

Shooting Sports

Division 347 – 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), archery, pistol, black powder/muzzleloader, and/or hunting skills. No firearms nor live ammunition can be entered as an exhibit; however information can be shared through pictures. Classes 004-009 can be entered by anyone in the conservation and wildlife area.

Exhibit Hall Displays

CLASS

- D347001 - Shooting Aid or Accessory** – 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** – an 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** – invent or adapt an activity to practice or teach a project skill. Include pictures of youth playing the game, testimonials for 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** – 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** – Include a shooter'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** – 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. Examples could be range development, conservation planting to attract wildlife, a camp, 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** – 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** – Explore the difference shooting sports 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** – 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.

Shooting Sports Contest

- *All youth must attend a safety meeting before they will be allowed to practice or compete in a county contest. A form will be signed at the safety meeting that you have read and understand the following rules pertaining to 4-H Shooting Sports.*
- *Must attend 2 (two) required shooting practices for each discipline you are participating in.*
- *All youth members must be present on time to set up and help with clean up for practices to count.*
- *Youth must sign out at practice with instructor to receive credit for the practice. If youth do not sign out, youth will NOT receive credit for attending practice.*

General Information:

Dress code will be followed. Requirements - **blue or dark jeans - NO SHORTS**, and a 4-H T-Shirt approved by the Extension Office or a white shirt with a 4-H chevron. If **Dress Code** is not adhered to, the 4-H member will be dropped one (1) ribbon placing. Appropriate hat or visor and tinted shooting (safety) glasses or sunglasses may be worn. In **shooting sports** projects where ear protection is a requirement, **Ear Plugs or Muffs** must have a **Noise Reduction Rating of not less than 25 Decibels**.

Safety!! More than **three (3)** reprimands at practice, throughout the summer, will be grounds to remove a member from the project. **Unsafe** handling or horseplay of firearms (guns and or bows and arrows) or disregard of safety guidelines will be immediate grounds for disqualification.

All Guns shall be unloaded and have the action open or be unloaded and in a gun case, when brought to practice for to the fair. Guns may be inspected by instructors on arrival at any practice or fair contests. All guns will be placed on provided rack and must remain on rack until the end of the practice or competition.

Only persons working the registration scoring table are allowed around the table after the contest has started until the final tabulation is completed.

No coaching will be allowed from parents/guardians or spectators. All spectators must remain behind barriers.

Red dots are classified as a scope.

All awards will be given at the end of contests i.e. if muzzleloader, small bore and pistol are held together awards will be given at the end of combined contests.

NEW for 2018 - All Around Shooting Sports Award

The 4-H Shooting Sports All Around Award will include the following disciplines: Trap, Smallbore, Muzzleloader, Pistol, BB Gun, Air Rifle and Archery. Youth do not have to compete in all disciplines. Youth will only receive points for the discipline they compete in. Youth will only receive points for the top ribbon per discipline. For example youth will only receive points for top ribbon in muzzleloader modern or traditional not both.

Points will be awarded according to ribbon placing:

Grand Champion – 5 points
Reserve Champion – 4 points
Purple – 3 points
Blue – 2 points
Red – 1 point

In the case of a tie, a shooting sports instructor will randomly draw from the following disciplines: archery, bb gun and air rifle. Youth will then have a shoot off using the randomly drawn disciplines. Awards will be presented at the end of the Shooting Sports Contests during Saturday of the Hitchcock County Fair.

Division:

Junior: 4-H age 8-10 (disciplines will only include bb gun, archery, air rifle)

Intermediate: 4-H age 11-14 (all disciplines)

Senior: 4-H age 15-18 (all disciplines)

Archery Contest

At contest, 2 practice shots will be given at each yardage.

Age Divisions: Junior - 8 - 11 Intermediate - 12 - 14 Senior - 15 - 18

CLASS

Traditional - Recurve or Longbow - No sights, kiss button, stabilizers, or release aids

D347920 - Traditional - Junior

D347921 - Traditional - Intermediate

D347922 - Traditional - Senior

Barebow - Compound Bows - No sights, kiss button, or release aids. Stabilizer less than 12 inches long allowed.

D347923 - Barebow – Junior

D347924 - Barebow - Intermediate

D347925 - Barebow - Senior

Bowhunter Limited - All bows with sights and stabilizers. No release aids allowed in this class. String must be released by fingers.

D347926 - Bowhunter - Limited - Junior

D347927 - Bowhunter - Limited - Intermediate

D347928 - Bowhunter - Limited - Senior

Bowhunter - All bows with sights, stabilizers, and release aids.

D347929 - Bowhunter - Junior

D347930 - Bowhunter - Intermediate

D347931 - Bowhunter - Senior

- No laser sights, range finders, scopes, or binoculars allowed on the range at any time.
- No stabilizers or sights over 12 inches long from the face of the bow permitted in any class.
- No peak bow weights above 60 pounds.
- No crossbows allowed.
- There is no division between male and female competitors. All exhibitors must attend two (2) scheduled practices to participate at the fair. There will **not** be any targets over 40 yards in any classes.
- **Shooting hand shall have one of the following: finger tab, leather shooting glove, or release aid. Bow arm shall have the following: Leather or protective type material arm guard not less than 6 inches long to protect the bow forearm from the slap of the bowstring.**
- Four (4) like arrows, numbered 1-2-3, the fourth arrow is a spare in case of losing an arrow on the range.

Yardage: Junior 15 Yards
 Intermediate 10 - 25 Yards
 Senior 20 - 35 Yards

Scoring: Three (3) arrows per target. Ten 3-D targets will be shot at. Two (2) rounds will be shot.

1st Arrow Kill 20 points
1st Arrow Wound 18 points
2nd Arrow Kill 16 points
2nd Arrow Wound 14 points
3rd Arrow Kill 12 points
3rd Arrow Wound 10 points

BB Gun / Air Gun -

At contest, two shots will be given at each position.

- **Age Divisions:** Junior - 8 - 11 Intermediate - 12 - 14 Senior - 15 - 18
- **All Safety** practices must be followed at practice and at the fair. This shooting sport requires **Safety Eye Protection**; refer to shooting sports general information. All exhibitors must attend **two (2)** scheduled practices to participate at the fair.
- BB guns/air rifles will be available to use at the contest or you may use your own BB gun/air rifle for the contest. Must supply your own BB's. Only BB's may be used. No CO2 cartridges or pellets allowed. Guns will be loaded at the time of the contest, **Not Before. Only 3 pumps** allowed or it is at the line judge's discretion to allow more. **No scopes** allowed. Exhibitors will shoot from four positions: standing, prone, kneeling, and sitting. No part of the competitor's body may touch the firing line. In the prone position, the elbow must be behind the rear edge of the firing line. In the standing and kneeling positions, the entire foot must be behind the firing line. The rifle and other parts of the body may extend beyond the firing line as long as no part of body that contacts the floor rests on or in front of the firing line. BB gun/air rifles will be checked in at the contest by a certified leader.

CLASS

D347932 - BB Gun / Air Gun - Junior

D347933 - BB Gun / Air Gun - Intermediate

D347934 - BB Gun / Air Gun - Senior

Pellet Air Rifle -

At Contest, 5 practice shots will be given at yardage of your choice.

- **Age Divisions:** Junior - 8 – 11 Intermediate - 12 – 14 Senior - 15 - 18
- **All Safety** practices must be followed at practice and at the fair. This shooting sport requires **Safety Eye Protection**; refer to shooting sports general information. There is no division between male and female competitors.
- **All classes** shall use Standing (off-hand) Shooting Position, bench rests or slings not will be allowed. Shooter may use only **Three (3) Pumps** in their rifle and **Only .177 (4.5 mm)** caliber pellets.
- **NEW for 2019 - All rifles must shoot a projectile under 500 feet per second.**
- Each exhibitor may enter one (1) and/or both of the two (2) classes. Silhouette targets include Chickens, Pigs, Turkeys, and Rams. Silhouette shooting order is from **Left to Right**. All exhibitors must attend two (2) scheduled practices to participate at the fair.

CLASS

D347935 - Pellet Air Rifle - Junior

D347936 - Pellet Air Rifle - Intermediate

D347937 - Pellet Air Rifle - Senior

Small Bore (22) Rifle –

At contest, 5 practice shots will be given at yardage of your choice per class.

All contestants must be eleven (11) year or older and have completed a **Hunter Safety Class, before practices are started, "Safety Cards will be checked"**.

Age Divisions: Intermediate-11-14 Senior-15-18

- There is no division between male and female competitors.
- There are two (2) classes in the Small Bore (22) Rifle Program. **First class** includes all rifles with open sights. **Second class** includes all rifles with scopes. Each exhibitor may enter one (1) or both of the two (2) classes.
- **All classes** may use may use cross sticks for any position. No bench rests or slings will be used.
- This shooting sport **requires Safety Eye and Ear Protection**, refer to shooting sports general information. All exhibitors **must** attend two (2) scheduled practice shoots to qualify to shoot at the fair.

CLASS

D347938 - .22 Rifles - Open Sights - Intermediate

D347939 - .22 Rifles - Open Sights - Senior

D347940 - .22 Rifles - Scopes - Intermediate

D347941 - .22 Rifles - Scopes – Senior

Trap Shooting

At contest, two practice shots per station will be given.

All contestants must be eleven (11) years or older and have completed a **Hunter Safety Class, before practices are started, “Hunter Safety Cards will be checked”.**

Age Divisions: Intermediate-11-14 Senior - 15 - 18

All rocks or ammunition must be paid for at time of purchase. There is no division between male and female competitors. This shooting sport **requires Safety Eye and Ear Protection**, refer to shooting sports general information. All exhibitors **must** attend two (2) scheduled practice shoots to qualify to shoot at the fair.

CLASS

D347942 - Trap Shooting - Intermediate

D347943 - Trap Shooting - Senior

Muzzle Loader

At contest, 2 practice shots will be allowed at the practice target.

All contestants must be eleven (11) year or older and have completed a **Hunter Safety Class, before practices are started, “Safety Cards will be checked”.**

- **Age Divisions:** Intermediate - 11 - 14 Senior - 15 - 18
- There is no division between male and female competitors.
- There will be two (2) scheduled classes as to the type of **Muzzle Loader Gun** that is used. **First Class:** Traditional Guns; Side Lock (Hammer) type ignition either Flintlock or Percussion Cap, Patch and Round ball only. The **Second Class:** Modern Guns; In-Line or Side Lock type ignition. This class may use Patch and Ball only. **ALL** classes may use Clean Shot Powder, Black Powder or Pyrodex Powder.
- **ALL Classes** shall use Standing (off-hand) Shooting Position and Open Sights except 75 yards and 100 yards may use cross sticks in the sitting, standing or kneeling positions. NO range finders, levels, binoculars, laser sights, slings or smokeless powder allowed on the range at practice or at fair. Each exhibitor may enter one (1) or both of the two (2) classes.
- This shooting sport **requires Safety Eye and Ear Protection**, refer to shooting sports general information. All exhibitors **must** attend two (2) scheduled practice shoots to qualify to shoot at the fair.

CLASSES

D347944 - Traditional - Intermediate

D347945 - Traditional - Senior

D347946 - Modern Guns - Intermediate

D347947 - Modern Guns - Senior

SMALL BORE (.22) PISTOL SILHOUETTE CONTEST

- At contest, 5 practice shots will be given at yardage of your choice per class.
- All contestants must be enrolled in the 4-H Small Bore (.22) Pistol Program.
- All contestants must be eleven (11) years or older and have completed a **Hunter Safety Class, “Safety Cards will be checked”.**
- **4-H Shooting Sports Parental Release Form must be signed before practices are started.**
- **Revolvers or semi-automatics will be allowed –The club has two revolvers**
- **Age Divisions:** Intermediate 11-14 Senior 15-18
- There is no division between male and female competitors.
- There is only two classes –
 - Open Sight - Bench Shooting with Rests.
 - Open Sight – Standing Without Rests

- This shooting sport **requires Safety Eye and Ear Protection**, refer to shooting sports general information. All exhibitors must attend the safety meeting and two (2) scheduled practice shoots to qualify to shoot at the fair.
- **Guns must be unloaded at all times**, bolts open, chamber flag inserted, clips removed, guns in racks, until it is the shooter's turn at the firing line.
- .22 rim fire only, no "stingers"
- For any malfunctions, dud ammo, etc., after the firing time is over, have gun muzzle in safe direction (downrange), raise a hand to notify range officer of a problem. At that time, the range officer will allow extra time to finish shooting your round.
- Contestants will shoot 20 rounds for the contest, 10 each at chickens and pigs. A tie breaker will be 5 shots at the Pigs and continuing until tie is broken.
- Targets must be knocked down, not just hit.
- Range officers have the option to modify any rules to better suit the group.

Class

D347948 - .22 Pistol – Intermediate- Bench

D347949 - .22 Pistol– Senior – Bench

D347950 - .22 Pistol – Intermediate- Standing off hand- No Sticks

D347951 - .22 Pistol– Senior – Standing off hand- No Sticks