

2024 District IV 4-H Shooting Sports Contest Memo

Contest Date: April 27, 2024

Contest Location: Rocky Creek Outdoors, Texarkana, USA
4001 South State Line, Texarkana, AR

ALL competitions will take place on ONE (1) day – A detailed schedule to be sent out to participants and agents following the close of registration.

Eligibility: Participants MUST be currently enrolled in 4-H through 4-H Online and pay applicable entry fees for EACH discipline. Participants MUST be academically eligible according to UIL rules to compete on the day of the contest.

Novice competitors are welcome, but all shooters must be actively involved in a County 4-H Shooting Sports Program prior to competing. Shooters must have received instruction/training on safe firearm handling, safety protocols, and general rules of play from a 4-H Certified Shooting Sports Coach. **Your County Extension Agent will check with your Shooting Sports Coach to verify you have attended the project meetings/practices before they approve your entry.**

Age Divisions:

Junior –	8 years old AND in the 3 rd grade through 5 th grade
Intermediate –	6 th grade through 8 th grade
Senior –	9 th grade through 12 th grade

Registration: Registration will open in 4H Online on **March 27, 2024 and close at midnight April 10, 2024**. NO late entries – NO exceptions.

NO REFUNDS will be issued except in the event of a rain cancellation by District staff. If there is a rain cancellation, the Rifle Contest, a State Qualifying Event, will move to an indoor range. All other events will be canceled in the event of a rain cancellation.

Registration Options: **Participants may select one (1) or all five (5) disciplines.**

1. Archery \$35 entry fee
2. Pistol \$35 entry fee
3. Rifle \$35 entry fee
4. Trap \$35 entry fee
5. Skeet \$35 entry fee

Entries Per County: Each county may enter unlimited participants per age division per discipline.

REQUIRED Release Forms: Each member must complete and submit the attached release forms **at check-in:**

1. Indemnification and Medical Release Form
2. Rocky Creek Outdoors Range Release Form)

Day of Competition:

UPON ARRIVAL:

1. **STOP** at MAIN Check-In Table – Turn in signed & completed release forms. *4-H members will NOT be allowed to compete if release forms are not turned in at MAIN check-in.*
2. **GO** to each discipline you will be competing in to check-in, do an equipment check, review the schedule, and receive any updated information.

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY:

- Each participant must furnish their own equipment – firearm, ammunition, safety equipment, sandbags (pistol), etc.
- Each participant is responsible for having the proper attire. (see each disciplines information)
- The range is located in a rural area – you may want to bring lawn chairs, drinks, snacks, etc. Coolers are welcome – food trucks are scheduled to be at the facility for lunch. Onsite cooking on grills, etc. will not be permitted.
- **SAFETY is paramount. IF a safety issue arises, anyone can call for a cease fire.**
- Range officers will be at each range

Participants with Disabilities. Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District Extension Office or [Denita Young at djyoung@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:djyoung@ag.tamu.edu) or note when registering on 4-H Online **at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.**

Range Safety and General Rules:

Disorderly, unsafe, and abusive conduct has no place at the range and will NOT be permitted. Individuals who exhibit such conduct may be immediately disqualified and/or dismissed from the grounds. The match director, 4-H Specialist, and/or District Extension Administrator will have the final say in all disputes.

Individual contest Safety and Range Rules may be included in the rules for each discipline.

1. Hearing and Eye protection must be worn on the pistol, rifle, and shotgun ranges at all times.
2. Firearms are to remain in the case until given the command to uncase. Open Action or Open Bolt (OBI) Indicators are required for pistol and rifle. Shotgun actions are to remain open and empty until the shooter is at the shooting station. Firearms are to remain unloaded until instructed by the Range Officer.

3. Maintain muzzle awareness at all times! In the event of a misfire – keep the firearm pointed down range.
4. Safe and respectable behavior is expected of shooters, coaches, and spectators at all times.
5. NO profanity from shooters, coaches, or spectators.
6. NO yelling or running at any time on the range.
7. NO alcohol or tobacco – this is a violation of Texas 4-H Rules! Adult smokers should do so away from the ranges, participants, and spectators.
8. Participants under the age of 13 must have an adult present at all times.
9. Closed-toe shoes, long pants, and shirts with sleeves (short or long – NO sleeveless) must be worn on the range.
10. Long hair must be pulled back.
11. In the event of a severe storm or severe storm warning, a horn will blow three (3) times to signal that all participants must leave the range immediately to take shelter.
12. Have FUN!

Shooting Order / Schedule:

The District IV 4-H Shooting Sports committees will meet before the contest to set up the shooting order/schedule. Check with your county office a couple of days before the contests. The schedule will be flexible. Arrive early to get checked in and to let the officials know you are here. If there is an open spot to shoot, you could shoot early. If you are competing in multiple disciplines and you see you will be running late or close for the next discipline, have someone let the officials at the next contest know you will be late. We will work with you as long as we know you are working with us.

Awards:

- Awards will be presented to top five (5) individuals in each discipline in each age division.
- Awards will be presented to top three (3) teams in rifle in each age division.
- Awards will be presented to top three (3) overall in shotgun in each age division.

Hotels:

1. Country Inn & Suites – 1918 University Drive, Texarkana, TX 903-838-6955
2. Residence Inn by Marriott – 3900 St. Michael Drive, Texarkana, TX 430-200-0742
3. Comfort Suites – 215 Richill Drive, Texarkana, TX 903-223-0951



KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATCH: While we want full participation from all counties in District IV, many of our shooters are beginners, **Range Safety is PARAMOUNT**. We are pressed for time in nearly all events. Formal competition is NOT an instructional training period. It is essential that all shooters and coaches understand the rules, event procedures, line commands and possess the basic skills in each discipline in which they are to shoot. If you are not sure of what the rules are saying or don't know – please contact your County 4-H or ANR Agent for clarification.

Rules and Resources for the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports can be found on the Texas 4-H website -

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shootingsports/>

[FINAL-UPDATED-General-Rules_2019-1.pdf \(wpengine.com\)](#)

[shooting_sports_archery_rules_june2020.pdf \(wpengine.com\)](#)

[Pistol Rules_2014.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[Rifle Specific Rules.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[Smallbore 3-Position Rifle Rules_2014.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[Shotgun Rules_2014.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[shooting_sports_roundup_rifle_rules_2021.pdf \(wpengine.com\)](#)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in helping us provide this contest opportunity for your child.

Archery Rules – Non-Qualifying Contest

Course of Fire:

1. 20 3D targets
 - a. JUNIORS – will shoot a total of 20 targets at a distance ranging from 5 to 20 yards or its metric equivalent.
 - b. INTERMEDIATES - will shoot a total of 20 targets at a distance ranging from 5 to 25 yards or its metric equivalent.
 - c. SENIORS - will shoot a total of 20 targets at a distance ranging from 5 to 30 yards or its metric equivalent.
2. 1 shot at each target
3. Ties will be broken on the number of twelves.

Class Options:

1. **Bare Bow** (longbow or recurve) – may NOT be equipped with sights or sighting marks, kisser buttons, peeps sites or cushion plungers or mechanical release aids; may have added weights but MUST be in compliance with USA shooting rules
2. **Recurve** – may NOT be equipped with string peeps or string marks for rear sights or use a mechanical release aids; may be equipped with a single sighting device, single pin, multiple pin or hunting style sights
3. **Compound Aided** – may be equipped with magnified sights & stabilizers, mechanical releases are permitted
4. **Compound Unaided** – may NOT be equipped with magnified sights or stabilizers or mechanical releases; may be equipped with single pin or multiple pin sights
5. **NASP** – original Genesis bows (NO mini's or Pro's) with no sights or sighting marks and no stabilizers, no mechanical releases; ONLY Easton 1820 30" arrows are allowed

Safety and Range Rules: In addition to Safety and Range Rules listed above . . .

1. NO range finders on the course.
2. Arrows will be removed by a participant 15 years old or older that is on their squad for all participants under the age of 13
3. During arrow pulling, participants will remain at least five (5) feet back from both the target and the person pulling the arrows.
4. Participants must remain at your target until the group ahead of you completely leaves their target. Then you may advance.
5. Adults are to remain behind the shooting line until scoring is complete.
6. If you have questions or need assistance, DIV 4-H Archery Committee members will be spread out along the course.

Pistol Rules – Non-Qualifying Contest

Note: to be in compliance with the U.S. BATF regulations, ALL pistol shooters under the age of 18 MUST have in their possession a written permission statement providing the parent or legal guardian permission to possess ammunition and a handgun as well as fire the handgun. A simple written statement of permission will suffice including name of shooter, parent/legal guardian name, signature and address and signature of witness, dated on the day and year of signature. This permission is valid for one year after signature date. A sample is provided in this memo. **Failure to have this form will disqualify the competitor.**

Pistol: any small-bore pistol or revolver firing the .22 rimfire long rifle, long or short cartridges, with a sight radius no greater than 10 inches (10”), minimum barrel length allowed on all pistols and revolvers is four inches (4”) equipped with iron sights ONLY (sights that require the user to align a front and rear sight on the target). NO telescopic or optical sights, i.e., NO laser, red dot, holographic or prism sights. NO sight that projects an image on the target.

Target: NRA B-8

Distance: 50 feet

Course of Fire: no sighter shots

Juniors: 10 shots slow (10 minutes)
10 shots timed (2 rounds of 5 shots; 20 seconds each)
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Intermediates & Seniors: 10 shots slow (10 minutes)
10 shots timed (2 rounds of 5 shots; 20 seconds each)
10 shots rapid (2 rounds of 5 shots; 10 seconds each)

Positions: Junior – sitting using maximum of 2 sandbags on the table with only the butt of the pistol & hands touching the bags in a 2-handed supported position, the barrel may not be touching any support

Intermediate – 2 hands standing

Seniors – 1 hand standing

REQUIRED Pistol Permission Statement

I _____, (print parent/legal guardian name) give my permission to _____ (print youth name) to possess a handgun and the appropriate ammunition as well as fire that handgun from the signature date to August 31, 2024.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Address: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Signature Date: _____

Rifle Rules – State Qualifying Contest for Senior Age Division Shooters

Members Per Team: Teams consist of three (3) or four (4) members of the same age division. Junior members are allowed to move up to the intermediate age division in order to complete a team but will solely compete in that age division. Juniors and Intermediates are not allowed to move up to senior age division.

Senior age division is a state qualifying competition. Top three (3) teams and top three (3) individuals qualify for State Indoor Rifle Match.

Rifle: any SAFE .22 rifle that can be loaded one shot at a time may be used. NO semi-automatic or pump action rifles may be use in this match. NO stocks based on the AR15/M16 platform to include Ruger 10/22 or any other action in the AR stock.

Sights: Open or aperture sights ONLY – metallic or equivalent material may be used in this match. NO sights that project an image on the target or telescopic sights are allowed at this match. Spotting scopes are allowed.

Distance: 50 feet using NRA A-36 target (or comparable target)

Shooting Classifications and Options:

- JUNIORS -
Prone ONLY – individuals will shoot prone only. juniors will shoot two (2) targets in the prone position ONLY for a total of twenty (20) record shots. Juniors may shoot as an individual or on a team of three (3) or four (4) members. 30 minutes running time. NO 3P for Junior age division.
- INTERMEDIATES – 3P (3 position). Intermediates may shoot as an individual or as a three (3) or four (4) member team. One (1) target prone, one (1) target standing and one (1) target kneeling will be shot for a total of thirty (30) recorded shots. 45 minutes running time.
- SENIORS - 3P (3 position). Intermediates may shoot as an individual or as a three (3) or four (3) member team. One (1) target prone, one (1) target standing and one (1) target kneeling will be shot for a total of thirty (30) recorded shots. 45 minutes running time.
- CHALLENGES – **ONLY** the shooter will be allowed to review targets and challenge a score. The shooter will have fifteen (15) minutes following the completion of scoring of their relay to review and challenge scores. The shooter must put up a \$1 pre hole being challenged. IF score is upheld, the shooter donates their \$1 to District IV 4-H Shooting Sports and will be given a receipt for their donation. IF the score is corrected, the shooter will receive their \$1 back. See state rules for scoring procedures.
- TIES- broken on the number of bullseyes.

Shotgun Rules – Non-Qualifying Contest

Squadding – Counties must list preferred squads at entry (participants will list squad members at entry). Participants that are not squadded at entry, will be squadded by match officials by county and age divisions as best as possible.

Equipment: 12-gauge or smaller shotgun must be used. 7½ shot size or smaller is required (example – 8, 9)

Course of Fire:

1. Skeet – two (2) rounds of twenty-five (25) targets for a total of fifty (50) targets
2. Trap – two (2) rounds of twenty-five (25) targets for a total of fifty (50) targets
3. Ties – broken by shoot-off up to third place.

Shoot-Off: shoot-off/tie breaker for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places only

Rocky Creek Outdoors USA Release Form

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/ZIP: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

1. The participant fully understands and acknowledges that shooting sports carries an inherent risk and agrees to follow all instructions and directions of the club staff.
2. The participant covenants and agrees to hold the Club harmless and indemnify the Club from any and all losses, claims, suits, injuries during their visit to the Club.
3. The participant warrants that any and all equipment brought onto the Club property is to the best of their knowledge is in a safe and operational condition.
4. The safety on all firearms brought onto the Club property must be in proper working and proper operating condition.
5. The participant covenants and agrees that in addition to matters identified herein, that participant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Club for any and all expenses including but not limited to attorney fees, courts cost or expenses associated with the defense of any claim or suit brought by the participants.
6. The participant being fully aware of these dangers and inherent risk associated with shootingsports, firearms and hunting in general hereby assumes all risk associated therewith freely, knowingly, and voluntarily.
7. The participant has _____ years of experience using a firearm and _____ years hunting experience.
8. The participant would rank his/her shooting level as (circle one)
a. Beginner b. Intermediate c. Skilled
9. That the participant is 18 years old or older. IF the participant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign on participants behalf.

DATE: _____

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____