranch
 - Henderson County Farm Bureau

District 5 Event Rules

Entry Classes

- Junior age division (grades 3, 4, and 5)
- Intermediate age division (grades 6, 7, and 8)
- Senior I age division (grades 9 and 10)
- Senior II age division (grades 11 and 12)
- Adult – must be registered in 4HOnline as a volunteer or certified 4-H shooting sports coach. Adults will be squadded with youth.

Age Divisions and Events

- **4-H Youth** (Junior, Intermediate, Senior I, Senior II, Junior/Intermediate Female and Senior I/ Senior II Female)
 - 5-stand (50 birds)
 - Sporting clays (100 birds)
- **Adult** (certified 4-H coach or approved 4-H volunteer)
 - Sporting clays (100 birds)

Challenges

- When a shooter or coach feels that a target or event where he/she is competing has been improperly evaluated or scored, the shooter may challenge the score. A challenge must be submitted within the challenge time posted.

Protests

- Individuals and/or teams are permitted to call one Protest per match. A competitor may formally protest:
 - Any injustice which he/she feels has been except the evaluation of a target.
 - The conditions under which another competitor has been permitted to fire.
 - The equipment which another competitor has been permitted to use.

- A protest must be **initiated immediately** upon the occurrence of the protested incident and the review fee of \$10 submitted with the complaint orally communicated to the Range Officer.
 - If not satisfied with his/her decision then, state the complaint orally to the Match Director.
 - If not satisfied with his/her decision, then file a formal protest with the Event Director stating all the facts in the case. Such written protest must be filed within 12 hours of the occurrence of the protested incident.
 - The Match Director will form a jury, discuss the facts, decide and report to the competitor as soon as possible.
 - The protest and result of the protest will only be discussed with the shooter/participant that filed the complaint.

Shooting Match Rules

- Each competitor must provide their own ear and eye protection and ammunition.
- Shotguns 12 gauge or smaller must be used.
- Lead shot size of 7.5, 8, 8.5 or 9 must be used.
- Shot shell loads should follow the National Sporting Clay Association (NSCA) rule book.
<https://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/>
- Disorderly, unsafe or abusive conduct will not be allowed. This type of conduct may lead to disqualification.
- The match director will have final say in all disputes.
- For a complete set of Texas 4-H Shotgun rules, go to
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzVRTVQGAclhZnI3QmFZS2JGVVU/edit>