

RULES AND REGULATIONS

DISTRICT 8 2008 4-H COMPETITIVE AND LIGHT RIFLE MATCH

OBJECTIVE:

To assist 4-H members with learning and practicing the rules of safety, sportsmanship and accuracy with firearms.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Date - 2008 Contest is **April 26**. Time of firing for each team will be decided by distance to the contest. Counties closest to the contest location will fire first unless otherwise instructed.
2. Place - Centerville
3. Eligibility - The general rules for Roundup eligibility covered in the current Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook apply. Also, note the section which states: "4-H members participating in any team or club having coaches available at the university level or currently serving in the military are not eligible."
4. Teams - Three (3) teams consisting of 3 or 4 members each may represent each county. These three teams will consist of a senior team composed of 4-H members who have passed their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday, on September 1, 2003; an intermediate team composed of members who are either 12 or 13 on September 1, 2003 and a junior team composed of 4-H members who are at least 9 on September 1, 2003 contest year (or 8 years old and in the third grade at the time of the contest) and not over 11 on September 1, 2003. **NOTE:** Juniors may compete on Intermediate teams. Individuals may compete for high individual honors in each division. The first place Senior individual will qualify for state if they are not a member of a 1st or 2nd place District 8 team.
5. Shooting Rules - The match will be conducted under current National Rifle Association rules, except as noted.
6. Shooting positions for Seniors:
 - A. Twenty (20) shots in each of the three positions will be fired: 1) prone; 2) standing; 3) kneeling in that order.
 - B. Each member will fire all three positions in succession.
7. Shooting positions for Juniors:

Three rounds of prone, with 10 shots in each round of prone.
8. Shooting positions for Intermediates:

Ten (10) shots in each of the three positions will be fired: 1) prone; 2) standing; 3) kneeling in that order.
9. Shooting Time - Competitors will be allowed a 3-minute preparation period to take their places at their firing points and prepare to fire (NRA Rule 10.3.1). Senior team members will be allowed a 90 minute period to zero in and sequentially fire all three positions. Contestants may fire any number of sighting shots at the center bull in any position, within the prescribed time shown above. Juniors will be allowed up to 15 minutes for sighting and the first round of prone and 20 minutes for the second and third rounds of prone. Intermediates will be allowed a 45 minute period to zero in and sequentially fire all three positions.
10. Shooting Schedule and Relays - Each qualifying team will be notified by mail of the time to report to the firing range.
11. Scoring - Scoring will be done by a qualified scorer. NRA rules 14 and 15 on scoring will be followed. Team scores will consist of the high three composite scores for the three positions. Any cross-over shots, excessive shots or sighting shots out of sighting bulls, etc. must be verified and initialed by the range officer before the target is removed from the backstop. Once removed from the backstop, special consideration will not be given. It is the responsibility of the coach to verify these irregularities and bring them to the attention of the range officer at the

time and to have the range officer make a notation on the target before it is removed from the backstop. Targets will be displayed 30 minutes after firing for a 30 minute period. During this time, shooters may view their targets and may change any scoring before the scores are posted.

12. Coaching - coaching is permitted but the coach must control his voice and actions as not to disturb other competitors. He will not physically assist in loading or making sight corrections.
13. Targets:
 - A. The new NRA A-36 targets will be used for all competitors - Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors.
 - B. Targets will be provided for each team member, for each firing position. Targets will be coded and distributed to the coach at the registration held immediately prior to the start of the contest.
14. Range Officer - The range officer will run the range, monitor safety and conduct, verify targets and assist shooters as necessary. The range officer will make note of cross-over shots, excessive shots, sighting shots out of sighting bull or other irregularities at the time they occur and make notations on targets to facilitate the scoring process. The range officer will receive challenges and make a decision on whether or not to uphold the challenge. He may choose to consult with the head scorer to pass judgment on a challenge concerning scoring.
15. Assistant Range Officer - An assistant range officer will assist with keeping time, spotting shots and other duties as requested by the range officer.
16. Equipment Required - Contestants must bring the following items to the contest: NOTE: If a team is sharing equipment please let us know so we can schedule accordingly.
 - A. Any rifle - Rifle must conform to NRA 3.2 rule. (No semi-automatic rifles allowed)
 - B. Ammunition - At least 100 rounds per contestant for sighting and scoring. No high velocity .22 rimfire ammunition commercially catalogued as .22 Short, .22 Long or .22 Long Rifle ammunition with an overall length of not more than 1.1 inches, a lead or alloy bullet no larger than .23 inches in diameter and a weight of no more than 40 grains may be used. For position or light rifle shooting only solid point bullets may be used. (Match, target or standard velocity ammunition will give the best accuracy and precision in most firearms.)
 - C. Optional Items
 - 3.8 Sporting scopes - The use of telescope or binoculars to spot shots is permitted. It may be positioned forward of the shooter's forward shoulder.
 - 3.9 Shooting kits - The use of shooting stand is encouraged in 4-H position rifle shooting. The stand aids in safety and reduces fatigue by permitting rest between shots. The shooting stand, kit or table may be placed down range of the shooter's forward shoulder during the standing stage of 3-position shooting, but it may not be of a size, shape, construction or placement to interfere with other shooters.
 - 3.10 Ground cloth - A ground cloth or shooting mat may be used providing it is not constructed or modified in a way that provides artificial support. Shooting mats may not exceed 49.2 x 78.7 inches (1.5 x 2 meters) in materials. Thick mats as specified in NRA International Rifle Rule 3.10.1 may not be used.
 - 3.11 Gloves - Gloves which do not form an artificial support may be worn, except in light rifle or silhouette events.
 - 3.12 Padding - Shoulder pads, sling pads and elbow pads may be worn while shooting as long as they do not provide artificial support. A button, hook or strap may be attached to the shooting coat to aid in support the sling loop. Shooting jackets are not permitted in light rifle or silhouette events, but a padded shirt or vest, e.g., shotgun shooting shirt or trap and skeet vest, and clothing suitable for the season and weather that does not provide artificial support may be used.
 - 3.13 Slings - Unless otherwise specified in the match program, a rifle sling may be used with a rifle stock and one arm only to steady the rifle except in the standing position. (Note: Shooters who fail to take advantage of the sling are at a great disadvantage in position shooting matches.)

- a) Hand stop - An adjustable hand stop may be used in conjunction with the sling in the prone or kneeling positions.

3.14 Palm rest - Attached or extended palm rests may be used in the standing position in three-position rifle matches.

3.14.1 Kneeling roll - A cylindrical cushion of soft and flexible material and not exceeding 9.84 inches (25 cm) in length and 7.08 inches (18 cm) in diameter may be used in the kneeling position.

- D. Eye Protection - Eye protection is required and competitors shall wear eye protection.
 - E. Ear Protection - Competitors are required to wear protection.
- 17. Seniors and Intermediates are recommended to use rifle rest in the standing position. Contestants unable to bring rests will be able to borrow one during the match.
 - 18. Safety - All firearms, whether being carried, at rest in vehicle near the range, or at rest, will be unloaded and will have bolts open except when on the firing line in the process of firing. All rifles will remain in a case at all times until the participants are instructed by the range officer to take them to the firing line. Hearing protection is required of all participants while they are on the firing line. The use of eye protection is required. Eye protection will be available for loan or purchase at the contest site. A total of two coaches will be allowed on the firing line with each four-member team. NOTE: All spectators must be quiet, orderly and use good judgment when entering or exiting the range.
 - 19. Challenges - Challenge will be in accordance to NRA rule 16.1.
 - 20. Conduct - Violation of the accepted rules of safety and conduct on the range will, at the discretion of the range officer, disqualify a contestant, or in the case of a coach, result in the removal of the coach from the firing line. Spectators must be orderly and quiet.
 - 21. Awards:
 - A. Participants who are members of first, second and third place teams receive individual awards.
 - B. First, second and third place individuals in each age class and division will receive awards.
 - C. The two high scoring senior teams will qualify for state competition to be held during the Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station in June.
 - D. If the senior high individual is not a member of a 1st or 2nd place team then that person also qualified for the state competition as an individual.
 - E. 1st thru 3rd for each age group.