

RULES FOR SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 9 4-H RIFLE CONTEST

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ELIGIBILITY: The general rules for eligibility covered in the 2020-2021 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 from the case at the firing line 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. 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/or goggles). The equipment must protect both eyes.

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. Note – **name difference?** Juniors: 50' conventional rifle 12 bull target, Int & Seniors: 50 meter rifle reduced for 50' 12 bull targets

SHOOTING RULES: This contest will be conducted under NRA rules, except as noted.
<https://competitions.nra.org/competition-resources/rule-books/>

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 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 center shots).

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, appropriate size to the shooter – maximum , (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. (what is acceptable) - examples ; camping mat

NRA Rule 3.14.1 Kneeling Roll - A small cylinder cushion is permitted for shooting in the kneeling position; maximum dimensions will be 9.84 inches long (25cm) and 7.08 inches in diameter (18cm). The roll will be made of soft and flexible material,

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.