

## Santa Fe County 4-H Shooting Sports

### Rifle Contest

#### 4-H RIFLE CONTEST OBJECTIVES

To assist 4-H members to learn and practice the rules of rifle safety and sportsmanship and accuracy with firearms.

#### AGE CATEGORIES

	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H Year (October- September)	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

#### GENERAL RULES

##### RIFLE CLASSES

There will be two class, **Sporter Light Rifle and Precision Rifle**, within each age group as defined under equipment

- Any safe .22 caliber rimfire rifle chambered for the .22 long rifle cartridge that complies with the following requirements.
- No military or assault type rifles will be allowed at the State 4-H Rifle Shooting Contest. This is due to safety and the image of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program.
- All smallbore rifles are required to have the action open and a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) in place when the rifle is not being fired and is uncased. Either commercial or personally made flags are permitted.
- Ammunition any .22 caliber rimfire rifle chambered for .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle other than hollow-point
- All action types except fully automatic are acceptable so long as the shooter is capable of safely loading, firing, and extracting each round individually from all positions.
- The sights will be open or peep (aperture), no scopes, or sights that project a laser beam.
- A single-point sling, not more than one and a half inches (1.5") wide may be attached to the rifle using a fixed, non-adjustable sling swivel (no hand stops). The sling may be used in the prone and kneeling positions, but not in the standing position. The sling must be of simple leather, synthetic or web strap with no special padding or construction.

- Youth, parents, and leaders will be given one verbal warning for a safety violation or behavior. If the offense happens again, they will be asked to leave the contest and will not be allowed to finish the contest.

## **NOVICE AND JUNIOR DIVISION RULES**

**Sporter (light) Rifle Class** - The intent of the Sporter (light) Rifle class is to provide a fair and competitive class for those shooters with low-cost, readily available rimfire rifles that are typically used for the informal target shooting and plinking or for small game hunting. Any rifle configuration or item of equipment that is not mentioned in these rules or that is contrary to the intent and spirit of these rules is prohibited. In case of unclear or rules not specifically provided for, the Range Officers decision shall be final.

- The overall weight of the rifle may not exceed 7.5 pounds including sights and sling.
- All action types except fully automatic are acceptable so long as the shooter is capable of safely loading, firing, and extracting each round individually from all positions.
- Sporter Rifle triggers must be capable of lifting a three (3) pound weight when cocked.
- Specialized shooting clothing is prohibited in the Sporter (light) Rifle Class. Competitors that fall outside of these rules may be permitted to shoot in the Target Rifle class if they comply with the minimum Target Rifle requirements.
- Youth, parents, and leaders will be given one verbal warning for a safety violation or behavior. If the offense happens again, they will be asked to leave the contest and will not be allowed to finish the contest.

### **NRA 3 Position**

#### **COURSE OF FIRE**

A total of 30 shots will be taken in three positions – 10 per position

Positions: 1) Prone 2) Kneeling and 3) Standing

Each member will fire all positions in succession. Positions governed by the NRA Rules. (NRA Rules 5.6 to 5.12 define these positions.)

#### **SHOOTING TIME**

TOTAL FIRING TIME: One (1) minute per record shot prone, two (2) minutes per record shot standing and one and one-half (1 ½) minutes per record shot kneeling. Total: 45min

#### **SIGHTING-IN SHOTS**

Contestants may fire FIVE (5) sight-in shots at the sighting-in bull per position. Range Officials ONLY will mark flyers.

#### **RECORD SHOTS**

Contestants will have 10/20/15 minutes per position to shoot for record. Only the Range Master will pull targets for scoring. If shooter pulls a target it will not be scored and will be given a score of 0 . Flyers shot during competition should be pointed out to the Range Master. Only shots initialed by the Range Master will be considered flyers when scoring targets. Any shot on another bull must be declared by shooter to the Range Master immediately.

This process will be repeated for each position.

## **TARGETS AND SCORING**

Standard targets will be used for each position and age category. Targets will be used at a 50-foot range. A separate target will be provided for each of the three positions.

Light Rifle: NRA: A-32

The maximum number of points per target will be 100 for a total of 300.

Scoring will be performed by selected individuals following NRA Rules 14 and 15. Decision of the judges is final.

## **SENIOR DIVISION RULES**

**Precision Rifle Class:** Rule 3.2-any .22 caliber rimfire rifle chambered for .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle cartridges may be used in smallbore 3- position. No restriction is placed on barrel length or overall weight of rifle and accessories. If a rifle is equipped with a magazine, only one round may be loaded in the magazine at a time.

### **NRA 3 Position**

**RULEBOOK:** <http://competitions.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/SBR/sbr-book.pdf>

### **COURSE OF FIRE**

A total of 60 shots will be taken in three positions – 20 per position

Positions: 1) Prone 2) Kneeling and 3) Standing

Each member will fire all positions in succession. Positions governed by the NRA Rules. (NRA Rules 5.6 to 5.12 define these positions.)

### **SHOOTING TIME**

TOTAL FIRING TIME: One (1) minute per record shot prone, two (2) minutes per record shot standing and one and one-half (1 ½) minutes per record shot kneeling. Total: 90min

### **SIGHTING-IN SHOTS**

Contestants may fire TEN (10) sight-in shots at the sighting-in bull per position. Range Officials ONLY will mark flyers.

### **RECORD SHOTS**

Contestants will have 20/40/30 minutes per position to shoot for record. Only the Range Master will pull targets for scoring. If shooter pulls a target it will not be scored and will be given a score of 0 . Flyers shot during competition should be pointed out to the Range Master. Only shots initialed by the Range Master will be considered flyers when scoring targets. Any shot on another bull must be declared by shooter to the Range Master immediately.

This process will be repeated for each position.

## **TARGETS AND SCORING**

Standard targets will be used for each position and age category. Targets will be used at a 50-yard range. A separate target will be provided for each of the three positions.

Light Rifle: NRA: A-51

The maximum number of points per target will be 200 for a total of 600.

Scoring will be performed by selected individuals following NRA Rules 14 and 15. Decision of the judges is final.

## **SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE RIFLE**

**RULEBOOK:** <https://competitions.nra.org/media/7825/nra-silhouette-rifle-rulebook.pdf>

### **COURSE OF FIRE**

A total of 40 shots will be taken at 4 distances – 10 per location

10 chickens at 40 meters, 10 pigs at 60 meters, 10 turkeys at 77 meters, and 10 rams at 100 meters

### **SHOOTING TIME**

TOTAL FIRING TIME: 15 second ready time and 2 ½ minutes per bank of 5 targets Total: 20min

### **EQUIPMENT:**

Any safe smallbore rifle chambered for the .22 long rifle, long or short cartridge and weighing no more than 10 pounds 2 ounces with sights, any sights that do not project an image on the target or operate the trigger. Barrel no longer than 30 inches. No thumbhole stocks will be allowed. Must meet stock dimension and other requirements in NRA Silhouette Rules 3.1 and 3.2.

### **SHOOTING POSITION**

Any standing position without artificial support. The rifle will be supported by the hands and one shoulder. All parts of one hand must be forward of the pistol grip. Shooters will stand beside the table (either side) with rifle muzzles across the firing line.

## **TARGETS AND SCORING**

1/5 scale metallic silhouettes

Targets must be knocked down in order to be scored as hits. Targets not knocked down or hit out of order will be scored as misses.

The maximum number of points per hit will be 1 for a total of 40.

Scoring will be performed by selected individuals following NRA Rules 14 and 15. Decision of the judges is final.