

DEPT D –SHOOTING SPORTS

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Purple award \$2.50; blue award \$2.00; red award \$1.50; white award \$1.00

General Exhibits

Exhibits in classes are to be entered with the Ag Engineering projects. Contact the superintendents for complete details.

4-H Shooting Sports requires youth to be under the direct leadership of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader in either shotgun, rifle (BB gun), archery, pistol, black powder/muzzleloader, and/or hunting skills. No firearms can be entered as an exhibit, however information can be shared through pictures.

- D-347-1 Shooting Aid or Accessory – Any item which helps the shooter/hunter better perform their sport. Examples: rifle sling, kneeling roll, arm guard, shotgun vest, target boxes, shooting stick, etc. Include your design, or plans you adapted, what the item is and used form.

- D-347-2 Storage Case – An item with the purpose to safely hold a firearm, bow ammunition, and/or arrows. Examples: Soft sided shotgun case, quivers, firearm safe, include your design, or plans you adapted. Explain how the storage case is used.

- D-347-3 Practice Game or Activity – Invent or adapt an activity to practice or teach a project skill. Include picture 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 members.

- D-347-4 Science, Engineering, Technology Advancements of Shooting Sports Essay or Display. Choose a specific area of shooting sports and share how it 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 8 ½” x 11” paper.

- D-347-5 Healthy Lifestyles Plan – Include a shooter’s diet and exercise plan, and how the 4-H member will benefit or improve from the following plan. Ideally, the 4-H member would follow the plan and include some journal entries about adaptations or improvements made while following the plan.

- D-347-6 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.

- D-347-8 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 8 ½” x 11” paper. Interviews need to include a picture of the interviewee in their work setting, questions asked, and a transcript of answers.

- D-347-9 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.
- D-347-10 Ag Literacy – Value Added Agriculture Interview or Research Project – Explore how traditional ag producers are adding value to their production agriculture operations through conservation efforts, hunting, raising pheasants, shooting sports related tourism, etc. Present finding in an interesting way for the public to learn from.

County Projects

- S-900-900 Shell Reloading
 S-900-901 Hunting Lore and Tracking
 S-900-902 Gun Refinishing
 S-900-903 Posters – rules listed in poster section
 S-900-904 Evaluating and Collecting Shooting Sports items
 S-900-905 Pattern a Shotgun
 S-900-906 Zero a Rifle
 S-900-907 Shoot in a Match (Beginner)
 S-900-908 Shoot in a Match (Advanced)
 S-900-909 Directed Study

Constructed Articles *(all need a story)*

- S-900-910 Bullet Trap – blueprint and story
 S-900-911 Metal Swinging Target – blueprint and story
 S-900-912 Silhouette – blueprint and story
 S-900-913 Gun Case or Gun Rack – blueprint and story
 S-900-914 Cleaning Stand – blueprint and story
 S-900-915 Cleaning Kit – story only
 S-900-916 Accessory (kneeling roll, etc.) – pattern and story
 S-900-917 Bullet Board – select one of the following:
 a) Black Power, b) Pistol, c) Rifle, d) Shotgun
 S-900-918 Fanny or Back Pack
 a) Construction – making your own fanny or back pack
 b) Content needs – filling pack with safety equipment, protected broad heads, safety line, first aid kit, extra string, etc.
 S-900-919 Arrow Construction – Making your own arrows starting from bare shaft – cut to length, glue inserts, and nooks, fletch 3 or 4 feathers or veins.
 S-900-920 Side Quivers – Making your quiver from material, denim, leather, etc. to be used for competition
 S-900-921 Posters
 a) Parts of equipment (bows, arrows, harvesting equipment)
 b) Safety
 c) Promotion of archery in 4-h
 d) Collage
Size and construction to follow Department 152 – Poster rules)
 S-900-922 Making a Bow – Can be made from a kit
 S-900-923 Bow Case – Case of own construction and material. Must have blueprint (plan) and story
 S-900-924 Tree Stand – must have blueprint (plan) and story
 S-900-925 Bow Rack – To hang bow while not in use. Must have blueprint (plan) and story

S-900-926 Bow Tree – Stand for hanging bow when practicing. Must have blueprint (plan) and story

For additional information contact the respective superintendents.

Competition

General information

Contestants must meet 4-H dress codes, but may wear caps while shooting. Unsafe actions on the part of any shooter will drop the contestant a ribbon placing or result in disqualification. This determination will be made by contest officials. Contest officials/superintendents are in charge of range set up. All decisions are final.

Registration will be done at the contest site.

All 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports program must be in a club with an approved/trained 4-H Shooting Sports instructor/leader. Leaders must meet with their members.

Amateur Status: In the past the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee discouraged the practice of awarding cash, fair premiums, etc. to 4-H'ers based on how they rank or finish in a specific competition to maintain their NCAA intercollegiate eligibility. **This is no longer an issue.** Thus, your 4-H shooting sports youth may earn their fair premiums or cash awards as do other exhibitors at County Fair.

S-900-950 BB Gun, Junior (8-11 years)
S-900-951 BB Gun, Intermediate (12-15 years)
S-900-952 BB Gun, Senior (16 and over)
S-900-953 Air Rifle, Junior (8-11 years)
S-900-954 Air Rifle, Intermediate (12-15 years)
S-900-955 Air Rifle, Senior (16 and over)
S-900-956 Silhouette, Junior (8-11 years)
S-900-957 Silhouette, Intermediate (12-15 years)
S-900-958 Silhouette, Senior (16 and over)
S-900-959 Trap, Junior (9-11 years)
S-900-960 Trap, Intermediate (12-15 years)
S-900-961 Trap, Senior (16 and over)
S-900-962 Pistol, Junior (8-11 years)
S-900-963 Pistol, Intermediate (12-15 years)
S-900-964 Pistol, Senior (16 and over)

Archery

S-900-965 Junior (8-11 years)
 a. Hunter – 10-15-20 yards
 b. Freestyle – 10-15-20 yards
S-900-966 Intermediate (12-14 years)
 a. Hunter – 15-20-30 yards
 b. Freestyle – 15-20-30 yards
S-900-967 Senior (15-18 years)
 a. Hunter – 20-30-40 yards
 b. Freestyle – 20-30-40 yards

Equipment check – bow fits, shooter, proper arrow length, proper draw length, and general care of equipment.