AIR RIFLE Tournament Rules 2027

.177 PELLET AIR RIFLE (Plinker & Sporter) 3 Position
Bench – Plinker Only
Tri-County 4-H Tournament

1. To be eligible to take part in this tournament you must be registered as a WI 4-H Shooting Sports air rifle project member as recognized in your county. A Certified 4-H Air Rifle Leader acknowledgement by signature is required on the registration form.
2. **Shooters must shoot with the proper equipment at their assigned times. We cannot guarantee your choices as they will be scheduled in the order the registrations are received. If shooting more than one class, CIRCLE your class to be used for team event.**
3. Competitors are limited to four air rifle classes that must be in the same age division.
4. ***Your age will be determined by your age on January 1st.***
5. Junior competitors are age 8yr + 3rd grade - 11yr. Intermediate competitors are age 12 yr. - 14 yr. Senior competitors are age 15yr – 1 yr/f/hs (following high school). Your entry age division must be the same throughout the tournament.
6. Only plinker open and aperture sight air rifles are permitted in the "BENCH" shooting classes. Plinker (open & aperture sights) and Sporter (open & aperture) are permitted in the three-position the shooting classes. No military style rifles are allowed.
7. Bench shooting (plinker only) is at 10 meters for a total of 30 shots. Two each 5-minute unlimited sighting shots periods are permitted in the bench position. Shooters will be permitted to go to their target and observe the target hits after each 5-minute period.
8. Each shooter will fire from 3 positions. Prone, kneeling, and standing 10 meters (33 feet). There are 10 shots at each position for a total of 30 shots. Shooter must be in the proper position while shooting.
9. Floor mats and pellet blocks will be provided.
10. The time limit for each shooting position is 10 minutes. **There is a 5- minute changeover period between each shooting position.** Two each 5-minute unlimited sighting periods are permitted in the prone position only. Shooters will be permitted to go to their target and observe the target hits after each 5-minute period.
11. Targets are the standard NRA AR-5/10.
12. Shooters will provide their own ammunition and only .177 caliber target grade lead "wadcutter" pellets are allowed. Ammunition will be inspected. Ammunition will be provided if needed. No BB's are allowed at the Tri County Tournament.
13. **Ten pellets must be counted before each scoring position is shot.**
14. Air Rifles must be loaded and **fired in a single-shot capacity only.**
15. **All air rifles may not exceed over 600 feet/second velocity.**
16. **Sights**: Only sights manufactured for the air rifle are permitted. No adjustable iris or aperture may be used in the front or rear sights. No magnified or telescopic sights allowed. (NO SCOPES)
17. Slings are allowed for Kneeling and Prone positions. Legal kneeling rolls are allowed for the kneeling position only. Slings are not allowed in the standing position.
18. An air rifle is any type .177 caliber (4.5mm) pneumatic, spring air, compressed air, or CO2 rifle can be used.
19. AK or AR type rifles are not allowed. The range commander and committee's decision is final.
20. All air rifles must have a trigger pull weight of at least 1.5 pounds. Equipment will be tested, can be adjusted, and retested anytime. **Air rifles with a trigger pull of less than 1.5 pounds are not permitted for safety purposes.**
21. All air rifles require the use of a clear barrel indicator. Indicator must be long enough to visibly protrude from both the beech and the muzzle when inserted into the bore. We'll have them at the tournament.

22. Equipment determined to be unsafe or not meeting the trigger pull weight can not be used in the tournament. Corrective action may be taken provided it does not affect the participant's scheduled shooting time. An air rifle that is not readily identifiable with factory markings must be accompanied with the owner's manual showing the proper identification and specifications of the rifle. If proper identification is not provided, the air rifle may not be used.

23. Air rifles must be used in their respective classes. Example: a Plinker cannot be used in a Sporter Class. No shooting jackets, shooting gloves, or other shooting aides attached to the rifle or shooter, except slings as noted above, are allowed.

24. Participants are responsible for loss or damage of their equipment, and for property damage/harm to themselves, and as inflicted upon others.

25. Physically challenged accommodations must be requested on the original registration form and must be approved by the range officer/tournament committee.

26. Competitors must stand alone at the competition line. **YOU MUST CHARGE YOUR OWN AIR RIFLE.** (*Exception: persons with disabilities, see # 23*.) No coaching, spotting, or communication (including electronic) allowed online or from behind the line during "sighting" round and competition. Shooters cannot leave the range and must adjust their own equipment.

27. Only participants will be allowed on the shooting line. Coaches, parents, or visitors may help bring equipment to the visitor section but may not come to the shooting line. Participants should not touch the targets after they have been used. If wanted, the participant may take a digital photo after, but phones are not allowed during the competition even as a time keeping device.

28. Equipment failure (not including sight adjustment) needs to be reported to the range commander as soon as possible. Range safety officer directs assistant safety officer to assist with pellet jams. Other malfunctions and corrections are to be done by the shooter and not the range safety officer, another competitor or a parent/coach. A shooter will have up to 10 minutes offline to make any repairs and return to the shooting line. No practice rounds are permitted.

29. Ties will be broken with the most number of "tens", then the best score in the standing position. Then the most number of "nines", most number of "eights ", etc. The next tiebreaker will be the first "ten" hit in sequence until the tie is broken.

30. All shooters and any other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line must wear adequate eye protection. Safety glasses will be available.

31. Competitors must maintain proper sportsmanship at all times.

32. **Dress properly. No shooter mid-section may be exposed while shooting.**

33. Any rule infraction(s) may disqualify a participant from the tournament.

34. This is a national 4-H competition qualifying air rifle event; if you are planning to qualify indicate this on your registration form. When qualifying for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, you must use the approved rifles for this event**.** Wildlife Contest participation & completion is required for NQ opportunity.

35. National Standard Three Position Air Rifle rules will govern any other concerns not covered on the Tri County Tournament Rules as interpreted by the range officer. **These rules may be viewed or downloaded at the CMP web site: www.civilianmarksmanshipprogram.com**