

Memorandum

TO: District 7 County Extension Agents
AG, 4-H

SUBJECT: 2023 District 7 Rifle Contest

EVENT DATE: Saturday, April 22, 2023

LOCATION: 724 Fife
Brady, TX. 76825

ENTRY DEADLINE: **Contestant – 4-H Online (Opens March 27th & closes April 10th)**
• County Entry Form – Email to District office by April 10th

FEE: \$10 per contestant

Any entries made after closing date of 4-H Online will incur a \$50 late fee in addition to the original contest fee.

(Pending late entry is approved based on timeline needed for contest preparation)

No Refunds

Please find the Guidelines, Rules and Regulations for this event on the following pages. Please contact the District 7 Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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DISTRICT 7 RIFLE CONTEST GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGE DIVISIONS

The following contestant ages are as of August 31, 2022:

- JUNIOR – age 8 and in the 3rd grade to 5th grade
- INTERMEDIATE – grades 6, 7, and 8th
- SENIOR – grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 (Max age 18 as of August 31)

All contestants must be entered on 4-H Online. Any individual/team not registered that shows up to the contest will not be allowed to compete.

There will be NO REFUNDS for teams/individuals that don't show up to the contest. If you miss the registration deadline you will be required to pay the late registration fee.

Submit the County Registration Form on the District Website by Due date. Please be sure the participants indicate on the Registration Form if they are sharing equipment. No more than two (2) may share the same equipment.

ENTRIES

- Only Senior age 4-H members can be on a Senior team.
- Juniors are allowed to “bump up” to an Intermediate team (pending approval of the coach).
- No “bumping down” of any age group.

Example: Counties that have one (1) intermediate and three (3) juniors (or 2 and 2) have to compete based on the oldest member(s) of the team, so they would compete as an intermediate team.

Teams:

- Each county may enter three (3) SENIOR teams.
- Each county may enter three (3) INTERMEDIATE teams.
- Each county may enter three (3) of JUNIOR teams.

Individuals:

- Each county may enter any number of JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE and SENIOR individuals.

NUMBER OF SENIOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE COMPETITION

The top three (3) senior teams will advance to compete in the state match, of which one, two or all three entries could possibly come from the same county within a district. Mixing of individuals from various counties to create a district “all star” team(s) is not allowed.

The top three (3) senior individuals (if they are not part of a qualifying team) will be eligible to compete in the state match. Individuals qualifying will compete at the state level as an individual only.

SCHEDULE

A detailed shooting schedule will be provided to the counties prior to the event. Counties closest will be scheduled first and we will work out from there.

PROCEDURES

Unless specifically noted, all rules for this match follow the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project Small-bore 3-Position Rifle Rules. The Chief Range Officer and Scoring Judges will have the final say in rule disputes.

- PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PRESENT THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION TO COMPETE IN THIS CONTEST.
- This is a .22 sight rifle match only. **If using a semi-automatic, please let us know at the time of registration so we can place you on the far right of the firing line.**
- Please obey all gun safety rules on and off the fire line.
 1. Action open indicators are required.
 2. Each rifle must be carried in a rifle case from your vehicle to the firing line.
 3. Approved eye and ear protection are MANDATORY for ALL shooters, coaches/parents on the firing line. Spectators in the observing area behind the firing line will not need eye or ear protection.
- Only 4-H certified rifle coaches are allowed on the firing line during the match to coach their team. There will be no coaching from the spectator area. Coaches will be allowed to coach Junior and Intermediates only. All coaching must be done without disrupting shooters on either side. Parents who are not certified coaches must stay in the spectator area. If the range officers determine that a coach is disrupting other shooters, he/she will be ejected from the line.
- No more than two (2) shooters will be allowed to share the same equipment.
- Check-in for the entire county will take place at one time prior to shooting. This should take place one (1) hour prior to the scheduled time. Changes must be made at the time of check-in. Shooters must be ready and in place to shoot at their scheduled times. Relays will run on schedule. We will not wait for any coach or shooter at starting time. If a shooter is late for their scheduled relay, he/she will be moved to the end of the day or to an open slot in the schedule.
- The use of cell phones and smoking is prohibited in the shooting area. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the range complex.

SAFETY ORIENTATION

- A short safety orientation will take place prior to opening the firing line of each relay. By submitting the county registration, each county agent certifies that all participants have been trained by a certified 4-H Rifle coach in proper range safety regulation and practices as set forth in Texas 4-H guidelines. Anyone, including spectators, who act in an unsafe manner during the competition will be ejected from the range and complex with no refund.

COURSE OF FIRE

- Time limits are as follows:
 1. 3-minute prep period
 2. 45 minutes shooting time for Seniors and Intermediates
 3. 30 minutes shooting time for JuniorsEach participant must clean their area of spent brass during the change-over period.
- Prior to shooting there will be two calls for the relay to stand by at the firing line entrance.
- Line Commands are as follows but subject to change according to conditions.
 1. Shooters for relay ___ to the line.
 2. Shooters on the line, you have a 3-minute prep period.

3. Shooters, your three-minute prep period has ended. Is the line ready?
 4. If the line is ready, you may remove your open bolt indicators, load, and commence firing. Time starts now.
 5. Cease fire. Your time has ended.
- Seniors and Intermediates will shoot one (1) target of each: prone, standing, and kneeling (in that order).
 - Juniors will shoot two (2) targets, in prone position.

TARGETS

- Targets will be scored using the Orion Scoring System.

AWARDS

To be determined by contest officials.