

4-H Archery Contest

Northeast District Rules

I. 4-H ARCHERY CONTEST OBJECTIVES

To assist 4-H members to learn and practice the rules of archery in a safe and sportsmanlike manner and to achieve an advanced degree of proficiency. The contest will consist of 170 points total. Fifty points will be based on a written exam while the remaining 120 points will be based on actual shooting.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Two team per class (in each age group) consisting of 3 to 4 members may be entered from each county for a maximum of 4 teams. If not enough members are entered for a team, the county participants will be entered as individuals.

Contestants must be enrolled in the 4-H Archery project.

Each contestant will be charged a fee for the use of the range. Cost can vary by year, so consult with your county agent each year.

III. AGE CATEGORIES

Based on the age of the 4-H member as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.

1) NOVICE (9 to 11) - A 4-H member must have passed his/her 9th birthday **or** be 8 years old **and** in third grade but not have passed his/her 12th birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

2) JUNIOR (12 to 13) - A 4-H member must have passed his/her 12th birthday **or be 11 years old and in the 6th grade** but not have passed his/her 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

IV. ARCHERY CLASSES

1. Compound Bow (all sights and/or release types accepted)
2. Traditional Bow (all sights and/or release types accepted)

V. INSTRUCTIONS - EVENTS AND PROCEDURES

Written Exam

A written exam consisting of questions derived from the 4-H Archery project book will be given. No other sources will be used to compile the questions. The exam will be 25 questions; all questions will be matching, true and false, or multiple choice. The total number of correct answers will be added to the shooting score to compile a total score per individual. The exam will include questions on parts identification, safety, and general archery shooting. **IN THE EVENT OF A TIE DURING SHOOTING, THE WRITTEN EXAM WILL BE USED TO BREAK A TIE AND IF NEEDED, DETERMINE PLACINGS.**

Marksmanship

The shooting match will be conducted using the following guidelines;

NOVICE – A total of 24 arrows will be shot at two distances (10 yards and 15 yards)

10 yards – Two ends of six arrows each (12 shots) at five minutes per end.

15 yards – Two ends of six arrows each (12 shots) at five minutes per end.

JUNIOR – A total of 24 arrows will be shot at two distances (15 yards and 20 yards)
15 yards – Two ends of six arrows each (12 shots) at five minutes per end.
20 yards – Two ends of six arrows each (12 shots) at five minutes per end.

PASS-THROUGHS that cannot be scored may be re-shot.

WARM-UP – one end of six arrows will be allowed for warm-up (five minutes maximum).

VI. SCORING

Standard targets (200.F – 38D) will be used for each distance and age category. The maximum number of points will be 120 for a total of 24 arrows. The marksmanship score will be added to the written exam score for a total of 170 points.

VII. EQUIPMENT

Any style or weight of bow may be used. NO crossbows or magnifying sights will be allowed. Contestants must bring their own bow and arrows as EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. It is recommended that each participant bring a minimum of nine (9) arrows each for competition. Bows and arrows are to be used and handled only on the target range. Armguards, tabs and gloves are allowed.

VIII. RANGE CONTROL

A Range Master (RM) will be responsible for conducting the contest, setting up the range, scoring targets, monitoring safety and assisting shooters if necessary.

Decisions of the Range Master are final.

IX. COACHING

Adult and youth coaching is permitted in all 4-H matches. Each county is encouraged to have an adult coach present. The coach may assist team members by calling the shots, checking time, ordering sight changes, etc., but he or she must control their voice and actions as not to disturb other competitors and coaching must remain **positive** and **constructive**. The Coach will not physically help youth, but **may be asked by Rangemaster** to assist clearing any sort of malfunction of team members equipment if deemed necessary. Contestants should learn to make their own sight corrections as well. Coaches are asked to remain behind the firing line to the rear of the shooter as to allow room for Range Master and Range Officers to pass freely.

X. CONDUCT

Shooters are expected to follow ALL safety and range rules. Failure to follow safety rules and behave in a safe, sportsmanlike manner will result in immediate disqualification from the contest and the participant will be asked to leave the range. **NO REFUND OF ENTRY FEE WILL BE MADE.**

XI. PROTESTS

Protests or concerns of any nature should be immediately made to the contest superintendent. **Written exams and actual targets are NOT returned to competitors.**

XII. AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded to:

Teams – 1st through 5th (A team is a squad of three to four members).

Individuals – 1st through 5th

XIII. REFERENCES

The 4-H Archery Project Materials

The National Rifle Association's "The Hunter's Guide" (ISBN: 0-935998-69-1)

The National Archery Association webpage: www.usarchery.org

The National Field Archery Association webpage: www.nfaa-archery.org

XIV. CONTACT INFORMATION

Feel free to contact your local county agent for more information.

Sean Moore is the Colfax County Extension 4-H Agent. Feel free to contact him at 575-445-8071 or semoore@nmsu.edu for contest information.