

SHOOTING SPORTS

Division 600: Shooting Sports

Participants must practice under the supervision of a 4-H shooting sports instructor certified in the appropriate discipline. Contestants are responsible for bringing their own hearing and eye protection, gun (unloaded), ammunition, bow, arrows and ground cover for prone position shooting. Unsafe actions on the part of any shooter will drop the contestant a ribbon placing or result in disqualification. 4-H attire is required for all participants, consisting of any approved 4-H shirt or plain white long-sleeved shirt with 4-H chevron or armband, jeans, and shoes that completely cover the feet. Shoes that have holes, perforations, open tops, backs or sides are not acceptable footwear.

Archery marksmanship is open to archery project members only; must be 4-H age 8 or older. Contestants will shoot 10 arrows at stationary targets. To break a tie, contestants will each shoot one arrow from greater distance.

***F600001 - Archery Marksmanship** No bow sights allowed. Two age divisions: Juniors (8-11) shoot from 10 yards; Seniors (12 and older) shoot from 15 yards.

***F600002 - Unlimited Archery Marksmanship** Bow sights and other aids allowed; shoot from 15 yards.

Member may choose BB gun or air rifle or .22 rifle, but not a combination. BB gun and pellet gun marksmanship open to shooting sports project members only. Ten shots from each position (kneeling, sitting, prone) will be fired. Targets will be ten-bull, 5 meter.

***F600005 - BB gun marksmanship** Two divisions: Age 8-9; Age 10 or older.

***F600006 – Air rifle marksmanship** Air rifles with open sights only.

***F600007 – Air rifle unlimited marksmanship** Peep or telescopic sights allowed.

Rifle marksmanship is open only to shooting sports project members age 12 or older before January 1 of current year. Prior completion of hunter safety education is encouraged. Five shots from each position (standing, kneeling, prone) will be fired at single bull 50-foot targets and silhouettes.

***F600010 - .22 caliber target marksmanship** Rifles with open sights only.

***F600011 - .22 caliber silhouette marksmanship** Rifles with open sights only.

***F600012 - .22 caliber unlimited target marksmanship** Peep sights or telescopic sights and other shooting aids allowed. Members who enter Unlimited Target may not enter .22 Target.

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***F600013 - .22 caliber unlimited silhouette marksmanship** Peep sights or telescopic sights and other shooting aids allowed. Members who enter Unlimited Silhouette may not enter .22 Silhouette.

Shotgun marksmanship is open to shooting sports project members age 11 or older before January 1 of current year only. Prior completion of hunter safety education is strongly encouraged. Hearing protection is required.

***F600020 – Shotgun Marksmanship** Two divisions: Beginning and Advanced.

Division 347: Shooting Sports

Youth must be under direct leadership of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader. No firearms can be entered as an exhibit; however, information can be shared through pictures.

- D347001 – Shooting Aid or Accessory** which helps the shooter/hunter better perform their sport. (ex: rifle sling, kneeling roll, arm guard, shotgun vest, target boxes, shooting stick) Include your design, or plans you adapted, what the item is and used for.
- D347002 – Storage Case** designed to safely hold a firearm, bow, ammunition/arrows (ex. soft-sided shotgun case, quiver, firearm safe). Include your plans, or plans you adapted, and what the storage case is used for.
- D347003 – Practice Game or Activity** invented or adapted to practice or teach a project skill. Include pictures of youth playing the game, testimonials for 4-H members who played the game, what skill is being worked on, and directions for the game. Explain how you came up with the game or adapted it to fit the needs of your group.
- D347004 – Science, Engineering, Technology Advancements of Shooting Sports Essay or Display** Share how a specific area of shooting sports has advanced. Include a timeline and photos or illustrations. Keep your topic narrow and manageable. Essays are limited to 1000 words and should be on 8½” x 11” paper.
- D347005 – Healthy Lifestyles Plan** Include a shooter’s diet and exercise plan, and how the 4-H member will benefit or improve from following the plan. Ideally, the 4-H member would follow the plan and include some journal entries about adaptations or improvements made while following the plan.
- D347006 – Citizenship/Leadership Project** Share a display on a citizenship project or leadership project the 4-H member took on individually or with a group to improve some aspect related to 4-H Shooting Sports. Examples could be range development, conservation planting to attract wildlife, a camp, 4-H recruitment event. Include who benefitted from the project, what the 4-H member’s role was, and any results.
- D347008 – Career Development/College Essay, Interview or Display** – Research opportunities for careers related to this area or opportunities for college majors or college activities to help discover using project skills beyond a person’s 4-H career. Essays are limited to 1000 words and should be on 8½” x 11” paper. Interviews need to include a picture of the interviewee in their work setting, questions asked, and a transcript of answers.
- D347009 – Community Vitality Display** Explore the difference shooting sports and hunting make in keeping Nebraska vibrant, especially in rural areas. Present facts and research in an interesting way for the public to learn from.
- D347010 – Ag Literacy-Value Added Agriculture Interview or Research Project** Explore how traditional ag producers add value to their production agriculture operations through conservation efforts, hunting, raising pheasants, shooting sports related tourism, etc. Present findings in an interesting way for the public to learn from.

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