

12th Annual - 2026
Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports

Western Gateway Shoot

Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Statewide Shoot



May 16, 2026

River Falls Sportsmen's Club

1130 Rifle Range Rd., River Falls, WI 54022

Check-in Starting 7:30 am

Air Pistol, Air Rifle & Archery Range Open 8am

Powderburning Ranges Open 9am*

Registration closes at 11AM

* Shotgun will start mid-late morning following HS Trap

Disciplines for Qualifying for the 2026 4-H National Championships

Air Rifle | Air Pistol | Small Bore .22 Rifle | Small Bore .22 Pistol
Archery 300 Round Compound (Limited – Bowhunter - Unlimited) | Recurve-Longbow
Shotgun Trap | Muzzleloader | Hunting Skills & Wildlife Ecology

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Registration Deadline: May 10, 2026

Registration Materials available on-line at the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports website:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/>

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Pierce County Western Gateway Shoot
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Hosted By: Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee

General Rules and Policies:

1. The Tournament Director(s) reserve the right to alter the Tournament as weather, terrain, unforeseen circumstances, or registrations dictate.
2. The Tournament Director(s) and Match/Range Commanders may modify or make procedural match changes in the interest of safety and/or to make the Tournament run more smoothly. The Tournament Directors and Match/Range Commander will have the final say on issues of safety and range protocol.
3. Physically limited competitors needing reasonable accommodations must request those reasonable accommodations at time of registration. Reasonable accommodations will be reviewed, approved, modified, and/or alternative reasonable accommodations recommended by the Tournament Director(s) prior to the Tournament. Additional consultation may be sought on the competitor's physical limitations for safety purposes with the competitor's county Shooting Sports Project Coordinator.
4. To be eligible to participate in this Shooting Sports meet, contestants must be enrolled as a 4-H Shooting Sports project member and have met the criteria set by the competitor's county's Shooting Sports Committee for the disciplines/matches they are entering.
5. Three competition age groups (age as of the day of the Match) are recognized:
 - Junior competitors – 8 - 11 years of age AND 3rd Grade or above
 - Intermediate competitors – 12 – 14 years of age
 - Senior competitors – 15 – 19 years of age
6. All competitors must be able to compete effectively in a safe manner. Participants must provide proper eye protection for all rifle, pistol and shotgun matches. In addition, proper hearing protection (i.e. muffs or earplugs) are required for .22 smallbore rifle and pistol, and shotgun matches. Eye protection is recommended but not required for archery matches.
7. Range/Match Commanders have the right to deny use of unsafe equipment on the range.
8. Competitors are responsible for providing their own equipment including ammunition and arrows. Shooting Mats will be provided for air rifles if needed but **not** be provided for the smallbore competitions.
9. All guns must have safety on, be unloaded, action opened, clear barrel indicator (CBI) inserted into the breach of the gun barrel, and cased except when directed by the Match/Range Commander when preparing for use on the range and during a competition.
10. All competitors and spectators must maintain proper sportsmanship with other competitors and spectators at all times.
11. Any rule infraction(s) may disqualify a competitor at any time during the shooting match as determined by the Tournament Directors and Range/Match Commanders.
12. The competition will be held rain or shine.

Return registration forms and fees by May 10, 2026 to:

Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports

C/O Deanna Hines

N6745 – 750th Street

Beldenville, WI 54003

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Registration Form

To be eligible to participate, you must be registered as a 4-H Shooting Sports project member and have met the criteria set by your County Shooting Sports committee for the disciplines you are entering.
All entries must have the signature of a parent/guardian. Shooters in powder burning shooting matches are required to be DNR Hunter Safety certified.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Grade (as of 10/01/2025): _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age (as of 05/17/2026): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____ 4-H Club _____

Hunter Education Certificate Number: _____

No refunds will be given due to the competitor's inability to compete within the scheduled time for that discipline. It is the responsibility of the competitor to enter only as many matches as they can complete within the time allotted. Please allow sufficient time between the various matches during the Tournament at the River Falls Sportsmen's Club.

I enter the Pierce County Western Gateway State Shoot at my own risk and agree not to hold the Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports, River Falls National Guard Armory, River Falls Sportsmen's Club, Pierce County 4-H, University of Wisconsin-Extension, or Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports nor their Leaders responsible for any damage to equipment or injury to myself that may occur as a result of the meet. I certify that I have read the rules/guidelines pertaining to the meet and understand that failure to comply with those rules may result in disciplinary action which may include, but is not limited to, removal of myself from this and subsequent state 4-H competitions/meets. I give permission for pictures of myself to be used for publicity of Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports. I agree to follow all safety rules and participate in a sportsmanlike manner.

Competitor's Signature

Date

As a parent/guardian of a competitor in a 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament, I agree not to hold the Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports, River Falls National Guard Armory, River Falls Sportsmen's Club, Pierce County 4-H, University of Wisconsin-Extension, or Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders responsible for any damage to equipment or injury to my child/ward. I also understand that there must be basic rules for a shooting sports competition and that these guidelines must be maintained for the safety of all concerned. If my child/ward violates these rules, I understand that he/she may be disqualified from competition. My child/ward has permission to participate in the Pierce County 4-H Western Gateway Statewide Shoot. I also give permission for pictures of my child/ward to be taken at the meet(s) to be used for publicity of Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Over to complete Tournament registration

Name: _____

Participation in age group class, check one (age as of 05/16/2026)

Check the Match you wish to enter. There is a \$8.00 entry fee for each Match you are entering except for Wildlife. Competitors must participate in the Wildlife Ecology contest for scores to be submitted as 4-H National Qualifying (NQ) scores. Intermediate Competitors who want archery scores to be submitted for 4-H National Qualifying (NQ) must shoot at senior distance; please check the NQ box.

It is the responsibility of competitors to enter only as many events as they can compete within the time allotted for each discipline and range. Strongly recommended that a participant not attempt to complete more than 6 shooting events. No refunds will be given due to the competitor's inability to manage time and compete within the time allotted. Please allow sufficient time between the events you wish to compete.

Junior: ages 8 (&3rd grade) - 11 _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound unlimited (10 yds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound bowhunter (10 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound barebow (10 yds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound limited (10 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, recurve limited (10 yds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, recurve unlimited (10 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air rifle 3 position Competition (10 meter) | <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air rifle 3 position Plinker (10 meter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air Pistol – Slow Fire (10 meter from a bench rest) | |

Intermediate: ages 12 - 14 _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound unlimited (15 yds) | or | <input type="checkbox"/> (NQ score at 20 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound bowhunter (15 yds) | or | <input type="checkbox"/> (NQ score at 20 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound limited (15 yds) | or | <input type="checkbox"/> (NQ score at 20 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound barebow (15 yds) | or | <input type="checkbox"/> (NQ score at 20 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, recurve - longbow, limited (15 yds) | or | <input type="checkbox"/> (NQ score at 20 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, recurve - longbow, unlimited (15 yds) | or | <input type="checkbox"/> (NQ score at 20 yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Bore .22 Rifle 3 position Sporter (50 ft) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Bore .22 Pistol (25 yards) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun trap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air rifle 3 position Competition (10 meter) | | <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air rifle 3 position Plinker (10 meter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air Pistol – Slow Fire (10 meter) | | <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air Pistol – Rapid Fire (10 meter) |

Senior: ages 15 - 19 _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound unlimited (20yds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound barebow (20yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound bowhunter (20yds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, compound limited (20yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, recurve – longbow, limited (20yds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery, recurve - longbow, unlimited (20yds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Bore .22 Rifle 3 position Sporter (50 ft)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Bore .22 Pistol (25 yards) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun trap | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air rifle 3 position Competition (10 meter) | <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air rifle 3 position Plinker (10 meter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air Pistol – Slow Fire (10 meter) | <input type="checkbox"/> .177 Air Pistol – Rapid Fire (10 meter) |

Wildlife Ecology

Total number of Events entered _____ at \$8.00 per event excluding Wildlife.

Total \$ _____ Make checks payable to **Pierce Co. 4-H Shooting Sports**
(\$25 fee will be charged for NSF checks)

Mail to: *Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports* **Forms & Fees to be returned by May 10, 2026**
C/O Deanna Hines
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Additional Tournament / Match Notes

1. All competitors are to sign-in at the Registration Desk at each location **BEFORE** reporting to any range to start their competition(s).
2. Medals and ribbons will NOT be mailed out. Successful competitors unable to participate in the end of the day Awards Ceremony should make arrangements to have their medals/ribbons picked up by someone else from their county or by providing a self-addressed and postage paid large, heavy-duty mailing envelope.
3. Registrations received after the deadline date for registering (one week prior to the tournament match) or on the day of the tournament / match, will only be accepted as range space and shooting lines are available.
4. All competitors will be competing on outdoor ranges and should be prepared for any type of weather condition(s) that may occur the day of the tournament/match. Tournament/ match is rain or shine, cold or hot. Tournament/match will not be postponed or rescheduled. Severe weather (thunder and lightning, high winds, etc.) may cause certain events to be canceled due to safety concerns during the tournament / match.
5. On Saturday, all ranges will be open throughout the day. However, some ranges, such as muzzleloader and shotgun, the lines may not start until they are full and vary throughout the day.
6. Lines will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.
7. Limited concessions will be available throughout the day on Saturday only.

3 - Position Air Rifle .177 Pellet Match Rules for Competition

Competition and Plinker Classes Shooting Match

1. 3 Position Air Rifle Match course of fire to be completed with only a .177 caliber Competition Class air rifle according to 4-H National Championship Standards.
 - b. Air Rifles officially approved for Competition Class air rifle according to 4-H National Championships Standards are the:
 - (1.) Air Arms T200 (compressed air).
 - (2.) Air Force Air Guns Edge,
 - (3.) Crossman M2000 (CO2),
 - (4.) Crosman CH2009 (CO2 & compressed air),
 - (5.) DaisyM853/753/953/853CM (pneumatic),
 - (6.) Daisy M888/887 (CO2), and
 - (7.) DaisyXSV40 Valiant (compressed air),
 - c. Air Rifles classified as "Competition" by the Wisconsin State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee will be eligible for the Competition match.
 - d. Air Rifles classified as "Precision" by the Wisconsin State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee **and** not listed above in item #1.,a. will **not** be eligible for the Competition match.
 - e. Air Rifles classified as "Plinker," by the Wisconsin State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee will be eligible for the Plinker match.
 - f. Air Rifles with adjustable cheek-pieces or adjustable butt-plates are not permitted unless check-pieces and butt-plates are in a neutral setting/adjustment and secured in that position for the entirety of the match to the satisfaction of the match directors and range master.
 - g. .177 caliber air rifles may not exceed 7.5 pounds; metallic and aperture sights are permitted; trigger pull must be a minimum of 1.5 lbs.
2. Competition Air Rifles and Plinker Competitors will fire from 3 positions at 10 meters (33 feet) in 3 stages in the following order:
 - a. Stage 1: 10 scoring shots from the **prone** position
 - b. Stage 2: 10 scoring shots from the **standing** position
 - c. Stage 3: 10 scoring shots from the **kneeling** position.
3. Competitors will shoot 10 shots at each position for a total of 30 shots.
4. Targets are the standard NRA AR-5/10 for the Competition and Plinker classes.
5. Firing Time is limited to 10 minutes for position (1 minute per shot).
6. Sighting is limited to 5 minutes with unlimited shots before the prone position only.
7. Shooters provide their own ammunition, .177 caliber only.
8. Rifles must be loaded and fired in a single shot fashion only.
9. Competition Class competitors may utilize a sling in the prone and kneeling position only, slings are not allowed in the standing position. A shooting glove is allowed when using a sling
10. Kneeling rolls are allowed.
11. No coaching on the line
12. Physically challenged competitors are to submit, in writing, a request for reasonable accommodations at registration for the review and approval of the Match Co-Directors.

13. Tiebreaker Hierarchy

Ties will be broken with the :
most number of "tens,"
most number of "nines,"
most number of "eights," etc.

Second tiebreakers will be the first "ten" hit in sequence until the tie is broken.

14. The Tournament Director(s) and/or Match/Range Commander(s) reserve the right to alter the Match as weather, terrain or registrations dictate.

15. Shooting blocks, off-hand shooting stands, and pellet holders are allowed on the line.

16. Clear bore indicators (CBI's) are to be furnished by the competitors themselves and are to be used during and throughout the competition.

17. No scopes or magnified sights.

18. Iron sights will include open, aperture, peep, and open fiber-optic sights.

Air Pistol Match Rules .177 Pellet

1. The air pistol competition will be held at 10 meters.
2. Shooting will be from a standing position and all shots will be shot one-handed. Exception: The Junior age group only will shoot from a bench rest. For safety purposes, Intermediates may shoot two handed unless they are National Qualifying.
3. Pistol may be CO2, air, spring, or pump.
4. Pistols must be open sighted.
5. Caliber must be .177
6. Shooting will be done single shot.
7. Targets to be used are NRA licensed B40.
8. Shooters may confer with their coach at their own discretion, NOT the coach's.

AIR PISTOL - SLOW FIRE EVENT RULES

1. Course of fire:
 - a. 5 minutes for unlimited sighters
 - b. 30 minutes to fire 40 shots on 4 bulls
 - c. 5 shots on each bull
2. **NRA International Pistol** rules govern anything not covered.
3. Tiebreakers: ties will be broken with the most number of "tens," the most number of "nines," the most number of "eights," etc. The second tiebreaker will be the first "ten" hit in sequence until the tie is broken.
4. The Tournament Director(s) and/or Match/Range Commander reserve the right to alter the Match as weather, terrain or enrollment dictates

AIR PISTOL - RAPID FIRE EVENT RULES

1. Course of fire:
 - a. Total of 20 record shots;
 - b. 4 series of 5 shots;
 - c. 5 shots on each bull.
 - d. 7 second ready position followed by a 3 second interval to fire the shot.
2. Tiebreakers: ties will be broken with the most number of “tens,” the most number of “nines,” the most number of “eights,” etc. The second tiebreaker will be the first “ten” hit in sequence until the tie is broken.
3. The Match Director reserves the right to alter the event as weather, terrain or enrollment dictates.
4. Current **National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship** rules govern anything not covered.
5. *Current National 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships rules*
 - a. *Firing Positions:*
 - i. *Firing Position - The competitor must stand free, without support, completely within the firing point. The complete firearm must be held and fired with one hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support. Bracelets, wrist watches, wrist bands or similar items which might provide support are prohibited on the hand and arm which hold the firearm. (See Rule 3.11).*
 - ii. *Ready Position - (Note: see the representation of the ready position in this (5.3) section of the NRA rule book). The competitor brings the pistol to a position where the arm points forward and down at an angle of not greater than 45 degrees from the vertical.*
 - b. *The competitor must stand free, without support, completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support.*
 - c. *Before and during the series, including while chambering a pellet, or checking or cocking a pistol, or while waiting for a range officer to verify a malfunction, the pistol must always be kept pointing down range before returning to the READY position for the next shot, or while awaiting the command to LOAD.*
 - d. *In the “READY” position, the competitor’s arm must point downward at an angle of not greater than 45 degrees from the vertical, but must not be pointed at the ground within the forward edge of the firing point. The competitor’s arm must be stationary in this position while waiting 7 seconds for the appearance of the target or, when electronic scoring targets are used, for the green lights to come on, or for the range command to fire.*
 - i. *Ready Position Violations:*
 1. *If the competitor raises their arm too soon, or does not lower it sufficiently they must be warned by a Jury Member, and the shot must be recorded and repeated.*
 2. *The competitor must then be credited with the five (5) lowest value hits in the series.*
 3. *If the fault is repeated in the same stage of five (5) shots in the Duel Fire Pistol Event, the same procedure must be applied and the competitor must be penalized by a deduction of two (2) points from their score.*

4. *If a third infraction of this rule occurs the competitor must be disqualified.*
- e. *Course of Fire*
- i. *Duel Fire Course: 40 shots on the International Air Pistol target. The course consists of 8 series each of 5 shots. During each series the shooter fires one shot at a time, each shot is fired within the time period of 3 seconds.*
 - ii. *Preparation Time: Three (3) minutes. During this preparation period, the competitor may dry fire and practice the shot sequence, but no pellet may be discharged.*
- f. *Sighting Series: Before the program of 40 shots begins, the competitors may shoot a sighting series of Five (5) shots in the duel fire course.*
- g. *Range Commands and Procedures The Range Officer must conduct competition firing by using the commands and procedures that can be found on page 15.*
- h. *Procedure in Case of Defective Cartridge, Disabled Pistol or Malfunction –*
- i. *If a shot has not been fired due to a malfunction and if the competitor wishes to claim a malfunction, the competitor must lower the firearm immediately, hold it in the “READY” position or keep it pointing towards the targets and inform the Range Officer of the problem by raising the free hand or by another safe signal without disturbing the other competitors.*
 - ii. *When determining the cause of a malfunction, if the external appearance of the firearm does not show an obvious reason for the malfunction, and the competitor does not claim there is a bullet stuck in the barrel, the Range Officer must pick up the pistol without interfering or touching the mechanism, point the pistol in a safe direction and pull the trigger one time only to determine whether the trigger mechanism has been released. If the pistol does not discharge, the Range Officer must complete the examination of the pistol to determine the cause of the malfunction and to decide whether or not the malfunction is allowable.*
 - iii. *If a malfunction occurs in the sighting series, it will not be counted in the competition as a malfunction. The sighting series may not be repeated. The competitor; however, may complete the sighting series by shooting at a stationary target or targets, which will be faced for this purpose for a maximum of two (2) minutes.*
 - iv. *If the Range Officer decides, after inspection of the firearm, that the competitor has an “allowable malfunction”: -The number of successful shots is recorded and the series will be completed. Shots to complete the series must be fired immediately following the completion of this 5 shot series. The five-shot series will be scored in the normal manner.*
 - v. *If the Range Officer decides, after inspection of the firearm, that the competitor has a “nonallowable malfunction,” the same procedure as for an allowable malfunction will be followed, but the shot that was not fired due to the “non-allowable malfunction” will be scored as zero. -The number of shots will be recorded, the shot where the “non-allowable malfunction” occurred will be recorded as a miss and the remaining shots in the series will be completed.*

RANGE COMMANDS

Air Rifle – Air Pistol

1. **Shooters to the Line (maximum of 10 minutes)**
 - 1.1. This is the time the shooters use to get their equipment to the shooting line.
 - 1.2. Rifles or pistols are uncased at the shooting line.
 - 1.3. Rifles or pistols are pointed down range, muzzle pointed down range.
 - 1.4. Actions are fully open.
 - 1.5. Clear barrel indicator (CBI) inserted into breach of the rifle or pistol.
 - 1.6. Rifles or pistols are not handled.

2. **Preparation Time Has Started (maximum of 10 minutes)**
 - 2.1. Shooters may prepare the equipment for their particular shooting position.
 - 2.2. Shooters are to get into position to compete and shoot for that stage.
 - 2.3. May handle rifle or pistol with no ammo.
 - 2.4. Action or rifle or pistol remains open.
 - 2.5. Clear barrel indicator remains in breach.
 - 2.6. Fingers outside of trigger guard.

3. **Shooters Load Your Firearm**
 - 3.1. Single load only.
 - 3.2. DO NOT FIRE.

4. **Is The Line Ready?**
 - 4.1. Ready on the Left - If answer is no, please give more time; if yes, continue.
 - 4.2. Ready on the Right - If answer is no, please give more time; if yes, continue.
 - 4.3. The Line is Ready

5. **Commence to Fire**
 - 5.1. Fire designated rounds.
 - 5.2. When finished shooting, lay the rifle or pistol down with muzzle pointed down range, action fully open, and clear barrel indicator inserted into breach.

6. **Cease Fire**
 - 6.1. Muzzle down range, action open and **lay rifle or pistol down**.
 - 6.2. It may mean:
 - 6.2.1. Problem on the line.
 - 6.2.2. That particular discipline or round is over.
 - 6.2.3. A new set of targets
 - 6.2.4. Examine your targets down range.
 - 6.2.5. Range is unsafe.

7. **Is The Line Clear?**
 - 7.1. If you hear a “no,” see what the problem is.

8. **Range is Closed**
 - 8.1. Shooter cases the rifle or pistol, picks up his/her equipment and accessories and remove it from the firing line.
 - 8.2. Absolutely no handling of uncased firearm.

Archery Matches

1. Junior competitors will shoot 60 arrows at 10 yards.
2. Intermediate competitors will shoot 60 arrows at 15 yards.
 - 2.1. Intermediate competitors requesting their scores be eligible and reported as National Qualifying scores must shoot at 20 yards.
 - 2.2. Intermediate competitors requesting their scores be eligible as National Qualifying scores and shooting at 20 yards will remain classified as an intermediate competitor for purposes of determining the results and placings for the Western Gateway Shoot.
3. Senior competitors will shoot 60 arrows at 20 yards.

4. All types of bows (except foot-bows and crossbows) are permitted, i.e. longbows, recurves and compounds.

4.1. RECURVE/LONGBOW DIVISION

4.1.1. LIMITED CLASS

- 4.1.1.1. No sights (no string peep sights)
- 4.1.1.2. No mechanical releases
- 4.1.1.3. No stabilizer
- 4.1.1.4. No tape or marks on bow used as sights or target reference point

4.1.2. UNLIMITED CLASS

- 4.1.2.1. Any accessories acceptable

4.2. COMPOUND DIVISION

4.2.1. BAREBOW CLASS

- 4.2.1.1. No sights (no string peep sights)
- 4.2.1.2. Finger shooters only, no releases permitted
- 4.2.1.3. No stabilizers
- 4.2.1.4. No tape or marks on bow used as sights or target reference points

4.2.2. LIMITED CLASS

- 4.2.2.1. Fixed sights
- 4.2.2.2. String peep permitted
- 4.2.2.3. Finger shooter only, no releases permitted
- 4.2.2.4. Stabilizer 12 inches in length or less is permitted
- 4.2.2.5. No sliding sights
- 4.2.2.6. No magnified sights

4.2.3. BOWHUNTER CLASS

- 4.2.3.1. Fixed sights
- 4.2.3.2. String peep permitted
- 4.2.3.3. Any release permitted
- 4.2.3.4. Stabilizer 12 inches in length or less is permitted
- 4.2.3.5. No sliding sights
- 4.2.3.6. No magnified sights

4.2.4. UNLIMITED CLASS

- 4.2.4.1. Any sights
- 4.2.4.2. Any type of stabilizers
- 4.2.4.3. Any release
- 4.2.4.4. All accessories acceptable

5. Arrows with target or field points ONLY are to be used. NO hunting points.
6. Two practice ends allowed. One or both practice ends can be waived by the competitor's choice.
7. All scoring will be done by the scoring judge. Any arrow or target touched before scoring will be scored as a zero. All arrows that miss the target or hit the wrong target will be scored as a zero.
8. Scoring is determined by the position of the shaft. The shaft must touch the scoring ring to score the higher value. Any questionable call will immediately be determined by range commander. The range commander's decision is final.
9. Bounce outs or pass through will be scored only if the judge can unquestionably determine the point of impact, otherwise, these will be re-shot at the end of the round.
10. Time limit is four minutes per end (5 arrows).
11. NAA whistle commands will be used.
12. On a 5-spot target, the shooter may shoot the spots in any order and as many arrows into any spot as the archer desires. Not to exceed 5 arrows per end.
13. NFAA single spots or 5 spot targets will be used. Shooters must choose single or 5 spots at check-in time. No changes allowed thereafter.
14. Coaches will be allowed to assist in repairing equipment, (15 minutes time limit will be allowed for repairs if needed.) but are not allowed to make tuning adjustments during the competition.
15. Physically challenged accommodations must be requested at registration and approved by the Archery Match / Range Commander.
16. 300 Round Match tiebreakers will be the most number of X's. 2nd tiebreaker will be # ends with 5 X's.
17. Scorecard will be rechecked for mathematical errors and corrected.

ARCHERY WHISTLE COMMANDS

Whistle: Two Blasts

Verbal Command: "Archers to the shooting line."

Meaning: Archers pick up their bow and take their position on the shooting line.
Arrows must be kept in the quiver.

Whistle: One Blast

Verbal Command: "Begin shooting!"

Meaning: Archers may now take their arrows out of their quivers and begin shooting.

Whistle: Three Blasts

Verbal Command: "Walk forward and get your arrows."

Meaning: Archers have completed shooting. All archers have set their bows down and are behind the waiting line. They may now go forward to pull their arrows.

Whistle: Four or More Blasts (a series of blasts)

Verbal Command: "STOP, STOP, STOP, STOP!" or "CEASE FIRE!"

Meaning: Archers immediately let down and put their arrows back into the quiver.
There is an emergency on the range.

Smallbore .22 Rimfire Rifle Match Rules

1. **CMP Rimfire Sporter Rules will apply except where noted below, especially rule R 1.0 - Intent and Spirit of Sporter Rules.** The intent of CMP Rimfire Sporter rules is to promote target competitions with .22 caliber rimfire rifles that are restricted to low-cost, readily available, Sporter -type rifles typically used in informal target shooting, plinking or small game hunting. Any rifle configuration or item of equipment not mentioned in these rules or that is contrary to the intent and spirit of these rules is prohibited.
 - a. Overall weight of the rifle may not exceed 7.5 lbs., with sights.
 - b. Any type of action, semi-automatic or manually operated with a trigger pull of at least 3.0 lbs.
 - c. Must have standard Sporter stock constructed of wood or synthetic material. Thumbhole stocks, adjustable butt plates or cheek pieces, and rails or adjustable (moveable) sling swivels are **not** permitted.
 - d. Standard leather or web sling no wider than 1 1/4 inches may be used in the prone or kneeling positions. Must be fixed in at least one position. (rails with adjustable sling swivels are not permitted).
 - e. In accordance with the intent of this event – Barrels of special composition (carbon) or non-factory styles (i.e. fluted) are not permitted.
 - f. Only smallbore rifles capable of firing .22 long rifle rimfire ammunition are acceptable. No .22 magnum rifles or center fire ammunition are allowed.
2. Rifles must be plugged or otherwise prepared so they may be loaded and fired in a single shot fashion only. Actions must be able mechanically to be held open until ready to fire. **Semi- automatic rifles not so modified will not be allowed on the range** (Because of the difficulty in loading semi-automatic rifles; they are not recommended!) **Match/Range Commander will inspect!**
3. No optically enhancing sights or laser sights are permitted for this Smallbore .22 Rimfire Rifle Match. Open aperture or iron sights only.
4. Each participating shooter will fire from three positions: prone, standing and kneeling, in that order.
5. Standard A-17 targets at 50 feet will be used; one target will be shot at each position for score. Sighting- in is limited to 5 minutes with unlimited shots before the prone position only. The shooter may inspect targets after the sight-in period only.
6. Slings and a shooting glove are allowed for prone and kneeling positions only; kneeling rolls are allowed for kneeling position. Competitors must provide their own supports/accessories.
7. Participating shooters will provide their own ammunition.
8. Participants must provide:
 - a. Proper eye protection (i.e. prescription glasses, safety glasses or goggles).
 - b. Proper hearing protection (i.e. muffs or ear plugs)
9. Firing time is limited to 10 minutes per stage/position; 10 shots per stage/position.
10. Accommodations for a competitor with a physical limitation(s) must be approved by the Tournament Director(s), and Match/ Range Commander. A competitor's physical limitations may need to be verified for safety purposes by the competitor's county Shooting Sports Project Coordinator prior to the Tournament.
11. Tiebreakers
 - a. Ties will be broken with the most numbers of "tens;" most number of "nines;" most number of "eights;" etc.
 - b. Second tiebreaker will be the first "ten" hit in sequence until the tie is broken.
12. No coaching on the line or spotting after sighting-in period.

RANGE COMMANDS

1. **Shooters to the Line (maximum of 10 minutes)**

- 1.1. This is the time the shooters use to get their equipment to the shooting line.
- 1.2. Rifles or pistols are uncased at the shooting line.
- 1.3. Rifles or pistols are pointed down range, muzzle pointed down range.
- 1.4. Actions are fully open.
- 1.5. Clear barrel indicator (CBI) inserted into breach of the rifle or pistol.
- 1.6. Rifles or pistols are not handled.

2. **Preparation Time Has Started (maximum of 10 minutes)**

- 2.1. Shooters may prepare the equipment for their particular shooting position.
- 2.2. Shooters are to get into position to compete and shoot for that stage.
- 2.3. May handle the rifle or pistol with no ammo.
- 2.4. Action or rifle or pistol remains open.
- 2.5. Clear barrel indicator remains in breach.
- 2.6. Fingers outside of trigger guard.

3. **Shooters Load Your Firearm**

- 3.1. Single load only.
- 3.2. DO NOT FIRE.

4. **Is The Line Ready?**

- 4.1. Ready on the Left - If answer is no, please give more time; if yes, continue.
- 4.2. Ready on the Right - If answer is no, please give more time; if yes, continue.
- 4.3. The Line is Ready

5. **Commence to Fire**

- 5.1. Fire designated rounds.
- 5.2. When finished shooting, lay the rifle or pistol down with muzzle pointed down range, action fully open, and clear barrel indicator inserted into breach.

6. **Cease Fire**

- 6.1. Muzzle down range, action open and **lay rifle or pistol down**.
- 6.2. It may mean:
 - 6.2.1. Problem on the line.
 - 6.2.2. That particular discipline or round is over.
 - 6.2.3. A new set of targets
 - 6.2.4. Examine your targets down range.
 - 6.2.5. Range is unsafe.

7. **Is The Line Clear?**

- 7.1. If you hear a "no," see what the problem is.

8. **Range is Closed**

- 8.1. Shooter cases the rifle or pistol, picks up his/her equipment and accessories and remove it from the firing line.
- 8.2. Absolutely no handling of uncased firearm

Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Rules for Smallbore .22 Pistol Competitions

General Rules for Smallbore Pistol Shooting

Objectives of the 4-H Shooting Sports program include teaching safe use of rifles and pistols, introducing and developing marksmanship skills so that participants enjoy the recreational aspects of Shooting Sports and find it rewarding and, perhaps most importantly, HAVING FUN!

Smallbore Pistol was added to the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Program in 2009. **Participants will need to be at least 12 years old and have completed a certified Hunter Education and Safety program.** Participants and their families need to take note of the following:

Per BATF regulations, all pistol shooters under the age of 18 must have in their possession a written permission statement from their parent or guardian stating their permission to possess and fire Pistols. In accordance with federal laws pertaining to youth and pistols (see Youth Safety Handgun Act), the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program prohibits the transportation of a pistol for any reason by a youth under 18 years of age. Arrangements must be made for an adult to transport all smallbore pistols.

The **Smallbore (.22) Handgun Parent/Guardian Authorization** (consent form) follows this update. The page contains two forms that will be used for the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Smallbore Pistol discipline. Both forms need to be signed, witnessed, and dated. One form needs to be given to the County or Club 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Pistol Leader to keep on file. The other form needs to be laminated and kept in the pistol case so the youth has access to it at every training session or pistol competition. **Youth will only be able to shoot the pistol at a 4-H Tournament (practice or competition) after presenting the completed form when checking in to the Tournament. We recommend keeping this form in the pistol kit being used by each youth participant. Youth will also need to present proof of completion of DNR Hunter Safety.**

Youth under the age of 18 may NOT possess a Smallbore Pistol without adult supervision. This includes driving themselves to the tournament or even walking from the parking lot into the building. Similarly, at any match, parents may not just hand the cased gun to their youth in the parking area and send them on their way to the pistol match. A parent or guardian needs to accompany the youth to and from the .22 pistol match.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED You may be aware that eye protection is required for Air Pistol. For Smallbore Pistol, ear protection will also be required. Ear plugs and/or protective muffs will do. A number of pistol instructors wear both. Please visit the hardware store, a sporting goods store or the sporting goods department at a neighborhood store to get proper hearing protection. Hearing protection is usually rated in terms of how much decibel reduction they provide. A higher number gives more protection.

SMALLBORE PISTOL MATCH There will be three stages for Smallbore Pistol Match at this tournament. The stages are: Slow Fire, Timed Fire and Rapid Fire.

PISTOLS and AMMO

Participants will need to bring their own .22 Long Rifle rim fire **non-jacketed** ammunition and pistol. Semiautomatic pistols are easier to shoot with for most competitions, mostly because you don't have to thumb cock the hammer for each shot (remember, bullseye will be shot one-handed). Good semi-autos are available from Ruger, Browning, Smith & Wesson and others. Feel free to discuss your pistol choices with your instructors.

**WISCONSIN 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
SMALLBORE (.22) HANDGUN PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION**

THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE RETAINED BY A PARTICIPATING YOUTH AND KEPT ON HAND AT ALL TIMES DURING ANY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SMALLBORE (.22) HANDGUN PRACTICE OR MATCH.

As parent or guardian, I give my permission for my child _____
(Name of youth)

to possess and fire Smallbore (.22) rimfire handguns while under the direct supervision of a 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Pistol Leader. **I understand that my youth, if under the age of 18, may not transport a handgun, under any circumstance, without the accompaniment of an adult.**

PARENT NAME (print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ DATE: _____

ADULT WITNESS NAME (print): _____

WITNESS SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

**WISCONSIN 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
SMALLBORE (.22) HANDGUN PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION**

THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE RETAINED BY THE YOUTH AND KEPT ON HAND AT ALL TIMES DURING ANY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SMALLBORE (.22) HANDGUN PRACTICE OR MATCH.

As parent or guardian, I give my permission for my child _____
(Name of Youth)

to possess and fire Smallbore (.22) rimfire handguns while under the direct supervision of a 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Pistol Leader. **I understand that my youth, if under the age of 18, may not transport a handgun, under any circumstance, without the accompaniment of an adult.**

PARENT NAME (print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ DATE: _____

ADULT WITNESS NAME (print): _____

WITNESS SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Smallbore .22 Rimfire Pistol Match Rules

1. Competition Divisions:
 - a.) Intermediate - 12 yrs to 14 yrs. For safety, Intermediates may shoot two handed unless NQ.
 - b.) Senior - 15 yrs to 19 yrs.
2. Youth must be at least 12 years old to fire a Smallbore Pistol in practice or competition.
3. **BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) Regulations:**
All pistol shooters under the age of 18 must have in their possession a written permission statement from their parent or guardian stating their permission to possess and fire pistols. In accordance with federal laws pertaining to youth and pistols (see Youth Safety Handgun Act), the transportation of a pistol for any reason by a youth under 18 years of age is prohibited. Arrangements must be made for an adult to transport all pistols.
4. The **Smallbore (.22) Handgun Parent/Guardian Authorization** (consent form) is above. This page contains two forms that will be used for the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Smallbore Pistol discipline. Both forms need to be signed, witnessed, and dated. One form needs to be given to the County or Club 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Pistol Leader to be kept on file. The other form needs to be laminated and kept in the pistol case so the youth has access to it at every training session or pistol competition. **Youth will only be able to shoot the pistol at a 4-H match (practice or competition) after presenting the completed form when checking into the Tournament. We recommend keeping this form in the pistol kit being used by each youth participant.**
5. The Smallbore .22 Pistol Match is a "single pistol" match, meaning participants are to shoot the entire course of fire with the same pistol. No pistol changes are allowed between stages. Only one pistol per shooter is allowed on the line. No bolt action pistols, including cannon bolt, turn bolt or straight bolt will be permitted.
6. **Target and distance:** NRA B-8 at 25 yards.
7. **Course of fire:** 3 Stages; no sighters or warm up shots.
 - a. Slow Fire Stage: 10 shots;
 - b. Timed Fire Stage: 15 shots – 3 strings of 5 shot strings; and
 - c. Rapid Fire Stage: 15 shots – 3 strings of 5 shot strings.
8. **Time Limits and Shooting Positions:**
 - a. Slow Fire Stage: 5 minutes for one 10 shot string shot in the one handed standing position.
 - b. Timed Fire Stage: 20 seconds per 5 shot string, three strings, shot one handed standing position.
 - c. Rapid Fire Stage: 10 seconds per 5 shot string, three strings, shot one handed standing position.
9. **Equipment:** Any pistol or revolver firing the .22 long rifle, long or short rimfire cartridge with a sight radius no greater than 10 inches, and a trigger pull no less than 2 pounds. (Rule 3.4-except iron sights only.)
10. No optically enhancing sights or laser sights that project an image onto the target are permitted.
11. **Rules:** NRA Pistol Rules CP16650 (Most recent printing)
12. **Information:** <http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=Rulebooks>
13. **Tiebreakers:** Ties will be broken with the most number of X's first, then most number of tens, most number of nines, most number of eights, etc.

Shotgun (Trap) Rifle Match Rules

1. Competition Divisions:
 1. Intermediate - 12 yrs to 14 yrs.
 2. Senior - 15 yrs to 19 yrs.
2. No shotguns larger than 12 gauge will be allowed.
3. Participating shooters will fire from 16 yards.
4. Both divisions will shoot **two rounds**, of 25 clays each, for the Match. **No practice birds will be thrown!**
5. Magnum or baby magnum loads are not permitted.
6. Participants must provide:
 - a. Proper eye protection (i.e. prescription glasses, safety glasses or goggles).
 - b. Proper hearing protection (i.e. muffs or ear plugs)
7. Shot size from 7½ to 9 is required. Shooters must provide their own shells. 12 and 20 gauge shells will be available for purchase from the River Falls Sportsmen's Club.
8. No shotguns with release triggers allowed.
9. No coaching permitted during a round.
10. Physically challenged accommodations must be requested at registration and approved by the Tournament Director(s).
11. Amateur Trapshooting Association rules govern, except for the above rules and when the Tournament Director(s) and/or Match/Range Commander alters rules to allow for the smooth operation of the shooting match.
12. **Reminder for all shooters and 4-H National Qualifying Opportunity Participants:** National 4-H Championships does not allow any load with a velocity greater than 1,290 feet per second with a maximum shot charge of 1-1/8 ounces or 1,325 feet per second with a maximum shot charge of 7/8 ounce or less, as measured in any individual shot shell. In addition, no load containing more than 1-1/8 ounce or any shot larger than Number 7-1/2 can be used.
13. In the event of ties, final placing and awards shall be decided on the basis of the longest reverse run score starting from the last target of the final round and counted backwards until a missed target is reached to determine the tiebreaker score. If tie remains, a sudden death shoot off will occur.

Muzzleloader Match Rules

1. The competition divisions are:
 - a. Intermediate (12 -14 yrs. old),
 - b. Senior (15 -19).
2. Equipment is any traditional or non-traditional NMLRA conventional muzzleloading rifle (in-lines permitted) of .54 caliber or smaller.
3. Iron or aperture sights only. No optics mounted on rifle or laser sights permitted.
4. Shooters must provide their own shooting supplies. Loading benches and stands are available.

5. **Equipment and ammunition will be inspected on the range before and during shooting.**
6. No Coaching or spotting allowed on the shooting line during competition.
7. The Course of Fire for the Match will be in two (2) stages and is as follows:
 - a. **First Stage**
 - 1.) Six (6) record shots at 50 yards.
 - a.) All six (6) record shots at the NMLRA 8 ring target (TG2406). .
 - 2.) Time allowed for the 6 record shots is 30 minutes.
 - 3.) Any sight-in shots must be made during the 30 minute time allowed to shoot the 6 record shots.
 - b. **Second Stage**
 - 1.) Six (6) recorded shots at 25-yards.
 - a.) Three (3) record shots at the NMLRA Bottle Target (TG2427)
 - b.) Three (3) record shots at Critter Combo Target (TG901).
 - 2.) Time allowed for the 6 record shots is 30 minutes.
8. Competitors may use binoculars while shooting for sighting in purposes and to make their own sight adjustments, but may not receive any coaching or 3rd party spotting. Match/Range Commander may provide instruction and guidance to competitors but for precaution and safety purposes only.
9. All shooting will be done from the offhand (standing) position without the aid of a sling or other artificial support. Either the military or Olympic stance is acceptable.
10. All loading will be done at the loading bench located behind the firing line. All capping, snapping of caps, flash pan charging, and firing will only take place on the firing line.
11. A maximum charge of 60 grains of black powder is allowable. Propellant must be only Black Powder, Pyrodex, or any other National Muzzleloading Rifle Association (NMLRA) approved Black Powder substitute of appropriate granulation for your rifle. A powder measure, separate from the powder container, must be used when charging. No open containers of powder will be allowed on the loading benches. Load charge must be only what is considered light to moderate for your rifle.
12. Projectiles will be patched soft lead round ball only not exceeding .54 caliber (13.72mm). Plastic patching may not be used with the round ball. Any safe, non- corrosive lubrication may be used. NO sabots allowed.
13. Side hammer or in-line percussion cap rifles or smooth bore shoulder arms that load from the muzzle and which is not a break-open type firearm may be used. Number 209 primers are permitted. Flintlocks will be allowed.
14. Any metallic sight combination (iron sights) open and/or peep may be used. No telescopic sights. Spotting scopes are not permitted. Hand held binoculars may be in your pocket or placed on the bench as an aid in viewing targets.
15. Shots will be scored based on the highest scoring ring broken by the ball.
16. Ties will be broken with most number of "X". The second tie breaker is the widest shot shall lose, the target with the second widest shall lose and so on. Example, if two shooters tie in overall scores, but the first shooter scores a "0" and the second shooter did not shoot a "0" then the first shooter that shot the "0" would lose the tiebreaker.
17. Participants are responsible for loss or damage of their equipment, and for property damage/harm to themselves, and as inflicted upon others.
18. The Tournament Directors or Match/Range Commander reserves the right to alter the Match as time, weather, terrain, unforeseen circumstances, or number of competitors might dictate.

**Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports
Pierce County Western Gateway Shoot**

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