

# La Crosse County 4-H Invitational Shoot

## PROCEDURES/RULES

### General Rules

1. All participants must be enrolled 4-H members, involved/enrolled in a Shooting Sports project and have turned in a signed Permission Statement. All participants must also have met the criteria set by their county Shooting Sports committee
2. Safety is the primary consideration. Each contestant must provide, and wear eye protection for all shooting events. Appropriate ear protection shall be worn for all shooting events other than air rifle and archery. Any violation of safe shooting is grounds for disqualification.
3. Range commanders shall check all firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows prior to its use in competition. Unsafe equipment will not be allowed on the range.
4. Contestants are responsible for providing their own equipment, including ammunition, arrows, ear protection and eye protection. La Crosse County will have available some of their bows, arrows, air rifles and shotguns. Please bring your own ammunition for the air rifles/shotguns.
5. Three competition classes are recognized. Ages 8 (and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) – 11 are junior competitors; ages 12 - 14 are intermediate competitors; and ages 15 - 19 (must be 19 as of January 1st of 4-H year) are senior competitors. **ALL AGES ARE AS OF DATE OF INVITATIONAL, current year.**
6. All rifles, muzzleloaders, shotguns, and bows will be cased until the competitor is instructed to uncage on the firing line.
7. The range commander may modify or make procedural match changes in the interest of safety and/or to make the event run more smoothly. The range commander will have the final say on issues of safety and range protocol.
8. Competitors must stand alone at the line of competition. No coach, leader, spotter, or other person may accompany or assist the competitor except as approved by the range officer in charge of the event. For the junior division, a coach will be allowed on the line. Shooters may ask the range commander for assistance.
9. Scoring for all shooting events will be done at the gun club by the official score keepers on the day of the shoot. Except for .22-silhouette, they will need to bring an adult along to score. All decisions of the scorekeepers are final. Scorecards are the property of the tournament and will not be returned. Only official tournament personnel will be allowed behind the range lines and scorers tables.
10. Participants must show proof of Hunter Safety Course completion prior to participating in any .22-Rifle, Muzzle Loader, and Shotgun event.
11. At the end of each event rifles, muzzleloaders, shotguns, and bows will be re-cased and ammunition stored properly.
12. La Crosse County 4-H is not responsible for loss or theft.
13. No targets will be handed out at the invitational.
14. No alcohol or smoking allowed on premises.
15. Competitors must maintain proper sportsmanship at all times.

### **MATCH RULES --- ARCHERY**

Field Archery (3-D) Event; Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions

1. Field Archery competition will run on an archery course of 10 targets with 2 arrows shot at each target. Please bring an adequate amount of arrows because you will have only 3 minutes to find your arrows. No touching of arrows is allowed until scoring is done, failure to do so will count as that arrow as a zero. An adult will do all the scoring.
2. Please check equipment before starting. In the event of breakdowns you will have 3 minutes to repair equipment before moving on to the next target.
3. For safety reasons stay on the course from start to finish. You will only move ahead when the group in front of you is finished. No walking through the course backwards.

4. Juniors will shoot from 5-15 yards. Intermediates and seniors will shoot from 10-30 yards. Follow the instructions given to you by the range official.
5. There will be 2 categories for each age group. They are: **Freestyle**: Open to all aids & **Bare Bow**: Longbow, recurve, compound without sights & mechanical releases. No stabilizer. May use glove/tabs.

### **MATCH RULES --- AIR RIFLE**

1. Each shooter will fire from 3 positions: prone, standing, and kneeling at 10 meters (33 feet). 10 shots at each target for a total of 30 shots. Shooter must be in the proper position while shooting.
2. Time limit is 10 minutes per position to shoot.
3. All targets are the standard NRA Ar-5/10. 10-minute sight-in is allowed in the first position only.
4. Shooters provide their own ammunition; target grade pellets are allowed. Ammunition must be pellets of caliber .177 only.
5. Ten pellets must be counted before each scoring position is shot.
6. Rifles must be loaded and fired in a single fashion only.
7. No magnified sights allowed. Only sights manufactured for the air rifle are permitted. No adjustable iris or aperture may be used in the front or rear sights.
8. Slings are allowed for all kneeling and prone positions. Kneeling rolls are allowed for the kneeling position only. Slings are not allowed in the standing position.
9. Air rifles must be checked in day of event with site supervisor(s).
10. No shooting jackets, shooting gloves or other shooting aides attached to the rifle or shooter, except as noted above, are allowed.
11. Adaptation for physically challenged shooters must be approved by the county shooting sports project committee and range commander prior to the event.
12. Competitors must stand alone at the line of competition. No coach, leader, spotter, or other person may accompany or assist the competitor except as approved by the range officer in charge of the event. You must charge your own air rifle.
13. The range commander decision is final.

A coach will only be allowed on the line for Junior Division prior to shooting and after shooting is completed.

### **Tie Breaker Rules**

To determine award placing (in order of application)

1. Number of 10's or X's
  2. The first hit 10
  3. The first hit 9
  4. The first hit 8
- Continue following pattern (first hit 7, 6, etc.) until tie is broken

### **MATCH RULES --- .22 RIFLE**

(Intermediate or Senior Divisions - must be DNR Hunter Safety Certified)

1. Each shooter will fire three positions: prone, kneeling and standing, in that order, at 50 feet.
2. 10 shots at each target for a total of 30 shots. Time limit is 10 minutes per position to shoot.
3. Standard 10 bull A17 targets will be used. 10-minute sight-in is allowed in the first position only.
4. Rifles must be plugged or otherwise prepared so they may be loaded and fired in a single fashion only. Actions must be able mechanically to be held open until ready to fire. A wooden block may be used for this purpose. Semi-automatic rifles not so modified will not be allowed on the range. **RANGE COMMANDER WILL INSPECT!**
5. No magnified sights are permitted.
6. Rifles capable of firing standard or high velocity .22-long rifle ammunition are acceptable. Rifles may be modified by adjusting stock length only. No modifications after practice round. Shooters will provide their own ammunition.
7. Slings are allowed for all kneeling and prone positions. Kneeling rolls are allowed for the kneeling position. Slings are not allowed in the standing position.
8. No shooting jackets or other shootings aids attached to the rifle or shooter, except as noted above, are allowed.

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### **MATCH RULES --- .22-SILHOUETTE**

Intermediate and Seniors (must be DNR Hunter Certified)

1. Iron sights or scopes are allowed.
2. All are shot from a standing position with no help from slings or supports of any kind.
3. You shoot 40 rounds, 10 rounds (2 banks) at each of 4 animals.
4. You have a total of 5 minutes per 2 banks or 2 ½ minutes per bank.
5. Distances: Chicken 25 yards
  - i. Pig 50 yards
  - ii. Turkey 75 yards
  - iii. Ram 100 yards
6. Targets: Chicken 4.97W by 4.16 H top to bottom
  - i. Pig 8.34W by 5.34H
  - ii. Turkey 7.13W by 8.63H
  - iii. Ram 12.09W by 10.01H
7. Targets must be fired in sequence (first shot, first target, etc.) left to right.
8. Each shooter must bring an adult scorer to the firing line.
9. No coaching on the line. Any coaching on the line detected by the range commander will result in immediate disqualification.
10. Ties will be broken by:
11. 1st number of rams, 2nd number of turkeys, 3rd number of pigs, 4th first hit ram left to right,
12. 5th first hit turkey left to right, 6th first hit pig left to right, 7th first hit chicken left to right
13. Physically challenged accommodation's must be requested at registration and approved by the rifle director.
14. The range commander decision if final.

### **RANGE COMMANDS --- Air Rifle and Small bore Rifle**

- I. Shooters To The Line (5 - 10 minutes)
  - This is the time the shooters use to get their equipment to the shooting line
  - Firearms are uncased at the shooting line
  - Firearms are pointed down range, muzzle down range
  - Firearms are not handled
- II. Preparation Time Has Started (5 - 10 minutes)
  - Shooters may prepare the equipment for their particular shooting position
  - May handle firearm with no ammo
  - Fingers outside of trigger guard
- III. Is The Line Ready?
  - Ready on the Left - If answer is no, please give more time; if yes continue
  - Ready on the Right - If answer is no, please give more time; if yes continue
  - The Line is Ready
- IV. Shooters Load Your Firearm
  - Single load only
  - DO NOT FIRE
- V. Commence To Fire
  - Fire designated rounds

- When finished shooting, lay firearm down with action open and muzzle down range
- VI. Cease Fire
- Muzzle down range, action open and LAY FIREARMS DOWN
  - It may mean:
    1. Problem on the line
    2. That particular discipline or round is over
    3. A new set of targets
    4. Examine your targets down range
    5. Range is unsafe
- VII. Is The Line Clear?
- If you hear a “no”, see what the problem is
- VIII. Range Is Closed
- Shooter cases the firearm, picks up their equipment & paraphernalia, removes it from firing line
  - Absolutely no handling of uncased firearm

### **MATCH RULES --- SHOTGUN**

Intermediate and Senior (must be DNR Hunter certified)

1. To be eligible to participate in this tournament you must be registered as a WI 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun project member as recognized in your county and must have completed the DNR Hunter Safety Education Program and included that number on the registration form.
2. **EAR PROTECTION:** Adequate ear protection must be worn by all competitors, coaches, range officials, and spectators on the range during live firing. Earplugs or muffs are acceptable.
3. **EYE PROTECTION:** All shooters and other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line, including coaches, range officials and any spectators must wear adequate eye protection (glasses or goggles) .The equipment must protect both eyes.
4. Shooters must provide their own shells. No shells longer than 2-3/4” except .410 gauge. Trap loads only, magnum or baby magnum loads are not permitted. Shot sizes 7-1/2 to 9 only. RELOADS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
5. Shooters will fire from the 16-yard line.
6. Equipment will be inspected before shooting.
7. Only broken targets out of the house and one miss fire per round will be allowed for recall.
8. No Coaching or spotting allowed on the range during competition.
9. In the event of ties, awards shall be decided on the basis of the longest run in the total event beginning with the first target hit. If a tie remains a ten-clay shoot-off will be shot; 2 clays per station. Should this not resolve the tie, the event will be decided by a station-by-station (1 shot) “sudden death.”
10. Physically handicapped shooters – Physically handicapped shooters may petition to have either temporary or permanent adjustments in the rules to permit them to compete. Medical evidence is required and each situation is considered individually. Our objective is to permit anyone to participate whenever possible. Special accommodations must be requested on your registration form.
11. Competitors must maintain proper Sportsmanship at all times. Any rule infraction(s) may disqualify a participant at any time during the tournament as determined by the Range Officer and/or Tournament Director