

Santa Fe County Marksmanship Contest 2025

In order to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Santa Fe County 4-H members who participate in Shooting Sports, Santa Fe County awards the Marksmanship award. The shooter with the best overall accuracy percentage for the year in each age group (Novice, Junior, and Senior) will be awarded at the end of the 4-H year. To qualify you must do the following:

1. Participate in 2 different shooting sports disciplines (archery recurve and compound is okay).
2. Attend both county and district (for Novice and Juniors) or state contest (for Seniors).
3. Attend 3 County practices for each discipline and submit a score for those practices.
4. Shooter and coach will sign off on each scoring sheet certifying the score. This will be saved by the coach and returned to the Extension Office for end of year score calculations and/or updates provided throughout the season.

How the scoring works:

1. You must ask to be scored on at least two of the three practices. The highest two practices will be counted. For senior archery, you must be scored on 2 3D rounds AND 2 Fita rounds to be considered for the marksmanship award.
2. Your score for County and District/State contest will also count toward your score. These cannot be dropped for a higher score in practice.
3. The ACCURACY is calculated based on the hits in shotgun or the score obtained in other disciplines vs the total points possible. (**Example:** 300 points maximum score in Junior Rifle and the shooter obtains a score of 225 then they would have a 75% accuracy for that score.)
4. All scores will be calculated using a weighted mean calculation with each score counting for 12.5% of the total.
5. At the end of the Shooting Sports season a final accuracy percentage of both disciplines will be calculated and combined. The shooter who has the highest accuracy over two disciplines will be the marksmanship award winner.

ARCHERY NOTE

Due to the different types of bows and the inherent accuracy differences, a handicap system has been established to help even the averages out for the recurve shooters. The median compound scores from previous years at each age group is compared to the median scores for recurve/bare bows and the difference is the handicap for the recurve/bare bow shooters (sighted and non-sighted). In other words, the average recurve/bare bow shooter would have the same accuracy percentage as the average compound shooter giving them an equal chance at the award. As years go on further data will prove the accuracy of this handicap.