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Dear 4-H Shooting Sports Member,

Shooting Sports in Santa Fe County is growing leaps and bounds and we have an excellent group of volunteers that are committed to providing better resources and expertise for our members. There are a couple of requirements that pertain to all shooting sports members for the 2024-2025 4-H year. These requirements are described below.

Family Fee:

There will be an annual fee of \$20 per member enrolled in any shooting sports project. This fee will go toward providing essential equipment for our members including ear/eye protection, arm guards and finger tabs (archery), targets, clays, ammo, first aid supplies, team shirts, etc. This fee will be collected by your club leader with your other general insurance and dues. This fee will be collected regardless of whether a member chooses to compete.

Mandatory Meeting: In an effort to provide more support to our 4-H Shooting Sports members there will be a mandatory meeting for any member that wishes to compete in any county/district/state level 4-H shooting competition. This meeting is scheduled for:

- January 11, 2024 from 12 – 2 pm at the Stanley Cyclone Center
- January 21, 2024 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Santa Fe County Extension Office (Exhibit Hall)

During this meeting we will be introducing our members to our county wide shooting sports project leaders. We will also be sharing the rules for our county and district contests as well as contest details. And of course, we want to be able to answer any questions you may have pertaining to these projects.

Our goal with this meeting is to connect our members with all the resources and opportunities available to them. We feel that Shooting Sports can be a daunting project area and we would like to build a more organized county structure for our members and leaders.

Practice Requirements: Any member that wishes to compete in any county/district/state level 4-H shooting competition will be required to attend at least **THREE** organized shooting practices for each discipline you compete in. A complete list of all discipline coaches and practice schedule will be coming shortly. Practices will be offered in both the southern and northern part of the county as often as possible with several opportunities to attend. If a member is unable to attend a practice it will be their responsibility to contact a coach and discuss the alternatives.

Practices will be required so that we can ensure a safe shooting environment during the contests. Practices are also a great way to provide members an opportunity to be part of their shooting team as well as a chance to socialize with their peers and learn to work with other adults. They are important part of our 4-H shooting program and are highly valued.

Safety Training

The Northern Rio Grande Sporting Club requires that every shooter that visits this range complete a safety training. Santa Fe County utilizes this range for several disciplines as well as portions of county contest therefore ALL shooting sports members are required to complete this training. The training is offered virtually by the club. A link to complete this training will be provided to members after 4-H enrollment is complete.

Enrollment Deadline: Due to the above stated requirement, the deadline to enroll in a shooting sports project will be **January 21, 2025** (the same day as our mandatory meeting). You must be enrolled in a shooting sports project in order to participate in any competitive 4-H shooting event.

Again, these requirements are mandatory for all members that wish to participate in ANY 4-H shooting competition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

Sincerely,
Santa Fe County Shooting Sports Committee