

4-H Shooting Sports: Archery

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Register at <http://washington-state-4H.fairentry.com>

The Archery Events will be held over the last weekend of the State Fair.

Participants, Parents, and Coaches/Leaders are obligated to read and follow all rules and regulations in this premium book as well as the Shooting Sports Policy and Procedures. Any participant or adult displaying unacceptable conduct (i.e. unsafe handling of archery equipment, profane language, abusive treatment, poor sportsmanship) may be dismissed and jeopardize awards and the ability to participate at the State Fair.

Participation:

1. 4-H Membership - All competitors must be current 4-H members, officially enrolled in the Archery Project overseen by a certified 4-H Archery Instructor.
2. Each Club must provide a WSU 4-H Certified Archery Instructor. Exceptions must be approved by Fair Management and the Archery Superintendents.
3. Participants must bring their own bow or club/county bow, arm guard, finger tabs (if necessary), and quiver (hip or ground only) to hold your arrows.
4. Participants and Coaches must participate in set-up & tear down of the range in order to qualify for premium points. This is part of the stewardship/herdsmanship for archery.
 - a. Participants are encouraged to submit a Still Life Entry pertaining to Archery.
5. Age Divisions & Requirements - 4-H Shooting Sports is open to 4-H Members who have passed their 8th birthday but may not have reached their 19th birthday as of October 1st of the current program year.
 - a. Age divisions shall be Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14-18).
 - b. In recognizing the discipline(s) physical demands and to ensure safety, age-appropriate modifications for Junior's will be made and listed in the event description section.
6. Shooting Requirement - Due to the safety of the participants and the public, participants must be able to shoot 30 arrows at 20 yards for Intermediates & Seniors and 10 yards for Juniors on a 40 cm FITA 10-ring target and score a minimum of 60 Barebow or Recurve, 90 Olympic Recurve Freestyle, or 120 Compound. Please see bow descriptions for clarification of category.
 - a. Participants should be knowledgeable and proficient in safe use of the equipment, and knowledgeable of the general rules events/and or games. Range Masters/ Superintendents may dismiss or disqualify any participant if he/she believes the participant does not demonstrate the basic proficiency and knowledge required.
7. Dress Code: Participants and spectators are required to dress appropriately and by 4-H standards. Contestants must wear fully enclosed shoes for safety reasons.
8. Archery Event Official Entry -Participants must be approved on the official entry form by their respective County Superintendent and/or coach if County Fair Archery Competition hasn't occurred. The selection of participants is at the discretion of the local county Archery Fair Superintendent.
 - a. Participants must have coaches' approval and the coach must email the Archery

Superintendent no later than August 1st on the intent of shooting in order to ensure that we have enough targets and line coaches. (Contingent on above shooting score requirement and county qualifications, we understand that some counties may not have their fair by then, this is so that we can prepare for the correct amount of targets and line coaches)

b. After Coach/County Approval participants must submit enter through Fair Entry at <http://Washington-State-4H.fairentry.com> .

9. Reasonable Accommodation -To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, contact the Superintendent before completing the registration process and prior to the registration deadline. The event staff will make every reasonable effort to accommodate that individual so they can compete. Any accommodation made shall not create an unfair competitive advantage or jeopardize range safety.

a. Any adaptive equipment related to a reasonable accommodations request will be presented along with the required documentation at the time of check-in, equipment check. With the exception of the approved adaptations, all remaining equipment must comply with the standards set forth for all other participants and are subject to the same Equipment Safety Checks.

10. Equipment Check - All equipment must be checked prior to the start of the official competition. Equipment certification will start during the check-in period, and stickers will be attached to verify that equipment was checked in and passed the inspection. Only authorized range officers and event staff may verify check-ins on the range. Spot checks of equipment may take place on the ranges prior to or after any match.

a. Competitors whose equipment does not meet the event standards will be given an opportunity to adjust or fix equipment to bring it into compliance prior to a second check.

b. Equipment failing to meet specifications during on range spot checks will result in disqualifications.

c. All arrows brought to the Archery Check-In table must be stored in a quiver or a storage container. Hip quivers or ground quivers are required on the firing line. No back quivers or quivers attached to the bow are allowed.

11. Disqualification/Ejection: All youth, parents, coaches, and volunteers are expected to abide by the provisions set forth within these rules. Depending on the severity of a rule violation (including but not limited to behavior or safety) one verbal warning may be issued. If the offense happens again, the individual(s) will be disqualified without completing the contest, any existing scores forfeited, and may be removed from the event area.

a. Failure to abide by Archery Safety Rules laid out in the Archery Curriculum Book, and the Shooting Sports Record Book will result in immediate disqualification and archers may be removed from the line from the Superintendents. Absolutely no sky or ground drawing will be allowed. As well as dry-firing from participants or coaches. This is grounds for immediate disqualification.

Range Protocols:

Range Safety Protocols will be strictly and vigorously enforced and 4-H NGB (National Governing Body) Rules Apply

1. The range will be under the exclusive control of the Head Range Officer and the appointed Range Safety Officers. They will accompany the registered participant to the shooting line in competition. Their primary responsibility will be to assure that safety rules are always followed. The range officers may physically assist the shooters between relays and during the sight-in period; they may also verbally assist on the shooters during the firing time.
2. For multiple reasons, control of access to the range and surrounding area is essential. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of the Range Officers and Superintendents.
3. Safety- Safety is the first priority for event competition, Range Officers, Participants, Coaches,

and Spectators. Standard and accepted range and shooting safety rules will be observed at all times. Superintendents and Range Officers may caution, warn, or eject any person on the range for unsafe behavior. Failure to safely control archery equipment (including but not limited to sky drawing, ground drawing, twirling around arrows) are grounds for immediate removal. Such removals may result in forfeited scores, disqualifications, or removal from the event area.

- a. No arrow twirling or handling of arrows in an unsafe way. Every attempt should be made by the archer to keep the arrow pointed toward the ground of the target at all times. A warning will be given on the first instance. Second instance will require removal of the archer from the event.
 - b. When going down range all bows must be grounded or on a bow rack/table. Bows are not allowed down range.
 - c. If any participant in any way, whether in person, or by representative interferes with range officials or shows disrespect to them, to other participants, or the competitions they are subject to be penalized.
4. Participants shall be present at the range and ready to go at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Late participants may not be rescheduled at the discretion of the Head Range Officer and Superintendents.
5. Participants: Once the event has started participants must remain at the wait line and not go past the coaches line for any reason
 - a. Bows must remain on a bow rack, bow stand, or table provided when not in use. No bows may cross the firing line for any reason.
 - i. Equipment should not cross the waiting line unless Range Officer Approval once the equipment has been through Safety Inspection.
 - b. If a participant should experience an equipment failure, they must notify the nearest range official to get their approval to work with the coach to repair the equipment. They are given 15 minutes to make the necessary repairs. (Please see participant letter for more information)
 - c. Once an archer begins a shooting course, he or she must finish with his or her group. Any archer or group that leaves a range without the authorization of a range official will not be allowed to continue.
6. Scoring: The double scoring system will be used. All participants will be involved in score keeping. All reported scores are checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required by The Superintendents.
 - a. If there is a question or concern when scoring archers may raise their hand and a Range Officer or Line Coach will be able to assist them.
 - b. Coaches, Parents, or Observers should never have possession of scorecards.
7. Cell Phones/Electronic Devices - No Cell Phones, Radios, or other electronic communication devices may be used by competitors or others on or in the immediate vicinity of competitive range during active competition. Except for emergency situations
 - a. Essential communication may take place off the range where the process will not interfere with participants or compromise safe operation of the range.
 - b. No Flash Photography is permitted as it is a distraction to the archers. Only event photographers will be permitted on the range.
8. Coaches: Each club must provide a 4-H Certified Instructor "Coach" for their Discipline. Only one designated Head Coach for each team will be allowed to accompany the team and will remain behind the shooting area at a distance as designated by the range officer and will not be allowed to contact the shooters during any of the firing periods. The designated coach is the only one permitted to discuss procedures, ask questions, or advocate for the participants with Superintendents.
 - a. Coaches area will be set up behind the competitor ready line. Coaches will remain behind that line once preparation time ends, unless called to the firing line by a Range Officer.
 - b. Once record shooting begins, no coaching is permitted.
 - c. Coaches may not initiate contact with their Participants during the ends.
 - d. Coaches may not create a disturbance, upset participants or others, create unnecessary

- delays, interfere with the safe and efficient operation of the range and execution of the event.
- e. If equipment failure occurs the coach may assist their Participant with the approval of the Range Officer.
 - f. No coaches may touch any equipment once it has been placed on the range. Especially that of other clubs. If a safety concern arises, please get the attention of a Range Safety Officer or Superintendent.
9. Spectators: All spectators must remain off the range and at a distance in the designated spectator area clearly marked, this allows us to keep the Participants, Range Officers, Spectators safe. Parents, Leaders, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviors deemed distracting to participants or the operation of the match. Sanctions ranging from warning to ejection from the event area or disqualifications of contestants may be imposed for interference with the operation of the event or disruptions of the events on a shooting line or range.
- a. Please make sure to follow and abide by the spectator rules outlined in the Spectator area and in this section.
 - b. Any spectator contributing to unsafe behavior or rules violations may be asked to leave the event area and not be allowed back.
 - c. There will be no coaching or communication with Participants on the line during the event. In the event of an emergency please contact the Head Coach or Superintendent/Range Officers.
 - d. No Flash Photography as this causes a distraction to the Participants and can cause a safety risk.
10. Superintendents & Head Range Officer: Are responsible for conducting any and all aspects of the event pertaining to the "shooting". Including but not limited to: squading, scoring, posting of scores, determination of ribbons, and rule interpretation.

Allowed Equipment/Equipment Definitions: Maximum poundage less than 60 lbs as Hay Bales are the Target Butts. All equipment must be compliant with NGB rules

- **Recurve and Longbows**- Permitted equipment one adjustable sight pin or multiple hunting style pins may be used; clicker and kisser buttons permitted; competitors may have as many sight pins as deemed necessary, torque compensators are allowed. Max 60lbs. NOT PERMITTED: String peeps and mechanical release aids, Glass of any type in sight, spirit levels. *Please note no handmade bows allowed*
- **Genesis** - This is for Archers who are shooting with the standard Genesis or Mini Genesis Bow used in the NASP Program. Must also be using the Standard Genesis Easton Arrows. Finger Shooter, No Releases
- **Compound** - This includes any bows besides the genesis bow that has cams or wheels, with or without Sights. Release aids, string peeps, optical sights, spirit levels, multiple pin sights are all permitted. NOT PERMITTED: Bows over 60lbs, overdraws may not place the arrow rest further than 6cm from the pivot point of the bow
- **Arrows**- Bring 6 to 12 arrows; no wood (unless shooting Traditional), plastic, graphite, or fiberglass arrows allowed. Must be either Aluminum or Carbon Fiber. Arrows must meet AMO minimum weight standard; 5 grains of arrow weight per pound bow peak draw weight. No arrows larger than 27/64ths in diameter are permitted. No lighted nocks.
- **Bow Stringer**- must bring your own with you and Recurve/Traditional Bow Strings must be put on with them.
- **Arm Guard** – All Archers must bring your own with you and worn at all times while shooting.
- **Finger Tab or Release** - must bring your own with you.

Definition of Shooting Events

- a. Freeman Event: This event consists of 60 arrows, shot as three games, at distances of 10, 15, and 20 yards (Juniors shoot at 5, 7.5, and 10 yards). Each game includes four ends of five arrows each. The target is the standard NFAA Indoor target of 40 CM with a Blue

and White Face and a 8 CM center ring. Participants can choose from a 1 spot scoring 5,4,3,2,1 or a 5 spot score 5,4. Ribbon Placing is based on a maximum/minimum score for blue, red, and white ribbons with the top two archers in each division receiving Grand & Reserve Champion

- i. First Game -Three ends at 10 yards (5 for Jr.s), one end at 15 yards (7.5 for Jr) ii. Second Game- Three ends at 15 yards (7.5 for Jrs), one end at 20 yards (10 for Jr)
- iii. Third Game -Four Ends at at 20 yards (10 yards for Juniors)
- b. Indoor NFAA Blue Face Event: This event consists of 60 arrows, shot as three games, at a distance of 20 yards. Each game has four ends of five arrows per end. The target is the standard NFAA indoor target of 40 centimeters with a blue and white face and an 8 centimeter center ring. Participants can choose from a 1 spot scoring 5,4,3,2,1 or a 5 spot score 5,4. Ribbon Placing is based on a maximum/minimum score for blue, red, and white ribbons with the top two archers in each division receiving Grand & Reserve Champion

EVENT CLASSES & LOTS

CLASS 291 – RECURVE/TRADITIONAL

CLASS 292 – GENESIS

CLASS 293 – COMPOUND

Participants can only participate in one Class (not counting the Judging or Still Life)

Premium Points: Blue 75, Red 55, White 40

Junior Lots:

Lot 1 – Freeman Shoot, Junior

Lot 2 – Indoor NFAA Blue Face Shoot, Junior

Intermediate Lots:

Lot 11 – Freeman Shoot, Intermediate

Lot 12 – Indoor NFAA Blue Face Shoot, Intermediate

Senior Lots:

Lot 21 – Freeman Shoot, Senior

Lot 22 – Indoor NFAA Blue Face Shoot, Senior

CLASS 14 – ARCHERY JUDGING CONTEST

Premium Points: Blue 30, Red 23, White 17

Lot 1 – Juniors

Lot 2 – Intermediates

Lot 3 – Seniors

All rules for general judging contests will apply, except as modified here. There is no pre-qualification at the county level. Individual and team awards will be awarded. Participants will judge 4-8 classes of items and give oral reasons on one class (no oral reasons for juniors). Participants may enter the judging contest without doing the shooting events. Registration for the contest will begin 30 minutes before the event in the Dog/Cat Barn.

SCHEDULE OF SHOOTING

Friday, September 19

8:30 a.m. Equipment Inspection

9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Freeman Shoot Juniors – AgriPlex Arena.

4:30 p.m. Equipment Inspection

5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Freeman Shoot Intermediates & Seniors – AgriPlex Arena.

Saturday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Equipment Inspection

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Blue Face Shoot Juniors - AgriPlex Arena

2 p.m. 4-H Archery Judging Contest – Dog Show Arena

4:30 p.m. Equipment Inspection

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Blue Face Shoot Intermediates & Seniors - AgriPlex Arena

Sunday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Equipment Inspection

9 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Fun and Games Shoot

3 p.m. Awards – AgriPlex Arena

Important County/Club Information

*Each county is responsible to bring three judging contest questions and props and/or pictures. *Each Club is required to provide at minimum 1 certified Instructor and each Club/County is required to provide certified instructors or certified leaders experienced in target scoring.

*Clubs are highly encouraged to bring a bow rack/stand for their archers.

*Special needs youth must be identified to Superintendents prior to the fair so accommodations can be provided. No later than August 1st.

*It is highly recommended that each participant submits a still life project pertaining to the Archery Project.

*All Clubs who plan on participating must have at least one of the required attending Certified Instructors attend a Zoom Meeting with Superintendents prior to August 1st. Multiple dates will be announced.

*Please note instructors and participants are required to help with set-up or tear-down of the range in order to qualify for premium points. This is the member's Stewardship/Herdsmanship time. *A Horse stall will be available for each club/county to store equipment when not in use. Please bring your own lock. Horse stalls can be decorated.

*If your club has portable targets, bow stands, curtains that you are able to bring please let the Superintendents know.