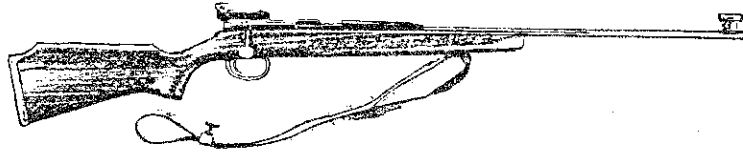


2009 RIFLERY CONTEST

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Note: A disabled 4-H'er can act as spotter for a 3-person team and as the fourth person receiving the same awards as shooting members.



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 riflery.
4. To recognize 4-H'ers demonstrated abilities in riflery.
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 smallbore 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 or individuals must be currently enrolled in and have received instruction in the 4-H Rifle Project. 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 prior to the contest.
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 AND EAR PROTECTION IS REQUIRED. THE RANGE IS INDOORS. BRING YOUR OWN MUFFS OR EAR PLUGS AND SHOOTING GLASSES. CONTESTANTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE RANGE ROOM WITHOUT EAR PROTECTION AND SAFETY GLASSES.

Shoes must be closed at the toe and heel. No sandals or clogs.

Equipment:

Ammunition and targets will be provided. Participants can use their own rifle, however, rifles are available for those who do not wish to use their own. Rifles will have peep rear sight and aperture front sight. Slings are available but contestants may bring their own. If you choose to use your own rifle, arrangements must be made between Extension staff, the 4-H rifle leader and the contest chairman to have these delivered to the contest site by an adult approved by the contest chair. No rifles or ammunition may be brought on campus. Arrangements must also be made to transport the shotguns and ammunition home after the contest.

Clothing:

Contestants may wear shooting jackets or other normal gear (NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules). The use of highly unusual gear should be cleared by the Range Officer (Bill Sipple) ahead of time! However, decisions of the range officer will be final at the range on the day of the event.

Contest Organization and Content:

1. Course of fire:

Junior Division: (NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules)

Ten (10) rounds in each of three positions.

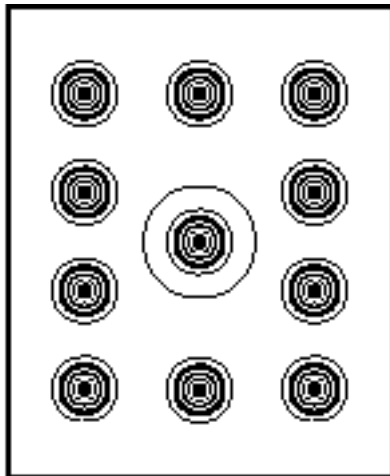
- Prone
- Kneeling **or** Sitting
- Standing

Senior Division: (NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules)

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. A three-minute preparation period and 10 minutes of fire will be allowed for each position (39 minutes per Junior division shooter and 39 minutes per senior division shooter). Each shooter will fire all positions before leaving the line.
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 50 feet. The type of target used is the A-17 smallbore, 10 bull, 50 foot target. The ranges are indoors.
7. Order of firing will be determined by the committee on the day of the match.



Scoring:

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 the 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 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 contest participants (33 percent blue, 33 percent red, 33 percent white).

References:

NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules

Each contestant that chooses to bring their own rifle must have the following form completed and returned with registration materials in order to participate in the Riflery Contest.

1. If a riflery contestant chooses to use his/her own rifle, arrangements must be made between Extension staff, the 4-H riflery leader, and the contest chairman to have rifles and ammunition delivered to and transported from the contest site. No rifles or ammunition may be brought on campus.

If I choose to use my own rifle, I understand that I must make arrangements to have the rifle and ammunition that I will use for this contest delivered to and transported from the contest by a responsible adult.

Adult responsible for delivering rifle and ammunition:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

2. Instructor verification:

Each contestant must have demonstrated his/her ability in safe handling of firearms on the range to the satisfaction of his/her 4-H certified rifle instructor prior to the contest.

I verify that 4-H member (name) _____
has demonstrated safe handling skills with a rifle and should be considered for participation in the Rifle Contest at Penn State 4-H Achievement Days.

Instructor Name (printed) _____

Instructor Name (signature) _____

Date _____