

## **Southeast District .22 Rifle Contest Rules**

- I. **Objectives** - To assist 4-H members to learn and practice the rules of rifle safety, sportsmanship and accuracy with firearms.
- II. **Eligibility** - The general rules for district contest eligibility covered in the District Contest Handbook apply.
  - A. Two teams consisting of three or four members may be entered in each age group from each county. If not enough for a team, the county will be entered as individuals. A county may move novices up to complete junior teams.
  - B. Contestants must be enrolled in the 4-H Rifle project.
- III. **Instructions - Events and Procedures**
  - A. Written Examination: Twenty questions will be taken from the 4-H Rifle project book and the Hunter Safety and Conservation Member's Manual. A test bank of questions will be available. (20 points)
  - B. Parts I.D.: Twenty various parts of a .22 caliber target rifle, ammunition and accessories will be shown for their proper identification. (20 points)
  - C. Marksmanship: The Shooting Match will be conducted under NRA rules. A three (3) position match of 10 record shots fired from each position will be conducted.
- IV. **Positions**

NOVICE- A total of 30 record shots will be taken in three positions – 10 per position  
Positions: 1) Prone 2) Standing and 3) Kneeling

JUNIOR—A total of 30 record shots will be taken in three positions – 10 per position  
Positions: 1) Prone 2) Standing and 3) Kneeling

Positions are governed by the NRA Rules (NRA Rules 5.6-5.12 define these positions).
- V. **Shooting Time**
  - A. Competitors will be allowed a three-minute preparation period to take their places at their firing points and prepare to fire (NRA Rule 10.3.1). Rifles may be handled during this time but not loaded.
  - B. Contestants may fire a maximum of FIVE (5) sighting shots at the sighter bull(s) in each position within the prescribed time. Sighters should be fired at the beginning of each stage or position. Once firing for record has begun then no further sighters should be taken.
  - C. Targets should be posted individually at each stage. The following times should be used

and the three minute preparation period should be administered at the beginning of each stage.

1. Prone, one (1) minute per record shot for a total of ten (10) minutes.
2. Standing, two (2) minutes per record shot for a total of twenty (20) minutes.
3. Kneeling, one and one half (1 ½) minutes per record shot for a total of fifteen (15) minutes.

## VI. Targets and Scoring

- A. The NRA A-32 target will be used at 50 foot range. A separate target will be provided for each of the three positions. Targets may be ordered from the State 4-H Office # 200 F-38-C.
- B. Scoring will be done by a selected team of judges. NRA rules 14 and 15 on scoring will be followed. Scoring gauges will be used. Judges' decisions are final.
- C. The maximum number of points per target will be 100 for a total of 300 points allowed for marksmanship. The marksmanship score will be added to the written exam score for a total of 340 points. Team scores will consist of the high three composite scores for the three positions plus the written exam.
- D. If more than 2 shots are in a single scoring bull the lowest 2 scores are taken.
- E. Flyers and crossfires shot during competition should be pointed out to the Range Master immediately. Only shots initialed by the Range Master will be considered flyers or crossfires when scoring targets.

## VII. Range Officer

The range officer shall be in control of the range operation for the event. All commands and instructions from the range officer must be obeyed. This includes range safety. The range officer may conduct a safety and range operations brief prior to the beginning of the event. Decisions of the range officer are final.

## VIII. Equipment

Contestants may bring the following items to the contest:

**Rifles** - Any .22 caliber rimfire catalogued as ".22 short," ".22 long," or ".22 long rifle" which loads **one round at a time**. All triggers must pull not less than three pounds. (NRA Rule 3.1) No telescopic sights allowed. The rifle may not be equipped with thumb hole stock, Schoetzen-type Butt plate.

**Ammunition** – Contestants are responsible for ensuring they have sufficient and proper ammunition to complete the contest. Ammunition that is commercially manufactured, solid point, 40 grain bullets, standard or target velocity, catalogued as .22 long rifle caliber rimfire is accepted. No hollow point, hyper velocity, incendiary or tracer ammunition will be permitted.

## **Eye/Ear Protection–**

**Eye and ear protection will be required** for all 4-H competitors, coaches, and range officers while the range is ‘hot’ or live firing is conducted. (NRA Rules 3.19 and 3.20).

## **Optional Items –**

Spotting scopes, ground pads, shooting kits, gloves, rifle slings and kneeling roll (kneeling position only) used in accordance with NRA regulations are authorized. The sling cannot be used in the standing position only (NRA Rule 3.14). Use of other devices or equipment is prohibited.

## **IX. Safety and Conduct**

All firearms, whether being carried, at rest in vehicles near the range, or at rest on the firing line, will be unloaded and will have a Clear Bore Indicator (CBI) inserted into the chamber. Hearing and eye protection is required. EVERYBODY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY. There are no excuses for unsafe behavior. Contestants, parents, and volunteers exhibiting unsafe behavior may be disqualified or required to leave the range.

## **X. Coaching**

Each county is encouraged to have an adult coach present. Coaches must control his/her voice and actions so as not to disturb other competitors. No coaching is allowed once contestants are on the firing line. The Range Officer may address concerns as he/she sees applicable.

## **XI. Protests**

Protests or concerns of any nature should immediately be made to the range officer.

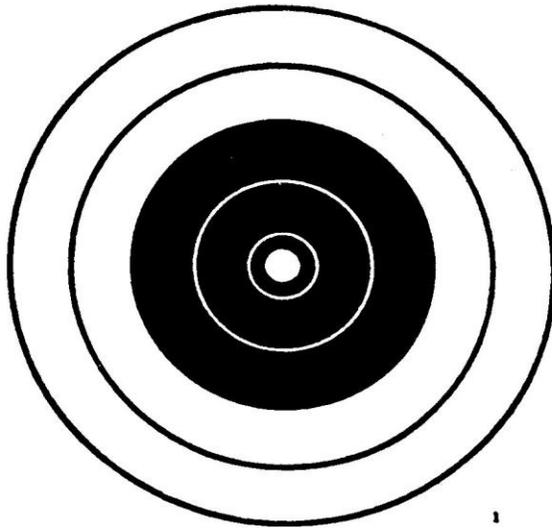
## **XII. Tiebreaker**

1. Written Test
2. Standing Score
3. Kneeling Score
4. Prone Score

## **XIII. References**

4-H Rifle Project Materials  
NRA Small Bore Rule Book  
NRA Junior Rifle Handbook  
Hunter Safety and Conservation Manual

**OFFICIAL 50 FT. LIGHT RIFLE TARGET**

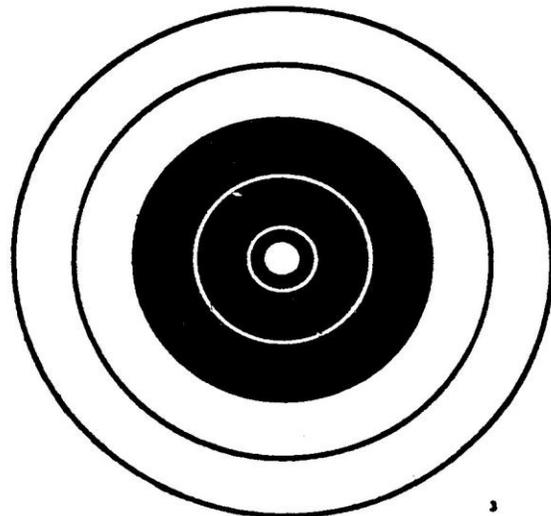
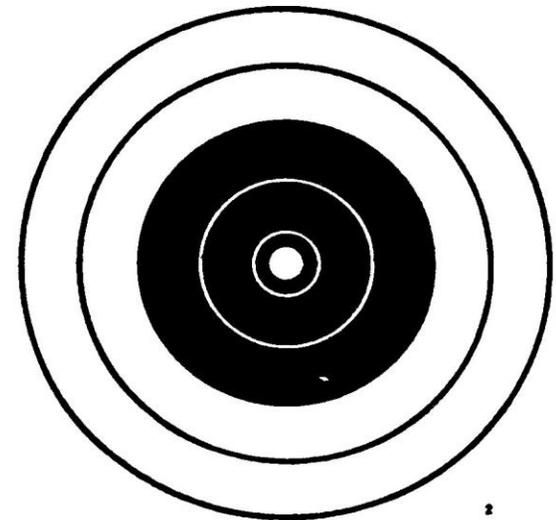


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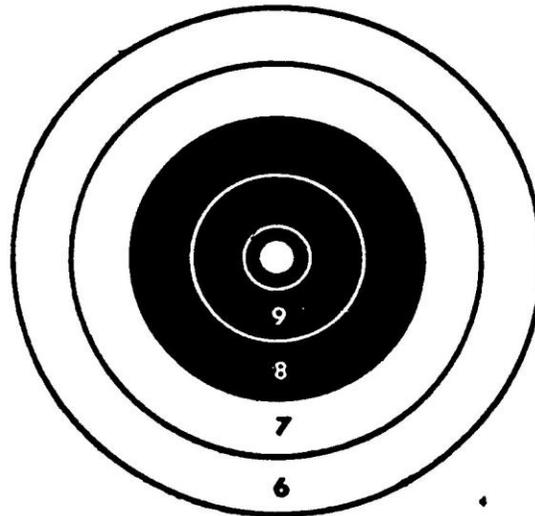


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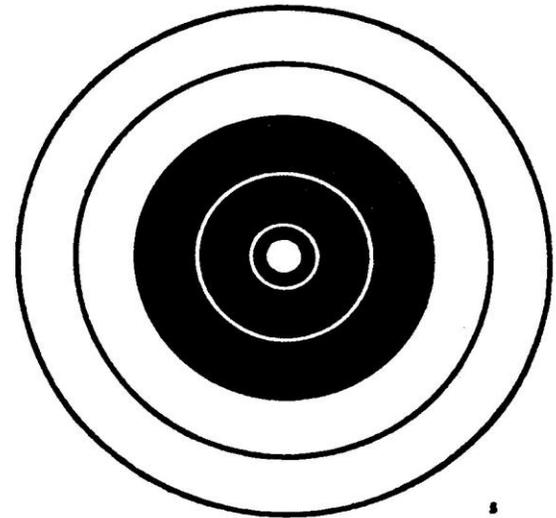
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Relay #..... Stage #.....