

**Department D – Environmental Education & Earth Sciences
Division 951 – Shooting Sports Contest – Sporter Air Rifle
Sunday, June 2, 1:30 PM, Sarpy County Fairgrounds**

Check in: June 2, 1:00 PM

Superintendent: Michelle Antonson

Range Officers: Paul Boyd, Bryan DeWilde

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/5HcDACnPH1QFRSWo6>

b. After the contest entry due date, relay times will be assigned and sent via email. Relays are scheduled to begin at 1:30 PM. Once check-in is completed, the relay will begin.

2. The contest is open to youth ages 8-15. 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 Douglas-Sarpy County 4-H program.

b. Youth must also be an active member of a Nebraska Douglas-Sarpy Counties 4-H club offering the rifle project or independent but also under the direction of a certified 4-H Rifle Shooting Sports instructor.

c. Club dues must be paid, if applicable.

d. Each competitor must attend a minimum of 4 practices with a 4-H rifle certified instructor.

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

4. 2022-2024 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules will govern.

5. Safety First:

a. Anyone acting in an unsafe manner will be disqualified and asked to leave the competition.

b. Eye protection must be worn by everyone on the firing line.

c. Shooters, 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.

6. Sportsmanship:

a. Poor sportsmanship may result in the lowering of one ribbon placement, after one warning.

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

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

7. No competitor may use a cellphone or other device during the competition. Turn off all devices. No flash photography will be allowed on the range. Coaches may not enter or leave the firing line during the competition.

8. **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 the 4-H Office. 4-H shirts and Chevrons are available to purchase at the Extension office during normal hours. They

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will not be available at the contest to purchase.

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.

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

a. Wear close-toed shoes: no Croc's, 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 rifle.

10. Clothing Regulations: All clothing must be made of flexible material that does not materially change its physical characteristics under commonly accepted shooting conditions. Special devices, means or garments which support or immobilize the shooter's legs, body, or arms more than normal everyday clothing are prohibited. No shooting shirts, sweaters, jackets, or trousers allowed. Normal street type or light athletic shoes cannot extend above the midpoint of the ankle and must have a flexible sole. Boots or Shooting boots/shoes are not permitted. No pads, braces, or elastic bandages will be allowed. Eye patches are allowed.

11. Coaching on the line is allowed and encouraged. (First year members must have their own coach.)

12. Equipment:

a. Participants are required to furnish their own equipment and ammunition. No equipment will be provided.

b. Equipment must meet the definition of a Sporter Air Rifle and be in good working condition. Equipment subject to inspection and approval by the Range Safety Officer prior to the competition.

i. **Sporter Air Rifle definition:** A low cost, entry-level rifle without specialized modifications that add to the cost of the rifle. Sporter air rifles must be .177 caliber (4.5mm) pneumatic, spring air, compressed air or CO2 rifles with a muzzle velocity of 600 fps or less. As specified in the National Three-Position Air Rifle Rules (Rule 4.2, 4.3).

c. Only one set of sights may be used. Only sights manufactured for and sold with that Sporter air rifle are permitted. Or as allowed in the National Three-Position Air Rifle Rules (Rule 4.2, 4.3).

d. Rifles brought to the contest must be in an enclosed case. Rifles shall be kept in the case except while on the firing line.

e. Eye protection must be brought and worn by everyone on the firing line.

f. Ground mats and kneeling rolls encouraged. A carpet will be provided.

g. In the standing position, the sling swivel must not come into contact with the hand or glove.

h. Only flat-nosed .177 caliber pellets are permitted.

13. Time/Course of Fire: Three Position Air Rifle – 20 shoots per position from 10 meters (32 ft, 9.7 in).

a. Kneeling: Change-over (5 mins), Sighting (5 mins), 20 shots (20 mins)

b. Prone: Prep & Sighting period (8 mins), 20 shots (20 mins)

c. Standing: Change-over (5 mins), Sighting (5 mins), 20 shots (25 mins)

Slings allowed in the 2 down positions.

14. Be a leader. Encourage your fellow participants.

SCORING

Scoring will be based on the following:

1. Written academic test administered by club leaders and turned in to the superintendent by May 26,

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2023.

2. Scoring of completed targets.

a. Targets are 10-Meter Air Rifle targets designated as AR-5/10 or ISSF/USA Shooting 10-meter

b. Targets scored, "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1" from center out.

c. Lines must be touched to count the next higher score.

AWARDS

A combined awards presentation will be held with Archery and BB Gun. Time and date to be announced. Premium will be Level 5.