

## District 11 4-H Rifle Contest

April 26-27, 2024

LaWard Shooting Sports

117 E. North St.

Lolita, TX 77971

The 2024 District 11 4-H Rifle Contest will be held at the Victoria Co. 4-H Activity Center in Victoria TX. The 2024 Rules and Guidelines, as well as contest entry forms are attached.

1. Entry forms can be emailed in advance or must be turned in before the first member of your team shoots. **Registration will be done at the match by the County Coach. Entry fees will be \$25 per contestant. Coaches will pay for all shooters at the time of registration and collect all targets at that time.**
2. A participant list including 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. **Coaches are required to do this by April 12.** Your county will notify you if shooters are not eligible prior to April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Scheduling lanes- Coaches **MUST** contact Victoria County to schedule relay times for their shooters just as done during county invitationals. **Shooters will not be allowed to participate without an assigned relay time.** You may begin scheduling times April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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 26th	6:00pm 7:00pm Senior Relay
Saturday April 27th	8:00am 9:00am Senior Relay 10:45am 11:45am 12:45pm Senior Relay if needed

A concession stand will be provided on both Friday and Saturday.

**Liability Form- All participants must have a completed liability form on file. Participants that have previously competed in a District 11 Invitational, should have one on file, this will be confirmed at time of registration.**

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/management\\_waiver\\_23\\_24.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/management_waiver_23_24.pdf)

## 2024 District 11 Rifle Contest Rules and Regulations

**Objective:** To assist 4-H member with learning and practicing the rules of safety, sportsmanship and accuracy  
With firearms

### **General Rules:**

1. **Contest Information-** The 2024 contest date is April 26-27, 2024. Coaches **MUST** schedule lane times with Victoria County ([victoria4hrifle@gmail.com](mailto:victoria4hrifle@gmail.com)) . No pre-shooting will be allowed for the District Match.
2. **Location-** LaWard Shooting Sports, 117 E. North St., Lolita, Tx 77971
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 “ACADEMIC STATUS FORM” or Name of 4-H'er USA 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.
4. **Age Divisions/Number of Teams-** Note: District 11 4-H Rifle age groups may be different from other Districts and IS different from the State age breakdowns. All grade levels are based on the 2023-2024 School year.
  - A. **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:
    - Junior-** team composed of 4-H members who are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Junior Intermediate-** teams will consist of members who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade
    - Intermediate-** teams will consist of members who are in the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade
    - Senior-** teams will consist of member who are in the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - B. 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.
5. **Shooting Rules-** The contest will be conducted under current NRA rules, except as noted
6. **Shooting positions-** Each member will fire all three positions/target in succession
  - A. **Junior-** Three targets of prone with 10 shots in each target
  - B. **Jr Intermediate-** Two targets of prone and one target of Kneeling with 10 shots in each target
  - C. **Intermediate-** One target of prone, one target of Standing and one target of Kneeling with 10 shots in each target
  - D. **Senior-** Two targets of prone, two targets of Standing and two targets of Kneeling with 10 shots in each target.
7. **Shooting Time-** Competitors will be instructed to bring their rifles to the firing line. At this time they are to only bring the rifle to the line and place it down. Competitors will allowed a 3 minute preparation period to take their places at their firing points and prepare to fire at which time they are allowed to handle their rifle and dry fire only. After the 3 minute preparation period has ended, Junior, JR Intermediate and Intermediate shooters will have 45 minutes, senior shooters will have 90 minutes to fire their course of fire **ONCE THE COMMAND HAS BEEN GIVEN TO START.**
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 the sighting ring, 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

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

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 currency ad to have the range officer make 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 sighted 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. Inner tens (x’s)
  - B. The highest score of the last ten shot series working backward by 10 shot series in full ring scoring (not inner tens or decimals) until the tie is broken;
  - C. Las shot fired working backwards, inner tens outrank a ten that is not a inner ten
10. **Coaches/Leaders-**Up to one coach/leader/parent will be allowed to assist each contestant on the firing line if needed
11. **Challenges-** Scoring may be challenged by taking the target to the scoring area. If you challenge and lose, it will cost 2 points per lost challenge, on the bull challenged. Only shooters are allowed to challenge, but coaches may assist in reviewing targets. Challenge period ends 15 minutes after the targets leave the scoring area!
12. **Targets-** Orion Targets will be used for all Competitors. You do not need to bring your own targets. Targets will be coded and distributed to the coach at registration. Please do not bend, tear or lose your targets.
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, slighting shots out of the sighting ring or other irregularities at the time they occur and make notations on targets to facilitate the scoring process. The range officer will receive protest 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 rage 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 of sighting and scoring. **No high velocity or hollow point ammo allowed**
  - 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 officers
  - E. **Rifle rest-** Seniors and Intermediates are required to use rifle rest between firing in the standing positions. Contestants unable to bring rests will be able to borrow one during the contest.
  - F. **Rifle Cases-** rifle cases will be marked with a arrow to indicate the muzzle end of the rifle. The cases will be placed on the line with the arrow pointed down range.
16. **Safety-** SAFETY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE ON THE RANGE. ANYONE ON THE RANGE MAY CALL A CEASE FIRE IN THE EVENT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS. AFTER CALLING CEASE FIRE THEY SHALL NOTIFY THE RANGE OFFICER OF THE UNSAFE CONDITION. THE RANGE OFFICER WILL RESOLVE THE ISSUE BEFORE LIVE FIRE COMMENCES.
17. **OBI-** All rifles will be unloaded and will have bolts open except when on the firing line in the process of firing. All firearms are required to have a OBI (open bolt indicator) at all times except during preparation period and match firing.
18. **Protest-** Protest will be in accordance to NRA rule 16.2
19. **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.
20. **Contest Registration-** Registration will begin April 14<sup>th</sup> via email to Victoria County ([victoria4hrifle@gmail.com](mailto:victoria4hrifle@gmail.com) ). You will be notified by your county extension agent/4-H prior to April 19<sup>th</sup> if you are not eligible to compete.

Upon arrival at the District 11 4-H Rifle contest, each rifle coach/leader will pay for all targets, confirm/declare teams, and turn in completed waiver forms before anyone shoots!

21. **Entry fee-** A \$25 entry fee will be charged for **each participant** in order to cover the cost of awards and other contest-related cost. Counties will pay by check. Checks will be made out to District 11 4-H Rifle. **No refunds will be given for any reason!**

**Victoria County ([victoria4hrifle@gmail.com](mailto:victoria4hrifle@gmail.com))** Make sure you receive a response to your email, don't assume it was received.

22. **Awards-**Austin County

- A. Team awards will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each age category
- B. Individual Awards will be awarded to the top 10 individuals in each age category
- C. The District 11 4-H Stanley Baumbach Senior High Point plaque displayed in the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center will be updated annually with the Senior High Point Award Winner.
- D. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the county of the winning senior team each year
- E. 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 criteria 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.
- F. District High Shooter Award will be awarded to the shooter with the highest 4 match average using District 11 Invitational match scores excluding the District 11 Rifle Contest. One award will be Awarded per age category]
- G. A Scholarship will be awarded to the graduating High School Senior with the highest 4 match average using District 11 Invitational match scores.

23. **Scoring-** Victoria County

24. **Registration-** Victoria County

25. **Concessions-** Goliad County

**Americans with Disabilities Act** - Individuals who require an auxiliary service or accommodation in order to participate in the D11 Rifle Contest need to indicate so and provide an explanation of accommodation(s) needed when registering. Any additional explanation that needs to be provided can be done by calling the District 11 Office at 361-265-9203 by the registration deadline. All reasonable accommodations will be assessed and made.