

# Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot

Superintendent – Larry Hysmith - College Station, TX



<b>Online Entry Deadline:</b>	Monday, December 1, 2014	
<b>Late Entry Due (Online only):</b>	Monday, December 15, 2014	
<b>Event Check in:</b>	Friday, February 27, 2015	Noon – 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, February 28, 2015	7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
		9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<b>Practice Rounds:</b>	Friday, February 27, 2015	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
<b>Orientation:</b>	Saturday, February 28, 2015	7:45 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.
	Sunday, March 1, 2015	9:45 a.m.
<b>Tournament Begins:</b>	Saturday, February 28, 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> round – 8 a.m.
		2 <sup>nd</sup> round – 1 p.m.
<b>Champion Qualifier Announcement:</b>	Saturday, February 28, 2015	After final round and scores tallied
<b>Championship Round:</b>	Sunday, March 1, 2015	10 a.m.
<b>Awards Presentation:</b>	Sunday, March 1, 2015	2 p.m.

**\* NO LATE ARRIVALS FOR CHECK IN WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO EXCEPTIONS!\***

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General 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 Sporting Clays Shoot

- 1. Participation:** This is a shotgun sporting clays competition only. This competition is limited to the first 200 entries entered per division (Jr. Female, Jr. Male, Sr. Female, Sr. Male). National Sporting Clays Association governing body rules will apply (<http://www.nssa-nasca.org/index.php/nsca-sporting-clays-shooting/nsca-sporting-clays-shooter-information/nsca-sporting-clays-rule-book/>). All entries in this competition are subject to the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot Rules.

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 Sporting Clays Shoot, subject to the posted rules. The opportunity to enter 4-H and FFA members in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot 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 the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for any purpose.

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

- 2. Eligibility:**
  - a. State of Texas:** HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot is limited to entries within the State of Texas.
  - b. School/4-H/FFA -** Contestants must be bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or Texas FFA Chapter and be enrolled in and attending public, private, or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas; between the ages of 9 and 18 on August 31, 2014, or be 8 and in the third grade on August 31, 2014, and be bona fide residents of the State of Texas. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible shooters.
    - i. Junior Participant Classification – 8/9 years – 14 years**
    - ii. Senior Participant Classification – 15 years – 18 years**
    - iii. Contestants also must have been coached in a bona fide Texas Agricultural Science Clay Target Shooting program (381 AG Clays) or Texas 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun project within the 2014 or 2015 calendar year.**
  - c. Social Security Number Requirement -** All contestants must have a personal Social Security number to be eligible to participate in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot. A completed W-9 form must be submitted for each participant.
  - d. No Pass, No Play -**Contestants suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 “No Pass, No Play” are ineligible to participate in any Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Junior activity, event, or competition. All 4-H and FFA contestants are considered to be academically eligible by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to participate in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot at the time entries are received from AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who had a member in his/her 4-H or FFA program who becomes ineligible to participate in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot according to Texas Education Code must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent or to the Livestock Office at least 24 hour prior to the beginning of the competition. If such notification is NOT received at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the competition, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will consider the contestant as eligible to participate.

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- e. **Foreign Exchange Students** - Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot.

### 3. Rules of Entry:

- a. **Fees** – An entry fee of \$125.00 per contestant made payable to HLSR will be charged. Entries MUST be submitted online at [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com) through CEA/AST. Entries should be submitted prior to midnight, December 1, 2014. Entries submitted online after December 1 and before December 15 will incur a \$250.00 late fee, per Club or Chapter. No entry will be accepted unless entry fees accompany entry forms.
- b. **Signatures** -All contestants must have the required original signatures (contestant, AST/CEA, parent/guardian, and notarization).
- c. **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 the American Shooting Center (ASC).
- Entries are limited to the first 200 entries entered in each division/class.
  - Entries must be submitted online by CEA/AST on or before December 1, 2014. Late Entries must be submitted by December 15, 2014. Entries submitted online after December 1 and before December 15 will incur a \$250.00 late fee, per Club or Chapter.**
  - Entry forms are available online at <http://www.hlsr.com/Activities/RanchingWildlifeExpo.aspx>
  - Indemnity, Waiver, W-9 forms and payments from Club or Chapters must arrive with entry packet.
  - Entries will not be accepted via paper entry or personal check.
  - Refunds -There will be no refunds of fees for accepted entries.

### 4. Awards:

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##### Senior Male Class:

Champion	\$3000.00 cash award, buckle, trophy and gun
Runner -Up	\$2000.00 cash award, buckle, trophy and gun
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$1250.00 cash award, buckle, trophy and gun
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$750.00 cash award, buckle, trophy and gun
5 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> place	\$250.00 cash and trophy buckle

##### Senior Female Class:

Champion	\$3000.00 cash award, buckle, trophy and gun
Runner -Up	\$2000.00 cash award, buckle, trophy and gun
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5. **Contact:** Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: [juniorausions@rodeohouston.com](mailto:juniorausions@rodeohouston.com) or (832) 667-1124 of (832) 667-1139.

# 2015 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™

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### Event Format & Rules

#### Event Dates:

Saturday, February 28, 2015 & Sunday, March 1, 2015

#### Location:

American Shooting Centers  
16500 Westheimer Pkwy  
Houston, TX 77082

#### 1. Event Format:

Shooters will be broken up into squads and scheduled to shoot on 1 of 4 courses. 40 shooters, 10 from each age and gender class, will advance to the Championship Round on Sunday, March 1, 2015. The list of shooters who advance to the Championship Round will be announced on Saturday, February 28, 2015, following the final score tabulation.

- a. **Targets** – 100 targets per shooter
- b. **Classes**-
  - i. Senior Male and Female (15yrs -18yrs)
  - ii. Junior Male and Female (8yrs/9yrs – 14yrs)
- c. **Championship Round**- 100 targets per shooter

#### 2. Shootoffs/Tie Breakers –

Shootoffs will only be held for the Championship Round of competition, on Sunday, March 1, 2015. NSCA procedures will be followed for any necessary shootoffs/tie breakers. 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. Procedures for shoot-offs and squads shall be posted prior to beginning of shoot. If shoot-offs are held, the shoot-offs must be held on targets or positions not previously shot by any participating competitor.

- a. **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 between Noon and 5:00pm on Friday, February 27, 2015. On the Event day, Saturday, February 28, 2015, check-in will open between 7:00 am and 7:45 am and will close for the 7:45 am orientation. Check-in will reopen at 9:00 a.m. and remain open until 12:30 p.m. Back numbers must be picked up prior to entering orientation. It is recommended that check-in be done on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, as event day schedules will be adhered to. **NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- b. **Orientation** - Orientations will be conducted at 7:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. on the Event days and at 8:45 am on Finals Event day. Orientation is for everyone who will participate in events that day. Management has the ability to change or add additional orientation times.

#### 3. 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, <http://www.hlsr.com/Activities/RanchingWildlifeExpo.aspx>, after January 15. Contestants should check periodically, as updates/changes may be made.

#### 4. Rules and 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 or near the firing line are required to have eye protection, including range personnel, and shooters.
- e. **Ear Protection** - All persons on or near the firing line 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 NSCA rules.
- 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 for lead and Number 7 for steel.
- h. **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/ASC, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
- i. **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.

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/ASC 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.

- j. **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 ASC 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 ASC are not responsible for the acts of a third party.

- k. **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 ASC, via the Shoot Coordinator, 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.  
Scorecards and clipboards will be carried by a Station Assistant to the next station. Parents, coaches, observers and shooters should NEVER have possession of scorecards. If at any time a parent, coach, observer or competitor is in possession of a scorecard, it is grounds for immediate disqualification of their child or the shooter they represent. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- l. **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.
- m. **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 Shoot Coordinator or Chief Referee. 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.
- n. **Field and Range Boundaries** - For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around all fields and ranges is essential. Since coaching is not permitted at the shooting stations, there is no reason for a parent or coach to be at the station. The field boundary is 15 feet behind the gun rack/bench. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of the officials. Failure to do so or argument with officials is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will result in appropriate actions, up to removal from the range, area, or grounds.
- o. **Accommodations** - Lodging is the responsibility of the shooter's party and will not be arranged by the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot.
- p. **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.
- q. **Coaching** - Coaching during competition will not be permitted while participants are on the firing line. 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. Only shooter & official shoot representative will be allowed on the course during event times.

- r. **Alcohol Policy** –No alcohol is allowed on the ASC 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.
- s. **Drug Policy** -No shooting is allowed while under the influence of any drug or prescription medications that effect judgement and conduct to a degree that a participant is unsafe.
- t. **Tobacco Policy** - No smoking is 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.
- u. **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.
- v. **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.
- w. **Personal Carts** - No personal motorized carts will be allowed on the grounds. Push carts will be allowed. Use of motorized carts is permitted for use by shoot management only. Cart rentals from ASC will not be available.
- x. **Practice** -ASC will be open for practice 9:00 AM to 5:00 pm on Friday, February 27, 2015.