

Montana State 4-H Shooting/Archery Sports Competition: March 4-6, 2011

Dear 4-H Members, Parents, Leaders,

We look forward to hosting the 2011 - 16th Annual Montana State 4-H Archery & Shooting Sports Competition on March 4-6, 2011 in Bozeman. Please read the information carefully as **there have been many changes made this year.**

✚ Locations have changed this year:

Air Gun Events – Yellowstone Gateway Sports, 21 Forkhorn Drive, Bozeman
Archery Events – Big Sky Archery, 77 Laura Louise Lane, Bozeman
Smallbore Events – Greenway Range, Gallatin County Fairgrounds
Silhouette Events – Indoor Arena, Gallatin County Fairgrounds

New this year for Archery:

- ✚ *For target archery: Ages 13 and older may choose to shoot to at either 10 meter or 20 yards for the Limited Bow (LB), Bow Hunter (BH), Unlimited Bow (UL), and Olympic Recurve (OR) bow types. For each of these bow types they cannot shoot both distances. They must choose one distance or the other (10 meter or 20 yards).*
- ✚ *For target archery: Ages 13 and older will shoot at 10 meters only for the Primitive Bow (PB) and Bare Bow (BB) bow types.*
- ✚ *For target archery: Ages 12 and under will shoot at 10 meters only for all bow types.*

New this year for Air Gun:

- ✚ Air Rifle Silhouette and Air Pistol Silhouette which will be held in the Indoor Arena at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday starting at 9:00 a.m. Equipment will be provided – register on the attached registration form.
- ✚ Rapid Fire Air Pistol will be on Saturday night only at 6:00 p.m. in the Indoor Arena at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

Pay close attention to **cut-off dates for sending in applications.** In an effort to get registrations returned earlier, we have implemented **NEW** deadlines:

Early Bird discount - \$10/event, if postmarked by February 11, 2011

Regular deadline - \$12/event, postmarked by February 18, 2011

Late entries - \$15/event, postmarked by February 25, 2011

The number of competitors will be limited to the first 400 who send **applications AND prepayments.** After that, we will take entries ONLY if there are available firing points left due to timely cancellations, etc. Get your prepaid application in early!!! Squadding lists will be posted on the State 4-H web address: <http://www.montana4h.org>

Carefully review the "General Rules" (separate attachment). If you still have questions, these are the following contacts:

Archery: Registration & Squadding: Kelley Phipps – cksrabitry@g.com - 406-599-1454

Air Gun: Registration & Squadding: Heidi Gagnon – muletrack@g.com - 406-586-6129

Other Airgun questions: Bill Ott - boottfarm@aol.com – 406-209-2599

Smallbore: Scott Francis – sfrancismhs@yahoo.com - 406-284-6843 or Tom Everett @ 406-570-8878

Silhouette: Chris Winstead - chris@hardscrabblemountain.com – 406-579-0181

You may contact Gallatin County's Extension Office if you cannot reach anyone else (406-388-3213). Someone there will help where they can or get a message to one of us. Leave messages on voice mail machines -- calls will be returned during late evenings or on weekends. Please remember the volunteers are not usually available during daytime hours.

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✚ A **JO-3P qualifier match** will be held on Saturday at the 6:00 p.m. relay.
To sign up, contact Heidi Gagnon at 406-586-6129 – muletrack@q.com

The **4-H National Competition** (ages 14 & up as of 1/1/11, but can't turn 19 before January 1 of the current year) will be held on June 20-24 in San Antonio, TX. Selection of the Air Rifle Team to represent Montana will be done by combining the sporter scores (3 position & standing) – the 4 top scoring individuals will make up the air rifle team. The 4 top scoring individuals in each of the Air Pistol and Smallbore Events will be invited to represent Montana on their respective teams.

Emailing your interest is great, but we need the actual form MAILED to us to insure entry. **Prepaid entry forms mailed to us guarantee squadding of firing points for the match.**

Please tell your club leaders and friends about our upcoming fun! We hope to see you there!

Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports

2011 - 16th ANNUAL MONTANA STATE 4-H SHOOTING & ARCHERY SPORTS COMPETITION

March 4-6, 2011

Note: Participants must be 4-H members to compete in this event. Participants must be enrolled in High School or lower at the time of the event. This is a directive from the Montana State 4-H Council to insure liability coverage, etc.

- **Participants:** All participants must be 9-19 years old as of Oct. 1st 2010 and registered members of Montana's 4-H Program to receive ribbons or other awards.
- **4-H Individual Awards:** Awards will be given to the top shooter in each event, as well as to the top three shooters in each event by the age group entered. Age groups for airgun and archery events are: 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, & 15+ yrs old. The smallbore rifle event will present awards to the top shooter, as well as to the top three shooters in age groups as follows: 10-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, & 15+ yrs old.
- **Sanctioning of 4-H Competition:** Our competition is intended to provide a friendly learning atmosphere and to promote the 4-H spirit through fun, friendly, constructive experiences. The 4-H events are NOT officially sanctioned events by NRA, JOAD, ATA, NMLRA, IBO, etc. Such organizations offer their own highly competitive events. For more information on events sanctioned by these groups, please contact those organizations directly.
- **Entries:** Entry forms must be completed in full. Mail all prepaid entries by deadlines on registration form to:

Gallatin County 4-H
c/o Kelley Phipps
12466 Gooch Hill Road
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730

- **PREPAID Individual entries for all events must be POSTMARKED on or before deadlines on registration form to guarantee a time and shooting position.** Phone calls for reservation times will be noted, **however**, we will not officially squad competitors without a "**prepaid written entry form**". Competitors who wait until they arrive in Bozeman to sign up for an event will not be turned away, but will be accepted **ONLY** if there is an open position.
- Refunds are offered on a limited basis for those who contact us in writing or by e-mail: Kelley Phipps @ cksrabbity@q.com **before March 1, 2011**. To receive a refund, you must include ALL details regarding your child's name, address, county, phone number, etc. to identify the cancellation and refund. Send or email a copy of your registration form if possible when requesting a refund. Refunds will be honored through our Gallatin County Extension Office and will be mailed after the weekend event has been concluded.

- **Directions and addresses:**

Big Sky Archery - 77 Laura Louise Lane, Bozeman

From I-90, exit at Belgrade and head south on Jackrabbit Lane toward Baxter Lane and Four Corners. Turn west (right) on Baxter Lane, take the first right (north) onto Laura Louise Lane.

From Bozeman, go west on Huffine Lane to Four Corners. At the intersection, turn right onto Jackrabbit (north) and proceed about 2 miles to Baxter Lane. Turn west (left) onto Baxter, take the first right (north) onto Laura Louise Lane.

Yellowstone Gateway Sports - 21 Forkhorn Drive, Bozeman

From I-90, exit at Belgrade and head south on Jackrabbit Lane toward Four Corners. Turn east (left) on Forkhorn Drive, take the first left into parking lot.

From Bozeman, go west on Huffine Lane to Four Corners. At the intersection, turn right onto Jackrabbit (north) and proceed about 0.5 miles to Forkhorn Drive. Turn east (right) onto Forkhorn Drive, take the first left into the parking lot.

Gallatin County Fairgrounds - 901 North Black, Bozeman – Greenway Range & Indoor Arena

From I-90, exit at North 7th Avenue. Proceed south on North 7th Avenue to Tamarack, go east (left) to North Black. Turn left into parking lot.

Shooting Schedule—Fri/Sat/Sun, March 4-6, 2011

- ❖ Airgun events will be conducted in 2 hour intervals at Yellowstone Gateway Sports, 21 Forkhorn Drive, Bozeman (near Four Corners)
Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00, 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00a.m. & 12:00. *2:00 p.m. will only be scheduled if necessary (as determined by Chief Range Officer).*
- ❖ Archery Events will be conducted in 1 hour intervals on Saturday & Sunday at Big Sky Archery, 77 Laura Louise Lane, Bozeman
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
The later times on Saturday (5 & 6 p.m.) will be scheduled only as necessary.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ❖ 3D Archery Event will be conducted in 2 hour intervals at the Big Sky Archery, 77 Laura Louise Lane, Bozeman:
Friday:
 13-14 yrs: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
 15+ yrs: 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday:
 9-10 yrs old: 8:00-10:30 a.m.
 11-12 yrs old: 10:30-1:00 p.m.
 13-14 yrs old: 1:00-3:30 p.m.
 15+ yrs old: 3:30-6:00 p.m.

If shooting other events, competitors must understand the importance of getting themselves to the other locations for their next event.
- ❖ Smallbore Events: Saturday only at the Greenway Range at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.
 - Smallbore Rifle: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon only.
 - Smallbore Pistol Event – 2:00 p.m. only

Fees & Registration Forms

- ❖ Please send in your registrations early (see registration form for deadlines). Scheduling can be very difficult, and we must hear from you in order to accommodate your needs for your travel to and from the match. Please understand we “honor” these pre-paid entry forms on a FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. Do not assume the distance you have traveled affords your competitors the “right” to be assigned at the time of your choosing. Get your registrations in early!
- ❖ Please indicate the “preferred” day your competitor hopes to compete. Competitors do NOT have preference of the “time of day” however we will offer an a.m. or p.m. and will do our best to fit you in for those areas. We will make every effort to accommodate the “day” preference on our first come-first serve basis. When competitors have been squadded, the schedule will be posted on the state website: <http://www.montana4h.org> as well as being posted each day at the registration tables.

Check-in – Big Sky Archery, Yellowstone Gateway Sports, Greenway Range & Indoor Arena

- ❖ Registration/Check-in tables will be open at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. **Shooters should check in one hour before their competition time.** Competitions start at 8:00 a.m. each day except on Friday. Shooters reporting to their positions after the relay has already started will not be allowed to shoot in that relay and will be moved to another relay, if possible.
- ❖ Air rifles and archery equipment may be checked in areas determined by the match director. Smallbore rifles will be checked in the Greenway Range (where competition is being held).
- ❖ **It is your final responsibility to know your shooting time and to have taken care of all registration procedures (checking times, firing points, equipment check, payment & picking up of targets) at least one hour before the actual competition. WE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PHONE CALLS ON FRIDAY EVENING.** Our policy is to notify your shooting leader if we had to change your preferred time. If your leader has not called you with a change, you most likely can plan to shoot at the times that are posted.

❖ 2011 Montana State 4-H Shooting Competition: March 4-6, 2011

No email or faxed forms accepted



AIR GUN, SMALLBORE AND SILHOUETTE REGISTRATION

I am registering for: Airgun only BOTH Archery & Airgun (complete both registration forms)

Competitor's Name:		County:	
Address:		4-H Club Name:	
City, State, Zip		Home Phone:	
Email Address:		Alternate Phone:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Birthdate:		4-H Age (age on 10/1/10)	
Father's Name:		Mother's Name:	
Shooting Leader's Name:		Shooting Leader's Phone:	
Shooting Leader's Email Address:			

If you wish to compete in 4-H Nationals and are at least 14 yrs. of age by 1/1/11, please check this box.

Event	Saturday, March 5 or Sunday, March 6 (specify date)	Circle your preference		DEADLINES <u>Early Bird</u> - postmarked by 2/11/11 - \$10/event <u>Regular</u> - postmarked by 2/18/11 - \$12/event <u>Late</u> - postmarked by 2/25/11 - \$15/event <i>Entries postmarked after 2/25/11 will not be accepted.</i>
Sporter - 3 position	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	Make checks payable to: Gallatin County 4-H c/o Kelley Phipps 12466 Gooch Hill Road Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
Sporter - Prone	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	
Sporter - Standing	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	
Precision – 3 position	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	
Precision – standing	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	
Air Pistol	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	
Smallbore Rifle 3 position -10 yrs and up	<i>Saturday only (limited to first 30 shooters)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 am <input type="checkbox"/> 10 am <input type="checkbox"/> 12 noon	\$	
Smallbore Pistol (parent/guardian form required)	<i>Saturday only (limited to first 10 shooters)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 pm	\$	
Silhouette – Air Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	
Silhouette – Air Pistol	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	
Rapid Fire – Air Pistol	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	\$	

	Total Entry Fees Enclosed	\$
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Do you share equipment with another competitor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, name of other competitor for scheduling purposes:	
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SMALLBORE PISTOL EVENTS

The Youth Safety Handgun Act (http://www.atf.gov/pub/fire-explo_pub/i53002.pdf) as included in the Gun Control Act of 1968 puts restrictions on the use and possession of handguns by youth under 18 years of age. Youth participating in National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational must, at all times, follow all provisions of this act. Therefore, event officials will require "the prior written consent of the juvenile's parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm." This written permission must be in possession of the youth – even if a parent/guardian is present. We suggest a simple statement, reduced to wallet size with the name of the youth, a parent's name, address, as well as their signature, and that of a witness and dates. The participant can laminate this card and keep it with the shooting kit or on their person. Failure to have this document will require us to disqualify the shooter to avoid violation of federal law.

I/we _____, **parent/guardians** of _____, **(shooter's name)**, grant permission to participate in the Smallbore Pistol Project and Events sponsored by County, State, and National 4-H organizations as per The Youth Safety Handgun Act.

Signature of 4-H Shooter _____

Signature of Parent/guardian _____

Address _____

City, State, & Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date _____

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ARCHERY AND 3-D ARCHERY REGISTRATION

I am registering for: Archery only BOTH Archery & Airgun (complete both registration forms)

Competitor's Name:	County:	
Address:	4-H Club Name:	
City, State, Zip	Home Phone:	
Email Address:	Alternate Phone:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Birthdate:	4-H Age <i>(age on 10/1/10)</i>	
Father's Name:	Mother's Name:	
Shooting Leader's Name:	Shooting Leader's Phone:	
Shooting Leader's Email Address:		

If you wish to compete in 4-H Nationals and are at least 14 yrs. of age by 1/1/11, please check this box.

Event	Saturday, March 5 or Sunday, March 6 (specify date)	Mark your preference	DEADLINES							
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			Make checks payable to: Gallatin County 4-H c/o Kelley Phipps 12466 Gooch Hill Road Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730							
Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	<input type="checkbox"/> PB	<input type="checkbox"/> BB	<input type="checkbox"/> LB	<input type="checkbox"/> BH	<input type="checkbox"/> UB	<input type="checkbox"/> OB		
	Age 12 & under - 10 meters for all bow types Age 13+ - PB, BB - 10 meters Age 13+ - LB, BH, UB, OB - select 10 meters or 20 yards		10 meters only		Age 13+ - LB, BH, UB, OB only <input type="checkbox"/> 10 meters <input type="checkbox"/> 20 yards					
3-D Archery	FRIDAY: age groups only <input type="checkbox"/> 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15+									
3-D Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	<input type="checkbox"/> PB	<input type="checkbox"/> BB	<input type="checkbox"/> LB	<input type="checkbox"/> BH	<input type="checkbox"/> UB	<input type="checkbox"/> OB		
Total Entry Fees Enclosed									\$	

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❖ 2011 Montana State 4-H Shooting & Archery Sports Competition: General Rules

ARCHERY EVENTS

Rules: We will be following the Montana 4-H Archery Rules. You will need to know and understand these rules prior to the competition. Failure to abide by these rules are grounds for disqualification from the competition.

Target Archery: There are 6 bow classes offered. The archer is allowed to shoot as many of those events as he/she chooses if the different bows are available to use and time slots are not already filled. Equipment will be checked prior to shooting and the bow class could be changed based upon that check.

NEW CHANGES THIS YEAR

- For target archery: Ages 13 and older may choose to shoot to at either 10 meter or 20 yards for the Limited Bow (LB), Bow Hunter (BH), Unlimited Bow (UL), and Olympic Recurve (OR) bow types. For each of these bow types they cannot shoot both distances. They must choose one distance or the other (10 meter or 20 yards).
- For target archery: Ages 13 and older will shoot at 10 meters only for the Primitive Bow (PB) and Bare Bow (BB) bow types.
- For target archery: Ages 12 and under will shoot at 10 meters only for all bow types.

BOW DIVISIONS

1. Primitive Bow: (Traditional Bow) recurve or longbow with finger release without sights or stabilizer.
2. Bare Bow: (Competitive Bowhunter) any bow finger release without sights, 12" max stabilizer.
3. Limited Bow: any bow finger release fixed sights and 12" max stabilizer. Sight extensions longer than 5' are not allowed.
4. Bow Hunter: (Freestyle Bowhunter) fixed sights release aids allowed and 12" max stabilizer. Sight extensions longer than 5" will not be allowed.
5. Unlimited Bow: (Olympic compound) any compound bow with any sights including moveable sights and scopes, Sight may be adjusted anytime. Torque flight compensators and stabilizers over 12" may be used.
6. Olympic Recurve: recurve bow with finger release and a single moveable sight. Sight may not incorporate a prism, lens or leveling device. Stabilizers and torque flight compensators may be used.

Archery Equipment

- Cross bows, lasers and sight lights are not allowed. Maximum draw weight of any bow shall not exceed 60 pounds. No arrow 23/64 inch or larger is permitted.
- Bare bow, limited bow, and bow hunter divisions are limited to a single straight stabilizer that is no more than 12 inches long including any coupling device as measured from the back of the bow.
- Limited bow and bow hunter may have single or multiple pin sights. Movable sights, whether or not they are adjusted, clickers, or draw check are not allowed in these two classes. Sights may not be adjusted after scoring begins.
- ARMGUARDS MUST BE WORN BY ALL SHOOTERS.

Target Archery:

- Course of Fire:
 - 30 Arrows at 10 meters (10 ends of 3 arrows, 21/2 minutes per end).
 - Six practice arrows are allowed.
 - FITA 16-Inch Ten Ring Targets will be used, but shooters may request a Vegas Three-Spot Target.

3D Archery Events:

The same 6 bow classes offered as in regular archery (see descriptions). Due to the popularity of this event and the limited time slots available, a 3D Archer may choose only one day to shoot, using only one bow type. Be sure to circle the one bow class chosen.

- Equipment will be checked prior to shooting and the bow class could be changed based upon that check.
- In general, IBO Rules will apply; however, this is a "FUN SHOOT" and is NOT a sanctioned match.
- Each competitor will shoot 20 arrows (4 rounds of 5 arrows) at life-size 3D targets.
- The competition will be broken into age groups of 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15+. Age groups will shoot together.

(Please note: Competition begins promptly at the scheduled time with duration of 1 1/2 hours.

9-10 years - 15-yard maximum

11-12 years - 25-yard maximum

13-14 years - 35-yard maximum

15+ years - 45-yard maximum

We schedule other events (air gun/regular archery) around the 3D times, making every effort to avoid conflicts and allow for travel time between locations. All Firing Points and results will be on the state 4-H webpage. Please give us time to get these up and check them often as things change due to new entries. For archery and squadding questions, call Kelley Phipps at 406-599-1454 or email to cksrabbitry@g.com.

AIRGUN EVENTS

- Eye protection is **mandatory** by state rules and ear protection is **highly recommended**. Clubs requiring such protection in their instruction and local competitions should make their own decisions regarding their competitors.
- All contestants will use their own sporting arms and ammunition.
- Ammunition will be .177 match grade (flat-face) pellets.
- Air rifles and air pistols shall be .177 with iron sights.
- ALL AIR GUNS MANUFACTURED WITH SAFETIES MUST BE INTACT AT STATE MATCH.
- Clear Barrel or Open Bolt Indicators are required – if you don't have one, they will be available at registration.
- NRA rules will apply
- All decisions made by the Chief Range Officer will be considered final.

Air Pistol:

- The air pistol match consists of 40 shots fired at 10 meters.
- Ages 9-10, two hands sitting table rest with support allowed.
- Ages 11-12, and 13-14, two hands standing.
- Ages 15-18, one hand.
- Shooters are allowed 1 ½ minutes per shot. A spotting scope, scope stand, and binoculars are allowed.
- Ranking of scores will be done by age groups. If a competitor chooses to shoot in a position that is more advanced, they will still be scored in the appropriate age group.

Sporter and Precision Air Rifle-Three Position:

- 10 shots Prone, 10 shots Standing, 10 shots Kneeling
- 1 1/2 mins per shot in prone and kneeling positions, including sighters, and 2 mins for the standing position
- The 10-Bull NRA AR-1/10 Target will be used.
- Web slings are allowed in prone and kneeling.
- Shooting gloves are allowed.
- Shooters must bring their own shooting mats and kneeling rolls.
- A spotting scope, scope stand, or binoculars are allowed.

Sporter Air Rifle-Prone

- Open to all age groups
- 30 Shots Prone
- Equipment allowed is the same as 3 position

Sporter and Precision Air Rifle-Standing:

- 40 Shots Standing.
- 2 minutes per shot including sighters.
- A spotting scope, scope stand, and binoculars are allowed.

All airgun questions should be directed to Bill Ott at bootfarm@aol.com. Phone is 406-209-2599.

Rapid Fire Air Pistol: Saturday only at 6 p.m. , Indoor Arena, Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Silhouette Events – both Saturday and Sunday, starting at 9:00 a.m. – Indoor Arena, Gallatin County Fairgrounds:

- All equipment will be provided.
- NRA rules will apply.

Silhouette questions should be directed to Chris Winstead at chris@hardscrabblemountain.com or 406-579-0181.

Smallbore Rifle Event – 8 & 10 a.m. relays on Saturday only – Greenway Range, Gallatin County Fairgrounds:

- Firearms to be used will be target rifles with metallic sights only. Firearms will be inspected prior to firing
- Course of fire will be a total of 60 shots: 20 Prone, 20 Standing, 20 Kneeling
- Time for shots will be: Prone-1 minute per shot, Standing-2 minutes per shot, Kneeling-1 ½ minute per shot
- Shooters must have their own eye and ear protection, standard velocity ammunition and other required equipment. Equipment should be supplied by the competitor and will be checked prior to shooting.
- Competitors must be 10 years old or older to participate.
- Age categories for competition will be 10-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, 15+ yrs.
- Competition is limited to the first 40 registered competitors. The competitor is allowed to enter the event only once.
- Event will not be an NRA sanctioned match, though NRA rules will apply

Smallbore Pistol Event – 12:00 relay on Saturday only – Greenway Range, Gallatin County Fairgrounds:

- ✚ **Must have signed approval form from parents and present to Range Officer prior to shooting.**

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- All smallbore pistols are required to use an CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) when the handgun is uncased.
- Cased pistols will be the last equipment to be brought to the range and the first to be removed from it.
- All events are “single pistol” matches, meaning participants are to shoot the entire course of fire, with the same pistol.
- No pistol changes will be allowed between stages, and only one pistol per shooter is allowed on the line. Pistols may be replaced only if they are disabled or malfunctioning.
- Target – NRA B-2 & B-3
- Distance – 50 feet
- Course of Fire: 10 shots each slow fire, 10-timed fire and 10-rapid fire; 2 rounds (60 record shots)
- Time Limit: Slow fire: 5 minutes (10 shot string), Timed fire: 20 seconds per 5 shot string, Rapid fire: 10 seconds per 5 shot string
- Position: One-hand standing
- Rules – NRA Conventional Pistol Rules CP 16650

Equipment:

Rule 3.1.3 Standard Smallbore Pistol .22 caliber rim fire – The pistol may be any .22 rimfire pistol, either semi-automatic or revolver. The pistol may have orthopedic or specially shaped grips. Sights are restricted to open sights (service pistol rules) with adjustable rear sights. The pistol must have a trigger pull of at least two (2) pounds.

Service pistol (and therefore a qualifying pistol for this event) has “Open sights only with a non-adjustable front sight. The rear sight may be adjustable and must have an open “u” or rectangular notch. [NRA Conventional Pistol - General Service Pistol Specifications 3.1 A (3)]

All other questions should be directed to Scott Francis @ 406-284-6843 or Tom Everett @ 406-570-8878.

MONTANA 4-H ARCHERY RULES

Adopted February 10, 2010 by the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee

HISTORY and PURPOSE

The 4-H Archery Project and competitive events exist to provide an opportunity for youth development through the pursuit of excellence. The intent of this document is to help ensure fair and equal opportunity for all Members. Each competitor will have the same predetermined rules and will compete with others of similar age and comparable equipment. These rules are updated from time to time. It is the responsibility of the 4-H Archer and Archery Project Leader to know and abide by the rules at all times. Failure to do so is grounds for dismissal.

ARCHERY SAFETY RULES

1. Give full attention to the **Range Master**.
2. Know and obey Range Commands and Rules of Etiquette and Safety at all times.
The Whistle Commands are: 5+ =Emergency! 3 =Score & Pull. 2=Archers to the line. 1=Shoot
3. Be Silent on the Shooting Line & Waiting Line.
4. Always wear an arm guard while shooting to protect you from String Slap, Clothing Interference, a Broken Shaft!
5. Make sure arrows are long enough! Do not trade. If you change Draw Length, Check your Arrow Length!
6. Use a bow with Proper Draw Weight. Being Over Bowed leads to Bad Form & Shoulder Injuries.
7. Keep all arrows in the quiver until the "begin shooting" signal is given by the Range Master.
8. Let dropped arrows lie. Wait for specific permission from the Range Master before picking up dropped arrows.
9. The high setup is encouraged, but **arrows must be pointed toward the targets during the entire draw cycle**, not the floor, ceiling or any other direction.
10. When a finger release is used the **archer shall draw with finger placed firmly behind the trigger** until the anchor point is established.
11. Never Dry Fire a Bow – (Includes Broken Nocks, Lost Inserts, De-nocked arrow, too Light arrows – Arrows must weigh a minimum of 6 grains per pound of bow draw weight.).
12. Always walk at the archery range. No horseplay.
13. Pull and carry arrows safely. Look Behind you!
14. Safely carry arrows in your hands controlling both ends of the arrow or in a quiver.
15. Inspect Arrows (Nock, Fletch, Tip, & Shaft) each time you shoot before putting them back in your quiver. A damaged arrow must immediately have the nock removed so that it cannot be shot!
16. Always use a stringer to string a bow.
17. Leave equipment or friend blocking target when searching for lost arrows.
18. Be sure of your target **and beyond**. If in doubt, don't shoot!
19. Never draw or shoot an arrow pointed straight up!
20. Only travel forward on a 3-D or Field Course. Never backtrack.
21. Make sure archers ahead of you are clear before nocking an arrow on the 3-D range. Call Out.
22. Do not back out limb bolts beyond mfg's recommendation. Don't Know? Don't do it!

ELIGIBILITY

Archers must be 4-H members in good standing to compete in 4-H Tournaments. (Note: Non-4H youth and adults may be invited to shoot at fund raisers.) Dress code will be enforced. Alcohol or tobacco logos or text, inappropriate language, unsportsmanlike slogans, sleeveless sweatshirts, bare midriffs etc. will not be tolerated.

ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

The maximum peak draw weight of any bow shall not exceed 60 pounds. Arrows must be no lighter than 6 grains arrow weight per pound of bow peak draw weight. No arrows larger than 23/64 in. (9.13mm) in diameter are permitted. Stabilizer length is measured from the back of the bow at the point of attachment and includes any coupling device. Sight length shall be measured from the mounting screws to the sight pin or aperture. Bows in divisions without sights shall have no markings or blemishes or bow quiver or arrow rest parts in the sight window or face of the bow that could be

used for sighting. No electric or electronic devices are allowed on the shooting line including sight lights, lasers, cell phones, communication devices, and headphones. Crossbows are not allowed. Armguards shall be properly worn by all competitors.

ARCHERY DISCIPLINES

Archery Disciplines include Indoor Target Archery, Outdoor Target Archery (FITA), Field Archery, 3D Archery, Clout Archery, Flight Archery, Run Archery, and Ski Archery.

BOW DIVISIONS

Archers shall compete in the Bow Division that allows **all** of the components of the bow and release method being used, although all components are not required to be present. For example, a Bare Bow is not required to have a 12" stabilizer even though it is allowed, and a compound bow with no sights using a mechanical release would shoot in Bowhunter or Unlimited class because of the release.

Primitive Bow (PB): Longbow or Recurve with finger release and no sights or stabilizers.

Bare Bow (BB): Any bow with finger release and no sights. A single straight 12" maximum stabilizer is allowed.

Limited Bow (LB): Any bow with finger release and fixed sights with a length of 5" or less. Peeps with clarifiers or verifiers are allowed. A single straight 12" maximum stabilizer is allowed. Sights that are adjustable without the use of tools or sights with a lens are not allowed. No sight may be adjusted once the scoring has begun.

Bow Hunter (BH): Any bow with mechanical release aid, and fixed sights with a length of 5" or less. Peeps with clarifiers or verifiers are allowed. A single straight 12" maximum stabilizer is allowed. Sights that are adjustable without the use of tools or sights with a lens are not allowed. No sight may be adjusted once the scoring has begun.

Unlimited Bow (UB): Any bow with mechanical release aid, stabilizers of any length, V-bar, any sight including movable sights or sights with a lens, and written information. Sight may be adjusted any time during the round, but only by the Archer. (Not the coach.)

Olympic Recurve (OR): Recurve bow with finger release, clicker, kisser buttons, V-bar, stabilizers of any length and any length single movable sight with written information or multiple pin fixed sight. Sight may not incorporate a prism, lens, or leveling device. String peeps are not allowed. Sight may be adjusted anytime during the round but only by the Archer. (Not the coach.)

AGE CLASSES

For state matches "age" is based on the Member's age on October 1st preceding the event. For the National Qualifying Tournament and the National Invitational "Participants must have past their 14th birthday by January 1 of the current year and may not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year." Archers must compete in their own Age Class as follows:

CLASS 1 - 9 to 10 years old. (15-yard maximum for 3-D)

CLASS 2 - 11 to 12 years old. (25-yard maximum for 3-D)

CLASS 3 - 13 to 14 years old. (35-yard maximum for 3-D)

CLASS 4 - 15 to 19 years old. (45-yard maximum for 3-D)

DEFINITIONS

A **Competitive Category** is a combination of a **Bow Division** and an **Age Class**. For example, Bare Bow (BB) Ages 9 & 10.

Each time an archer shoots a group of arrows, scores, & pulls it is called an **End**. Several **Ends** make a **Round**.

RANGE LAYOUT and PROTOCOL

LAYOUT: Indoor Target Archery ranges shall have a Waiting Line at a minimum distance of 3 yards behind a Shooting Line, and a target Line 2 yards from the targets. Lines shall be clearly marked with tape, paint or other means that is not a tripping hazard.

RANGE PROCEDURES: The range shall be under the exclusive control of the Range Master and the Range Master's appointees. Whistle commands should be used by the Range Master. Whistle

commands shall be: 5 or more Blasts = “Emergency! Cease fire and quiver arrows.” 3 Blasts = “Cease fire and Retrieve Arrows.” 2 Blasts = “Shooters to the line.” 1 Blast = “Begin shooting.” Archers should be trained accordingly. Anyone may call a “Cease Fire!” in case of emergency.

In case of mechanical failure, the Archer shall get the attention of the Range Master and obtain permission before repairing equipment. The Range Master may set a time limit for repairs. Dropped arrows that are within reach of the Shooting Line may be picked up and shot only upon specific direction of the range Master.

No flash photography is allowed during Rounds.

TIMING: Timing will be provided by an Official Timer appointed by the Range Master. The start and end of each time limit will be signaled by a whistle or other audible device. An arrow shot before or after the specified time will be considered as being part of that End and will cause the athlete to lose the highest scoring arrow of that End, which will be scored as a miss.

TARGETS: Competitors must use targets that have not been previously used, marked, or modified in any way. No aiming points or marks may be placed on the target or range. An archer may request a new target during the Round if the target has become damaged enough to make scoring difficult. However the target must be the same type as the original. i.e. If you start with a 3-Spot, you must finish with a 3-Spot.

SCORING: Archers and Scorers shall not touch arrows or targets until after arrows are scored and agreed upon. Scores will be called out by the athlete and checked by the scorekeeper. An arrow will be scored according to the position of the shaft in the target face, not the hole. If an arrow touches two colors or a line, score the higher value. If a target is deformed or partly missing, score will be based on an imaginary circular line in the original position. On a 3-Spot target there can only be one arrow scored per spot. If more than one arrow is in a spot, only the lowest score is counted. The others are scored as a miss-M. The Range Master or appointed Judge shall make the final determination of score if the Archer and Scorer cannot agree on an arrow’s score. In Indoor Target Archery the Range Master will give Archers an opportunity to re-shoot arrows that pass through or bounce out of the target. Arrows that miss the target are not bouncers and may not be re-shot. Score as miss. (Note: use “M” for misses, not “0”.) (See scoring for different archery disciplines below.)

PLACEMENT: Placement is by highest score in each Competitive Category. Tied scores shall be resolved first by the most number of X’s. If still tied, use most 10’s, then most 9’s etc. until tie is resolved.

COACHING: At tournaments Coaches and parents are not allowed in front of the Waiting Line, on the Shooting Line, or on the Range at any time except by special permission of the Range Master, for example to help set up targets or for photographs. Coaches may assist all archers and adjust sights during warm-up ends only. No further adjustments to any part of the bow or sight are allowed after the first Scoring Round has begun, except as stated in the Unlimited Bow and Olympic Recurve Divisions above. Coaching during a Round will be permitted only for members under the age of 14. All permitted coaching will take place behind the Waiting Line and between Ends and in a manner that does not disturb other archers.

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY (NGB) RULES

If more specifics are required, the following rules shall apply: NFAA “**Traditional Bow**” rules for the Primitive Bow (**PB**) division. NFAA “**Competitive Bowhunter**” rules for the Bare Bow (**BB**) division. NFAA “**Freestyle Limited Bowhunter**” rules for the Limited Bow (**LB**) division. NFAA “**Freestyle Bowhunter**” for the Bow Hunter (**BH**) division. FITA “**Compound Division**” rules for the Unlimited Bow (**UB**) division. FITA “**Recurve Division**” rules for the Olympic Recurve (**OR**) division. These rules and divisions shall apply to both Target Archery and 3-D Archery events. In case of discrepancy the 4-H rules above shall prevail.

ARCHERY EVENTS

Here are some examples of archery events. The outdoor examples are typical of the 4-H National Invitational.

MONTANA 4-H INDOOR TARGET ARCHERY

Indoor Target: 40 cm FITA or Vegas 3 Spot (Archer's choice) at 1 m. above floor.

Distance: 10 meters.

Course of Fire: 10 ends of 3 arrows each.

Time Limit: 2.5 minutes per 3 arrow end.

Scoring: 10x,10-1,M from the center outward, or 10x-10-6,M on 3-Spot.

OUTDOOR TARGET ARCHERY

FITA ROUND (1/2 FITA)

Target: FITA 122cm and 80 cm faces, 5-color face

Distance: Rounds are shot in the following order:

Ages 9-10 = 30m, 25m, 25m, 20m

Ages 11-13 = 50m, 40m, 30m, 20m

Ages 14-19 = 60m, 50m, 40m, 30m

4-H National Invitational Ages 14-19 = "60, 50, 40, and 30 meters in that order"

Course of Fire: 18 arrows at each of 4 distances. (72 arrows total.)

3 ends of 6 arrows each from the two longer distances using 122cm targets.

6 ends of 3 arrows each from the two shorter distances using 80cm targets.

Time Limit: 4 minutes per 6 arrow end and 2.5 minutes per 3 arrow end.

Scoring: 10-1 from the center outward.

FIELD ARCHERY

FIELD ROUND (1/2 Field Round)

Target: NFAA targets of sizes selected by the management and appropriate to the course.

Distances: Marked distances within the range of 5 to 60 yards

Course of Fire: 14 targets with at least one fan and one walk-up target, 4 arrows per target.

Time Limit: Shooters will move through the course expeditiously and avoid delays

Scoring: 5,4,3 from the center outward

3-D ROUND

Targets: 3-D targets as selected and placed by the management.

Distances: Unmarked distances from 5 to 50 yards.

Course of Fire: 30 arrows, one arrow per target in order by the management.

Time Limit: Shooters will move through the course expeditiously and avoid delays. Lost arrow search is limited to 2 minutes.

Scoring: Determined by management. Typically 10x, 10, 8, 5