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DEPARTMENT I - SHOOTING SPORTS

IMPORTANT – There is **NOT** a **County Only Section** in the Fair book. There will either be a **CF** or **SF** in front of every **Class Number**.

- **CF:** means that exhibit is **ONLY** eligible to be exhibited at the **County Fair**.
- **SF:** means that exhibit if **CHOSEN** at County Fair is eligible to advance to **State Fair**.

Holt County Members -

To participate in these competitions, a 4-H'er **MUST** have been enrolled in a Holt County Shooting Sports Club during the current year and **MUST attend at least 3 practices in each discipline, or until signed off by a certified instructor.**

Prior to getting a Hunter Safety Card at the age of 12, the BB gun discipline is required before 4-H'ers are allowed to shoot all other gun disciplines. To compete in Muzzleloading, 4-Her's **MUST** be in their third year or beyond as members of the Holt County Shooting Sports Program, and have consistently demonstrated to the leaders in charge that they are physically capable of properly and safely handling the firearm and are willing to comply with safety rules, or be 12 years old or older and hold a hunter safety card and be preapproved by a leaders' committee.

Members will register on the morning of the shoot and will receive their shooting time of each discipline competition.

Dress Code - Any shooting sports club shirt or white shirt or white t-shirt with a 4-H emblem or 4-H chevron. No obscene shirts. No holey blue jeans. No shooting jackets. Persons not following dress code will be dropped one ribbon placing.

Age divisions will vary with different events. Please read carefully to assure entry in proper age division. All ages will be prior to January 1 of the current year.

BB Guns are defined as: Any spring gun or air powered gun that shoots BB's. Must be smooth bore, weigh 6 pounds or under, will be shot at 5 meters (16'4 3/4"). No scopes allowed.

Air Rifles are defined as the description in the national air rifle book. Scopes will not be allowed! The club's air rifles will be available for use if desired on a first come basis. Targets will be shot at 10 meters (32'9").

Members are encouraged to use their own firearms at the fair. BB Guns, Air Rifles, Air Pistols, 22's, 20 Gauge Shotguns and Bow are available from the club if needed.

The following rules for firearms brought to the fair:

1. They meet the specific criteria mentioned in the definitions above.
Re: BB Gun and Air Rifle.
2. All firearms must be clean and in good working condition.
3. A responsible adult must bring each firearm in a case or box straight from the vehicle to the range, checked in immediately, and following the competition, returned straight to the vehicle.
4. Each firearm will be marked with the member's name with tape on the stock.
5. Shooters are responsible for and must wear ear protection for .22 Rifle and Trap Shooting Competition. Safety glasses will be provided.

SHOOTING TIMES AT THE FAIR GROUNDS: Refer to Schedule in front of the book.

CHECK-IN AT FAIRGROUNDS - DAY OF COMPETITION

Holt County Shooters or their parents need to check-in at the Holt County Fairgrounds with the Shooting Sports Leaders to let them know that you are planning on shooting at the competition with a general idea of when you will be available. You will already be signed up for the county fair competition based on the projects that you have enrolled in.

Boyd County 4-H Members -

4-H Age - Boyd County 4-H Shooting Sports is open to all 4-H members age 8 and older by January 1 of the current year.

Projects -

- ❖ **BB Gun, Air Rifle and Archery** - BB Gun, Air Rifle and Archery are open to all 4-H members age 8 and older by January 1 of current year.
- ❖ **.22 Rifle** - .22 Rifle is open to all 4-H members who have participated in at least one previous year of shooting sports OR have passed a state hunter safety course.
- ❖ **Shotgun** - Shotgun is only open to 4-H members who have participated in three years of shooting sports OR have passed a state hunter safety course.

Shooting Sports Dues - Boyd County 4-H Shooting Sports dues are \$10.00 per family per year for archery, BB Gun, and Air Rifle. Shotgun is \$20.00 per member per year, and .22 Rifle is \$10.00 per member per year. All shells are provided but you may use your own.

Safety First - No unsafe conduct or “horseplay” will be allowed. Any member can be sent home or expelled from shooting sports. There will be a “one warning” policy in effect, and no refund of dues in the case of expulsion. Eye protection is required for all disciplines, and ear protection for shotgun and .22 rifle.

A parent or guardian MUST be present for the 4-H member to shoot at EVERY practice and at competition. If a parent or guardian is NOT present then that 4-H member CAN NOT shoot.

Boyd County Fair 4-H Shooting Sports Competition - 4-H Members **MUST** be enrolled in each discipline that they want to complete in. They must also attend a minimum of 4 practices in **EACH** discipline that they wish to compete in and **MUST** have completed their record book and test, prior to the Boyd County Fair 4-H Shooting Sports Competition.

The Shooting Sports Record Book will continue from year to year so your record book will build as you advance in the 4-H Shooting Sports project. It is available on the web page and should be turned in to be judged when you come to the Boyd County Fair 4-H Shooting Sports Competition prior to shooting. You will be able to pick it up when 4-H exhibits are released in the 4-H Building on the last day of the Boyd County Fair.

Boyd County 4-H Shooting Sports Competitions will be held a few days prior to the Boyd County Fair at the Sinclair’s in Spencer. See newsletters and fair schedule for dates and times. Competition includes shooting, written test and record book for **ALL** disciplines.

Exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt or blouse or t-shirt with the official 4-H Chevron or Armband attached, blue jeans and hard sole shoes. Do not wear flip flops.

Divisions will be determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

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3. A responsible adult must bring each firearm in a case or box straight from the vehicle to the range, checked in immediately, and following the competition, returned straight to the vehicle.
4. Each firearm will be marked with the member's name with tape on the stock.
5. Shooters are responsible for and must wear ear protection for .22 Rifle and Trap Shooting Competition. Safety glasses will be provided.

DEPARTMENT I - BB GUN

Holt County - BB Gun will shoot 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, 10 shots kneeling, 10 shots sitting (total of 40 shots) with age break classes listed below.

Boyd County - BB Gun will shoot 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, 10 shots kneeling, 10 shots sitting (total of 40 shots) Boyd County will have Age Divisions determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

DIVISION 950 - BB GUN CLASSES

CF-I950900 - Holt County - BB Gun - 8 Year Old

CF-I950901 - Holt County - BB Gun - 9 Year Old

CF-I950902 - Holt County - BB Gun - 10 Year Old

CF-I950903 - Holt County - BB Gun - 11 Year Old

CF-I950904 - Holt County - BB Gun - 12 & 13 Year Old

CF-I950905 - Holt County - BB Gun - 14 & Over

CF-I950906 - Boyd County - BB Gun - Junior Division

CF-I950907 - Boyd County - BB Gun - Intermediate Division

CF-I950908 - Boyd County - BB Gun - Senior Division

DEPARTMENT I - AIR RIFLE

Holt County - Air Rifle will shoot 20 shots standing, 10 shots prone, and 10 shots kneeling (Total of 40 shots). Holt County will have the age break classes listed below. An Overall Champion will also be awarded. The overall champion will not be eligible for class medals.

Boyd County - Air Rifle will shoot 10 shots standing, 10 shots prone, 10 shots kneeling and 10 shots sitting (Total of 40 shots). Boyd County will have Age Divisions determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

DIVISION 951 - AIR RIFLE CLASSES

CF-I951900 - Holt County - Air Rifle - 9-10 Year Old

CF-I951901 - Holt County - Air Rifle - 11-13 Year Old

CF-I951902 - Holt County - Air Rifle - 14 & Over

CF-I951906 - Boyd County - Air Rifle - Junior Division

CF-I951907 - Boyd County - Air Rifle - Intermediate Division

CF-I951908 - Boyd County - Air Rifle - Senior Division

DEPARTMENT I - ARCHERY

Holt County - All archers will shoot 10 arrows at 3 positions (30 total).

3-D Competition will consist of fourteen (14) targets with one (1) Arrow shot at each target. The course will be shot once.

Scoring will be:

Vitals -10, Kill -8, and Wound -5, from the following distance:

- Cubs and Youth - at a maximum of 30 yards.
- Young Adult - at a maximum of 45 yards

All targets will be shot at unmarked distances. No range finders, telescopes, cameras, or binoculars are allowed on the range.

NOTE: Explanation of Archery classes.

- Freestyle Limited: Arrows must be drawn and released by hand. No limit on sights or stabilizers.
- Freestyle: Same as limited, but allows use of mechanical release.
- Barebow: Arrows drawn by hand - no sights on bow or string.

Holt County will have the age break classes listed below.

Boyd County - All archers will shoot 10 arrows at 3 positions (30 total). Boyd County will have Age Divisions determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

DIVISION 952 - ARCHERY CLASSES

CF-I952900 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle - Cub - 8-11 Years Old

CF-I952901 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle - Youth - 12-14 Years Old

CF-I952902 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle - Young Adult - 15 & Over

CF-I952903 - Holt County - Archery - Barebow - Cub - 8-11 Years Old

CF-I952904 - Holt County - Archery - Barebow - Youth - 12-14 Years Old

CF-I952905 - Holt County - Archery - Barebow - Young Adult - 15 & Over

CF-I952909 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle Limited - Cub - 8-11 Years Old

CF-I952910 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle Limited - Youth - 12-14 Years Old

CF-I952911 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle Limited - Young Adult - 15 & Over

CF-I952912 - Boyd County - Archery - Junior Division

CF-I952913 - Boyd County - Archery - Intermediate Division

CF-I952914 - Boyd County - Archery - Senior Division

DEPARTMENT I - .22 RIFLE

Holt County - .22 Rifle will shoot forty shots at metal silhouettes - four different animals at four different distances.

Shooter will be ranked by past shooting record into one of 4 classes. New shooters will be in the first level. A shooter must have shot above the set level twice to be moved up a class.

Four place medals will be given in each Class. An overall Champion and Runner - Up will also be awarded. The overall winners will not be eligible for class medals. Shooters may shoot a round with open sights and a round with scope and keep their best score of the two.

Boyd County - .22 Rifle will shoot forty shots at metal silhouettes - four different animals at four different distances. Boyd County will have Age Divisions determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

DIVISION 953 - .22 RIFLE CLASSES

CF-I953900 - Holt County - .22 Rifle Class B 0-14

CF-I953901 - Holt County - .22 Rifle Class A 15-20

CF-I953902 - Holt County - .22 Rifle Class AA 21-27

CF-I953903 - Holt County - .22 Rifle Class AAA 28-40

CF-I953904 - Boyd County - .22 Rifle - Intermediate Division - Open

CF-I953905 - Boyd County - .22 Rifle - Intermediate Division - Scope

CF-I953906 - Boyd County - .22 Rifle - Senior Division - Open

CF-I953907 - Boyd County - .22 Rifle - Senior Division - Scope

DEPARTMENT I - TRAP SHOOTING

Holt County - Trap will shoot fifty shots. There will be two rounds of twenty-five with five per station. A ten shot shoot off will break ties.

Boyd County – Intermediate Trap will shoot 25 total – 5 per station. Senior Trap will shoot 50 total – 10 per station. Boyd County will have Age Divisions determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

DIVISION 954 - TRAP SHOOTING CLASSES

CF-I954900 - Holt County - Trap Shooting - 9-11 Years Old

CF-I954901 - Holt County - Trap Shooting - 12-13 Years Old

CF-I954902 - Holt County - Trap Shooting - 14-15 Years Old

CF-I954903 - Holt County - Trap Shooting - 16 & Over

CF-I954904 - Boyd County - Trap Shooting - Intermediate

CF-I954905 - Boyd County - Trap Shooting - Senior

DEPARTMENT I - AIR PISTOL

Holt County -

1. Beginner Athlete may be seated or standing, 1 or 2 hands on the grip. Athletes are encouraged to progress to a one-handed position as soon as they may safely do so considering the size of the grip and weight of the pistol. The grip (and hands) may be rested on a firm support or a counterbalanced T stand. If a firm support is used, the shooter may rest any part of either or both hands and the butt of the pistol on the supporting material. The firm support should be designed to provide an erect position with proper sight alignment and extended arm. If the T stand is used, the support point may be anywhere between elbow and muzzle. The competitor's shooting arm should be fully extended, with the sights at eye level. The non-firing hand may provide support for the firing hand or the butt of the pistol. Must have a coach.

2. Juniors and Intermediates can be one hand supported (*support must be counter balance type support*) or unsupported. Coaching encouraged.

3. Seniors must stand free, without support, completely within the firing point. The complete pistol must be held and fired with one hand only. Bracelets, wristbands, or similar items that might provide support are prohibited on the hand and arm which holds the pistol.

DIVISION 955 - AIR PISTOL CLASSES

CF-I955900 - Holt County - Air Pistol - Beginner - 9 Years Old

CF-I955901 - Holt County - Air Pistol - Junior - 10-11 Years Old

CF-I955902 - Holt County - Air Pistol - Intermediate - 12-14 Years Old

CF-I955903 - Holt County - Air Pistol - 15 & Over

DEPARTMENT I - MUZZLELOADING

Holt County - Muzzleloading will shoot five scoring shots.

DIVISION 956 - MUZZLELOADING CLASSES

CF-I956900 - Holt County - Muzzleloading - 10-13 Years Old

CF-I956901 - Holt County - Muzzleloading - 14 & Over

DEPARTMENT I - SHOOTING SPORTS EXHIBITS

4-H Shooting Sports requires youth to be under the direct leadership of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader in either shotgun, rifle (BB gun, air rifle, .22), archery, pistol, blackpowder/muzzleloader, and/or hunting skills.

No firearms can be entered as an exhibit; however information can be shared through pictures.

Name and address of exhibitor must be on the back of each exhibit. This should be permanently written on the project to identify the owner if entry card becomes lost.

The classes listed below are eligible for State Fair. They are listed under Department D - Environmental in the state fair regulation book so we are keeping their numbering system.

DIVISION D - 347 SHOOTING SPORTS EXHIBIT CLASSES

SF-D347001 - Shooting Aid or Accessory - Any item which helps the shooter/hunter better perform their sport, examples: rifle sling, kneeling roll, arm guard, shotgun vest, target boxes, shooting stick, etc. Include your design, or plans you adapted and what the item is and used for.

SF-D347002 - Storage Case - an item with the purpose to safely hold a firearm, bow, ammunition, and/or arrows, examples: soft sided shotgun case, quivers, firearm safe. Include your design, or plans you adapted. Explain how the storage case is used.

SF-D347003 - Practice Game or Activity - invent or adapt an activity to practice or teach a project skill. Include pictures of youth playing the game, testimonials for 4-H members who played the game, what skill is being worked on, and directions for the game. Explain how you came up with the game or adapted it to fit the needs of your group members.

SF-D347004 - Science, Engineering, Technology Advancements of Shooting Sports Essay or Display - Choose a specific area of shooting sports and share how it has advanced, include a timeline and photos or illustrations. Keep your topic narrow and manageable. Essays are limited to 1000 words and should be on 8 ½ x 11 paper.

SF-D347005 - Healthy Lifestyles Plan - Include a shooter's diet and exercise plan, and how the 4-H member will benefit or improve from following the plan. Ideally, the 4-H member would follow the plan and include some journal entries about adaptations or improvements made while following the plan.

SF-D347006 - Citizenship/Leadership Project - Share a display on a citizenship project or leadership project the 4-H member took on individually or with a group to improve some aspect related to 4-H Shooting Sports. Examples could be range development, conservation planting to attract wildlife, a camp, 4-H recruitment event. Include who benefitted from the project, what the 4-H member's role was, and any results.

SF-D347008 - Career Development/College Essay, Interview or Display - Research opportunities for careers related to this area or opportunities for college majors or college activities to help discover using project skills beyond a person's 4-H career. Essays are limited to 1000 words and should be on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Interviews need to include a picture of the interviewee in their work setting, questions asked, and a transcript of answers.

SF-D347009 - Community Vitality Display - Explore the difference shooting sports and hunting makes in keeping Nebraska vibrant especially in rural areas. Present facts and research in an interesting way for the public to learn from.

SF-D347010 - Ag Literacy - Value Added Agriculture Interview or Research Project - Explore how traditional ag producers are adding value to their production agriculture operations through conservation efforts, hunting, raising pheasants, shooting sports related tourism, etc. Present finding in an interesting way for the public to learn from.

CF-D347900 - All Discipline Educational Display - Poster or display concerning a discipline (archery, bb gun/air rifle/rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading or wildlife) as part of the Shooting Sports project. Must be mounted on ¼" or ⅜" thick plywood, masonite, or similar panel, 24" x 24" (24" High x 22" Wide will be accepted). Display must be three-dimensional, NOT to exceed 2" from face of poster. Sharp items (knives, broadheads or ect.) must be enclosed in Plexiglas and secured. The judge must be able to open them to examine the items. A 5"x8" note card must be attached securely describing: 1) The project and how it applies to Shooting Sports; 2) Experience gained in making the project; and 3) How the project will be used. Information should be neatly hand-written or typed on one side only of the card. Display may include safety, building or using equipment, or any aspect of the discipline of your choice.