Shooting Sports Match
Youth Match Only
Saturday, July 20, 2019
United Sportsmen’s Club – Henwick Lane
Check-in 30 minutes prior to scheduled time at Archery Pavilion

FIRST LINES BEGIN:

Archery-NFAA  BB, Rifle  Pistol  Shotgun  Muzzleloading
7:00am  7:30am  7:30am  7:30am  9:30am

Approximately 2:00pm – Awards Ceremony (Archery Pavilion)

Superintendent: Don Schwartze

Rules and Regulations:

Entry/Fees:
1. **Online Entry** is open to 4-H members officially enrolled in the Shooting Sports discipline in all counties in Missouri. **Cole County 4-H members will receive first priority.**

2. **PRE-REGISTRATION:** All entries must be **pre-registered** (including payment) by July 8, 2019, at 4:30pm at the Cole County Extension Office, 2436 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO. By entry into the event, the exhibitor understands and accepts the responsibility for following the guidelines in this fair book and agrees to be bound by all rules and regulations while participating in said events.
   a. Each participant understands that failure to follow all these guidelines will result in dismissal from the Shooting Sports Match.
   b. Each participant accepts financial responsibility for damages to property or materials, travel costs, and/or program costs which might result from violation of the guidelines.
   c. Each participant understands and agrees that in consideration of the acceptance in these activities, 4-H, FFA, the Curators of the University of Missouri, their respective officers, agents, and/or employees, and the Jefferson City Jaycees are released from all liability and loss (including court costs and attorney fees), resulting from any property damage, personal injury and bodily injury, including death, to any exhibitor or visitor at the Shooting Sports Match which is caused or claimed to be caused, in whole or part, by the negligent acts or omissions of the 4-H, the FFA, the Curators of the University of Missouri, their respective officers, agents, and/or employees, and the Jefferson City Jaycees.

3. Flights will be self-scheduled. Sign up for your preferred shooting time.

4. Participants must also submit a [Shooting Sports Match Authorization Form](#) with your Certified Leader’s signature.

5. Limited to registrations (approximate) as follows:
   a. Air Pistol: 18 entries
   b. Smallbore Pistol: 30 entries
   c. Muzzleloading: 12 entries
   d. Air Rifle/BB Gun: 18 entries
   e. Smallbore Rifle: 60 entries
   f. Archery:  
      i. NFAA: 112 entries
   g. Shotgun:  
      i. Trap: 45 entries

6. If there are no pre-registrations (including payment) by July 8, 2019, at 4:30pm at the Cole County Extension Center, there will be no Shooting Sports Match.
   a. **The certified project leader for discipline must sign** individual Authorization forms verifying that the participant has successfully completed ten (10) hours in the project and the club leader must verify the member-in-good-standing status.
   b. **Entries with FORGED SIGNATURES will be rejected and shooter will not be allowed to participate in the Cole County Fair Shooting Sports Match.**

7. All participants must be pre-registered! No on-site registrations will be accepted. **No changes after Monday prior to match.**

8. Participants may enter
   i. Day of Match: Maximum of two (2) events, any combination of disciplines
   ii. No limits to pre-match events

9. **Entry Fees:**
   a. Pre-registered (online & including payment) ......................... $5.00 per class
   b. Late Registration (entry received after 4:30pm, July 8) ............... $15.00 per class
   c. **Shotgun Participants:** Trap fees  
      i. Intermediate trap - $10.00
      ii. Senior trap - $20.00

Eligibility:
10. Only 4-H members receiving a minimum of 10 hours of direct instruction during the current year from a properly enrolled and 4-H certified volunteer are eligible to compete.
11. By entry to this shooting event, the participant, parent, and leader verify that the participant has demonstrated basic safety and possesses the basic knowledge and skills required for the discipline in which he/she is competing.
   a. It is the Certified Leader’s absolute responsibility to make sure the participant is proficient in their shooting style and familiar with safety, rules, and procedures of the contest in which he/she is participating.
   b. Contestants must have completed these items by July 8, 2019, and must be enrolled in the discipline entered.
   c. Any participant which, in the opinion of the range official, does not exhibit this basic knowledge and skills will be excused from the competition.

**United Sportsmen’s Club Rules:**

12. **Directions:** Hwy 50 West to Truman Blvd/South Country Club Drive exit. Turn Right on W. Truman Boulevard. At 1st stoplight turn left onto Country Club Drive. Take the 2nd right onto Rainbow Drive (½ mile). Take the 2nd right onto Henwick Lane (½ mile). Go about ¼ mile and you will see the club on your right.
13. While using United Sportsmen's Club facilities, all guests must observe local, state, and federal laws.
14. Guests shall clean-up the grounds after each use including targets and all items brought to the range.
15. Any person willfully damaging or destroying club property shall repair or replace the damaged property.
16. Motorized vehicles shall be operated only on designated roads and parked in designated areas. A speed limit of 15 MPH is to be observed on all club property.
17. All vehicles will be parked in the lot by the Archery Pavilion.
   a. Handicapped individuals must contact the office prior to the match.
   b. ATV’s and Utility Vehicles are acceptable vehicles past the cones.
   c. Match personnel may park near the range with proper tag.
   d. Unauthorized vehicles may be towed without warning at owner’s expense.
18. Range rules posted at each respective range shall be observed.
19. Concession stand will be available on-site for events on July 20, 2019.
20. Report any accidents or injuries that require more than first aid to the Shooting Sports Match Coordinator who will forward the information to the United Sportsmen's Club President and other officials as required.

**Safety Procedures and Equipment:**

21. **SAFETY IS ALWAYS THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION.** Any violations of accepted safety rules are grounds for immediate disqualification. NO WARNING REQUIRED! Each contestant, parent, or coach on the firing line will wear appropriate eye and/or ear protection for all shooting events.
22. **Eye Protection:** Shooting glasses or equivalent prescription glasses are required for all events involving air or powder driven projectiles. They are strongly recommended (but not required) for archery events as well. ISU or UIT glasses may be worn only if both eyes are adequately protected. All persons on or near the firing line are required to have eye protection, including coaches, range personnel, and shooters.
23. **Ear Protection:** In any event where noise is a recognized hazard to future hearing (i.e. if it goes “bang”) then hearing protection is required of all persons on or near the ranges. Ear plugs or head style ear muff may be worn at the discretion of the shooter, range officer or coach; but proper hearing protection is required. Audio headphones or ear buds—even if not plugged in—are not acceptable hearing protection. Such equipment may be used in air or archery events if the shooter desires. BB, Pellet, and Archery do not require hearing protection.
24. **ARCHERY:** Finger tabs, shooting gloves or releases **REQUIRED:** All archery participants are required to use some type of finger protection. Shooting glove must be designed for archery, gloves designed for other sports are not allowed. No bare fingers will be allowed.
25. **Cased Requirement:** All firearms, air guns, and bows, must be in a case at all times except when on the range and ready to participate in the event.
26. **Open and Empty:** All firearms will remain open and empty until the shooter is on the range and the command to load or fire, is given.
27. **Safe Indicators:** Safety Procedure for Air Pistol, Air Rifle, BB Gun, Smallbore Rifle, Smallbore Pistol – while in the case and when brought to the firing line. Air rifles and air pistols shall have a weed eater string (of bright color) in the barrel and protruding a minimum of six inches out of the muzzle and out of the action (Clear barrel indicator-CBI). Smallbore rifles and pistols should use some type of Open Bolt Indicators (OBI). BB guns should use the weed eater string, if possible—however for the Daisy 499 and other muzzle loading BB guns that may not be possible.
28. **Muzzle Control:** Shooters must maintain control of their muzzle at all times. Firearms must be carried in the muzzle up position whenever uncased on the range unless the action is hinged and broken open. Regardless of condition, muzzles may not be pointed toward or rested upon any part of the body of the shooter or another person. This includes the use of toe pads in the shotgun games. Violation of this rule may result in a warning, disqualification from a round, or disqualification from a match.
29. **NO Practice shots:** There shall be no unauthorized shooting of bows or firearms anywhere on the event grounds (parking lots, empty lots, empty ranges, etc.). This is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification and dismissal from grounds.
30. **Audio headphones or ear pieces and cell phones** are not permitted on the firing line or the field. Once an individual or team is called to compete, ear pieces or headphones must be removed and remain off during the competition. Spectators should also be sensitive to shooters. Please turn off ringtones when near the competition and move conversations away from the line.
31. **Range check:** Range officials have the right to check all firearms and archery equipment prior to OR during its use in competition to determine that it meets qualifications and/or that it is safe. Equipment determined to be unsafe will not be allowed on the range.

32. Contestants are responsible for providing their own equipment, including safety glasses, ear protection, finger tabs, quivers, and ammunition. Targets and score cards will be provided.

33. **Coaches/Spotters:** Use of an adult coach or spotter on the firing line is allowed BUT within guidelines. Check the rules of each event for the current information about use of spotters or coaches. Older youth (senior age division) may be used as a spotter/coach...where applicable.

For Smallbore Rifle, Air Rifle, BB gun, Air Pistol: One coach or spotter must accompany the Junior-age shooter to the firing line. A coach/spotter may accompany an Intermediate-age shooter to the firing line. Senior shooters may not have a coach/spotter on the firing line with them. The primary responsibility of the coach/spotter will be to assure that safety rules are always observed. The spotter or coach may assist the shooter within the guidelines listed below:

a. JUNIOR – May verbally and physically assist the shooters between relays and during the sight-in period, including load and/or cock of the gun (must always keep muzzle point downrange).

b. INTERMEDIATE – spotting shots and verbal assistance only...unless shooter asks & receives permission from the range officer for coach’s assistance.

c. SENIOR – No assistance – even verbal – of any kind unless shooter asks & receives permission from the range officer for coach’s assistance.

d. 50 Yard NRA 3 Position – No coach or spotter may be on the line with the shooter and may not provide any assistance. Only if the shooter requests and is granted permission from the range officer – then the coach may provide assistance as allowed by the range officer.

e. Any variance of these guidelines will be announced on the firing line.

### Classes/Scoring/Premiums:

34. Check-in at Archery Pavilion 30 minutes prior to your scheduled event to receive Targets and/or Name Tags. It is your responsibility to check in. Range check-in will stop when the last relay or line begins. No further contestants will be accepted. **If not present when line commences, the event will begin without you. The event management has no obligation to reschedule a late participant.** It is entirely at the discretion of the Range Officer in charge.

35. Range officers must verify discipline, scorecard, and target are accurate for the discipline entered.

36. Three competition age classes or divisions are recognized. Participants must compete within their own age group per specified age range. Age is as of January 1 of the year of the event.

a. Ages 8-10 – Junior (NO Junior division in shotgun events, smallbore pistol, or muzzleloading)

b. Ages 11-13 – Intermediate (NO smallbore pistol)

c. Ages 14 and older – Senior (NO BB gun events)

37. **Scoring** for all events will be done by individuals recruited and selected by the Range Officers. Individual scores will be tabulated at the completion of each event. *Please leave scoring personnel alone so scores can be tabulated.*

a. Protests – Competitors only (not adults) may challenge their score in an event. Score keepers will not listen to an adult, only the shooter.

b. Participant will sign/initial scorecard/target as agreeing with scoring

c. **Rifle/Pistol Scoring:** Targets will be pulled 30 minutes after completion of line (last line might be quicker to prepare for awards)

38. Scoring is based on the Danish system (blue, red, white). First, second and third place in each division and discipline will receive an award.

39. **Appeals/Challenges:**

a. **Scoring: Competitors only** (not adults) may challenge their score in an event. Scorekeepers will not listen to an adult, only the shooter. The first challenge must be done **within 30 minutes of the announcement or final posting of scores.** If not satisfied after the ruling on the challenge, the shooter must immediately ask to appeal. That appeal will be handled by the County Coordinator and Chief Scorer. No scoring challenges are allowed after targets leave the official score area unless at the specified request of the range official or judge.

b. Other grievances should first be addressed to the range officer by the shooter NOT by an adult. The Range Officer will make a determination on the grievance. A final appeal of a decision or ruling by a Range Officer must be directed to the County Coordinator within 30 minutes of the ruling.

40. Superintendent reserves the right to divide classes as necessary.

41. **Premiums will be disbursed between September 15 and September 30.**

### General:

42. **Spectator Interference:** Disruption or interference by parents, coaches or other individuals will not be permitted; **this includes parents hovering over the scorers.** Sanctions ranging from a warning to ejection from the grounds will be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on a firing line or field. The “Little League Syndrome” will not be tolerated in 4-H Shooting Sports. Every effort will be made to keep these events fair, child-centered and positive.

43. **Disabilities/Special Needs:** In the event that any participant is physically incapable of complying with the general rules or specified discipline rules, the event staff will make every reasonable effort to accommodate that individual, allowing them to compete. Any accommodation made must not jeopardize range safety. Specific arrangements must be made and approved IN ADVANCE, prior to pre-registration, with the County Coordinator. The Range Officer must also be notified prior to relay on the day of the state shoot.
44. **Coach Removal:** We reserve the right to remove any coach from the firing line in the event that his or her behavior is deemed detrimental or distracting to their own shooter or others. Coaches should remain positive and supportive being careful not to disrupt other shooters. In the event that a coach is removed from the firing line, another coach may substitute for him/her at the discretion of the range officer. Any harassment of match personnel is subject to the following consequences:
   a. 1st incident = warning
   b. 2nd incident = ejection of offender

45. **Dress Code:** Participants are expected to dress appropriately. Team uniforms or shirts with the use of the 4-H logo are encouraged, but not required. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable.
   a. It is important that modesty be maintained in all shooting positions, therefore shorts must be of modest length: when standing straight, shoulders relaxed, arms down at side, fingers extended; the hem line of the shorts must fall below tip of idle finger.
   b. If wearing shooting vests, shorts must extend 2 inches below the bottom of the vest.
   c. Tank tops with spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, low necklines, or otherwise revealing clothing will not be allowed.
   d. Clothing with sexually suggestive wording or graphics and alcohol or tobacco advertisement is not appropriate for youth or coaches.
   e. All shooters and coaches should remember that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media. Remember that you represent all of 4-H Shooting Sports - Make it a positive image.
   f. **Footwear required:** NO BARE FEET! No open toed shoes are permitted on the firing line. The footwear must completely cover the foot. Crocs, Flip Flops, sandals, etc. are not permitted.

46. **Alcohol Policy:** No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on the grounds of the United Sportsmen’s Club during this event. Violation of this policy is ground for ejection from the premises.

47. **Language:** 4-H events are family events; language used by spectators, parents, coaches, or youth should always be appropriate for the family and youth setting. Foul language, cursing, rude/crude remarks are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Range officials have full authority to disqualify, dismiss or bar from the competition and from the grounds, anyone – adults or youth – using such offensive language.

48. **Smoking Policy:** To be respectful of all participants, coaches, range personnel, and staff, there will be designated smoking areas away from the range.

49. **Awards Ceremony:** A representative must be present to pick up ribbon(s) and/or medals at the awards ceremony. Ribbons and medals will not be distributed after the event.

50. NRA rulebooks described in individual event rules may be ordered from NRA Sales Department (1-800-336-7402).