

**Department D – Environmental Education & Earth Sciences  
Division 951 – Shooting Sports Contest – Archery  
Saturday, June 1, 9AM, Sarpy County Fairgrounds**

**Superintendent:** Michelle Antonson

**Chief Range Officer:** Zachary Dinslage

**Range Safety Officers:** BJ DeWilde and Beth Meister

**4-H Staff:** Brett Kreifels

**GENERAL RULES**

**1. Entry forms are due on May 17, 2024.**

a. Register for the contest by filling out this Google form: <https://forms.gle/WU2VLjikMenRNWcM9>

b. After the contest entry due date, relay times will be assigned and sent via email. Relays will be scheduled to begin at 9AM. Check-in begins at 8:30 AM. Be on time for check-in. No late arrivals.

2. The contest is open to youth ages 8-18. 4-H age is determined by the age of the youth before January 1st of the current calendar year.

**3. To participate in the contest:**

a. Youth must be enrolled in the Douglas-Sarpy County 4-H program.

b. Youth must also be an active member of a Douglas-Sarpy Counties 4-H Club offering the archery project or may be an independent member. For both memberships, the youth must be under the direction of a certified 4-H Archery Shooting Sports instructor.

c. Club dues must be paid, if applicable.

d. Each competitor must attend a minimum of four (4) practices with a Nebraska certified instructor.

e. A current Nebraska 4-H Certified Shooting Sports Archery instructor familiar with the youth will be asked to certify that they meet the qualifications to participate safely in the contest.

4. **Safety First:** Anyone acting in an unsafe manner will be disqualified and asked to leave the competition.

a. Archers, coaches, and all spectators, must obey Range Officers and follow all commands and safety procedures. Do not enter or exit the range competition area without permission from the Range Safety Officer.

5. **Sportsmanship:** Poor sportsmanship may result in the lowering of one ribbon placement, after one warning.

a. Unsportsmanlike actions such as intentionally bothering another shooter by noise or actions or bothering the shooter's equipment shall be reason for disqualification.

b. Persons accompanying the participating youth, acting in an inappropriate manner, may result in the disqualification of the youth.

6. **Technology:**

a. No competitor may use a cellphone or other device during the competition. Turn off all devices.

b. No flash photography will be allowed on the range. Spectators or coaches may not pass the waiting line during the competition.

**7. 4-H Dress Code:** Participants not adhering to the dress code below will be lowered one ribbon placement.

a. Participants are to wear either a white shirt with the official 4-H chevron attached or an official 4-H T-shirt, or a 4-H club T-shirt approved by a county 4-H Office. 4-H shirts and Chevrons are available to purchase at the Extension office during normal hours. They will not be available at the Contest to purchase. Shirts must be in good condition.

b. Participants are to wear long pants or jeans without holes or rips, complete with no holes or tears, even those made by the manufacturer in new or used condition. No shorts, skirts, skorts, yoga pants, or stretch pants.

**8. Dress Code for Safety: Participants not following the safety dress code below will not be allowed to participate.**

a. Wear close-toed shoes: no crocs, flip flops, sandals, etc.

b. Participants shall not wear necklaces or jewelry (like earrings) that dangle.

c. Hair shall be pulled back and any strings from clothing (like hoodies) shall be tucked inside. No hair ribbons or accessories which could interfere with operation of the bow.

**9. Participants are required to furnish their own equipment.** No equipment will be provided.

a. Equipment must be in good working condition and be inspected and approved by the Range Safety Officer prior to the start of the competition.

b. No crossbows allowed.

c. Draw weight cannot exceed 60 lbs.

d. All arrows shall be identical in length, weight, diameter, and fletching with allowance for wear and tear. Arrows shall have commercially manufactured points. These may be either screw-in or glued points. Only target or field points are allowed, **no broadheads**. Maximum arrow shaft diameter is 27/64.

10. To expedite the contest, time limits may be imposed and will be announced prior to the start of the contest.

11. **Be a leader:** Encourage your fellow participants.

## **CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

Class and distances are determined by 4-H age and bow type.

JUNIOR (4-H AGE 8-11 years old) 10 yards,

INTERMEDIATE (4-H AGE 12-14 years old) 20 yards and

SENIOR (4-H AGE 15-18 years old) 30 yards

Except Bare Bow: INTERMEDIATE (10 yards) and SENIOR (20 yards) shoot one class lower.

· **Freestyle (FS):** Any sight or scopes, any stabilizer, any rest, and any release aid may be used provided it is hand-operated and supports the weight of the bow.

- **Bow Hunter Free Style (BHFS):** Same as Freestyle except stabilizer cannot exceed 12 inches from the face of the bow. Pin sights only, No magnification. Sights may not be adjusted after the first scoring arrow is shot.

- **Freestyle Limited (FSL):** Any sight or scope, any stabilizer, any rest, release aids are limited to gloves tabs or fingers. NO mechanical releases allowed.

- **Bare/Basic Bow (BB):** Bows, arrows, strings, and accessories free of any sights, marks, or blemishes. An adjustable arrow rest may be used to control space between the arrow and the face of the sight window. The use of stabilizers is permitted. No mechanical device will be permitted other than one non-adjustable draw check and level mounted on the bow. Neither may extend above the arrow. Release aids are limited to fingers, tabs, or gloves. Ends or edges of laminated pieces appearing on the inside of upper limbs shall be considered a sighting mechanism and are illegal. A cable guard shall be allowed if it is not in the sight window.

- **Freestyle Limited Recurve (FSLR):** Competition is limited to archers shooting recurve or longbows only. Gloves, tabs, or fingers are the only legal releases. Any sights with no magnification are legal. Levels, string peeps or electronics not allowed. Stabilizers and or counterbalances are allowed. String shall have single color middle serving. Only one or two nock locators at a single point are allowed. Only one anchor point is allowed on the string. Archers shall touch the arrow, when nocked, with index finger against the nock. Finger position may not be changed during competition. If not covered here it is illegal.

## **SCORING**

Scoring will be based on the following:

1. Written academic test administered on the day of the competition.

2. Scoring of completed targets.

a. Targets will be FITA 60cm or 80cm, four color, 10 Ring, Scored "X, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1" from center out.

b. Lines must be touched to count the next higher score. "X" serves as a tie breaker.

c. Arrows that hit the target but fall out of the target prior to scoring will be considered valid if the paper target has been penetrated and both the archer and scorer agree on the score.

d. Arrows shot into the target of another archer will receive no score but count as a shot arrow. Archers will shoot 12 ends of 5 arrows each. If too many arrows are shot, 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

## **AWARDS**

Placing will be announced at the Sarpy County Fair. A combined awards presentation will be held with Air Rifle and BB Gun. Time and Date to be announced. Premium will be Level 5.

*(Class Descriptions are from the Nebraska 4-H State Archery Rules, January 2020)*