

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & EARTH SCIENCE CONTESTS

## GENERAL RULES –

- A. 4-H members are eligible to participate in all contests regardless of projects carried except for the Fashion Show and Shooting Sports Contests. Project enrollment is required for these contests.
- B. **REGISTRATION & PRE-ENTRY**
- **Registration Form is required for:** Communications Contest/Music Contest/Food Revue/Theater Arts Contest/Fashion Show (see deadline to register on each form)
  - **YELLOW Contest Entry Form OR** online at: <https://nemaha.fairwire.com>: Horticulture Judging Contest/Wildlife Judging Contest/Life Challenge/ ATV & Tractor Driving Contest/Livestock, Dairy & Horse Judging Contests (by June 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - **BLUE Shooting Sports Contest Entry Form OR** online at: <https://nemaha.fairwire.com>: All Shooting Sports Contests (by June 15<sup>th</sup>)
- If 4-H'er is not pre-entered as required, 4-H'er may still participate but will lose premium for that event.
- C. **Participants in Activities & Contests are divided into age group divisions (senior, intermediate, and junior). These age divisions differ from contest to contest so pay careful attention when registering.**
- D. **RECOGNITION:** All 4-H members participating in these contests will be recognized as follows:
1. A premium and ribbon will be awarded to all participants.
  2. The top three contestants in each class will receive medallions: Gold - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Silver - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Bronze - 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- F. **DRESS CODE** – See Dress Code under GENERAL RULES (pg. 2)

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 500 – WILDLIFE JUDGING CONTEST

Division 500 Classes 950-952

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This is a Multi-County Contest usually held in June. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for details and deadlines. This contest is hosted by Johnson County. Information below is taken from the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book.

1. **ELIGIBILITY** – All currently enrolled 4-H members are eligible to participate in the Wildlife Contest regardless of projects carried.
2. **PRE-ENTRY** – Participants must use the Yellow Contest Entry Form to enter this contest. Form is due June 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. **AWARDS** – All participants will receive ribbons. Additionally, the participants with the top three scores in each division will receive special recognition.
4. **CONTEST INFORMATION** – The Wildlife Contest consists of identifying animals using tracks, pictures, pelts and skulls. Areas include: Bird, Fish, Insects & Arachnids, Mammals, Reptiles & Amphibians.

**CLASS 950** Senior Division - (14-18 years)  
**CLASS 951** Intermediate Division - (11-13 years)  
**CLASS 952** Junior Division - (8-10 years)

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISIONS 503-508 - SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS

Division 503 - Division 507

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### SHOOTING SPORTS RULES

1. **ENROLLMENT** - Participants must be actively enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports project and be under the direct supervision of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructor to participate in the county contest.
2. Participants **MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN FIREARM/BOW, AMMUNITION, ARROWS, SAFETY GLASSES, EARPLUGS, OR ARRANGE TO USE CLUB EQUIPEMENT** and other required equipment. Firearms/Bows used for competition are to be transported in a case, carrying bag or box. Penalty will be disqualification.
3. **PRE-ENTRY** - All Shooting Sports participants must be entered on the BLUE 4-H Shooting Sports Contest Entry Sheet due to the Extension Office by closing on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Pre-entry must be completed for each event.  
**4-H ATTIRE** – Follow the 4-H Dress Code (pg. 2 & 3) with these exceptions: In addition to the gray county 4-H t-shirt, participants may wear a state or county approved 4-H Shooting Sports t-shirt and hats, caps and headgear are allowed (See State rules for State contests). **Any participant while on the shooting line is required to wear shoes that completely cover their feet for practices and competitions. Example of footwear that is NOT acceptable include, but**

are not limited to: sandals, flip-flops, crocks, clogs, and bare feet. **PENALTY FOR NOT WEARING APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR:** disqualification from shooting.

4. **SHOOTING SPORTS PARTICIPATION CODE OF CONDUCT** - Parents/guardians and youth must sign the online Shooting Sports Participation Code of Conduct by June 15 in order to participate in a 4-H Shooting Sports Contest.
5. **HUNTER SAFETY CARD** – Nebraska Game & Parks Hunter Certification Training is required. **A copy of the 4-Her's Hunter Safety Card must be on file in the Extension Office by June 15<sup>th</sup>** if the 4-H member is participating in any Shotgun, and Smallbore competition.
6. **PARENTS ATTENDANCE** - See each discipline for contest details. Parents or an appropriate supervisor are required to attend contests **and practices with youth in the Junior division** and assist during their participation as directed by the superintendents.
7. **Participants exhibiting unsafe practices may be disqualified from the contest at the discretion of the superintendent. Range rules are strictly enforced!**
8. **PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS:** Nemaha County 4-H offers Archery, Pistol, Rifle & Shotgun disciplines. A minimum of 6 practices will be offered in each discipline. To be eligible to participate in each contest, 4-H'er must attend 3 practices per discipline. A participant becomes eligible for all pistol competitions by meeting the minimum practice requirements of at least one pistol competition. A participant becomes eligible for all rifle competitions by meeting the minimum practice requirements of at least one rifle competition. (Exception: Only 2 BB gun practices will be offered and only one rifle practice is required to compete. BB gun practices will transfer but do not meet the minimum requirement for the other rifle competitions.)
9. **SHOOTING SPORTS EXHIBITS** can be made and exhibited as static exhibits. See Environmental Education & Earth Science, Shooting Sports, Department D, Division 347.

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 503 - BB GUN CONTEST

Participants must provide their own rifle, **or arrange to use club equipment**, BB ammunition and safety glasses. **Participants are required to wear eye protection.** Parents/guardians are required to assist youth in the Junior division with loading and cocking rifles on the firing line. Rifles should be loaded with only one BB at a time and reloaded after each shot. **Pump and lever rifles only, no CO rifles allowed. Firearms used for the BB Gun Contest will use BB ammunition and will be limited to 2 pumps. No tripods or rests allowed.** Participants will take 10 shots from 5 meters in each position Prone, Kneeling, Standing and Sitting. Target used: AR-4/10

### Explanation of Sights

- Open Iron – Rear sight is adjustable with a notch of variable shapes, typically a “v” notch.
- Peep – Rear sight is adjustable, is a round disc with a small hole (peep) in the center.

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 503 - BB GUN (Basic Gun - Open Iron Sight)

**CLASS 901** BB Gun - Senior Division (Ages 15-18 years old)  
**CLASS 902** BB Gun - Intermediate Division (Ages 12-14 years)  
**CLASS 903** BB Gun - Junior Division (Ages 8-11 years)

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 503 - BB GUN -Daisy 499 or Equivalent With Peep Sight

**CLASS 904** BB Gun - Senior Division (Ages 15-18 years)  
**CLASS 905** BB Gun - Intermediate Division (Ages 12-14 years)  
**CLASS 906** BB Gun - Junior Division (Ages 8-11 years)

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 504 - ARCHERY CONTEST

Participants must provide their own bow, arrows and release aids **or arrange to use club equipment.**  
Target used: 122 cm (centimeters) FITA (World Archery)

### Explanation of Bows/Archery Classes

#### Compound Bows

- Freestyle Limited - Arrows must be drawn and released by hand. No limit on sights or stabilizers. Release aids limited to gloves, tabs and fingers.
- Freestyle - Same as freestyle limited; also allows use of mechanical release

#### Traditional Bows

- Recurve - arrows drawn by hand, no sights or marks on bow or string. **Recurve bows curve away from the archer at the tips of the bow.** No mechanical devices, stabilizers or counter balances are allowed. Only glove, tabs or fingers.
- Longbow - arrows drawn by hand, no sights or marks on bow or string. **No mechanical devices, stabilizers or counter balances are allowed. Only glove, tabs or fingers. Any person shooting Longbow will shoot distance one class lower than their age division. (Ex: Senior will shoot at Intermediate distance, Intermediate will shoot at Junior distance and Junior will shoot at Junior distance.)**

### County Archery Contest during the Fair will consist of:

- Junior (8-11 years old) 20 arrows at 30 yards  
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20 arrows at 10 yards
- Intermediate (12-14 years old) 20 arrows at 40 yards  
20 arrows at 30 yards  
20 arrows at 20 yards
- Senior (15-18 years old) 20 arrows at 50 yards  
20 arrows at 40 yards  
20 arrows at 30 yards

### DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 504 – ARCHERY

- CLASS 910 Archery - Freestyle - Senior (15-18 years old)
- CLASS 911 Archery - Freestyle - Intermediate (12-14 years old)
- CLASS 912 Archery - Freestyle - Junior (8-11 years old)
- CLASS 913 Archery - Freestyle Limited - Senior (15-18 years old)
- CLASS 914 Archery - Freestyle Limited - Intermediate (12-14 years old)
- CLASS 915 Archery - Freestyle Limited - Junior (8-11 years old)
- CLASS 916 Archery - Recurve - Senior (15-18 years old)
- CLASS 917 Archery – Recurve - Intermediate (12-14 years old)
- CLASS 918 Archery - Recurve - Junior (8-11 years old)
- CLASS 919 Archery - Longbow - Senior (15-18 years old)
- CLASS 920 Archery – Longbow - Intermediate (12-14 years old)
- CLASS 921 Archery - Longbow - Junior (8-11 years old)

### DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 505 - SHOTGUN CONTESTS

Participants are required to wear a hat (baseball style), eye and ear protection. Participants must provide their own firearm and ammunition or arrange to use club equipment. Participants must have a copy of their Hunter Safety Card on file at the County 4-H Office by June 15 to practice and compete.

### DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 505 - SHOTGUN–TRAP SHOOTING

- CLASS 930 Trapshooting - Senior (15-18 years old) - 16 yards, 2 rounds, 50 shots total
- CLASS 931 Trapshooting - Intermediate (12-14 years old) - 16 yards, 2 rounds, 50 shots total

### DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 505 - SHOTGUN–FIVE-STAND/FITASC

- CLASS 940 Five-Stand - Senior (15-18 years old) – 2 rounds, 50 shots total
- CLASS 941 Five-Stand - Intermediate (12-14 years old) – 2 rounds, 50 shots total

### DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 505 - SHOTGUN–SPORTING CLAYS

- CLASS 950 Sporting Clays - Senior (15-18 years old) – 2 rounds, 50 shots total
- CLASS 951 Sporting Clays - Intermediate (12-14 years old) – 2 rounds, 50 shots total

### DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 505 - SHOTGUN–SKEET

- CLASS 960 Skeet - Senior (15-18 years old) – 2 rounds, 50 shots total
- CLASS 961 Skeet - Intermediate (12-14 years old) – 2 rounds, 50 shots total

### DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 506 – SMALLBORE (.22) CONTESTS

Participants are required to wear eye and ear protection. Participants must provide their own firearm and ammunition or arrange to use club equipment. No tripods or rests allowed. Participants must have a copy of their Hunter Safety Card on file at the County 4-H Office by June 15 to practice and compete.

### DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 506 – SMALLBORE (.22) RIFLE CONTEST

- Prone - Standing - Kneeling - 50 feet, 10 shots in each position Target used: A-17
- CLASS 940 Smallbore (.22) Rifle (open sight) - Senior (15-18 years old)
- CLASS 941 Smallbore (.22) Rifle (open sight) - Intermediate (12-14 yrs old)
- CLASS 942 Smallbore (.22) Rifle (scope) - Senior (15-18 years old)
- CLASS 943 Smallbore (.22) Rifle (scope) - Intermediate (12-14 yrs old)

## DEPARTMENT F – DIVISION 506 – SMALLBORE (.22) RIFLE SILHOUETTE CONTEST

Standing – Hunter Pistol Steel Targets - 1 shot each target/40 shots total

10 Chickens at 40 meters/10 Pigs at 60 meters/10 Turkeys at 77 meters/10 Rams at 100 meters

**CLASS 950** Smallbore (.22) Rifle Silhouette (open sight) - Senior (15-18 years old)

**CLASS 951** Smallbore (.22) Rifle Silhouette (open sight) - Intermediate (12-14 yrs old)

**CLASS 952** Smallbore (.22) Rifle Silhouette (scope) - Senior (15-18 years old)

**CLASS 953** Smallbore (.22) Rifle Silhouette (scope) - Intermediate (12-14 yrs old)

## DEPARTMENT F – DIVISION 506 – SMALLBORE (.22) PISTOL CONTEST

Standing – 50 feet, 10 shots each at 4 targets/40 shots total Target used: B-33

**CLASS 960** Smallbore (.22) Pistol - Senior (15-18 years old)

**CLASS 961** Smallbore (.22) Pistol - Intermediate (12-14 years old)

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 507 - AIR FIREARM CONTESTS

Participants are required to wear eye protection.

### Pistol Rules

- NRA International Style Pistol Rules (most recent printing). Pistols can be either precision or sporter.
- Juniors (8-11 years old) – Seated. Rests the grip (and hands) on supporting material. Must have a coach.
- Intermediate (12-14 years old) – Can be one hand supported (support must be counter balance type support) or unsupported. Coaching encouraged.
- Seniors (15-18 years old) – Seniors must stand free, without support, completely within the firing point. The complete pistol must be held and fired with one hand only. Bracelets, wristbands, or similar items that might provide support are prohibited on the hand and arm which holds the pistol.

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 507 - AIR RIFLE (Open Iron Sight)

Seniors will shoot in positions: Prone - Standing - Kneeling - 10 shots in each position **10 Meters**-target used AR 5/10

**CLASS 950** Air Rifle - Senior (15-18 years old)

**CLASS 951** Air Rifle - Intermediate (12-14 years old)

**CLASS 952** Air Rifle - Junior (8-11 years old)

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 507 - AIR RIFLE (Peep Sight)

Seniors will shoot in positions: Prone - Standing - Kneeling - 10 shots in each position **10 Meters**-target used AR 5/10

**CLASS 953** Air Rifle - Senior (15-18 years old)

**CLASS 954** Air Rifle - Intermediate (12-14 years old)

**CLASS 955** Air Rifle - Junior (8-11 years old)

## DEPARTMENT F - DIVISION 507 - AIR PISTOL CONTESTS

10 meters – 10 shots at 4 targets/40 shots total Target used: B-40 and B-40/4

**CLASS 960** Air Pistol - Senior (15-18 years old) – Standing (Non-Supported)

**CLASS 961** Air Pistol - Intermediate (12-14 years old) – **Sitting (Bench Rest)**

**CLASS 962** Air Pistol - Junior (8-11 years old) – Sitting (Bench Rest)