



September 18, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO: CEA's With Rifle and Pistol Project Members

FROM: Eric Zimmerman
District Extension Administrator

Cory Hundl
Extension Program Specialist - 4-H

SUBJECTS: Southeast District 9 4-H Rifle Contest Southeast District 9 4-H Air Rifle Contest
Southeast District 9 4-H Air Pistol Contest

The Southeast Extension District 9 4-H Rifle, 4-H Air Rifle, and 4-H Air Pistol Contests are scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Fort Bend County Extension Educational Building and Bud O'Shield's Community Center in Rosenberg. Registration and trigger safety and open bolt checks for the first relay will begin at 7:00 a.m. The schedule will be sent for these contests. The first relay for the Air Rifle Contest will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and the first relay of the Air Pistol Contest will follow the Air Rifle Contest. The first relay for the Rifle Contest will begin promptly at 8:15 a.m. Lane assignments will be made and emailed out prior to the event. Email Cory with any assignment concerns: cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu.

Please note that the 4-H Air Pistol/Air Rifle and 4-H Rifle Contests will be conducted concurrently. The two buildings are very close together and this will facilitate the conducting of these contests at the same time. Please prepare your shooting sports members and leaders to be ready for concurrent contests.

This year we will open the Fort Bend County Shooting Range for practice on Friday evening, April 26, 2019. The Building will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attached and at our District 9 4-H website; <https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/shooting-sports/>, you will find a copy of the rules that govern these contests. Please note that this year we will use the Orion Scoring System to scan and score targets at these contests. Orion targets for practice in your county can be purchased from their website: <http://orionscoringsystem.com/orion/TargetList.aspx>.

For the Rifle Contest, please note that senior and intermediate age level contestants will use the Orion 12 Bull 50 ft. Rifle Target and junior age level contestants will use the Orion 12 Bull Gallery League Target. Also, please note that we will again offer the two options for shooting positions for intermediate teams.

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For the Air Rifle Contest, Junior competitors will fire three prone positions. Intermediate and 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.

For the Air Pistol Contest, all contestants will use the Orion 1 Bull Air Pistol Target.

There is no limit on the number of teams or individuals a county can enter in these contests. A team consists of either 3 or 4 members.

Entries for these contests must be posted in the Texas 4-H CONNECT On-line Registration Program at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html> . Entries must be posted by April 10, 2019 and the entry fee is \$15.00 per contestant.

SPECIAL NOTE: This is a competitive event. All participants must have an Eligibility Form that is kept on file with their respective county extension office.

Listed below please note the assignment of responsibilities for the Rifle, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol Contests. Please work with your local Shooting Sports Leaders to prepare them for their responsibility.

Contest Co-Superintendents:

Starla Garlick, Jefferson CEA-4-H
Bubba Lamolinare, Hardin CEA - Ag/NR
Fort Bend CEA – 4-H

Range Officials:

Mike Myers (Rifle),
Todd DePenning (Air Pistol and Air Rifle)

Scoring and Statistical Officers:

Mary Myers, Burleson County 4-H Leader
Morgan Myers, Burleson County 4-H Leader
Cory Hundl, District Extension Program Specialist - 4-H

Check-In:

Starla Garlick, Jefferson CEA -4-H
Fort Bend CEA 4-H
Bubba Lamolinare, Hardin CEA - Ag/NR

Trigger Safety & Open Bolt Check:

7:00 a.m.
David Powell, Jefferson County 4-H Leader
Howard Maxwell, Jefferson County 4-H Leader

Awards:

Eric Zimmerman, District Extension Administrator
Cory Hundl, District Extension Program Specialist - 4-H

If you have questions, please let us know.

RULES FOR SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 9 4-H RIFLE CONTEST

April 27, 2019

Fort Bend County Extension Educational Bldg., Rosenberg

ELIGIBILITY: The general rules for eligibility covered in the 2018-2019 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: Grades 3rd – 5th
- Intermediate: Grades 6th – 8th
- Senior: Grades 9th – 12th

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. Junior competitors will be given 30 minutes to sight and fire shots. Intermediate and Senior 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 top three individual scores will be added for the composite team score. The low score will be dropped on four person teams and the all three scores will be used on the three person teams. Ties will be broken in accordance with NRA rules 15.7.d, f, h, and i (not using centershots).

CHALLENGE & REVIEW: Only contestants will be given the opportunity to challenge the scoring of targets upon deposit of \$5 per challenge. **Intermediate and senior competitors may accompany a junior competitor to submit his or her challenge.** Intermediate and senior competitors must challenge him/ or herself. 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. 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 safe .22 caliber rimfire rifle chambered for .22 Short, .22 Long or .22 Long Rifle cartridges may be used in Smallbore 3-position Rifle competitions with the exception that rifles with stocks based on the AR15/M16 platform to include Ruger 10/22 or any other action in an AR stock or any folding or collapsible stock are not permitted. No restriction is placed on barrel length or overall weight of the rifle and accessories. No part of the rifle or any attachment may extend more than three (3) inches (7.62 cm) beyond the rear of the shooter's shoulder. Triggers must not be subject to accidental discharge. The same rifle must be used throughout a match except in the case of malfunction or a disabled rifle. In either event the competitor may change rifles with the permission of the range officer. 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. Once record firing begins, no verbal instructions are allowed. Junior competitors may have assistance from a coach.

RULES FOR SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 9 4-H AIR RIFLE CONTEST

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ELIGIBILITY: All bona fide, active, 4-H Shooting Sports members are eligible to compete in the District 4-H Air Rifle Contest, subject to the rules for active membership instituted by the county or local club.

TEAMS: Multiple teams consisting of three (3) or four (4) members each in Junior, Intermediate, 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. No shooter may be a member of more than one team or represent more than one county.

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

AGE DIVISIONS:

- Junior: Grades 3rd – 5th
- Intermediate: Grades 6th – 8th
- Senior: Grades 9th – 12th

Within limitations, shooters may elect to move up one age division for the District Air Rifle Contest.

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. Empty Chamber Indicators (ECIs) are required. All shooters and other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line, including coaches, range officials and any spectators must wear adequate eye protection (glasses and goggles). The equipment must protect both eyes. Ear protection is not required for air rifle shooters, but either plugs or earmuffs may be worn by shooters at their option.

TARGETS: All shooters will use the Orion 12 Bull Air Rifle Target.

SHOOTING RULES: The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program uses the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules with some modifications to meet the objectives of the program or to increase the success rates of young people participating in the program. In 4-H events, 4-H rules and regulations supersede all others where differences exist.

POSITIONS: Junior competitors will fire three prone positions. Intermediate and 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.

Unlimited sighting shots may be fired only before the beginning of each position. Once the first record shot has been fired, no additional sighting shots may be fired in that position. A two-point penalty will be assessed for each sighting shot fired after the first record shot except as authorized by range officials.

SHOOTING TIME: Competitors will be allowed a 3 minute preparation period to take their places at the firing point and prepare to fire. Junior competitors will be given 30 minutes to sight and fire shots. Intermediate and Senior competitors will be given 45 minutes to sight in and fire shots for record.

TEAM SCORING: The top three individual scores will be added for the composite team score. The low score will be dropped on four person teams and the all three scores will be used on the three person teams. Ties will be broken in accordance with NRA rules 15.7.d, f, h, and i (not using centershots).

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FIREARMS: **Sporter Air Rifle** - Any factory available .177 caliber air rifle that is conventional in appearance, powered by compressed air or CO₂, and meeting the following restrictions may be used. The air rifle used must meet the National Air Rifle Rules.

a. Caliber - Only 4.5 mm or .177 caliber air rifles may be used.

b. Trigger - Trigger pull must be a minimum 1 and half pounds or 645 grams.

c. Stock - The stock must be of conventional design and symmetrically shaped for use by either left- or right-handed shooters. It may be adjustable for length. The cheek piece may be adjustable for height, but no stock changes may be made during the competition. The stock may be rough, checkered or scored to provide a non-slip surface; and it may be painted or refinished; but other modifications are prohibited.

d. Internal modifications - Functioning internal parts may be smoothed or improved, but only factory manufactured parts designed for that specific model and functioning as they were originally intended to function may be used.

e. Other prohibited modifications - Thumb holes, thumb rests, palm rests, heel rests, hooked butt plate, grip material and barrel extension tubes are prohibited. No

attached bipod or rifle rest is allowed while shooting.

f. Sling swivel/hand stop -A sling swivel or hand stop that is attached to a rail in the fore-end may be used (except in the standing position). The depth of the sling swivel or hand stop with the sling swivel folded flat, may not exceed 25 mm (approximately 1 inch).

g. Sights - Only sights manufactured for and sold with sporter air rifles are permitted. A blinder may be attached to the rifle or the rear sight. Corrective lenses may be worn by the shooter, but may not be incorporated into the sights. Telescopic sights are permitted only in those matches so designated in the match bulletin.

h. Weight - Weights may be added either internally to the fore-end or stock or externally as concentric barrel weights, so long as the total weight of the rifle does not exceed 7 2 pounds (3.375kg).

i. Approved rifles -Sporter air rifles officially approved in these competitions include the Daisy Models 753, 853, & 953 (pneumatic), Daisy Model 887 & 888 (CO2), Daisy Model XSV40 (compressed air), and Crossman Model 2000, S2000, & T200 (CO2). Any rifle that complies with the spirit and intent of these rules restricting Sporter Air Rifle competition to low cost, entry-level rifles without specialized modifications may also be used. Check the www.odcmp.com website for a complete listing of sporter air rifles.

AMMUNITION: Only .177 caliber lead pellets may be used. No pointed pellets will be allowed.

MISCELLANEOUS: **All spectators in the firing range must wear eye protection.**

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COACHES: Only one coach per shooter will be allowed. Verbal and physical coaching will be allowed during preparation period only. Once record firing begins, no verbal instructions are allowed. Junior competitors may have assistance from a coach.

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- INDIVIDUALS:** If a county has additional participants after the age division teams have been designated, shooters may compete as an individual.
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- Junior: Grades 3rd – 5th
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 - Seniors: Grades: 9th – 12th
- Within limitations, shooters may elect to move up one age division for the District Air Pistol Contest.
- 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. Empty Chamber Indicators (ECIs) are required. All shooters and other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line, including coaches, range officials and any spectators must wear adequate eye protection (glasses and goggles). The equipment must protect both eyes. Ear protection is not required for air pistol shooters, but either plugs or earmuffs may be worn by shooters at their option.
- TARGETS:** All shooters will use the Orion 1 Bull Air Pistol Target.
- SHOOTING RULES:** The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program uses the National Standard Position Air Pistol Rules with some modifications to meet the objectives of the program Or to increase the success rates of young people participating in the program. In 4-H events, 4-H rules and regulations supersede all others where differences exist.

POSITIONS:

1) Seniors - The pistol must be supported with one hand only with the other hand providing no support for the pistol. All parts of the shooter=s clothing, body and gun must be clear of artificial support. No part of the shooter=s body may touch the ground in advance of the firing line.

2) Intermediates - Intermediate shooters may use a two-handed firing position. All parts of their clothing, bodies and firearm must be free from artificial support, and no part of their body may touch the ground in advance of the firing line.

3) Juniors - Junior shooters may fire from a seated position without their elbows supported on the surface of the firing point and their hand may be resting on a sandbag or similar support. Junior shooters will be grouped together to fire in the same relay.

COURSE OF FIRE:

Seniors - Senior shooters will fire a 30 shot course of fire (**5 shots per record bull**) from the one-handed standing position with one (1) minute per record shot or 30 minutes total running time.

Intermediates - Intermediate shooters will fire a 20 shot course of fire (**5 shots per record bull**) from a two-handed standing position with one (1) minutes per record shot or 20 minutes total running time.

Juniors - Junior shooters will fire a 10 shot course of fire (**5 shots per record bull**) from a supported, two hand position while seated at the firing points. They will be permitted one (1) minutes per record shot or 10 minutes total running time.

Unlimited sighting shots may be fired only before the beginning of each position. Once the first record shot has been fired, no additional sighting shots may be fired in that position. A two-point penalty will be assessed for each sighting shot fired after the first record shot except as authorized by range officials.

SHOOTING TIME:

Competitors will be allowed a 3 minute preparation period to take their places at the firing point and prepare to fire.

TEAM SCORING:

The three highest individual scores will be added for the composite team score. The low score is dropped. For teams with only 3 firing members, all individual scores will be added for the team score. Ties will be broken in accordance with established rules.

CHALLENGE & REVIEW:

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FIREARMS:

Any factory available air pistol or revolver firing .177 caliber lead (or similar soft material) pellets and using metallic (open) sights only may be used. Adjustable grips may be used as long as they do not exceed specifications when adjusted to their maximum. A trigger pull of at least 17.6 ounces. No release triggers may be used.

AMMUNITION:

Only .177 caliber lead or similar soft material pellets may be used. No pointed pellets will be allowed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

All spectators in the firing range must wear eye protection.

Please make sure that everyone understands the rules in order that youngsters and coaches will have a positive experience on the firing line.

COACHES:

Only one coach per shooter will be allowed. Verbal and physical coaching will be allowed during preparation period only. Once record firing begins, no 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 coaches should assign shooters to separate relays to allow for equipment sharing.