



District 9 4-H Rifle, Air Rifle & Air Pistol

Date:

April 12, 2025

Location:

Fort Bend AgriLife Education Building & Bud O'Shieles Community Center

1402 Band Rd.

Rosenberg, TX

<https://goo.gl/maps/s4J1CdB6o6jY1Dt46>

Registration:

- All youth participants must register on 4-H Online - <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
 - Registration opens – Wednesday, March 5, 2025
 - Registrations closes – Wednesday, March 19, 2025 (11:59 p.m.)
 - Cost \$20.00 per discipline (Rifle, Air Rifle (must choose Sporter or Precision), Air Pistol (may shoot in all if applicable))
- A late registration option will be available for an additional \$25.00 fee
 - Late registration will open- Thursday, March 20, 2025
 - Late registration closes - Monday, March 24, 2025 (11:59 p.m.)
- **Youth who will be sharing a rifle, air rifle and/or air pistol, must denote that in your 4-H Online registration.**

All questions should be directed to your respective county extension agent

Schedule:

- Trigger Safety and Open Bolt Check: Starts at 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
- Participant Check-In: 7:30 a.m.
- Orientation and Safety Meeting: 8:00 a.m.
 - **All participants must be present at the orientation and safety meeting.**
- First Relay for Rifle will begin at 8:15 a.m.
- First Relay for Air Pistol or Air Rifle will start at 8:15 a.m.
 - Discipline time will be determined after entries are approved.
- Lane Assignments will be made and emailed out prior to the event.

Eligibility:

- All bona fide, active, 4-H Shooting Sports members are eligible to compete in the District 9 4-H Shooting Sports Matches, 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 match. If a county does not have a complete team in each age division, shooters may compete as an individual. No shooter may be a member of more than one team in each discipline or represent more than one county. Teams must be declared while registering in 4-H Online for the event. To form a team all members must compete in the same discipline. Example: If one intermediate member from a county selects precision air rifle, then other intermediate members must also participate in the precision discipline to complete a team of 3-4 members (from the same county).

Individuals:

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

Age Divisions:

- Juniors (youth in grades 3rd – 5th)
- Intermediates (youth in grades 6th – 8th)
- Seniors (youth in grades 9th – 12th)

Safety For All Disciplines:

- All firearms must be unloaded from the case at the firing line and with actions open and Empty Chamber Indicators/Open Bore Indicator inserted 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.
- 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.
- All spectators/participants in the Air Firing Range building must wear eye protection.
- Ear protection is required by all shooters, coaches, and range officials within the smallbore shooting range. Ear protection is not required for air gun shooters, but either plugs or earmuffs may be worn by shooters at their discretion.
- Ammo should be carried separately from the firearm.
- Muzzle end of cases must be appropriately marked.
- **No equipment or competition clothing will be permitted in the Education Building classroom**
 - **Participants & coaches will enter on the side door**

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Shooting Rules:

- The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program uses a national standard for a given discipline. During this 4-H event, 4-H rules and regulations described in this document supersede all others where differences exist.
- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>

Targets:

- All targets are outlined in age divisions below per discipline and be found at the following link:
- <http://orionscoringsystem.com/orion/Product.aspx?ProductID=1>

Challenge & Review:

- Only contestants will be given the opportunity to challenge the scoring of their targets. Scorecards can be found at the check-in table. A \$1 deposit is required for each challenge. A Coach, an Intermediate, or Senior competitor may accompany a junior competitor to submit his or her challenge. Intermediate and senior competitors must present challenges 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 District 9 4-H Fund.
- Contestants will have 15 minutes after the last event scorecards have been scored and returned back to the contest superintendents at the check in table. to report any 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 Contest Committee for resolution of the challenge in the presence of the challenging contestant prior to results being finalized.

Team Scoring:

- The top three individual scores from a designated team will be added for the composite team score. The low score will be dropped on four person teams. Scoring with the Orion system will be decimal scoring for all disciplines.

Coaches:

- Only one coach per shooter will be allowed on the range. Verbal and physical coaching will be allowed during preparation period only. Once record firing begins, no verbal instructions are allowed on the firing line. If a competitor needs coaching, they must notify the RSO (Range Safety Officer) and move behind the firing line to consult with their coach. RSOs may give coaches permission to help shooters on the firing line as needed. Junior competitors may have assistance from a coach on the firing line without RSO notification.
- Only one shooter per assigned lane, per gun, per relay will be allowed. If equipment needs to be shared, then coaches should request shooters be assigned separate relays to allow for equipment sharing. Youth must indicate if sharing firearms with another shooter when registering in 4-H Online for the event. Remember that shoot times will be scheduled based on age category within the discipline so plan accordingly with youth who need to share equipment.
- Please make sure that everyone understands the rules so that participants and coaches will have a positive experience on the firing line.

Contest Rules:**Rifle- 3 P Smallbore*****Junior competitors (3rd – 5th graders)***

- Fire three (3) prone positions.
- Have a 3-minute preparation period at their firing point.
- Have 30 minutes to site in and fire shots for record.
- Will use the *Orion 12 Bull Gallery Rifle* target.

Intermediate competitors (6th – 8th graders)

- Fire two (2) prone positions and one kneeling position in that order.
- Have a 3-minute preparation period at their firing point.
- Have 45 minutes to sight in and fire shots for record.
- Will use the *Orion 50m Reduced for 50ft* target.

Senior competitors (9th – 12th graders)

- Fire one (1) prone, one (1) standing, and one (1) kneeling position in that order.
- Have a 3-minute preparation period at their firing point.
- Have 45 minutes to sight in and fire shots for record.
- Will use the *Orion 50m Reduced for 50ft* target.

All Age Groups

- Ten shots (10) for record will be fired on each target (excluding sighters).
- All sighting shots must be within prescribed times listed above under the age divisions.
- 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 9.2.
- This contest will be conducted under the Texas 4-H Shooting Sport Rifle(3 P Smallbore) Rules at the following link:
- https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/shooting_sports_rules_rifle_smallbore_3position.pdf

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 or copper jacketed bullets are not allowed.**

Miscellaneous:

- Competitors are encouraged to bring their own ground covers.
 - Foam or similar type mattresses are not acceptable as ground cloths, etc.
- To be fully prepared for the contest, please pay close attention to the pertinent items listed next:
 - Slings cannot be used in the standing position.
 - Butt plates must conform to specific specifications.
 - Slings, butt plates and palm rests must be in accordance with NRA rules 5.12, 3.15, and 3.14.
 - 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,

Air Rifle (Sporter or Precision Discipline)

Junior competitors (3rd – 5th graders)

- Fire three (3) prone positions
- Have a 3-minute preparation period at their firing point.
- Have 30 minutes to site in and fire shots for record.

Intermediate (6th – 8th graders) and Senior competitors (9th – 12th graders)

- Fire one (1) prone, one (1) standing, and one (1) kneeling position in that order.
- Have a 3-minute preparation period at their firing point.
- Have 45 minutes to sight in and fire shots for record.

All Age Groups

- Ten shots (10) for record will be fired on each target (excluding sighters).
- 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.
- All shooters will use the *Orion 12 Bull Air Rifle* target.
- All other rules and requirements determining equipment, position definitions and requirements can be found at the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Website
 - Sporter Air Rifle Link:
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/shooting_sports_rules_rifle_sporter_air.pdf
 - Precision Air Rifle Link:
 - Link to be provided soon

Air Pistol

Junior Competitors (3rd – 5th graders)

- Shooters may fire from a seated position.
- The shooter's hands may rest on the sandbag or kneeling roll, but neither the wrist nor any other part of the arm may be supported.
 - Two (2) sandbags max
- Shooter's must make every effort not to disturb the firing point as in doing so will disrupt the shots of their fellow competitors.
- Junior shooters are to be grouped together in the same relay.
- Shooters will fire a 10-shot course of fire (5 shots per record bull) during a 10-minute record time period.

Intermediate Competitors (6th – 8th graders)

- Intermediate shooters may use a two-handed firing position. (Standing)
- Intermediate shooters will fire a 20-shot course of fire (5 shots at five record bulls) from a two-handed standing position during a 20-minute record time period.

Senior Competitors (9th – 12th graders)

- Shooters must support the pistol with one hand only with the other hand providing no support for the pistol. (Standing)
- Shooters will fire a 30-shot course of fire (5 shots each at five record bulls) from the one-handed standing position during a 30-minute record time period.

All Age Groups

- All other equipment rules, descriptions, etc. can be found at the following link on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Pistol Project Page: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzVRTVQGAc1hNXVFYXdmUDhyYjA/edit?resourcekey=0-dPk6EYA3LyWccigLLpNN8A>