



# Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports

## 4-H ARCHERY CLUB GUIDELINES 2025

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### GENERAL 4-H PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### **4-H ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS/COACHES: Kent Tjardes and Rob Dolezal**

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#### **4-H ENROLLMENT:**

- The Washington County 4-H Archery Club is open to Washington County 4-H members who are enrolled in the current year and are ages 8 to 18 years old on January 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Washington County 4-H enrollment must be completed online and includes a \$10 enrollment fee.
- Enrollment must be done directly by families utilizing an on-line enrollment system @ <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Once an enrollment has been submitted, it will be electronically forwarded to the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office email address. Office staff will then need to "Approve" (confirm) the enrollment to make it official.
- For step-by-step instructions, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/enrollment>
- FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED – located on the 4-H online enrollment system.
  - ✓ "**Shooting Sports Participation Code of Conduct**" - The Code of Conduct is located in the second section called "Additional Information" and is directly below the "4-H Youth/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct" that is required by all 4-H members to complete.
  - ✓ "**Health Form**" - The information to complete is located in the third section called "Health Form".

#### **AGE DIVISIONS:**

- The Washington County 4-H Archery Club plans to follow the state's guidelines for age divisions but could be adjusted based on number of members competing.
  - ✓ (Cubs) Junior (8-11 years old on January 1 of current 4-H year)
  - ✓ (Youth) Intermediate (12-14 years old on January 1 of current 4-H year)
  - ✓ (Young Adult) Senior (15-18 years old on January 1 of current 4-H year)

#### **WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM UPDATES:**

- Once the 4-H online enrollment has been completed and the \$10 4-H enrollment fee paid, 4-H families will receive WEEKLY email blasts (4-H Updates). This information will include ALL Washington County 4-H Program updates.
- 4-H families are also encouraged to review the Washington County 4-H Website on a frequent basis. [extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/](http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/)

# GENERAL 4-H ARCHERY CLUB INFORMATION

## 4-H ARCHERY CLUB GOALS:

Members will learn to be:

- ✓ **Safe and to safely handle equipment while practicing and competing.**
- ✓ **Courteous and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times**
- ✓ Knowledgeable of archery terms
- ✓ Knowledgeable about how to pick equipment that fits.
- ✓ Persistent at a skill to improve performance.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT:

- Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to be involved.
- There are plenty of opportunities to help at each practice from helping with scoring, managing the line of shooters, to helping coach students on proper form, to watching for unsafe acts and helping to arrange transportation to shooting events.
- Please do not plan on just dropping the shooters off and leaving every practice.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY CLUB FEE:

- A **\$25 fee** will be assessed for the 2025 Washington County 4-H Archery Club season (January – July).
- Fees will be used to pay Orion for the use of the range, insurance, targets and miscellaneous supplies.

## ADDITIONAL 4-H ARCHERY CLUB FORMS:

The following is a list of forms that are pertinent for the 4-H Archery Club.

- **“Orion Archery – ASA Waiver & Release of Reliability”** is enclosed. Please complete and bring to practice along with the fee. Kent or Rob will collect.
- **OPTIONAL: “Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Record Book”** found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/custer/4-h-club-member-resources/4-h-record-books/4-h-shooting-sports-record-book/>. Although completing the record book is optional, it is important that each member review the book since it includes the 4-H Pledge, the Ten Commandments for Safe 4-H Shooting Sports, opportunity for goal setting, a shooter’s diary, leadership activities record chart, permanent equipment and expendable inventory charts, score sheets, and an opportunity for member’s to record their list of 4-H exhibits.
- **OPTIONAL: “Orion Archery Club Membership Application”** may be completed if you choose to join the Orion Archery Club in addition to the Washington County 4-H Archery Club. The form is available at the Orion Archery’s Range in Blair (Membership Application).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- [4-H Shooting Sports Program | Nebraska 4-H | Nebraska](#)

# 4-H ARCHERY PROJECT INFORMATION

## SAFETY:

- There are inherent risks with any sport, and the shooting sports are no different. Based on our inquiries, the likelihood of a serious injury in any of the traditional sports of football, basketball and volleyball are much higher.
- The safety of members, parents and coaches is the club’s number one priority.
- No unsafe conduct or “horseplay” will be tolerated.
- Any member can be sent home or expelled for violating any of the safety rules.

## HUNTER SAFETY:

- 4-H Archery Club members who will be 12 years old in the current year are required to take the Nebraska Bowhunter Safety education class. This is another way that we can ensure that all members understand the safety rules.
- Official Nebraska Bowhunter Safety Course Online: <https://www.bowhunter-ed.com/nebraska/>

## **TYPE OF BOW:**

- A long bow, re-curve or compound bow is allowed.
- The most important thing is to have a bow that fits the shooter.
- If a member does not have their own equipment, Orion Archery and the 4-H Archery club have a limited amount of equipment that they have offered to let the 4-H Archery Club members borrow. In addition, if a member does not have a bow, it is suggested that they wait to purchase one until after they have had a chance to practice with Orion's or 4-H equipment.

## **MEETINGS/PRACTICE:**

- *(Unless otherwise listed.)* Meetings/practices will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month Starting in February. We will plan to accommodate both 10 yards (youth ages 8-11 years old on January 1) and 20 yards (youth ages 12-18 years old on January 1) at each practice time. The first meeting will be Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting/Practice location will be the Orion Archery's Range at Blair One Place (1526 Washington Street).
- Typical Meetings/Practices will be structured to last about 1 to 1.5 hours.
- Meeting/Practice Schedule (*subject to change based on coach's availability*). If the date/time needs to change, the coaches/4-H leaders will send out an email with as much notification as possible. In case of poor weather conditions, the meeting cancellations will follow the Blair School District. For example, an early out or school closed day will result in no practice.

## **MEETINGS/PRACTICE DATES:**

- Tuesday, February 25 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 25 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 22 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 13 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 27 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 10 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 24 – 7:00 p.m. (Indoor 200 Shooting Contest option 1)
- Tuesday, July 8 – 7:00 p.m. (Indoor 200 Shooting Contest option 2)

# **4-H ARCHERY COMPETITION**

## **4-H COMPETITIONS:**

- There will be chances to compete at multiple tournaments this year. These are great fun and all members are encouraged to attend as many as they can.
- There are three events scheduled. Event reminders will be included in the Washington County 4-H Update (bi-weekly email message). There are registration deadlines for some of the competitions so be sure to read all correspondences from the 4-H Archery Club Leader and the Washington County 4-H Program.
- Shooters have the opportunity to win premium, ribbons and/or medals.
- Additional 4-H events will appear on the state 4-H website found at [4-H Shooting Sports Program | Nebraska 4-H | Nebraska](#)

## STATE 4-H ARCHERY COMPETITION:

Nebraska State 4-H Indoor Archery Championships

January 25, 2025

Fonner Park – Grand Island, Nebraska

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION: <https://forms.gle/CMdchi8W6JrkMV4E8>

## 2025 WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY COMPETITIONS:

***In order to compete in the 4-H Archery Contests listed below, 4-H Archery Club members are required to have participated in at least TWO meetings/practices and demonstrated safe archery skills.***

### DRESS CODE for INDOOR SHOOT & WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR:

- Exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt or blouse with the official 4-H chevron attached, or a 4-H T-shirt.
- Long jeans/pants are required for competition.
- While hard soled shoes are not required for the contest, competitors are required to wear closed toed shoes with non-slip soles.
- Chevrons and t-shirts are available for purchase at the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office in Blair.
- **Failure to comply with dress code will result in the drop of a ribbon placing.**

### INDOOR 200 SHOOTING CONTEST

*This event is a paper target competition held at Orion Archery Club during the final 2 practice times.*

AGE: Youth 8-18 years old on January 1 of the current 4-H year.

DATE: June 24 or July 8 (your score will only count once)

REGISTRATION: at Contest Check-in

DRESS CODE: 4-H members are encouraged to follow the dress code as stated above.

PREMIUMS: Provided by the Washington County 4-H Archery Club

### WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR 4-H ARCHERY CONTEST

*This event is a paper target competition and is held as part of the Washington County Fair.*

AGE: Youth 8-18 years old on January 1 of the current 4-H year.

DATE: Saturday, July 19 (Four FLIGHTS\* – 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; \*subject to change)

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

REGISTRATION REQUIRED DEADLINE: July 7 at 5:00 p.m., Nebraska Extension Office, Blair

DRESS CODE: 4-H members are required to follow the dress code as stated above.

AWARDS: Provided by Washington County 4-H Council

PREMIUMS: Provided by the Washington County Fair Board



## Washington County 4-H Archery Club

# 2025 CHECKLIST

	<p><b>4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT</b></p> <p>HOW TO ENROLL: <a href="https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/join-4-h/">https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/join-4-h/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>General Registration</b></li><li>✓ <b>Health Form</b></li><li>✓ <b>Shooting Sports Participation Code of Conduct</b></li><li>✓ <b>CLUB - Washington County 4-H Archery Club</b></li><li>✓ <b>PROJECT - EE&amp;ES: Shooting Sports (D)- Archery</b></li><li>✓ <b>PAYMENT - \$10 Washington County 4-H Member Enrollment Fee</b></li></ul>
	<p>COMPLETE (HARD COPY): <b>Orion Waiver &amp; Release</b></p> <p>SUBMIT TO: Kent Tjardes or Rob Dolezal, 4-H Club Leaders</p>
	<p>FEES DUE: <b>\$25 for 4-H Archery Club Fee</b></p> <p>MAKE CHECKS TO: "Washington County 4-H Archery Club"</p> <p>SUBMIT TO: Kent Tjardes or Rob Dolezal, 4-H Club Leaders</p>