

MEMO TO: District 11 Extension Agents & 4-H Coordinators
District 11 4-H Rifle Leaders

SUBJECT: COASTAL BEND DISTRICT 11 4-H RIFLE CONTEST

April 17 – 18, 2015
Victoria 4-H Activity Center
259 Bachelor Drive
Victoria TX 77904

The 2015 District 11 4-H Rifle Contest will be held at the Victoria Co. 4-H Activity Center in Victoria TX. The 2015 Rules and Regulations as well as contest entry forms are attached.

1. Entry forms can be mailed in advance or must be turned in before the first member of your team shoots. **Registration for District 11 Rifle Contest must be completed on 4-H Connect.** Regular entry deadline is April 12. Late registration will be open from April 13- April 16 for an additional \$25 late fee.
2. A Participant List listing all potential participants must be sent to your respective County Extension Agent/4-H secretary who will notify their school and request eligibility status (as in previous years) for competing in this 4-H event. There is no form for this. **County leaders must do this by April 15.** Your county will notify you if shooters are not eligible prior to April 17th
3. Scheduling Relays - Coaches will need to contact Audra to schedule relay times for their shooters just as is done during county invitationals. You may begin scheduling **April 6th**.

Friday evening relays will be held with first priority for shooters that have 4-H, school conflicts or school functions or family emergencies and will not be able to attend Saturday. If shooting lanes are still available, additional participants will be accepted on a first requested basis.

Friday April 17	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Senior Relay	Small Bore Rifle Competition with first priority for those with approved conflicts
Saturday April 18	8 am – 9am 9am – 10:30 am 10:45am – 11:45am 11:45am – 12:45pm 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm/2:15pm	Senior Relay	If needed for Seniors

A concession stand will be provided on both Friday and Saturday. We ask that you patronize the concession as a gesture of “thanks”.

Liability Form – All 4-H members will be REQUIRED to sign the HEALTH form on 4-H Connect prior to competing. Log in to your family profile, edit the appropriate 4-H member, and select the “health form” tab at the top and fill out all necessary information.

County Extension Agents, this memorandum is your authorization to travel to Victoria County to attend this District 4-H Rifle Contest activity, charging expenses to your regular monthly travel allotment.

Note, a copy of this memo is also being sent to 4-H Rifle Project Leaders. Please distribute information accordingly.

Sincerely,



Donnie Montemayor
District Extension Administrator



Meredith C. Miller
Extension Program Specialist , 4-H District 11

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cc: 4-H Rifle Project Leaders

Attachments: Entry form; Liability form; District 11 Rifle Rules

2015
COASTAL BEND DISTRICT 11 4-H RIFLE CONTEST
RULES AND REGULATIONS

OBJECTIVE: To assist 4-H members with learning and practicing the rules of safety, sportsmanship and accuracy with firearms.

GENERAL RULES:

1. **Contest Information** – The **2015** contest date is April 17-18, 2015. Coaches will schedule lane times with Audra Portis, Victoria Co 4-H Rifle Leader. No pre-shooting will be allowed for the district match.
2. **Location** – Victoria 4-H Activity Center, 259 Bachelor Dr., Victoria TX 77904
3. **Eligibility** - The general rules for Roundup eligibility covered in the current Texas 4-H Roundup Guide apply; including No-Pass/No-Play, dress code, conduct, etc.

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in any 4-H event whether held on a weekday or weekend.

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

Your school must complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form”

or

Name of 4-H'er must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, their parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

Also, note the section which states: “4-H members enrolled in a college or university and who are members of a college ROTC rifle team, rifle club or group and/or receiving instruction from a university appointed coach, advisor or sponsor are ineligible.”

4. **Age Divisions/Number of Teams** - Note: District 11 4-H Rifle age groups may be different from other districts and is different from state age breakdowns.

Teams - Eight (8) teams (two teams per age division) consisting of 3 or 4 members each may represent each county. These eight teams will consist of the following:

- A. **Junior** team composed of 4-H members who are at least 9 years old (or 8 years old and in the third grade at the time of the contest) and not over 11 on August 31, 2014.
- B. **Junior/intermediate** team will consist of members who are 11 or 12 years old as of August 31, 2014.
- C. **Intermediate** team composed of members who are either 13 or 14 on August 31, 2014.
- D. **Senior** team composed of 4-H members who have passed their 15th birthday but not their 19th birthday, on August 31, 2014. (Fourteen year old youth may shoot as a senior and are required to do so if they plan on advancing to state the same year.)

If a team of three cannot be formed, counties may allow one or two individuals to shoot in any of the four age categories. Members are preferred to shoot as a team, but it is not required, unless range conditions become a

limiting factor. All shooters may shoot up a class (Junior to Jr. Intermediate, Jr. Intermediate to Intermediate and age 14 to Senior).

5. **Shooting Rules** - The contest will be conducted under current National Rifle Association rules, except as noted.
6. **Shooting positions** - (Each member will fire all three positions / targets in succession)

Junior - Three rounds of prone, with 10 shots in each round of prone.

Junior/Intermediate - Two rounds of prone; one round of kneeling with 10 shots in each round.

Intermediate - Ten (10) shots in each of the three positions fired in this order: 1) prone; 2) standing; 3) kneeling.

Senior - Twenty (20) shots in each of the three positions fired in this order: 1) prone; 2) standing; 3) kneeling.
7. **Shooting Time** - Competitors will be allowed a 3-minute preparation period to take their places at their firing points and prepare to fire. (NRA Rule 10.3.1) Contestants may fire any number of sighting shots at the Center bull in any position, within the prescribed time shown. Juniors, Junior Intermediates and Intermediates will be allowed a 45 minute period to zero in and sequentially fire all three positions. Seniors will be allowed a 90 minute period to zero in and sequentially fire all three positions.
8. **Scoring** - scoring will be done by the Orion Electronic Scoring system. Team scores will consist of the three highest aggregate scores (dropping the lowest aggregate score per 4 person team). Any cross-over shots, excessive shots or sighting shots out of sighting bulls, etc. must be verified and initialed by the range officer before the target is removed from the backstop. Once removed from the backstop, special consideration will not be given. It is the responsibility of the coach to verify these irregularities and bring them to the attention of the range officer at the time of occurrence and to have the range officer make a notation on the target before it is removed from the backstop. Also, contrary to State Rifle Contest Rules which enforces NRA Rule 9.8B, stating basically “participants will go for the record shots once a sighter is out of the sighter ring”, the District will not enforce the rule but coaches must report sighters out of the ring to the range officer.
9. **Ties**- All tied scores will be broken by applying the following rules:
 - a. The highest number of inner tens
 - b. the highest score of the last ten (10) shot series working backward by 10-shot series in full ring scoring (not inner tens or decimals) until the tie is broken.
10. **Coaches/Leaders** – Up to one coach/leader/parent will be allowed to assist each contestant on the line if needed.
11. **Challenges** - Scoring may be challenged at one dollar (\$1.00) per shot. Juniors, Junior/Intermediates, Intermediates and Seniors may have help from a parent or coach.
12. **Targets** -
 - A. Orion targets will be used for all Senior, Intermediate, Junior Intermediate, and Junior competitors.
 - B. Targets will be provided for each team member, for each firing position. You do not need to bring targets. Targets will be coded and distributed to the coach at the registration held immediately prior to the start of the contest.
13. **Range Officer** - The range officer will run the range, monitor safety and conduct, verify targets and assist shooters as necessary. The range officer will make note of cross-over shots, excessive shots, sighting shots out of sighting bull or other irregularities at the time they occur and make notations on targets to facilitate the scoring process. The range officer will receive protests and make a decision on whether or not to uphold the protest. He may choose to consult with the head scorer to pass judgment on a protest concerning scoring.
14. **Assistant Range Officer** - An assistant range officer will assist with keeping time, spotting shots and other duties

as requested by the range officer.

15. **Equipment Required** - Contestants must bring the following items to the contest:
- A. Any rifle - rifle must conform to NRA 3.2 rule.
 - B. Ammunition - Bring sufficient amount for sighting and scoring.
 - C. Optional items - Sights NRA rule 3.7A metallic only, spotting scopes NRA rule 3.8, shooting kits NRA rule 3.9, ground cloth NRA rule 3.10, gloves NRA rule 3.11, padding NRA rule 3.12, slings NRA rule 3.13, palm rest NRA rule 3.14, kneeling roll NRA rule 3.14.1, Schuetzen type butt plates NRA rule 3.15, release triggers NRA rule 3.15, ammunition NRA rule 3.17, and general NRA rule 3.18.
 - D. Eye and Ear Protection - Required for everyone on the range including competitors, coaches and range officer.
 - E. Rifle rests - Seniors and Intermediates are required to use rifle rests between firing in the standing position. Contestants unable to bring rests will be able to borrow one during the contest.
16. **Safety** - All firearms, whether being carried, at rest in vehicles near the range, or at rest, will be unloaded and will have bolts open except when on firing line in the process of firing. All firearms are required to have “open bolt indicators” (OBI’s) until called to firing point and preparation time, when a match is completed and when cease fire is called. All rifles will remain in a case or appropriate rifle stand at all times until the participants are instructed by the range officer to take them to the firing line. A total of four coaches will be allowed on the firing line with each four-member team. A safety committee consisting of one person per participating county will be appointed by the safety committee chairpersons prior to the contest, with three persons on duty at any one time. It will be the responsibility of these persons to monitor the safe conduct and handling of firearms of all persons present in and around the contest location and to either immediately correct the situation or report the infraction to the range officer.
17. **Protests** - Protests will be in accordance to NRA rule 16.2.
18. **Conduct** - Violation of accepted rules of safety and conduct on the range will, at the discretion of the range officer, disqualify a contestant, or in the case of a coach, result in the removal of the coach from the firing line.
19. **Contest Registration** – Contestants and parents who haven’t already completed the District 11 4-H Rifle Liability Form must complete and sign it. **Entry Fees and Registration forms MUST be done on 4-H Connect.** You will be notified by your County Extension Agent/4-H prior to April 17th if you are not eligible to compete.
- Upon arrival at the District 11 4-H Rifle Contest, each rifle leader/coach must confirm/declare team make-up (which 4-H members will be on which team) **before anyone shoots!**
20. **Entry Fee** - A \$20 entry fee will be charged for **each participant** in order to cover the cost of awards and other contest-related costs. **Registration on 4-H Connect is MANDATORY for participation in the District 11 Rifle Match.** Regular registration will be from April 1 – April 12 for \$20. Late registration will be available via 4-H Connect April 13 to April 16 for an additional \$25, per district policy. Payment can be made via credit card or 4-H Check. Counties can pay by one check if desired. Checks can be made out to “Texas 4-H Foundation – District 11”. In the memo line please put “D11 Rifle Contest”. Checks to be mailed to Texas 4-H Foundation, PO Box 11020, College Station, TX 77842-1020 **No refunds will be given for any reason!**

Audra Portis,

Email: audraportis@gmail.com (Make sure you receive a response to your email, don’t assume it was received)

21. **Awards -**

1. Participants who are members of first, second and third place teams receive individual team awards. No participant ribbons will be presented. All participants will receive a Shooting Range Sweat towel.
2. First through tenth place individuals will receive awards.
3. The District 11 4-H Stanley Baumbach Senior High Point plaque displayed in Victoria County will be updated annually with the Senior High Point (non-invitational) award winner.
4. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the county of the winning senior team each year.
5. A Sportsmanship Award will be presented to the county whose participants exemplify the kind of behavior which most closely approximates the ideal expected of 4-H members in the 4-H Shooting Sports program. The general criterion will be safety, policing of grounds, courtesy and respect for other participants, and attitude of cooperation. This will be a traveling trophy, passed on from county to county each year. Each county is required to have a member on this committee.
6. **Committees** - The following committees will be responsible for planning and conducting the District 4-H Rifle test:
 - Registration, Targets, Tabulation and Scoring – Victoria County
 - Awards – Austin County
 - Safety/Sportsmanship - Bee County, with each county designating a safety member
 - Contest Superintendent – Mike Hiller, Matt Bochat
 - Concessions - Victoria County
 - Range Officers – Bee County
 - Assist with Cleanup – All Counties

Clarification for 2015:

Participants from outside District 11 will not be allowed to participate at the District 11 Rifle Match.