

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL: Counties may enter as many teams as they wish in each age division. Junior, Junior Intermediate, Intermediate and Senior age divisions may enter up to two (2) individuals in the contest and individuals will be eligible for high point individual awards.

CONTEST SCHEDULE: A shooting schedule will be sent to counties after registration has closed and all entries have been compiled.

EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS: Contestants/counties will be required to provide their own firearms and ammunition.

- Any rifle - Rifle must conform to NRA 3.2 rule. Any safe .22 caliber rimfire rifle chambered for .22 Short, .22 Long or .22 Long Rifle cartridges may be used in Smallbore 3-position Rifle competitions. No restriction is placed on barrel length or overall weight of the rifle and accessories. No part of the rifle or any attachment may extend more than three (3) inches (7.62 cm) beyond the rear of the shooter's shoulder. Triggers must not be subject to accidental discharge. The same rifle must be used throughout a match except in the case of malfunction or a disabled rifle. In either event the competitor may change rifles with the permission of the range officer.
- Ammunition - At least 100 rounds per contestant for sighting and scoring. Only standard or high velocity .22 rimfire ammunition commercially catalogued as .22 Short, .22 Long or .22 Long Rifle ammunition with an overall length of not more than 1.1 inches, a lead or alloy bullet no larger than .23 inches in diameter and a weight of no more than 40 grains may be used. (Match, target or standard velocity ammunition will give the best accuracy and precision in most firearms.) No hollow points are allowed.

Eye and Ear Protection – Required for everyone on the range including competitors, coaches and range officer. Rifle rests - Seniors and Intermediates are recommended to use rifle rests between firing in the standing position.

TARGETS: Orion targets will be used for all Senior, Intermediate, Junior Intermediate, and Junior competitors. Targets will be provided for each team member, for each firing position. You do not need to bring targets. Targets will be coded and distributed to the coach at the registration held immediately prior to the start of the contest.

NOTE: If a Top Gun contest is held following the District Rifle Contest, the sponsoring organization/county/club must provide all targets, awards, etc.

SCORING: Scoring will be done by the Orion Electronic Scoring system. Team scores will consist of the three highest scores in each position (dropping the lowest score per position per 4 person team). Any cross-over shots, excessive shots or sighting shots out of sighting bulls, etc. must be verified and initialed by the range officer before the target is removed from the backstop. Once removed from the backstop, special consideration will not be given. It is the responsibility of the coach to verify these irregularities and bring them to the attention of the range officer at the time of occurrence and to have the range officer make a notation on the target before it is removed from the backstop. Also, contrary to State Rifle Contest Rules which enforces NRA Rule 9.8B, stating basically “participants will go for the record shots once a sighter is out of the sighter ring”, the District will not enforce the rule but coaches must report sighters out of the ring to the range officer. The decision on scoring challenges will accomplished using the “protest” feature in the Orion system, not using a plug as stated in NRA rule 10.10.6.1.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented after scores have been tabulated following the contest.

LIABILITY FORM: A liability form will be required for every participant. It must be completed and signed by both the contestant and the parents prior to participation. **This form must be received in the District Office by Friday, April 12, 2017.**

RANGE OFFICER: The range officer will run the range, monitor safety and conduct, verify targets and assist shooters as necessary. The range officer will make note of cross-over shots, excessive shots, sighting shots out of sighting bull or other irregularities at the time they occur and make notations on targets to facilitate the scoring process. The range officer will receive protests and make a decision on whether or not to uphold the protest. He may choose to consult with the head scorer to pass judgment on a protest concerning scoring.

SAFETY: All firearms, whether being carried, at rest in vehicles near the range, or at rest, will be unloaded and will have bolts open except when on firing line in the process of firing. All firearms are required to have “open bolt indicators” (OBI’s) until called to firing point and preparation time, when a match is completed and when cease fire is called. All rifles will remain in a case or appropriate rifle stand at all times until the participants are instructed by the range officer to take them to the firing line. A total of four coaches will be allowed on the firing line with each four-member team. A safety committee consisting of one person per participating county will be appointed by the safety committee chairpersons prior to the contest, with three persons on duty at any one time. It will be the responsibility of these persons to monitor the safe conduct and handling of firearms of all persons present in and around the contest location and to either immediately correct the situation or report the infraction to the range officer.

CONDUCT: Violation of accepted rules of safety and conduct on the range will, at the discretion of the range officer, disqualify a contestant, or in the case of a coach, result in the removal of the coach from the firing line.

DISTRICT RULES: The following rules have been set by the District Shooting Sports Committee:

- 1) Coaches will be responsible for safety of equipment (e.g., Trigger pull); however, the selected range officer will have the authority to deem something unsafe and make corrections at time of the contest.
- 2) NRA rules will be followed except as noted. State rules apply at District Contest.
- 3) Adequate and appropriate eye and ear protection is required for all persons on the firing line during live firing at all 4-H shooting sports events and activities at all levels (state, district, county and club) with the following exceptions.
- 4) Individuals will register themselves for this event on *4-H Connect by credit card*.
- 5) There will be a charge of \$1.00 per challenge of target scoring. Juniors, Junior Intermediates, and Intermediates will be allowed to have a coach present during the challenge. Senior shooters must challenge by themselves.
- 6) Firing Positions for each age division are as follows:

Division	Prone Targets	Kneeling Targets	Standing Targets	Time Allotted
Junior 3 rd -5 th Grade	2	0	0	30
Junior Intermediate 6 th -7 th Grade	2	1	0	45
Intermediate 8 th Grade	1	1	1	45
Senior 9 th -12 th Grade	2	2	2	90