

TAXIDERMY, CLASSES

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$2.50; Blue, \$1.75; Red, \$1.40; White, \$.70

D346001 **Tanned Hides or Taxidermy (Scoresheet SF172)**

Any legal fish, bird, or other wild animal properly processed by the member. No requirement as to size or mounting. Include the following information:

- 1) the animal's name and
- 2) information about the exhibitor's personal field experiences, study, or observations that relate to the exhibit.

OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$2.50; Blue, \$1.75; Red, \$1.40; White, \$.70

D361001 **Design Your Own Exhibit in Natural Resources, Conservation, Geology, or Ecology (Scoresheet SF164)**

This class is for educational exhibits about natural resources, conservation, wildlife, geology, or ecology that do not fit into other categories. Entries must be appropriate for fair display and no larger than 24" x 24". All entries must include a title and should be clear (a brief explanation or other method) about the intended purpose or message – what the exhibit is meant to show. Think about accuracy, creativity, educational value for viewers, and evidence of exhibitor's personal experiences and learning.

SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H Shooting Sports requires youth to be under the direct leadership of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader in either shotgun, rifle (BB gun, air rifle, .22), archery, pistol, blackpowder/muzzleloader, and/or hunting skills. No firearms can be entered as an exhibit, nor live ammunition; however information can be shared through pictures. Classes D347004 – D347009 can be entered by anyone in the conservation and wildlife area.

Classes:

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$2.25; Blue, \$1.60; Red, \$1.20; White, \$.60 (** **DENOTES NOT Eligible for State Fair**)

D347001 **Shooting Aid or Accessory (Scoresheet SF169)**

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 (Scoresheet SF169)**

Any 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 (Scoresheet SF169)**

Invent or adapt an activity to practice or teach a project skill. Include pictures of youth playing the game, testimonials of 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, Conservation, or Wildlife Essay or Display (Scoresheet SF161)**

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 (Scoresheet SF258)**

Include a shooter's (hiker's, camper's, angler'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 (Scoresheet SF258)**

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, Conservation, or Wildlife. Examples could be

range development, conservation planting to attract wildlife, a camp, or 4-H recruitment event. Include who benefitted from the project, what the 4-H member's role was, and any results.

D347007 Career Development/College Essay, Interview or Display (Scoresheet SF161)
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.

D347008 Community Vitality Display (Scoresheet SF161)
Explore the difference shooting sports, conservation, fishing, 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.

D347009 Ag Literacy-Value Added Agriculture Interview or Research Project (Scoresheet SF161)
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.

****D347901 Educational Display (Scoresheet CF161)**
Poster or display concerning any of the Shooting Sports disciplines.
Can be mounted on 1/4" or 3/8" thick plywood, masonite, or similar panel, 24" X 24" (24" HIGH X 22" WIDE will be accepted). Display may be three-dimensional, **NOT** to exceed 2" from face of poster. Display may include safety, building or using equipment, or any aspect of the Shooting Sports disciplines.

KNOX COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: The Knox County Shooting Sports is open to all 4-H'ers (ages 8-18 on December 31 of the previous year) who are enrolled in the Knox County 4-H Program by the required deadline. Age divisions will vary with different events. Please read carefully to assure entry in proper age divisions.

DIVISIONS: ages are 4-H age (age before January 1 of the current year)

- The BB gun, air rifle and archery disciplines has 3 age divisions:
Novice - 8-10; Junior - 11-13; and Senior - 14 & over
- The .22 and shotgun disciplines has 2 age divisions:
Junior - 11-13 and Senior - 14 & over
- The Pistol discipline has 2 age divisions:
Junior-11-13 and Senior-14 & over

NEWSLETTER: You will receive a 4-H Newsletter in the mail from the Extension Office every one or two months. This letter will have a schedule of monthly events and meetings, including shooting sports dates and times. Information also available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/shooting-sports/>.

OTHER COMPETITIONS: Other counties hold invitational shoots at various times throughout the year. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for a schedule or visit <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports#calendar>. Parents are responsible for transporting their own children, since they need to be firing line coaches anyway.

FEES: A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each shooting sports contest that the 4-H'er participates in. The fees will be paid to the Extension Office with the fair pre-entry forms.

SAFETY: No unsafe conduct or "horseplay" will be allowed. Any member can be sent home and expelled from shooting sports. Any cheating will be grounds for dismissal from shooting sports.

DRESS CODE: Exhibitors in the official 4-H Shooting Sports Contests (Archery, BB Gun, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol) need to wear the official Knox County 4-H T-shirt or a plain white T-shirt is acceptable and jeans or shorts.

CERTIFIED LEADERS: At this time, certified leaders include:

- Archery - Kevin Millikan Randy Ohlfest and Bret Ketelsen
- Rifle (BB Gun, Air Rifle) - Eric Fuchtman and Chase Ruzicka
- Rifle (.22) - Steve Barney, Larry Kotrous and Bob Thiele
- Shotgun - Larry Kotrous, Jerry Goldfuss, Keith Byerly
- Pistol – Steve Barney, Don Henery, Chase Ruzicka

PRACTICES: The members will be split into groups at most practices to keep the interest of all members. Many topics will be taught, demonstrated, with hands-on experience for all members. Safety is always first. Shooting sports consists not only of shooting, but also hunting, wildlife management, target practice and how to properly handle both firearms and archery equipment.

PARENT'S INVOLVEMENT: Parents **are required** to attend all shooting sports practices to serve as coaches on the firing line for all shooters under age 16.

HUNTER SAFETY CARDS: All members are required to follow all regulations as the non 4-H member to get their Hunter Safety Card. Youth must have a Hunter Safety Card to participate in .22 Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun.

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$3.00; Blue, \$2.00; Red, \$1.25; White, \$.75
As long as shooting sports is not a NSAA sanctioned sport, it is okay for 4-H exhibitors to receive premiums.

ARCHERY DIVISION

PRACTICES: Archery practices will be held at Bloomfield with the dates announced in the 4-H newsletter. If there is a possibility of bad weather, contact the shooting sports instructor for postponements or cancellations. (Kevin Millikan at 402-640-3322)

REQUIREMENTS FOR ARCHERY: All shooters must attend **at least two (2) practices each year** with a certified leader to shoot at the official contest. 4-H shooters outside of Knox County will be allowed to compete with a written verification of practice from a certified 4-H shooting sports leader. The superintendent must have this written verification two (2) weeks before competition. Shooters must be a member of a Knox County 4-H Club to compete. Practice dates will be announced in the 4-H newsletter.

KNOX COUNTY OFFICIAL CONTEST:

- **The official Knox County Competition for Archery** will be held on Sunday, August 8 at 2:00 pm at the Harm & Tulleys Event Center on the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. (Date and time are subject to change.)
- **Fees:** A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each 4-H member to participate in the contest. The fees will be paid to the Extension Office with the fair pre-entry forms.
- **Trophies and Ribbons:** Ribbons will be awarded to all and the top score in each class will receive a trophy, as long as there are at least 2 shooters in that class. The point divisions may be adjusted the day of competition by the superintendent or the extension educator. The scoring tables are as follows:

Cub & Junior Divisions/All Classes & Senior Division Barebow (genesis)

White 0-74; Red 75-149; Blue 150-224; Purple 225-300

Senior Division/Freestyle and Freestyle Limited

White 0-149; Red 150-199; Blue 200-249; Purple 250-300

EXPLANATION OF ARCHERY CLASSES:

- Barebow: Arrows drawn by hand, no sights or stabilizers allowed.
- Freestyle Limited: Arrows must be drawn and released by hand. No limit on sights or stabilizers.
- Freestyle Unlimited: Same as limited, but allows use of mechanical release.
- Recurve/Long Bow: arrows drawn by hand, no sights or stabilizers allowed.

ARCHERY CLASSES (Denotes Not Eligible for State Fair)**

The 8-10 age group (Cub) will shoot the following:

- Barebow, Recurve/Long Bow, Freestyle Limited & Unlimited - 30 arrows at 10 yards.
- **D348901 Barebow - Cub Division (8-10)
**D348902 Freestyle Limited - Cub Division (8-10)
**D348903 Freestyle Unlimited- Cub Division (8-10)
**D348904 Recurve/Long Bow – Cub Division (8-10)

The 11-13 age group (Junior) will shoot the following:

- Barebow & Recurve/Long Bow - 20 arrows at 10 yards and 10 arrows at 20 yards.
 - Freestyle Limited & Unlimited - 30 arrows at 20 yards.
- **D348905 Barebow - Junior Division (11-13)
**D348906 Freestyle Limited - Junior Division (11-13)
**D348907 Freestyle Unlimited- Junior Division (11-13)
**D348908 Recurve/Long Bow – Junior Division (11-13)

The 14-18 age group (Senior) will shoot the following:

- Freestyle Limited & Unlimited – 30 arrows at 20 yards with a vegas style target face.
 - Barebow & Recurve/Long Bow (Genesis) will shoot the following: 30 arrows at 20 yards.
- **D348909 Barebow - Senior Division (14-18)
**D348910 Freestyle Limited - Senior Division (14-18)
**D348911 Freestyle Unlimited - Senior Division (14-18)
**D348912 Recurve/Long Bow – Senior Division (14-18)

BB GUN and AIR RIFLE DIVISION

PRACTICES: Practice dates and locations will be announced in the 4-H newsletters. If there is a possibility of bad weather, contact the shooting sports instructor for postponements or cancellations. (Eric Fuchtmann at 402-394-8201)

REQUIREMENTS FOR BB GUN AND AIR RIFLE: Each member must attend **at least two (2) practices each year** with a certified leader to shoot at the official contest.

EYE PROTECTION: In order to participate, shooters must wear eye protection for all practices and the contest.

FIREARMS:

- BB guns are defined as: any spring gun or air powered gun that shoots BB's. Must be smooth bore, weigh 6 pounds or less, will be shot at 5 meters (16 feet 4 inches). No scopes allowed.
- Air rifles are defined as: any hand pump .177 caliber air rifle that shoots pellets, and has rifling in the barrel, will be shot at 5 meters (16 feet 4 inches). No scopes allowed.

Rules for Firearms Brought to the Fair:

1. They meet the criteria mentioned in the definitions above.
2. All firearms need to be clean and in good working condition.
3. All firearms must be unloaded and on safety.
4. A responsible adult must bring each firearm, preferably in a case or box, straight from the vehicle to the range, checked in immediately and returned straight to the vehicle following the competition.
5. Each firearm needs to be marked with the member's name with tape on the stock.

KNOX COUNTY OFFICIAL CONTEST:

- **The official Knox County Competition for BB Gun and Air Rifle** will be held on Wednesday, August 11 at 3:00 pm in the Harm & Tulleys Event Center on the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield.
- **Fees:** A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each 4-H member to participate in the contest. The fees will be paid to the Extension Office with the fair pre-entry forms.

- **Important:** All members will be observed by the leaders and if the leaders feel the member is not capable of properly handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.
- **Scoring of Targets for BB Gun & Air Rifle:** When scoring the target, the main hole from the shot must break the point line for the higher points to be awarded.
- **Trophies and Ribbons:** Ribbons will be awarded to all and the top score in each class will receive a trophy. The point divisions may be adjusted by the superintendents or the extension educator. The suggested point divisions for the **BB gun and Air Rifle** are as follows: Purple 400-226; Blue 225-151; Red 150-76; White 75-0.

BB GUN, CLASSES (Denotes Not Eligible for State Fair)**

Course of Fire - 10 shots prone, 10 shots kneeling, 10 shots standing and 10 shots sitting. Total of 40 shots shot at 5 meters (16 feet 4 inches).

- **D349901 BB Gun - Novice Division (8-10)
- **D349902 BB Gun - Junior Division (11-13)
- **D349903 BB Gun - Senior Division (14& over)

AIR RIFLE, CLASSES (Denotes Not Eligible for State Fair)**

Course of Fire - 10 shots prone, 10 shots kneeling, 10 shots standing and 10 shots sitting. Total of 40 shots shot at 5 meters (16 feet 4 inches).

- **D350901 Air Rifle - Novice Division (8-10)
- **D350902 Air Rifle - Junior Division (11-13)
- **D350903 Air Rifle - Senior Division (14&over)

.22 RIFLE DIVISION

PRACTICES: Practice dates and locations will be announced in the 4-H newsletters. If there is a possibility of bad weather, contact the shooting sports instructor for postponements or cancellations. (Bob Thiele at 402-238-4636 and Steve Barney at 402-373-4494)

REQUIREMENTS FOR .22 RIFLE:

- Each member must attend **at least two (2) practices each year** with a certified leader to shoot at the official contest. Practice dates and location will be announced in the 4-H newsletter.
- **Members are only allowed to take .22 Rifle if they hold a valid hunter safety card, and are determined by the leaders to be able to handle firearms safely.**
- **EAR & EYE PROTECTION:** In order to participate, shooters must wear ear and eye protection for all .22 Rifle practices and contest.

RULES FOR FIREARMS BROUGHT TO THE OFFICIAL CONTEST:

1. All firearms need to be clean and in good working condition.
2. All firearms must be unloaded and on safety.
3. A responsible adult must bring each firearm, preferably in a case or box, straight from the vehicle to the range, checked in immediately and returned straight to the vehicle following the competition.
4. Each firearm needs to be marked with the member's name with tape on the stock.

KNOX COUNTY OFFICIAL CONTEST:

- **The official Knox County Competition for .22 Rifle (open and scope divisions)** will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 1:00 pm at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. (Date and time are subject to change.)
- **Fees:** A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each 4-H member to participate in the contest (open site and scope count as 1 contest). The fees will be paid to the Extension Office with the fair pre-entry forms.
- **Important:** All members will be observed by the leaders and if the leaders feel the member is not capable of properly handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.
- **Trophies and Ribbons:** Ribbons will be awarded to all and the top score in each class will receive a trophy, as long as there are at least 2 shooters in that class. The point divisions may be adjusted by the superintendents or the extension educator. The suggested point divisions are:
 - Junior Division .22 (open and scope):** Purple 20-12; Blue 11-8; Red 7-4; White 3-1
 - Senior Division .22 (open and scope):** Purple 20-16; Blue 15-11; Red 10-6; White 5-1

.22-OPEN SITE, CLASSES (Denotes Not Eligible for State Fair)**

.22 will shoot 20 shots at predetermined targets (5 shots at 25 feet, 5 shots at 50 feet, 5 shots at 75 feet and 5 shots at 100 feet).

**D351901 .22 Open Site - Junior Division (11-13)

**D351902 .22 Open Site - Senior Division (14 & over)

.22-SCOPE, CLASSES (Denotes Not Eligible for State Fair)**

.22 will shoot 20 shots at predetermined targets (5 shots at 25 feet, 5 shots at 50 feet, 5 shots at 75 feet and 5 shots at 100 feet).

**D351903 .22 Scope - Junior Division (11-13)

**D351904 .22 Scope - Senior Division (14 & over)

PISTOL DIVISION

PRACTICES: Practice dates and locations will be announced in the 4-H newsletters. If there is a possibility of bad weather, contact the shooting sports instructor for postponements or cancellations. (Steve Barney at 402-373-4494)

REQUIREMENTS FOR PISTOL:

- Each member must attend **at least two (2) practices each year** with a certified leader to shoot at the official contest. Practice dates and location will be announced in the 4-H newsletter.
- Each participant must furnish their own gun, ammo and EAR & EYE PROTECTION.
- **EAR & EYE PROTECTION: In order to participate, shooters must wear ear and eye protection for all Pistol practices and contest.**
- All Junior Pistol participants must have a parent/guardian on line with shooter.
- **Members are only allowed to take Smallbore (.22) Pistol if they hold a valid hunter safety card, and are determined by the leaders to be able to handle firearms safely.**
- **Air Pistol will have 2 divisions: Junior (ages 11-13) and Senior (14 & over)**
- **Smallbore (.22) Pistol will have 2 divisions: Junior (11-13) and Senior (14 & over)**

FIREARMS:

- The Air Pistol is defined as .177 Caliber Pellet Only, **NO** BBs.
- The Smallbore (.22) Pistol, either semi-automatic or revolver.
- Each participant must furnish their own gun, ammo and EAR & EYE PROTECTION.
- **RULES FOR FIREARMS BROUGHT TO THE OFFICIAL CONTEST:**
 1. All firearms need to be clean and in good working condition.
 2. All firearms must be unloaded and on safety.
 3. A responsible adult must bring each firearm, preferably in a case or box, straight from the vehicle to the range, checked in immediately and returned straight to the vehicle following the competition.
 4. Each firearm needs to be marked with the member's name with tape on the stock.

KNOX COUNTY OFFICIAL CONTEST:

- **The official Knox County Competition for Smallbore (.22) Pistol** will be held on Saturday, August 7 in the morning (time to be announced in the newsletter) at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. (Date and time are subject to change.)
- **The official Knox County Competition for Air Pistol** will be held on Wednesday, August 11 at 3:00 pm in the Harm & Tulleys Event Center on the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield.
- **Fees:** A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each 4-H member to participate in the contest (the .22 and Air count as 1 contest). The fees will be paid to the Extension Office with the fair pre-entry forms.
- **Important:** All members will be observed by the leaders and if the leaders feel the member is not capable of properly handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.
- **Trophies and Ribbons:** Ribbons will be awarded to all and the top score in each class will receive a trophy, as long as there are at least 2 shooters in that class. The point divisions may be adjusted by the superintendents or the extension educator. The suggested point divisions are:
 - Air Pistol:** Purple 400-226; Blue 225-151; Red 150-76; White 75-0
 - Smallbore (.22) Pistol:** Purple 40-22; Blue 21-15; Red 14-7; White 6-0

Air Pistol, CLASSES (Denotes Not Eligible for State Fair)**

Course of Fire: 10 shots prone, 10 shots kneeling, 10 shots standing, and 10 shots sitting. Total of 40 shots fired at 5 meters (16 feet 4 inches).

**D352901 Air Pistol - Junior Division (11-13)

**D352902 Air Pistol - Senior Division (14 & over)

Smallbore (.22) Pistol, CLASSES (Denotes Not Eligible for State Fair)**

Course of Fire: 40 shots will be fired at 50 feet in the standing position (10 shots a slow fire, 15 timed fire shots, 15 rapid fire shots).

Time Limit: Slow Fire-10 minutes (10 shots); Timed Fire-20 seconds per 5 shot string (total 15 shots); and Rapid Fire-10 seconds per 5 shot string (15 shots).

**D352903 Smallbore (.22) Pistol - Junior Division (11-13)

**D352904 Smallbore (.22) Pistol- Senior Division (14 & over)

SHOTGUN DIVISION

PRACTICES: Practice dates and locations will be announced in the 4-H newsletters. If there is a possibility of bad weather, contact the shooting sports instructor for postponements or cancellations. (Keith Byerly at 402-360-4187 or Larry Kotrous at primary phone 402-847-3362 or 402-394-7747)

REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOTGUN:

- Each member must attend **at least two (2) shooting practices each year** with a certified leader to shoot at the official contest. Practice dates and location will be announced in the 4-H newsletter.
- **Members are only allowed to take Shotgun if they hold a valid hunter safety card, and are determined by the leaders to be able to handle firearms safely.**
- **EAR & EYE PROTECTION: In order to participate, shooters must wear ear and eye protection for all shotgun practices and contest.**

RULES FOR FIREARMS BROUGHT TO THE OFFICIAL CONTEST:

1. All firearms need to be clean and in good working condition.
2. All firearms must be unloaded and on safety.
3. A responsible adult must bring each firearm, preferably in a case or box, straight from the vehicle to the range, checked in immediately and returned straight to the vehicle following the competition.
4. Each firearm needs to be marked with the member's name with tape on the stock.

KNOX COUNTY OFFICIAL CONTEST:

- **The official Knox County Competition for Shotgun** will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 1:00 pm at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. (Date and time are subject to change.)
- **Fees:** A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each 4-H member to participate in the contest. The fees will be paid to the Extension Office with the fair pre-entry forms.
- **Important:** All members will be observed by the leaders and if the leaders feel the member is not capable of properly handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.
- **Trophies and Ribbons:** Ribbons will be awarded to all and the top score in each class will receive a trophy, as long as there are at least 2 shooters in that class. The point divisions may be adjusted by the superintendents or the extension educator. The suggested point divisions are:

Junior Division Shotgun: Purple 50-38; Blue 37-26; Red 25-14; White 13-1

Senior Division Shotgun: Purple 50-40; Blue 39-30; Red 29-20; White 19-1

SHOTGUN, CLASSES (Denotes Not Eligible for State Fair)**

**D353901 Shotgun - Junior Division (11-13) – juniors will shoot 50 shots at predetermined stations.

**D353902 Shotgun - Senior Division (14 & over) – seniors will shoot 50 targets, 25 from the 16 yard line and 25 from a handicap yardage as determined by their 16 yard score.