

DIVISION — 347

SHOOTING SPORTS

To participate in these competitions, a 4-H'er MUST have been enrolled in the Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports Club during the current year and must have attended at least half of the regularly scheduled meetings or practices in each discipline enrolled during the current year.

To compete in:

- Archery – Open to all youth age 8 and older by January 1 of the current calendar year and be pre-approved by the leaders to have consistently demonstrated that they are physically capable to properly and safely handle the equipment and are willing to comply with safety rules.
Freestyle Limited Recurve/Longbow/Traditional – longbow or recurve, must be shot with fingers, with or without sights (no magnification allowed), stabilizers allowed.
BareBow – Compound, Recurve/Long Bow, or Genesis, must be shot with fingers, no sights or stabilizers allowed.
Freestyle Limited – any bow, must be shot with fingers, sights, stabilizers, and peep sights allowed.
Freestyle – same as limited except shot with a mechanical release.
Divisions: Juniors, 8 to 11 year olds; Intermediates, 12 to 14 year olds; Seniors, 15 to 18 year olds.
- BB Gun – Open to all youth age 8 and older by January 1 of the current calendar year. BB Guns are provided by the program and will be shot at 5 meters (16 feet 4 inches) in prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions. The course of fire is 10 shots prone, 10 shots sitting, 10 shots kneeling, 10 shots standing (total of 40 shots) for first-year shooters; and 10 shots prone, 10 shots sitting, 10 shots kneeling, and 10 shots standing for second-year plus shooters (total of 40 shots). A written test is also included. The divisions for awards are determined annually, based on number of shooters in each age group and the number of years shooting in the BB Gun discipline.
- Air Rifle – 4-H'ers must be in their second year, or be age 12 or older by January 1 of the current calendar year, or be pre-approved to have consistently demonstrated to the leaders that they are physically capable to properly and safely handle the fire arm and are willing to comply with safety rules. Air Rifles are provided by the program. Targets will be shot at 10 meters (33 feet) in prone, kneeling and standing positions. The course of fire is 10 shots prone, 10 shots kneeling, and 10 shots standing (total of 30 shots). The 4-H'ers must provide their own required eye protection.
- Air Pistol – 4-H'ers must be at least 12 years old by January 1 of the current calendar year or be pre-approved to have consistently demonstrated to the leaders that they are physically capable to properly and safely handle the firearm and are willing to comply with safety rules. Air Pistols are provided by the program. Targets will be shot standing at 10 meters (33 feet) on 4, 10 shot targets for 40 shots. 4-H'ers must provide their own required eye protection.
- .22 Smallbore Rifle – 4-H'ers must be age 12 years old or older by January 1 of the current calendar year and be pre-approved to have consistently demonstrated to the leaders that they are physically capable to properly and safely handle the firearm and are willing to comply with safety rules. Firearms are provided by the program. Targets will be shot in four positions (prone, sitting, kneeling and off-hand) at 50 feet. The course of fire is 10 shots prone, 10 shots sitting, 10 shots kneeling, and 10 shots standing (total of 40 shots). Only .22 long rifle ammunition can be used. Only metallic peep sights may be used. Trigger guards must be present. In event of accidental discharge the trigger shall be adjusted or the gun replaced. The stock must be traditionally styled from conventional configurations such as factory rifle stocks.
- .22 Small bore Pistol – 4-H'ers must be age 12 years old or older by January 1 of the current calendar year and be pre-approved to have consistently demonstrated to the leaders that they are physically capable to properly and safely handle the firearm and are willing to comply with safety rules. Course of fire is 2 slow fire strings, consisting of 5 shots on a NRA B-2 Target in 5 minutes, and 2 Rapid fire strings, consisting of 5 shots on a NRA B-3 Target in 10 seconds. This course of fire is shot standing at 50 feet. NRA Gallery rules allow it to be shot indoors or outside. Shooters in .22 pistol must supply their own firearm. Firearms must have irons sights and a trigger pull of 3 pounds or greater. The firearm must be pre-approved by leaders to make sure that it meets standard requirements, is safe, and in proper working condition.
Divisions: Juniors, 8 to 11 years old; Intermediates, 12 to 14 year olds; Seniors, 15 to 18 year olds. Juniors are allowed to use a 2 handed hold.
- Shotgun/Trap – 4-H'ers must be age 12 and older by January 1 of the current calendar year and be pre-approved to have consistently demonstrated to the leaders that they are physically capable to properly and safely handle the firearm and are willing to comply with safety rules. The course of fire for 12 & 13 year

old 4-H'ers is 25 shots at 16 yards; 14 & 15 year old 4-H'ers is 50 shots at 16 yards; 16 year old and older 4-H'ers is 25 shots at 16 yards and 25 shots at 20 yards.

Members may use personal single shot firearms for the BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol and Smallbore .22 Rifle at the practices and the fair shoot but the firearm must be pre-approved by leaders to make sure that it meets standard requirements, is safe, and in proper working condition.

Shooters are responsible for and must wear ear protection for .22 Rifle and Shotgun/Trap shooting practices and competition. Eye protection must be worn for all shooting practices and events.

All ammunition must be kept separate from the gun.

SHOOTING SPORTS EXHIBITS

The following classes are for 4-H'ers enrolled in Archery, .22 (Smallbore) Rifle, BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol and Shotgun.

Purple, \$3.00; Blue, \$2.00; Red, \$1.50; White, \$1.00 (These premiums will be paid to the 4-H'ers.)

No firearms may be exhibited. ALL SHARP ITEMS (i.e. knives, broad heads, etc.) must be enclosed in a Plexiglas display case. Display cases must be 12" W x 18" L x 4" D and displayed so judges can open them to examine items. Items must be secured in the case.

All shooting sports projects must have a 5"x8" card securely attached describing: The project and how it applies to shooting sports; Experience gained in making the project; How the project will be used. The information should be neatly handwritten or typed on one side of the card.

All exhibits should be self-explanatory and educational to the viewers. No dimension restrictions for county only exhibits.

The 4-H'ers name and county must be on the back of each exhibit if the entry card becomes lost.

Exhibits that are dangerous or improperly prepared will be refused at entry into the Buffalo County Fair.

*D347001 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 for.

*D347002 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.

*D347003 Practice Game or Activity – invent or adapt an activity 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 members.

*D347004 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.

*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 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.

*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 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.