Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Craig Cook, Manager at CCGC
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Location – Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC)
2832 FM 763, Corpus Christi, TX, 78415

Total Prize Money / Scholarships Awarded: ***$35,000***

Qualifying Event:	**February 20th, 2027 – 7:30am-8:30am**
Orientation:	8:30am (Mandatory Safety Meeting)
Tournament Begins: (Qualifying Round)	Shooting starts at 9:00am
Skeet Rounds:	*Morning Squads*: 9:00am/ 9:45am/ 10:30am/ 11:15am *Afternoon Squads*: 1:00pm/ 1:45pm/ 2:30pm/ 3:15pm
Lunch:	12:00pm-1:00pm
Sporting Clays:	*Morning Squads*: 9:00am *Afternoon Squads*: 1:00pm
Shoot-Offs for the Qualifying Rounds:	Shoot offs will begin promptly after shooting has finished and scores have been confirmed.
Championship Round:	**February 21st, 2027 – 8:30am**
Orientation:	8:30am (Mandatory Safety Meeting)
Tournament Begins: (Championship Round)	Shooting starts at 9:00am
Shoot-Offs for the Championship Round:	Shoot offs will begin promptly after shooting has finished and scores have been confirmed.
Awards Presentation:	12:30pm – Lunch and Award Presentation

1. **Participation**: This is a shotgun shooting competition. Contestants in the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot (affiliated with Rodeo Corpus Christi and Buccaneer Days) are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition. This invitational event associated with Rodeo Corpus Christi operates independently of 4-H guidelines for shotgun shooting competitions. This competition will be limited to the first 180 entries based on age and their correlating Male and Female Divisions:
    a. **Male Divisions**:
        i. Junior Division (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders only)
            1. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 10 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
        ii. Intermediate Division (6th, 7th, and 8th graders only)
            1. 10 years of age (in addition to being in the 6th grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
        iii. Senior 1 Division (9th and 10th graders only)
            1. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 16 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
        iv. Senior 2 Division (11th and 12th graders only)
            1. 16 years of age (in addition to being in the 11th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
    b. **Female Divisions:**
        i. Junior & Intermediate Open Division (3rd through 8th graders)
            1. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
        ii. Senior Open Division (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only)
            1. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.

    National Skeet Shooting Association and National Sporting Clay Association governing body rules will apply, unless superseded by the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot Special Rules. All entries in this competition are subject to the rules that follow.
    c. **Sporting Clays:** http://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/
    d. **Skeet:** http://mynssa.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/

2. **Eligibility**: Participation in the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot is limited to TX resident students, who are members of a TX 4-H Club. Exhibitors must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the event. 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 August 15th, 2026. Each 4-H Club member

must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible shooters.

a. Contestants also must have competed in the 2025 and/ or 2026 4-H State Games to enter the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot.
b. A contestant is not eligible if already graduated from high school.

3. **Ineligible Exhibitors**: 4-H members are eligible by the Buccaneer Commission for participation in the event at the time that entries are received. Any CEA (County Extension Agent) who has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of any 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 Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot. All contestants must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the event.

4. **Rules of Entry**:
    a. **Entry Requirements:** 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 Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC).
        i. Entries are limited to the first 180 entries and will be based on first come, first serve. No waitlist will be offered.
        ii. Verification will be confirmed with the CEA (County Extension Agent) to validate that each participant is enrolled in Texas 4-H at the time of entry. Should we not receive enrollment notice in a timely manner, the Buccaneer Commission will require the participants assistance to obtain that information.
    b. **Entry Format:** Entry will open by October 1st, 2026, and will close when the maximum entry limit is reached or on February 12th, 2027 at midnight. Each entry will consist of their qualifying events for Sporting Clays (100 targets) and American Skeet (50 targets). Event entry fees will be **$200.00.** No refunds will be given after January 8th, 2027, unless participant is deemed ineligible, in which a full refund will be granted.
        i. Everyone will select to compete on Saturday (February 20th, 2027) in both American Skeet and Sporting Clays and the top 5 participants in each Open Age Division (30 total) will continue to the Championship

Round on Sunday, February 21st, 2027, for the opportunity to win prize money and scholarships.

ii. At the time of entry, you will select your Sporting Clays Flight which will determine the Skeet Rotations available to you as listed below.
   a. 9:00am Sporting Clays rotation will be paired with American Skeet Rotations at 1:00pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, or 3:15pm
   b. 1:00pm Sporting Clays rotation will be paired with American Skeet Rotations at 9:00am, 9:45am, 10:30am, 11:15am

5. **Event Format**:
   a. **Qualifying Round: (Saturday, February 20th, 2027)**
      i. The Qualifying Round will consist of 100 Sporting Clays targets and 50 American Skeet targets.
      ii. The total combined score for both qualifying events (Sporting Clays and American Skeet) will be added together for overall placing for each of the Open Age divisions.
         a. Example of scoring totals:
         a. If you shot a 95 in Sporting Clays and a 45 in American Skeet your total combined score for placing in your Open Age Division would be 140.
         b. Example of shooter placing:
         a. Shooter A shoots 149
         b. Shooter B and C shoots 147
         c. Shooters D, E, F, G, H, and I shoot 145.
         d. Shooters A, B, and C will advance to the Championship Round taking the top 3 spots and shooters D, E, F, G, H, and I will shoot off for the final 2 spots.
      iii. Only the top 5 shooters (30 Total) from each of the Female and Male Divisions will advance to the Championship Round.
      iv. NSCA procedures will be followed for any necessary shoot offs/tie breakers in Sporting Clays.
      v. NSSA procedures will be following for any necessary shoot offs/tie breakers in Skeet.
   b. **Championship Round: (Sunday, February 21st, 2027)**
      i. The top five shooters (30 Total) from each of the Male and Female Divisions will advance to the Championship Round on Sunday, February 21st, 2027. The list of shooters who advance to the Championship Round will be announced on Saturday, February 20th, following the final score tabulation and shoot offs if necessary.

ii. *All scores from Saturday's Qualifying Round will not apply during the Sunday, February 21st, Championship Round. Each contestant will shoot with a clean slate of scoring.*

iii. Each contestant that has advanced to the Championship Round will compete in Skeet doubles (50 targets) and Whiz Bang (50 targets) for the Championship Round.

iv. The shooters that advance to the Championship Round must be present and must participate to receive any prize money or scholarship funds.

v. NSSA and Texas 4-H Whiz Bang procedures will be followed.

6. **Shoot offs/ Tie Breakers**:
    a. **Qualifying Round (Saturdays Round) shoot off format will be as follows:**
        i. Skeet doubles from stations 3/4/5/4/3 (10 Shots)
        ii. Sporting clays (From the 5 Stand Field) 5 pairs from station 2 (10 shots).
        iii. Scores from skeet and 5 stand will be combined, and placings will be established.
        iv. If shooters are still tied, they will shoot the following.
            a. Sporting clays (From the 5 Stand Field) 5 pairs from station 4 (10 shots)
            b. Skeet doubles from stations 3/4/5/4/3 (10 Shots)
            c. Scores from skeet and 5 stand will be combined, and placings will be established.
            d. If shooters are still tied, they will shoot the following.
                a. Skeet doubles from stations 3/4/5/4/3 (10 Shots)
                b. Sporting clays (From the 5 Stand Field) 5 pairs from station 2 (10 shots)
                c. Scores from skeet and 5 stand will be combined, and placings will be established.
                d. If shooters are still tied, they will continue the above rotations until all placings are established.

v. Doubles shoot-offs

a. Doubles shoot-offs shall be conducted doubles stations 3-4-5, miss-and-out by station. This means that a shooter must break both targets on a station in order to beat a shooter who only broke one target (i.e. if one shooter breaks the first target and another shooter breaks the second target, they are still tied).

b. In regular skeet miss-and-out shoot-offs, long run from the front shall determine the winners. Ties shall continue to shoot the round until the tie is broken.

b. **Championship Round**

i. NSSA and Texas 4-H Whiz Bang shoot off procedures will be followed for the Championship Round, as well as the same shoot off procedures that are listed for the Qualifying Round.

ii. 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.

iii. 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.

iv. If shoot offs are not possible by conditions, the Buccaneer Commission has the right to use alternative means to determine results**.**

v. The Protest Committee will determine final placings, if necessary.

7. **Check-In**: All shooters are required to check in on Saturday, February 20th (7:30am – 8:30am) and must be present for the mandatory safety orientation. Shooters will be given credentials in the form of a shooter number at check-in that must always be displayed while shooting (attached to their shooting vest, shirt, outerwear, or shooting pouch). **NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXPECTIONS!**

8. **Safety Orientations**: Safety orientations will be conducted on Saturday, February 20th at 8:30am for the Qualifying Event and Sunday, February 21st at 8:30am for the Championship Round. Safety orientations are mandatory for everyone who will participate in the events that day. Failure to attend the mandatory safety orientation for the Qualifying Round or Championship Round will result in disqualification. **NO SPECIAL/ ADDITIONAL ORIENTATIONS WILL BE HELD!**

9. **Squadding**: Squadding for skeet will be assigned on a random basis, within age divisions. Male and female shooters are subject to be mixed based on their age. No special request accommodations will be made. Accommodations for siblings will be considered for sporting clays only. Please add sporting clay requests for siblings in the 'comments' section of iClays. Squadding will be posted online at the iClays website after registration is closed. Contestants should check periodically, as updates and changes may be made before the event.

10. **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 of 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 her/her turn to shoot. The firearm must be open and empty before leaving the shooting station. Over and under' s broken open and semis or pumps must have actions open.
    c. **Muzzle Control**: Shooters must always maintain safe control of their muzzles. Regardless of condition, muzzles may not be pointed toward or rested upon any part of the body of the shooter or any 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. All spectators on the sporting clays course are required to always have eye protection on. Eye protection for spectators watching the skeet events is encouraged to wear eye protection as well.
    e. **Ear Protection**: All persons on any course are required to have hearing protection. Either ear plugs or earmuffs may be worn at the discretion of the shooter, or ranger officer; but proper hearing protection is required. *Electronic devices are not allowed while shooting, this includes cell phones, headsets, electronic watches, Bluetooth devices, or any other form of electronic device. NO EXCEPTIONS.* One set of complimentary ear plugs will be in each shooter packet. Observers should provide their own ear protection. All spectators on the sporting clays course are required to always have hearing protection on. Hearing protection for spectators watching the skeet events are encouraged to wear hearing protection as well.
    f. **Firearms**: Any 12 gauge or smaller fired from the shoulder shotgun, which conforms to NSSA/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 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 ½

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 behaviors 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 the firing line or field.

j. **Alcohol Policy**: Alcohol will not be allowed on the grounds of the Corpus Christi Gun Club for this specific event. 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.

m. **Weather**: Rain or shine, the event will continue unless officials are made aware of lightning in the area. The Corpus Christi Gun Club will make decisions on the suspension and proceeding of the shoot, if needed.

11. **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 Buccaneer Commission 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. A Master sheet will be used at each station and will be in possession of the scorer. Scorecards will be carried from station to station by the contestants

and should only be written on by the scorer. Parents, coaches, observers should never have possession of the shooter's scorecard. Fabrication of scorecards will result in disqualification from the event, with no possibility of proceeding to the Championship Round or winning prize money/ scholarships.

12. **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, leaves the station, 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.

13. **Protests**: Protest Committee for this particular event will include the Superintendent(s), Assistant Superintendent(s), Director of Competitions at the Buccaneer Commission, and the Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC). Protests must follow the guidelines located in the 'General Rules' section of the Exhibitor Handbook.

14. **Accommodations**: Lodging is the responsibility of the shooter's party and will not be arranged by the Buccaneer Commission or the Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC).

15. **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.

16. **Dress Code**: Participants and spectators are required to dress appropriately. Wearing eye and ear protection is required and 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.

17. **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 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.

18. **Personal Carts**: Contestants are allowed to bring their own buggy or cart for this event. Cart rentals will be available for $100 per sporting clay round. All cart rentals must be purchased through your online iClays registration and must be paid for by January 22nd, 2027. All cart operators must be 18 years of age or older and must complete the Corpus Christi Gun Club waiver prior to driving on the sporting clays course.

19. **Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Requirements (for qualifying Class of 2027 Senior):**
    ****If the recipient of the Male Senior 2 Division Scholarship is awarded to an individual in 11th grade, these same rules will apply for that individual when retrieving the funds, the following year****
    ****If the recipient of the Female Senior Open Division Scholarship is awarded to an individual in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, these same rules will apply for that individual when retrieving the funds, the following year****

    ****Male Senior 2 Division and Female Senior Open Division individuals are not limited to one scholarship, meaning a contestant could compete to win the scholarship prize when they are in the 11th grade AND when they are in the 12th grade****

20. **Awards**: The following prizes will be awarded to each Male Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1, & Senior 2) and Female Divisions (Junior / Intermediate Open Division & Senior Open Division) to the top 5 individuals from the Championship Round that will be held on Sunday, February 21st to compete for a grand total of $35,000 in prize money and scholarships**. ONLY, the total combined scores (Skeet doubles – 50 targets and Whiz Bang – 50 targets) from the Sunday Championship Round will determine the following award placings.** Shoot offs will be conducted if necessary to determine the final top 5 placings for each of the Open Age Divisions.

    a. **TOP GUN AWARD**
        i. The Top Gun Overall Shooter (Male or Female) (Combined scores from Saturday's Qualifying Round and Sundays Championship Round) will receive an award chosen by the Buccaneer Commission. This award will be given to the shooter following Sundays Championship Round. If a shooter in the male division and a shooter in the female division score

the same overall score, there will be the option of a shootout for those participants.

b. **MALE DIVISIONS AWARDS**

i. A total of $2,000 will be awarded to the Junior Division (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders).

a. Grand Champion- $1,000 prize money and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $600 prize money and trophy
c. 3rd place- $400 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

ii. A total of $3,000 will be awarded to the Intermediate Division (6th, 7th, .and 8th graders).

a. Grand Champion- $1,500 prize money and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $850 prize money and trophy
c. 3rd place- $650 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

iii. A total of $5,000 will be awarded to the Senior 1 Division (9th & 10th graders).

a. Grand Champion- $2,250 prize money and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $1,500 prize money and trophy
c. 3rd place- $1,250 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

iv. A total of $11,000 will be awarded to the Senior 2 Division (11th & 12th graders). The top 2 contestants in the Male Senior 2 Division will receive their funds in the form of a scholarship.

a. Grand Champion- $6,000 scholarship and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $3,000 scholarship and trophy
c. 3rd place- $2,000 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

c. **FEMALE DIVISIONS AWARDS**

i. A total of $3,000 will be awarded to the Junior / Intermediate Open Division (3rd through 8th graders).

a. Grand Champion- $1,500 prize money and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $850 prize money and trophy
c. 3rd place- $650 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

ii. A total of $11,000 will be awarded to the Senior Open Division (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th graders). The top 2 contestants in the Female Senior Open Division will receive their funds in the form of a scholarship.

a. Grand Champion- $6,000 scholarship and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $3,000 scholarship and trophy
c. 3rd place- $2,000 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

Alternative Plan to Determine Shoot Placings

Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot

Discussed and approved by the Protest Committee—October 18, 2023

As part of Section 6(b)(iv)

If in the event of inclement weather and or any other act of nature and the result of those conditions impact the shoot during the qualifying round or the championship round, the final placings guidelines will be followed to determine the final shoot results.

Scenario 1: If during the qualifying event on Saturday inclement weather or any other act of nature prevents the qualifying shoot from being able to finish. The shooters that did not complete the qualifying round on Saturday will come back on Sunday morning to complete their qualifying round.

Scenario 2: If the championship round cannot be shot due to inclement weather or any other act of nature, the following will be followed to determine the championship placings.

- The final placings will be determined by the qualifying event scores based on the below format.
    - The committee will use the sporting clays scores from the qualifying event with predetermined stations and utilize a station scorecard shoot off format. **(Predetermined stations will be determined by the Superintendent and Co Superintendent of the shoot)**
    - If the final placings cannot be determined by the sporting clays scores, then the skeet long runs will be used to determine the final placings.
        - First long run front, then if needed.
        - Long run back will be used next.

Scenario 3: If during the championship round the shoot cannot be completed due to inclement weather or any other act of nature, the following will be followed to determine the championship placings.

- The final placings for the qualifying event will be determined by the qualifying events scores for sporting clays and skeet based on the below format.
    - The committee will use the sporting clays scores with predetermined stations and utilize a station shoot off format. **(Predetermined stations will be determined by the Superintendent and Co Superintendent of the shoot)**
    - If the final placings cannot be determined by the sporting clays scores, then skeet long runs will be used to determine the final placings.
        - First long run front, then if needed.
        - Long run back will be used next.

Scenario 4: If after the championship round has completed and if shoot offs are necessary but due to inclement weather or any other act of nature the shoot offs cannot be completed, the following will be followed to determine the championship placings.

- The final placings for the Championship event will be determined by the Championship events scores for Whiz Bang and skeet doubles based on the below format.
    - The committee will use the Whiz Bang stations scores to determine the final pairings.
        - The committee will use the stations runs in the order of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
    - If the final placings cannot be determined by the Whiz Bang scores, then skeet doubles long runs will be used to determine the final placings.
        - First long run front, then if needed.
        - Long run back will be used next.