D6 4-H Rifle Contest Rules

This 3-position smallbore rifle match will follow the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules rulebook except as noted in this match bulletin. The NRA rulebook can be found at http://competitions.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx or on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project webpage under Rules (http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports).

1.0 Competition
1.3 Rules

The following rules apply only to the District VI 4-H Rifle Match and supersede any other rules. Any rule not written in this bulletin is covered under the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project General Rules and the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules, both posted on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project webpage under Rules (http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports). All coaches and competitors are encouraged to become familiar with all rules used in this event.

2.0 Eligibility of Competitors
2.0.1 Qualification
The District VI 4-H Rifle Contest is open to all eligible 4-H members in District VI that are active in the Shooting Sports project.

2.0.2 Substitutions
Participant substitutions must follow the State 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines.

2.1 4-H Membership

Participants must be currently enrolled 4-H members in a Texas 4-H Shooting Sports county project.

a. Age
   Participation is limited to 4-H aged members. Clover Kids are not eligible to participate in this contest or the Shooting Sports project. For more information on 4-H age eligibility see http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ or consult your County Extension Office.

b. Prior Participation
   Participants must actively participate in a shooting sports group or club that is supervised by a 4-H Certified Instructor.

3.0 Equipment
3.2 Rifle

Any safe .22 rifle that can be loaded one shot at a time may be used. No semi-automatic or pump actions rifles may be used in this match.

3.7 Sights

a. Metallic

Only metallic sights may be used in this match.
3.11 Clothing regulations

No open toed shoes may be worn on the range by anyone including coaches or spectators. Shoes must be worn at all times while in the range. If shooters are changing shoes they must sit and change. No walking around the facility or range without wearing shoes. Legs must be covered to the ankles while shooting.

3.19 Eye Protection

All individuals in the range including coaches, range officials and spectators must wear eye protection. The equipment must protect both eyes. Eye protection must be kept on until all shooting has ceased and the firing line made safe. If a shooter’s glasses become fogged they must turn and face the back of the range when removing and cleaning.

a. Corrective lens

Normal corrective lenses constructed of impact resistance materials maybe used. Polycarbonate lenses preferred.

b. ISU glasses

ISU shooting glasses maybe used only if the lens for the shooting eye is large enough and properly situated to provide adequate protection to the entire shooting eye and an impervious shield is firmly attached to the frame to provide adequate protection for the non-shooting eye. All ISU glasses must be approved before entering the range. Safety is the over-riding consideration in the use of eye protection. Range officials and shoot management have the final consent on ISU glasses.

3.20 Ear protection

Adequate ear protection is required for all individuals in the range. Ear protection must remain on until all shooting has ceased and the line made safe.

3.21 Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI) also known as Open Bolt Indicators (OBI) in 4-H

An ECI/OBI is required to indicate the bolt is open and should be placed in the chamber when the shooter is not in a shooting position.

4.0 Targets

4.3 Smallbore 3-position

a. 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).

7.0 Courses of Fire

Course of fire will be Indoor at 50 feet using Orion 12 Bull 50ft Rifle Targets as described above. Junior shooters will shoot three targets, all in the prone position, with one shot per bull with a total of 30 shots. One target will be used in each of the three positions for intermediate and senior shooters, with 1 shot
per bull; 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, and 10 shots kneeling fired in that order. Shooters with disabilities that prevent them from shooting a certain position can fire the next most difficult; sitting may be used for prone, kneeling may be used for sitting, and standing may be used for kneeling (see NRA rule 13.2). Disabilities must be declared at the time of event registration or declared by contacting the District VI 4-H Office (c-belew@tamu.edu) if disability occurs after registration.

8.0 Time Limits
8.1 Computing Time

Time is computed as a running total. Times for individual shots are not observed but a total time is allotted for firing the entire match.

8.2 Time Allowance

Junior Shooters are allotted 30 minutes for 30 shots, prone position only.

Intermediate and Senior Shooters are allowed 45 minutes for 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing and 10 shots kneeling.

Shooting on this time frame allows the shooter to manage their own time within each position and move from one position to the next when a position is complete without a command from the Range officers. Shooters must move and change positions so that they do not disturb the shooters on either side of themselves. Shooters should be considerate of their fellow shooters who share the firing line. Shooters must also move in a way that keeps them safely behind the firing line.

9.0 Competition Regulations
9.2 Fouling and Sighting Shots

Sighting shots may be made at any time on either target card. If the first sighting shot hits outside the guard ring the shooter will inform the range officials who will note the shot. No such claim will be allowed if the shooter has fired more than one shot on the target card. Any additional hits outside the guard ring will be scored as record shots.

9.10 Coaching in Individual Matches

Coaching is permitted with a limit of 1 adult coach per team or individual shooter. Coaching must be done as not to disturb other shooters or coaches. Coaches must sit in designated areas behind their shooters. Coaches are allowed verbal communication only. In the case of a firearm or equipment malfunction, the shooter must raise their hand for a Range officer and ask permission for a coach to leave their seat to approach the shooter.

10.0 Range Commands, Control, and Operations
10.1.1 Rifles Cased

All rifles must be taken to the firing line in closed and latched cases and must remain cased until the command is given to uncase rifles. The exception to this rule is when barrel extensions are to be added during the orientation period so as not to delay relay start times. Rifles with barrel extensions must be placed on the provided rack when entering the range and left on that rack until the command is given to retrieve the rifle.
10.3.1 Preparation Period
A 3 minute preparation period will be announced by the Range officer after all equipment has been moved to the line.

12.0 Team Officers’ Duties and Position
12.6 Coaching in Team Matches

Coaching is permitted with a limit of 1 adult coach per team. Coaching must be done as not to disturb other shooters or coaches. Coaches must sit in designated areas behind their shooters. Coaches are allowed verbal communication only. In the case of a firearm or equipment malfunction, the shooter must raise their hand for a Range officer and ask permission for a coach to leave their seat to approach the shooter.

14.0 Scoring
14.0.1 Rifle Committee

Targets will be scored with the Orion System after each relay has completed the course of fire. The District VI Rifle Committee and/or any volunteers selected by the committee will be in charge of scoring procedures in the scoring office.

14.0.2 Target Review

Once all targets in a relay have been scored, checked, and entered into the scoring system, they will be posted for review by the shooter only. This review will be available for one hour. After this hour, the targets not reviewed will be considered accepted by default. During the review period, a shooter may make any challenges on their targets. All challenges will be performed by the Orion Scoring System. At no time will a plug or other manual methods of scoring be used to determine the value of a shot. All challenges will be reviewed by the Rifle Committee and all decisions are final.

The fee to challenge is $1.00 per challenged hit. If the challenge is correct, the fee will be returned to the shooter and the score will be changed to reflect the successful challenge. If the challenge is incorrect, the score will remain as posted.

There is no charge for challenging score mathematics.

14.0.3 Team Score

Each team score will be determined by using the three highest scores in each position for the three or four team members and adding the total of those three highest scores from each position to form an aggregate team score.

15.0 State Roundup Qualification

The top three Senior teams and top three Senior individuals (not from a team) will qualify for the Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match. Each participant of the Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match must be either 1) a member of one of the top three teams or 2) one of the top three individuals (not from a team) who competed in the District rifle contest in 2015.
16.0 “Top Gun” Contest

16.0.1 Contest Rules and Procedures

The “Top Gun” contest will take place at the conclusion of all shooting, scoring and challenging. Each county will select one senior shooter to compete. Selection is at the discretion of each county’s head coach. Remaining lanes on the line are selected via drawing names that have been given by each county from a hat until each firing lane is taken. Each shooter will have 1 minute to fire 1 shot in the standing position. After each volley, scorers score each target on the line, calling out the score so that one recorder writes them on a board so all can see. This is repeated ten times. Whoever has the highest score at the end is proclaimed “Top Gun” and wins the buckle.

16.0.2 Qualification

Only Senior-aged shooters may participate in the “Top Gun” Contest. Junior and Intermediate Shooters will not be permitted to participate.

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