



**CROOK COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM  
GENERAL GUIDELINES**

4-H Members shall be considered eligible to participate in the Crook County 4-H Shooting Sports and the Wyoming 4-H State Invitational Match if they meet the following requirements:

Shooting Sports Age Groups:

- ▶ Junior - Ages 8,9,10
- ▶ Intermediate - Ages 11,12,13
- ▶ Seniors - Ages 14 and older
- ▶ Age is determined as of January 1 of the current 4-H Year

Leaders and Volunteers

- ▶ Must be an active and approved 4-H volunteer
- ▶ Must complete State Shooting Sports Leader Certification

General Rules

- A 4-H member must have reached his or her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday and not his or her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1 of the current year.
- All participants must be enrolled in Crook County 4-H
- All contestants must be currently enrolled in the "Specific Discipline" in which they are participating in.
- All participants are required to pay a one-time \$10.00 fee per year or participate in one sanctioned community service event. This will go towards county equipment, supplies and year end awards.
- Fundraising and sponsorships will be incorporated to the shooting sports project for additional funding.
- No horseplay will be tolerated at any time during shooting sports.
- All participants must attend a Mandatory Safety Class at the beginning of the disciplines practice schedule.
- A sign-in sheet will be signed at all county sponsored practices, which is considered the official document to track practice attendance.
- Crook County 4-H will provide key leaders to conduct safety meetings, practices and county shoots. State Certified leaders may assist with all scheduled activities upon approval of the 4-H Educator
- All Shooting Sports equipment will be used under the possession of Shooting Sports leaders only.

## Safety

Safety is the primary consideration during all Crook County Shooting Sports activities. Any violations of safety will be grounds for disqualification. All leaders, parents and guests will be expected to obey safety rules.

- Each contestant **must** have appropriate eye protection for all shooting events.
- Participants are encouraged to provide their own eye protection. The county does have eye protection available to use.
- Appropriate hearing protection must be worn for shotgun, muzzle loading, .22 rifle, and .22 pistol shooting events. Participants are encouraged to provide their own hearing protection. The county does have ear protection available to use.
- All firearms are to be considered **loaded at all times.**
- Any person can declare a cease-fire if the conditions warrant.
- Range Officials shall check all firearms, ammunition and all archery equipment prior to its use at practices and at the County Shoot. Unsafe equipment will not be allowed.
- Participants must stand alone at the shooting line. Only state certified leaders may accompany or assist the participant during shooting sports practices.
- No one is permitted on any range under the influence of alcohol or any type of drugs. If competitor is using any type of medication, range commander will make all final discrepancies.
- Adaptations for handicapped shooters must be approved by 4-H Educator, state certified leader and/or rules arbitrator prior to event.
- All participants **must** be competent to safely handle a firearm with which they are competing.
- Individuals determined to be unsafe or incompetent will be asked to leave the firing line.
- No adults on the firing line except State Certified Shooting Sports 4-H Volunteers.
- The range commander and range officer together will follow the standardized range commands.

### **RANGE COMMANDS**

1. "Shooters to the line"
2. "The range is open"
  - a. Shooters are on firing points with actions open. May not handle firearm.
  - b. Explain:
    1. Fire # of Rounds
    2. # of Targets
    3. Time Allowed

3. "Is the line ready?"
4. "Ready on the left?"
5. "Ready on the right?"
6. "All ready on the firing line"
7. "Commence Fire ”
8. "Cease Fire ”
9. "The line is closed"
10. "Retrieve Targets"

## **Indoor Practices**

- Shooting Sports Season begins in the fall with archery and air rifle being held at the Crook County Shooting Sports Building.
- Individuals determined to be unsafe or incompetent will be asked to leave the firing line
- Participants are welcome to bring own equipment to practices
- Participants using their personal bow must use their own arrows
- County does provide bows, pistols and rifles for any registered participants to use during the shooting sports season.
- Targets are provided for all practices and competitions.

## **Indoor County Shoot**

- All participants must attend at least three (3) county sponsored practices in each discipline, in order to compete at the Indoor County Shoot.
- Any competitor determined by the range commander to be incompetent of safe handling his/her firearm or exhibiting unsafe behavior will be dismissed from the event.
- All firearms will be cased and unloaded until the competitor is instructed to uncase at the designated area.
- Competitors must stand alone at the line of competition. No coach, leader, spotter or other person may accompany or assist the competitor except as approved by the range officer in charge of the event.
- Official scores will be determined by the match score keeper to be named at the event. The official match score keepers' decision will be final.
- A scoring challenge of a two-hour period will be allowed in each shooting sport\A \$1.00, .. challenge fee will be required for each shot value in contention.
- Participant will be permitted to compete in one class only in contest where more than one class exists (Rifle and Archery).
  - For example: Individual may not compete in both Target and Sporter classes in air rifle or Traditional Bare Bow and Compound Bare Bow classes in Archery.
- Final Scores and placing will be posted within 2 weeks of events.

## Outdoor Practices

- Shooting Sports Season for Shotgun and .22 begins in the spring and be held at an outdoor facility approved by the Shooting Sports Committee.
- Individuals determined to be unsafe, or incompetent will be asked to leave the firing line.
- Junior participants will not be able to compete in .22 pistol or shotgun until an evaluation by a shooting sports leader has been completed.
- County does provide bows, pistols, rifles and shotguns for any registered participants to use during the shooting sports season.
- Participants are welcome to bring their own equipment to practices.

## Outdoor County Shoot

- All participants must attend at least three (3) county sponsored practices in each discipline to compete at the Outdoor County Shoot.
- Any competitor determined by the range commander to be incompetent of safe handling his/her firearm or exhibiting unsafe behavior will be dismissed from the event.
- All firearms will be cased and unloaded until the competitor is instructed to uncase at the designated area.
- Competitors must stand alone at the line of competition. No coach, leader, spotter or other person may accompany or assist the competitor except as approved by the range officer in charge of the event.
- Official scores will be determined by the match score keeper to be named at the event. The official match score keepers' decision will be final.
- Participants will be permitted to compete in one class only in contest where more than one class exists (Rifle and Archery).
  - For example: individuals may not compete in both Target and Sporter classes in .22 rifle or Traditional Bare Bow and Compound Bare Bow classes in Archery.
- Shotgun discipline will be
  - 10 rounds for Junior and Intermediate
  - 20 rounds for seniors.
    - State Shoot requires 50 rounds
- Reloads will NOT be allowed in shotgun
- .22 Mags are not allowed
- Final Scores and placing will be posted within 2 weeks of event

· State Shoot

- All contestant and registrations (both individual and team) must be submitted and approved by the participant's 4-H Educator.
- Refer to University of Wyoming 4-H State Shoot Rules and Regulations.