

# 4-H Shooting Sports

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Extension

## Family Overview Night



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## The Plan Tonight

- Introductions
- Safety
- County shoot
- Sportsmanship
- Schedule of Events
- Rules overview
- Discipline specific highlights
- Exhibit Day and County Shoot
- Wrap Up

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## Introductions

- SS Advisory Committee and Superintendents
- 4H Staff
- Certified Leaders

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## Safety -

- MAT
- Emergency Action Plan Form
- First Aid Kits
- Leaders refer back to the training manual for their discipline for how to conduct practices and trainings for 4H youth

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## Safety -

- Exhibit Day
  - No live ammo, No arrow tips of any kind, No Powder, No Caps
  - Photos must be appropriate
    - Safety gear – must be worn in the picture
    - Clothing – must meet 4H attire specs
    - Safe angle – no pictures from down range

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## General Requirements Overview -

- Club Practices and County Shoot
  - Cloverbuds (under age 8) not allowed to participate - no exceptions
    - CSU Liability Ruling
    - No Range access or assistance
    - No firearm or ammo handling
    - No target prep, setup, or tear down
  - Leaders must be certified 4H Leaders AND Have attended and passed Discipline specific 4H training
    - CSU Liability Insurance requirement

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## County Shoot

- Orion System
  - Will be using for County Shoot, including Shotgun, Pistol, Archery, and Muzzleloading
  - Western Heritage will still be manual scoring

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## Sportsmanship - Shawn

- Overview
- Good sportsman award
  - What is it? Makayla Dame Memorial Award
  - Requirements
  - Forms will be available at County Shoot or electronically on the County website
  - Awarded at achievement night
  - Nomination forms will be due by Sept 15

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## Schedule of Events

- Hunter Education ID Cards – uploaded by April 15
- Fun Shoot – Sat May 21 at Pikes Peak Gun Club
  - Counts as a practice!
- County Wide Practices – Mondays starting May 2
  - Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading – Mondays @HRLETC
  - Archery – Mondays @CALF
  - Shotgun – 4 practices, on Saturdays, check Blast!
- 4H Project Drop Deadline – May 1 - Sunday

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## Schedule of Events

- County Shoot July 14-17
  - July 14 – DC Fairgrounds - Archery (FITA and 3D) 4 pm
  - July 15 – DC Fairgrounds 4 pm
    - Air Pistol and Air Rifle
    - Western Heritage Interview and Test
  - July 16 – HR Law Enforcement Range - 8:30 am
    - .22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage
  - July 17 – Pikes Peak Gun Club – Shotgun 9 am
- SS BBQ and AWARDS! – July 20 – DC Fairgrounds  
- Kirk Hall 6 PM – Potluck (Meat Provided)

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## Rules Overview -

- State Rulebook
- County specific rules - CR
  - 3 practice guideline – Coaches are responsible
  - Practice cards – Due July 12
- Escalation path for questions or challenges
  - Done at the competition
  - Line Officer – 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Superintendent – 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 4-H Agent – 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## Discipline specific highlights - Superintendents

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## Specific Safety Rules - All Disciplines

- Firearms remain cased until in the designated staging area AND specifically told to uncase
- Firearms remain unloaded until specifically told to load on the firing line
- Firing Line
  - Nothing in front of Firing Line and no more than 6" behind
- Clear Bore Indicators (C.B.I.'s)
  - 3" past muzzle and action – use weed whacker line
- Eye Protection – all attendees
- Ear Protection – all attendees
- Action Open (unless cased remain open)
- Closed toed shoes – all attendees

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## Rifle

- Clothing – 4H Dress Code is strictly enforced
  - No ripped clothing
  - No spaghetti strap/halter tops
  - No alcohol, tobacco, drug logos or labels allowed
- Kneeling Rolls – not required, but nice to have
- Artificial Shooting Rests & Supports – not allowed
- Shooting Mat –
  - not required, but strongly recommended.
  - Simple yoga mat or camping mat will work fine
- Classes at County Shoot for .22 Rifle
  - .22 Hunt – Open sight .22 shooting from 4 positions **Most will register here**
  - .22 Hunt Scope – **If you have a scope, you register here**
  - .22 3P and 4P – Requires special equipment, not common
  - .22 Olympic Off Hand – See 3P and 4P above
- Additional items, refer to rule book and CR

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## Pistol

- Age and experience requirements for .22
  - 1 Year of Previous 4H SS with live fire required (rifle, muzzleloading, shotgun)
- Handgun Permission form
- Additional Items – refer to rule book and CR

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## Muzzleloading

- Firearm types
- Additional Info - refer to rule book and CR

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## Shotgun

- Classes and description for competition
  - Trap
  - Skeet
  - Sporting Clays
- Discipline specific items
  - Proper carrying positions
  - Additional Items– refer to rule book and CR
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## Western Heritage

- 2 Days of Competition for County Shoot
- Competition
  - Cowboy Action Shooting – Timed shooting event
  - Persona – Character and Outfit Scoring
  - Old West History – Learn about the Old West and test your knowledge
- Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol (over the age of 12)
- Additional items, refer to rule book and CR

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## Western Heritage

- Western Heritage modification
  - DC Fair WH will continue to allow hammerless shotguns for this competition year (2022).
  - WH State and National contests have modified the rules to only allow exposed hammer shotguns.
  - DC Fair rules (CR) may be modified to match the CO State and National 4H rules (next year)

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## Archery

- Classes
  - Recurve - Traditional, Limited, or Unlimited
  - Compound - Limited and Unlimited
- Binoculars are allowed on the line – no range finding optics allowed
- Discipline specific items
  - Bow type, weight. Draw Weight will be checked.
  - Arrow length – Double Check!
- Additional items, refer to rule book and CR

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## SS Project Discipline Highlights

- Rumor and Q&A time
  - Something that isn't clear
  - Something you thought you heard that needs explanation

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## How to sign up for Exhibit Day and County Shoot

- Must participate in Exhibit day to complete your 4H project - REQUIRED
- County Shoot is optional
- If the 4H member wants to compete in County Shoot, they must also be registered for Exhibit Day
- If member is not available for Exhibit Day, they must make arrangements to turn in their Exhibit on that day (i.e. deliver to leader)

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## County Fair - Sign up for Exhibit Day AND County Shoot

- Fair Entry system used for signing up
- Sign up for 2 things – Exhibit Day and County Shoot (separate entries)
- **Exhibit Day – Required!**
  - Choose 1 discipline to exhibit
- **County Shoot – Optional Competition**
  - Make sure you register for the correct disciplines for competition - check with your leader
- Enrollment will be June 1 – June 15
- More info in **Thursday Blast**

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## Wrap-up -

- Any other questions
  - Start by reading the State Rules and the CR
  - QR Code available to link to the rulebook
  - Next, contact the 4H office or Superintendent
  - Watch the Thursday Blast and Leaders Council minutes for updates
- Thank you for coming!

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