



2009 AIR RIFLE CONTEST

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Note: A disabled 4-H'er can compete in the course of fire, or be the 4th person on a 3-person team acting as a spotter and share in the team's awards.

Purposes:

This event is designed:

1. To support the county 4-H shooting sports program.
2. To broaden the 4-H interaction experiences of youth and adults from across the Commonwealth.
3. To challenge 4-H'ers skills and knowledge of air rifle.
4. To recognize demonstrated abilities in use of air rifle, such as marksmanship, concentration, etc.
5. To better acquaint 4-H'ers with the faculty, services, and facilities of The Pennsylvania State University.

Objectives:

1. To provide an opportunity for teams and individuals to compete for 4-H and team honors.
2. To give 4-H marksmen and women an opportunity to demonstrate their skills.

Eligibility:

1. The contest will be divided into a Junior division and a Senior division.

Junior Division: Participants must be at least 13 years of age and must not have passed their 16th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.

Senior Division: Participants must be at least 13 years of age and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. (i.e. Junior shooters may compete in the senior division, but Senior shooters may not compete in the junior division.)

2. Team members and individuals must be currently enrolled in and have received instruction in the 4-H Rifle/Air Rifle Project. ***Under supervision of 4-H or NRA instructor who is and has maintained 4-H/NRA certifications.*** No Plinkers allowed.
3. Contestants must have demonstrated his/her ability in safe handling of firearms on the range to the satisfaction of his/her county Extension staff and leader prior to the State contest. ***Under supervision of 4-H or NRA instructor who is and has maintained 4-H/NRA certifications.*** Signature forms will be required with registration.
4. Each county may enter one of the following combinations in the Junior and Senior divisions:
 - one (1) team consisting of four (4) people
 - one (1) team consisting of three (3) people
 - two (2) individuals
 - one (1) individual

Special Contest Requirements:

Safety:

EYE PROTECTION IS REQUIRED; SHOOTING GLASSES WILL BE PROVIDED UNLESS THE SHOOTER ALREADY WEARS UNBREAKABLE (PLASTIC) EYEGLASSES. SHOOTING CONTESTANT MAY ALSO BRING THEIR OWN EYE PROTECTION.

Equipment: *Stipulated under NRA Air Rifle Sporter Rules*

Rifles, ammunition, and targets will be provided. Rifles will have peep rear sight and aperture front sight. No personal rifles or ammunition may be brought on campus.

Clothing: *As stipulated under NRA Air Rifle Sporter Rules*

For 2008/2010 copies of these rules through Civilian Marksmanship Program are available at <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/Rules.pdf> Or may be purchased through Civilian Marksmanship Program.

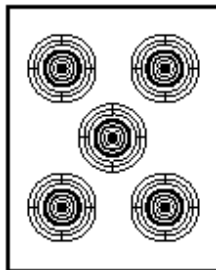
Contest Organization and Content:

1. Course of fire:

Junior Division: Ten (10) rounds in each of three positions.
- Prone
- Kneeling or Sitting
- Standing

Senior Division: Ten (10) rounds in each of three positions.
- Prone
- Kneeling or Sitting
- Standing

2. Each contestant may fire up to ten (10) sighting shots to check his rifle. These shots may be interspersed throughout the positions.
3. Time to complete 3 positions as stipulated in Sporter Rules.
4. One team member will be at the firing position with the shooter, to serve as the coach. Spotting scopes or binoculars are permitted. Coaching will be permitted by team members only.
5. Individual contestants will be expected to function as teams to maximize the utilization of firing stations.
6. Shooting distance for the contest is 33 feet. The type of target used is the AR-5-10 meter, air rifle, 10 bull target. The ranges are indoors.
7. Order of firing will be determined by the committee on the day of the match.



Scoring will be determined as stated in NRA Sporter Rules

1. A team score is defined as the total of the three highest scoring individuals from a team of three or four individuals.
2. An individual score is defined as the total of all scores from each part of the contest.
Junior Division: A total possible team score is 900 points. Each of 30 rounds is potentially worth 10 points for an individual score of 300 points.
Senior Division: A total possible team score is 900 points. Each of the 30 rounds is potentially worth 10 points for an individual score of 300 points.

Awards:

1. The members of the 1st place high scoring team will be awarded plaques.
2. The high scoring individual will be awarded a plaque.
3. The top team and top individual will be announced at the Recognition Assembly during the Penn State 4-H Achievement Days.
4. Team ribbons will be awarded to a maximum of ten (10) teams.
5. Merit ribbons will be awarded to all individuals (33 percent blue, 33 percent red, 33 percent white).

References:

Various NRA Materials acceptable for Leader Training.
Sporter Rules CMP Website: <http://www.odcmp.org>.