



Hamlin County 4-H Shooting Sports

Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, BB Gun, .22
Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloader



Hamlin County 4-H Shooting Sports Handbook



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General Information

4-H Shooting Sports are open to area youth ages 8 to 18. Youth learn safety, responsibility, marksmanship in firearm and archery disciplines, sportsmanship, and much more. The program provides a supportive environment in which young people can experience hands-on, fun learning experiences.

Disciplines Offered in Hamlin County 4-H Shooting Sports

- BB Gun, Archery, Air Pistol, .22 Pistol, Air Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloader

Website and Resources

All South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Information can be found here:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-shooting-sports>

SD 4-H Shooting Sports Policies & Procedures:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2024-11/P-00229-v4.pdf>

Current discipline rule books:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-shooting-sports-rules-and-resources>

This webpage is for enrollment each year and is where the Hamlin County 4-H Office accesses your contact information.

<https://4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Facebook group **SD4-HSS**- Information on SD 4-H Shooting Sports instructors certifications and other shooting sport events.

Practice Cancellation Policy

Practices will be cancelled if the following conditions exist:

- If no travel is advised in Hamlin County
- If Hamlin County Education Center calls off school due to weather
- If SDSU advises their offices in the region are closed due to weather
- If instructors or the 4-H Youth Program Advisor determine that practice should be canceled due to severe weather in the area and/or if conditions are expected to worsen during practice hours.



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The Hamlin County 4-H Shooting Sports BAND app, email, and SDSU Extension Hamlin County 4-H Facebook page will be used for announcements. Parents are expected to check these if severe weather is in the area. If practices are not canceled, but conditions are questionable in your area, make your best judgement on coming to practice. You must notify your discipline coordinator if you are not coming to practice.

Fees

At the end of the season, an invoice will be sent out to the parents address on 4-H Online to be paid within 30 days of receiving the invoice. The fees cover \$10/individual entry on matches, \$10/team entry on matches. State Shoot fees are \$20/individual entry and \$10/team entry at State. Team fees will be divided by the number of team mates on the team. If invoices are not paid within 30 days, a second invoice will be sent out with extra charges. If not paid by next year's season, then the participant cannot practice or shoot until fees are paid.

Qualifying Match Submissions

State 4-H requires each competitor to pass the safety test and have a qualifying score before participating at the State Level. Competitors must have attended a minimum of 4 practices and put up at least 2 sets of scores to be considered for any state teams.

Below are the scores for each discipline that your competitor must meet to qualify for the South Dakota State 4-H Competition in April.

ARCHERY			
Division	Beginner	Junior	Senior
CWOS	70	70	70
CWOS-R	80	80	80
CWS	85	85	85
CWS-R	110	110	110
RWOS	60	60	60
RWS	70	70	70
Compound Open	135	135	135
Recurve Open	100	100	100



GUNS			
Division	Beginner	Junior	Senior
BB Gun	250	300	325
Air Pistol	100	100	110
Air Rifle	110	150	175
.22 Rifle	NA	100	150
.22 Pistol	NA	100	100
Shotgun	10/25	26/50	45/75
Muzzleloading	NA	Score 50 on 50-yd. bullseye target	Score 50 on 50-yd. bullseye target

SD 4-H Shooting Sports National Selection Eligibility Requirements:
<https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2024-11/P-00230-v3.pdf>

Code of Conduct

A complete 4-H shooting sports program must convey life skills development and be presented in a way that is safe, technically competent and helps to instill 4-H values in participants through teaching and example.

- All participants will always respect and abide by safe gun handling practice when on the range.
- Participants and parents shall follow the Range commands of the supervising instructor completely and without hesitation.
- All persons forward of the observers' area must wear eye protection and ear protection (if applicable) approved by the supervising instructor before shooting commences.
- No running or horseplay shall be permitted ANYWHERE on the shooting location.
- Participants must respect other participants, volunteers, and property associated with the 4-H shooting sports program.
- Participants must display good sportsmanship (fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning and losing) at all times.

Practice Rules and Guidelines

General Practice Rules

- Practices occur on Sunday afternoons with Archery at the Old Hayti Gym, BB Gun and Air Pistol at the 4-H Building, and .22 Pistol in the East Barn.



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- Dress Code will be followed and enforced.
- No electronics on the firing line.
- If you cannot attend practice, please contact your discipline coordinator.
- There will be no handling of equipment while anyone is ahead of the firing line unless directed to do so by the Range Officer.

Discipline Specific Rules

Archery:

- Bows may be used that are owned by the Hamlin County 4-H Shooting Sports or you may bring your own.
- Your space is between the two-lane marker lines only. Keep your body, arrows, and bow in this space. Do not touch or bump the next person.
- Your bow should be straight up and down when going to full draw.
- Do not leave the shooting line when the person next to your is at full draw.
- Dropped arrows on the line: The range officer will retrieve the arrow and instruct the competitor to shoot the dropped arrow.
- No modifications can be made to your equipment after the practice round unless competing in the Open division; violation will result in no recorded score for that night.

Guns:

- BB Gun: All youth must have a parent/adult/approved youth coach present to load their gun and coach their competitor on the line. Senior-level competitors may coach themselves if approved by the range official.
- Guns will not be uncased until the range officer has instructed competitors to do so.
- All rules of proper gun handling will be followed at all times.
- Competitors and coaches will stay at their designated firing point until the Ceasefire has been called unless the range officer has given them instruction to leave the firing line.

No equipment owned by Hamlin County 4-H Shooting Sports may go home unless checked out with the discipline coordinator.

How Can Parents Help at Practice?

All Hamlin County 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructors are volunteers. They have a passion for shooting sports and teaching youth about safe practices and giving youth an opportunity to hone and perfect their discipline skills. All certified instructors have passed a background check and have gone through the South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification course to instruct 4-H members. A 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor has the



right to refuse any participant from the shooting sports activity in the interest of safety for the participant and others in the program.

Parents can help in a variety of ways:

- Become a certified South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. For information on this, please contact the Hamlin County 4-H Office.
- Be a positive influence on your child and support their participation in 4-H Shooting Sports.
- Ask a 4-H certified instructor how you can help.

Scoring Procedures

General Rules for All Disciplines:

- Only one recorded score per discipline is allowed per week.
- In the event of an equipment malfunction, you may be able to shoot on another available line if time and space permits.
- If a competitor is unable to attend practice due to illness, they may be given the option of making up those scores on another schedule line time if time and space permits.
- The discipline coordinator will keep the competitor's highest score for each of the scoring periods to submit for Match scores. Those submitted will be kept on file until the next year's season for auditing purposes.

Match Scoring Periods

Winter/Spring Disciplines (Archery, BB Gun, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol)

- Match 1: January 1- February 15
- Match 2: February 16- March 15
- Match 3: March 16-April 15

Summer/Fall Disciplines (Muzzleloader & Shotgun)

- Match 4: June 1- July 15
- Match 5: July 16-August 31
- Teams will be approved by the coaches and Youth Program Advisor and submitted to the state for Match and State competitions by the deadlines outline by SD State 4-H.
- Scores will be evaluated when preparing state teams, teams will be put together by the discipline coordinator based on age category, scores, and participation.
- Youth will sign and turn in the score cards and targets into the discipline coordinator at practice.



Dress Code Policy

General 4-H Dress Code Policy:

Dress code Policy- Participants and coaches are expected to dress appropriately for the events in which they participate. Team uniforms or shirts are encouraged, but not required. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest. It is important to recognize and respect individual's choices which can at times bring unwanted attention either to an individual or to the group as a whole. All participants, coaches, parents, and family members must remember that they may be photographed or interviewed for use by local, regional, or national media. Let's do all we can to make sure that is a positive image for 4-H!

Footwear Policy - Participants in any shooting event or activity, while on the shooting line, are required to wear shoes that completely cover their feet, including soles. Examples of footwear that are not acceptable include, but are not limited to: sandals, clogs, flip-flops, slippers, house shoes, and bare feet. (This is superseded by any discipline specific rules, i.e – no shoes over the ankles in Air Pistol)

Discipline-specific Clothing Guidelines

- Blue Jeans or khakis are recommended

Archery

- Long hair should be tied back
- Hoodie strings must be removed or tucked in
- No bulky sweatshirts or jackets allowed.
- No necklaces or dangling earrings.
- Avoid any clothing items that can be caught in your bow strings.
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn. No crocs or sandals allowed.

Guns

- Safety glasses must be worn by the coach and competitors at all times when in front of the "Ready" line. Prescription glasses are an acceptable form of eye protection.
- Avoid silky material on your shirt and pants.
- Shotgun, .22, and Muzzleloader- Ear and eye protection is required at all times by everyone on the firing range, ahead of the ready line.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must match the discipline rules. (Ex. Boots/Shoes that cover the ankle are not allowed in BB Gun and Air Rifle) If you have questions about allowed shoes- please ask one of the instructors.
- Croc-style shoes and sandals are not allowed.
- No compression garments are allowed including tight-fitting/compression leggings or yoga pants, compression shirts, or clothing designed to stabilize a competitors body except as those explicitly outlined in the discipline rules.

State Shoot



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If participant has qualified for State Shoot occurring the last weekend in April in Fort Pierre. Registration can be found at fairent.com where you can choose your time to shoot. More information about when fairent opens to sign up will be sent out via Band and Email.

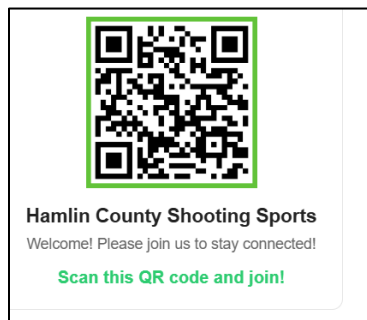
Important Contact Information

Emails will be sent by the Hamlin County 4-H Office. Band will also be used to send information regarding 4-H Shooting Sports.

Email: hamlin.county@sdstate.edu

Facebook: SDSU Extension Hamlin County 4-H

BAND: <https://band.us/n/a6a3A1b0g730P>



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