

RULES FOR SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 9 4-H RIFLE CONTEST

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Fort Bend County Extension Educational Bldg., Rosenberg

ELIGIBILITY: The general rules for eligibility covered in the 2016-2017 Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines will apply. Pending State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee revisions.

TEAMS: Multiple teams consisting of three (3) or four (4) members each in Junior, Intermediate-Option 1, Intermediate-Option 2, and Senior age divisions may be entered by each county in the Southeast Extension District. If a county does not have a complete team in a given age division, shooters may compete as an individual.

INDIVIDUALS: If a county has additional participants after the age division teams have been designated, shooters may compete as an individual.

AGE DIVISIONS: Junior: 3rd grade and 8 years of age, 4th, and 5th grades

Intermediate: 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Senior: 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades but not 19 years of age as of August 31, 2016

SAFETY: All firearms must be unloaded and with ACTIONS OPEN at all times unless on the firing line under command of the Range Officer or during firearm safety inspection under supervision of check-in personnel. Open bolt indicators will be required.

TARGETS: Intermediate and Senior divisions will use the Orion 12 Bull 50 ft. Rifle Target and Juniors will use the Orion 12 Bull Gallery League Target.

SHOOTING RULES: This contest will be conducted under NRA rules, except as noted.

POSITIONS: Junior competitors will fire 3 targets in the prone position only.

Intermediate competitors (Option 1) will fire 2 targets in prone position and 1 target in the kneeling position. Intermediate competitors (Option 2) will fire prone, standing, and kneeling positions in that order. A county can enter teams in each option. Individuals/Teams may only compete in one of the two options.

Senior competitors will fire prone, standing, and kneeling positions in that order.

Ten shots (10) for record will be fired on each target, and all targets will be posted at one time and fired in succession during the relay.

SHOOTING TIME: Competitors will be allowed a 3 minute preparation period to take their places at

the firing point and prepare to fire. Competitors will be given 45 minutes to sight in and fire shots for record.

All sighting shots must be within prescribed times as shown above. Any number of sighting shots may be fired during the timed events; however, sighting shots outside the sighter bullseye will be scored in accordance with NRA rule 9.8.

TEAM SCORING: The three highest individual scores in each position will be added for the composite team score. The low score is dropped for each position shot. Meaning a shooter may have some of his or her scores count toward the team total and some may not. For teams with only 3 firing members, all individual scores will be added for the team score. Ties will be broken in accordance with NRA rules 15.7.d, f, h, and i (not using centershots).

Only contestants will be given the opportunity to challenge the scoring of targets upon deposit of \$1 per challenge. Challenge fees will be returned if the challenge is upheld by the Chief of Scoring and the Contest Superintendent. Monies collected from challenges that are not upheld will be deposited into the Southeast District 4-H Fund.

Only contestants may examine any challenged targets. A plugged hole with two initials cannot be challenged. Coaches will have 30 minutes after scores are posted for competitors from their county to report scoring errors to the Statistical Officer. Any challenges must be made within that period. Challenges will be made to the Statistical Officer who will provide the challenged target(s) to the Chief of Scoring and the Contest Superintendent for resolution of the challenge in the presence of the challenging contestant prior to results being finalized.

FIREARMS: Any .22 caliber, rimfire rifle catalogued as a ".22 short", ".22 long" or ".22 long rifle" which loads one round at a time is allowed. Semi-automatic rifles will not be allowed. All triggers and ammunition will be checked for safety and tagged by Match Officials. Un-tagged rifles will not be allowed on the firing line. Hollow point bullets are not allowed.

MISCELLANEOUS: Although ground covers will be available, competitors are encouraged to bring their own ground covers. To be fully prepared for the contest, please pay close attention to the pertinent items listed next: (1) slings cannot be used in the standing position, (2) butt plates must conform to specific specifications, (3) kneeling rolls must be of a particular size, (4) foam or similar type mattresses are not acceptable as ground cloths, etc. Please make sure that everyone understands the rules in order that youngsters and coaches will have a positive experience on the firing line. Chairs or a comparable item should be provided by each competitor to use in the standing position. Slings, butt plates and palm rests must be in accordance with NRA rules 5.12, 3.15, and 3.14.

COACHES:

Only one coach per shooter will be allowed. Verbal and physical coaching will be allowed during preparation period and sighting time only. Once record firing begins, only verbal instructions are allowed. Junior competitors may have assistance from a coach.

Only one shooter per assigned lane per gun per relay will be allowed. If equipment needs to be shared, then the coaches should assign shooters to separate relays to allow for equipment sharing.