

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

January 9, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: District 8 County Extension Agents

FROM: Jay Kingston
District Extension Administrator

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SUBJECT: 2024 DISTRICT 8 4-H COMPETITIVE RIFLE MATCH & PROVISIONAL LIGHT RIFLE MATCH

Enclosed you will find the 2024 District 8 4-H Competitive Rifle Match & Provisional Light Rifle Match information.

Event Date: **Saturday, April 27, 2024**

Event Time: *A more detailed shoot schedule will be distributed after receiving entries.*

- Target pick-up will begin in the scoring building approximately 30 minutes before the match begins.
- Contestants should check-in approximately 30 minutes before scheduled start time.
- The contestants scheduled for the afternoon should arrive approximately 1 hour before their scheduled shooting time in case relays run faster.
- The Competitive Rifle Match Shooting will begin at 8:00am. (Shooting times will be staggered)
- The Provisional Light Rifle Match will begin after the first round of the Competitive Rifle Match begins.

Location: Leon County Gun Club, Buffalo, Texas
15295 County Road 224
Oakwood, TX 75855
(See attached map and directions)

Entry Deadline: All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.

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Opens: Monday, April 1, 2024
Closes: Friday, April 12, 2024

County Approvals: County offices need to approve registrations on 4-H Connect by Monday, April 15, 2024

Entry Fee: \$12 per member per match

Late Entries: Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours after the regular contest deadline.
- \$50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours and up to the time of check-in on-site at an event

Agent Committee: Committee will be expected to attend and assist where needed. Additional agents are welcome to attend as assistance is always needed.

- Andrew Lewis*
- Cassie Ferguson
- Thomas Boyle
- Chelsea Dorward
- Angie Nors

Accommodations: If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time entry materials are due.

Concession Stand: Leon County will be offering a concession stand again. We encourage you to support their concession stand!!

Weather Contingency: In the event of inclement weather, Seniors will report to the range as scheduled. Heats will take place as rain allows. Juniors & Intermediates will receive their targets via mail and will have 1 week to return them for scoring.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.



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Contact your County Extension Agent for entry deadlines.
<http://counties.agrilife.org/>
- Entry Fee:** \$12 per member per match
- Late Entries:** Late entries will be permitted with an additional:
- \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 48 hours after the regular contest deadline.
 - \$50 late fee per 4-H member after 48 hours and up to the time of check-in on-site at an event
- Accommodations:** If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time entry materials are due.
- Concession Stand:** To be determined. We will send out information as we get closer to the contest date.
- Weather Contingency:** In the event of inclement weather, Seniors will report to the range as scheduled. Heats will take place as rain allows. Juniors & Intermediates will receive their targets via mail and will have 1 week to return them for scoring.



DISTRICT 8 4-H RIFLE MATCH

General Rules & Guidelines

1. Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match Rules

The District 8 4-H Rifle Match will follow the Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match Rules. These rules are used with modifications for the District 8 4-H Rifle Match as stated below. The following rule set supersedes all other rules where differences exist. Any items not addressed in these District 8 Rules or the Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match Rules will be referenced to the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules.

2. Membership

Participants must be a bona fide 4-H member, currently enrolled in their respective county program.

3. Age Divisions

There will be three (3) age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) in the District 8 4-H Rifle Match as listed below. Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of August 31, 2023, as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Grades</u>	
Junior	3*, 4, or 5	<i>*Must be at least 8 years old</i>
Intermediate	6, 7, or 8	
Senior	9, 10, 11, or 12*	<i>*Must not be older than 18 years old</i>

Only Senior aged members may advance to the state qualifying competition at Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match in June.

4. Participation/Entries

4-H members must be certified by the County Extension Agent to participate at any District 4-H event.

All team members must be from the same county and within the same age division. Exception: Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on a team that has a true Intermediate (based upon grades listed above) on it. No one may move up to the Senior age division. No individual may move down to a younger age division. Only Senior aged 4-H members may advance to the state competition at Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match.

There is no limit to the number of teams and/or individuals a county may enter per age division.

Note. A county can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to participate in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

5. Targets & Scoring

Fifty foot 3-position

Orion Indoor 50-foot rifle target. It is similar in design to the USA-50 (NRA-50) target. The scoring rings are equivalent to the ISSF 50m rifle target reduced to 50ft. This target can be viewed and ordered at the Orion website; (<http://www.orionscoringsystem.com/orion/Product.aspx?ProductID=4>).



Targets will be scored after each relay has completed the course of fire using the Orion Electronic Scoring System. Scoring will be accomplished in the scoring office. Targets will be scored by hand pending if deemed necessary by County Extension Agents in the scoring office.

6. Course of Fire & Firing Positions

4-H members will shoot from 50 feet as listed below:

Age Division	Position	Time	Number of shots	# of Targets	Shots per bull
Junior	Prone only	30 minutes	30 shots	3 targets	1 shot per bull
Intermediate	Prone, Stand, Kneel	45 minutes	30 shots	3 targets	1 shot per bull
Senior	Prone, Stand, Kneel	90 minutes	60 shots	6 targets	1 shot per bull

7. Target Review

Once all targets in an age division have been scored, checked, and entered into the scoring system, they will be set out for review. Targets will be available for review for 30 minutes. Intermediates and Seniors will be responsible for reviewing their own targets. One coach and/or parent may assist Juniors in reviewing their targets.

Any challenges to the target scores must be made by the 4-H member (or coach/parent along with a Junior 4-H member) before the targets are removed from the scoring office. If the challenge is correct, the score will be changed to reflect the successful challenge. If the challenge is incorrect, the score will remain as posted.

8. Qualifying for state

The top three (3) Senior teams are eligible to represent District 8 at the Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match. The top three (3) individuals (if they are not members of one of the state-qualifying teams) may advance to state as individuals only.

Senior Substitutions for Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match

District 8 will follow the substitution rules as outlined in the current year’s Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. To be an eligible substitute, he/she must have attended and competed in another competitive District 8 4-H event.

9. Academic Eligibility of Participants

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

- Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form”
- OR
- Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

10. Auxiliary Aids/Special Accommodations

If 4-H members that are participating in District 4-H events require auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please notify the District Office at the same time that entry materials are due.

11. Awards

An awards presentation will be made at the conclusion of the scoring of all targets, at the contest location. We encourage all participants to attend this presentation. Participants who are members of first, second, and third place teams in each age division will receive individual awards. First through fifth place individuals in each age division will receive awards.



DISTRICT 8 4-H PROVISIONAL LIGHT RIFLE MATCH EXTENSION

Rules & Guidelines

**The Provisional Light Rifle Match participants do not advance to state competition.*

1. Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Light Rifle Rules

The District 8 4-H Light Rifle Match will follow the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Light Rifle Rules. These rules are used with modifications for the District 8 4-H Rifle Match as stated below. The following rule set supersedes all other rules where differences exist. Any items not addressed in these District 8 Rules or the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Light Rifle Rules will be referenced to the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules.

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5. Targets & Scoring

The Orion 50-foot Light Rifle 6 Bull Target will be used. This target can be viewed and ordered at the Orion website; (<https://www.orionscoringsystem.com/orion/Product.aspx?ProductID=59>).



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6. **Target Review**

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7. **Qualifying for state**

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8. **Firing Positions**



This is the main difference from the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Light Rifle Rules for the District 8 4-H Light Rifle Match. 4-H members will shoot from 50 feet as listed below:

Age Division	Position	Time	Number of shots	# of Targets	Shots per bull
Junior	Prone only	20 minutes	20 shots	2 targets	2 shots per bull
Intermediate	Standing only	20 minutes	20 shots	2 targets	2 shots per bull
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Directions to Leon County Gun Club

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Their phone number is 903-322-4298.

From Buffalo, head northeast on Hwy 79 N towards Oakwood.
Approximately 12 miles out of Buffalo will be County Rd 224.
Turn right (south) on CR 224.
Continue on CR 224 and the range will be on the left.

