**2019**

**SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST**

*Purple, $3.00; Blue, $2.00; Red, $1.50; White, $1*

The following classes are for 4-H members enrolled in BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol (Small-bore), Muzzleloader, Archery and Shotgun.

- D363001  Shooting Contest: BB Gun
- D363002  Shooting Contest: Air Rifle
- D363003  Shooting Contest: Air Pistol
- D363004  Shooting Contest: .22 Rifle - Silhouette
- D363005  Shooting Contest: .22 Rifle – 4 Position
- D363006  Shooting Contest: Shotgun (Trap)
- D363007  Shooting Contest: .22 Pistol (Small-bore)
- D363008  Shooting Contest: Muzzleloader
- D363009  Shooting Contest: Archery
- D363010  Shooting Contest: Archery 3D
- D363011  Shooting Contest: Indoor Archery

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To participate in these competitions, a 4-H member MUST be enrolled in the Buffalo County 4-H program for the current year, and enrolled in shooting sport project. Independent 4-H members must be coached by an active 4-H Shooting Sports Coach certified in that project.

There will be no range time at the Fair contests to zero sights or practice. Sighters are allowed per the rule book for the match. The 4-H members sponsoring Coach must submit entry forms for each individual at least 7 days before the date of the shoot to allow for administrative time. (lane and relay assignment, verify eligibility, etc) Coaches will need to certify that the competitor has trained adequately in the course of fire and with their equipment to safely compete. Coaches will receive the lane and relay assignments before the contest. Entry forms must be signed by the certified shooting sports coach. Contestants must be supervised by their certified coaches at the match in order for them to compete. Youth who are certified 4-H Shooting Sports program as Junior instructors may coach competitors in their 4-H club. In the project they are certified. Junior instructors must check in with the Range officials for official identification. Shooters must check in their equipment at least 30 minutes before their assigned relay.

The use of electronic measuring equipment, laser range finders, range finding binoculars, cell phone apps etc, during the 3D archery competition is prohibited. Also if someone is caught using range finding equipment it could result in disqualification for that event.

**DRESS CODE**

Competitors are required to wear proper 4-H attire while on the shooting ranges. Your Buffalo County 4-H T-Shirt or 4-H club T-Shirt is preferred. A 4-H armband or chevron can be worn as well. Clothing must not have any holes or tears. For safety all shooters must wear appropriate footwear and apparel on the ranges. Footwear is not permitted to cover the ankle in the Rifle and pistol projects. Shoes that cover the ankle can be worn during .22 rifle silhouette competition only. All foot wear must have a closed toe and heel. NO shorts are permitted, except in specific disciplines like Archery where they are specifically allowed. If the competitor prefers a long sleeve shirt, it may be worn under the T-shirt. Weather conditions during the competition may dictate changes to the dress code at the match director’s discretion.

**SAFETY**

Members need to provide their firearm or bow for competition. It must be pre-approved by leaders to insure it meets standard requirements, is safe, and in proper working condition. All firearms with exposed hammers must have a functional transfer bar. Muzzle Loaders are exempt from this clause. Firearms must arrive and depart the range cased and unloaded. Any firearm found to be loaded at any time other than on the firing line is grounds for immediate disqualification.

Shooters are responsible for and must wear hearing protection for .22 Rifle, pistol, Shotgun/Trap and muzzle loading practice and competition. Eye protection must be worn for all shooting practices and events. Archery does not have an eye protection requirement. All ammunition must be kept separate from the gun until the 4-H member is on the firing line.
Clear barrel indicators are required. Clear Barrel Indicators, CBI’s are synthetic monofilament cords (trimmer string) or commercially manufactured devices to indicate the firearm is not loaded. CBI’s must be inserted in all firearms to the range or removed from it’s case. CBI’s may only be removed during preparation periods, change over periods and firing times.

Any shots fired off the target will be scored as a miss.

**UNSAFE HANDLING OR HORSEPLAY WILL BE IMMEDIATE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.**

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.

- **Archery 3D** – Same requirements as Archery. The shoot will be 10 targets set at various distances from 10 to 60 yards. The 4-H’er will shoot 5 arrows at each target. The 4-H’er will judge the distance without any mechanical devices. The target scores will be 10 points for bullseye, 5 points for any other part of the target, and 1 point for a shoot to any other part of the target. There will be two class divisions: BareBow/Genesis/Recurve and Freestyle/Freestyle Limited.

- **Archery Indoor** – Indoor competition will consist of 40 arrows shot in 8 ends of five arrows each from a distance of 10 yards for Juniors (ages 8-11) and 20 yards for Intermediate (ages 10-14) and Senior (ages 15-18). Both bare bow and freestyle classes will be offered. Archers have 4 minutes to shoot their 5 arrows. Scoring shall be X, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, from center out. Lines must be touched to count the next higher score. No one is allowed to touch the arrows before they have been scored. Witnessed bounce-outs or arrows passing through the target will be reshot. Missed arrows will be reshot at the end of the tournament. Perfect score for an indoor tournament is 200 with 40 X’s. X’s serve as tie breakers. Arrows that go past the shot arrow line will count as one of your shot arrows. An arrow that does not cross the line (dropped, falls off string) maybe shot with a 6 arrow. If an archer shoots too many arrows, they will be penalized by pulling and not scoring their highest scoring arrow, plus they will be penalized one point for every extra arrow shot. Any arrow shot into the target of another archer is to receive no score but counts as a shot arrow. At the completion of the match the scorers will check their scores. If they are not the same, they will double check their cards and addition to make them correct. Each scorer will sign the cards he/she scored and returned to the shooters who will double check the scores and sign the cards and turn them into the tournament director. Once the competition starts, no equipment is allowed to be altered. If equipment is altered after start of the tournament then immediate disqualification will happen to the individual. In case of a breakdown, the archer has 15 minutes to repair the problem.

- **BB Gun** – The match will follow the current NRA 5-meter BB gun rules only the Daisy 499 series bb gun maybe used in this competition. Ten shots will be fired from 5 meters in each of the following positions: Prone, Sitting, Kneeling, Standing. BB Gun is open to all youth 8-15 by January 1 of the current calendar year. 8-9 year old first year shooters may choose to shoot either kneeling or standing, depending on how much standing practice they have had and their wishes. For 8-9 year old first year shooters only, they receive a 10 point bonus for shooting the Standing target. 10 year olds and above second year shooters shoot the full 40 shot match. Each competitor will be allowed 10 minutes for record shots and sighters per target. All 4 targets will be given to the competitor at the beginning of the match and they are responsible for posting them. Shooters must provide their own equipment. Targets are to be scored by the Orion Target Scoring system, and the Orion Version of the NRA 10 bull BB Gun target will be used. Competitors will shoot one shot at each of the 10 bulls. An adult (coach/leader/parent) is required to supervise each shooter during the match. Shooters must have their active 4-H certified coach present during the match. A written test, based on the BB gun rulebook and Daisy’s 10 lesson guide, over the
fundamentals of safety and 4-H information will be given. It is worth 50 points and will be added to the competitors score.

Divisions 8 year olds, 9 -10 year olds, 11-12 year olds, 13-15 year olds

- Sporter Air Rifle – Is open to all youth 8-15 by January 1 of the current calendar year. The match will follow the Sporter Air Rifle National Standard 3 position Air Rifle rules. 4-H members by 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 firearm and are willing to comply with safety rules. 10 shots will be fired for 10 meters (33 feet) in each of the prone, kneeling and standing positions (total of 30 shots). Competitors are allowed 15 minutes Prone and Kneeling, and 20 minutes for the Standing position. No sighters are allowed after the first record shot is taken in each position. The additional sighter shots will be scored as misses. Competitors must provide their own equipment. Rifle are to be Sporter Grade match target rifles as defined in the National Standard three-position air rifle rules. Pellets must be .177 caliber lead only. NO BB’S. Shooters must have their active 4-H certified coach present during the match. Divisions - 8-11 Juniors, 12-15 Seniors

- Air Pistol – The Air Pistol match will follow International Pistol rules. Eligible 4-H members 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. NRA B40 targets will be shot standing at 10 meters (33 feet) on 4, 10 shot targets for 40 shots. 4-H members must provide their own equipment and pellets. Air Pistol ammunition must be lead .177 diameter pellets. NO BB’S. While the air pistol may be capable of loading multiple pellets, it must be loaded one pellet at a time and shot single shot for the match. Shooters must have their active 4-H certified coach present during the match. The divisions are 12-14 Juniors, 15-18 Seniors. A novice pistol division, 9-11 allowing shooting from a bench.

- 22 Small-bore Rifle: The match will follow the current NRA small-bore rifle 3 position rule book. Eligible 4-H members must be 9 years old or younger 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
  - 22 Small –bore Rifle: Silhouette - Classes: Total of 6 Classes. Classes divided into 3 groups by age. Age is determined as of Jan 1 of the current calendar year. Novice: Ages 9-11, Junior: Ages 12-14, Senior: Ages 15-18. Classes will be divided again by open sites and scoped rifles. For open site, only peep and blade and post sites will be allowed. Targets will be ½ scale metallic silhouettes. All shooting in banks of 5 targets, shooting left to right. Novice will shoot from a bench. Junior and Seniors will do all shooting from a standing position with no aids. Course of fire: 10 chickens at 40 meters, 10 pigs at 60 meters, 10 turkeys at 77 meters, 10 rams at 100 meters. 20 records shots. Only .22 long rifle ammunition can be used. All firearms must arrive at the range in a case in have a Clear Bore Indicator at all times when not a the line shooting.
  - 22 Small-bore Rifle: 4 Postion - 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. Classes divided into 3 groups by age. Age is determined as of Jan 1 of the current calendar year. Novice: Ages 9-11, Junior: Ages 12-14, Senior: Ages 15-18.

- 22 Small-bore Pistol – The match will follow a modified Camp Perry Match program, as defined by the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports office NRA rimfire pistol rule book. Eligible 4-H members 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. The key modification to the course of fire is it is shot at 50 feet, not 25 yards. Shooters in .22 pistol must supply their own firearm and ammunition for competition. No magnum or hyper velocity ammunition is permitted. The firearm must be pre-approved by leaders to ensure that it meets standard requirements, is safe, and in proper working condition. Iron sights are required. Miss fires and jams are not reshot. Equipment malfunctions are not reshot. Shooters must have their active 4-H certified coach present during the match. Novice 9-11, allowed to shoot from the bench.

Divisions: Juniors, 12 to 14 years old standing, using both hands; Seniors, 15 to 18 year olds standing using one hand.
• Shotgun/Trap – The match follows ATA rules for Trap. 4-H members must be age 9 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. Shooters must provide the firearm and ammunition used in the shoot. Divisions: The course of fire for 9-13 year old 4-H members is 25 shots at 16 yards; 14 & 15 year old 4-H members is 50 shots at 16 yards; 16 year old and older 4-H members is 25 shots at 16 yards and 25 shots at 20 yards.

• Muzzleloader – 4-H members must be age 12 and older by January 1 of the current year. Youth must have consistently demonstrated that they are physically capable of properly and safely handling the firearms. Youth must be willing to comply with all safety rules. Muzzle loading rifles must have a marked ramrod in the barrel except while loading or firing. Loading will take place at the firing line. No Wooden Ramrods and no direct loading from bulk containers, can, bottles, powder horns etc. is permitted. Charges shall be transferred from horn or flask to the muzzle using a powder measure or similar device. Capping or charging will take place on the firing line. Upon a cease fire, any muzzleloading rifle shooter with a loaded rifle shall keep the rifle pointed down range and raise a hand to signal the he/she has a loaded firearm. The range officer shall issue a command, “Dump it in the hill” and the shooter shall fire into the berm to clear the rifle. Except while actually measuring a powder charge, no powder container shall be left open. Any open container will be confiscated by range staff. Equipment: Rifle-Any traditional or non-traditional NMLRA Conventional muzzleloading rifle (in-line permitted), Sights-Metallic – non-traditional permitted (open or aperture), Position-Standing – no slings, Ignition. Percussion cap or flintlock. Number 209 primers are permitted. Maximum charge of 60 grains of black powder or it’s equivalent is allowable. There are no limits on caliber. All events are restricted to patched round balls only. Spotting Scopes are permitted. Classes: Divided into 3 age groups. Age is determined as of Jan 1 of current calendar year. Novice 9-11, Junior: Ages 12-14, Senior: Ages 15-18 Courses of Fire: 25 Yard Novelty, NMLRA Bottle Targets, Distance: 25 Yards 1 Bottle Target, Course of fire: 10 shots at target standing, Scoring: As outlined on the target. Completely within the neck: 10 pts, Nicking the neck: 7 pts, Within the body: 5 pts, Nicking the body: 3 pts. 50 Yard Bullseye, NMLRA 100 Yard 8 Ring Target, Distance: 50 Yards, Course of Fire: 4 Shots at Target, Scoring: Highest scoring area touched by ball. Placing at Event: Total score of all targets will determine placing. Actual numbers required for each ribbon placing will be decided at event.

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.