



## Shooting Sports Competition

This year for the first time Congress is introducing an actual shooting competition in Rifle and Archery. Registration is limited to 24 total participants (12 Archery, 12 Rifle). All equipment will be provided – participants **do not bring equipment**. An introduction and firing the first shots workshop will be conducted with all participants to begin the day and then break out to disciplines for the competition. There will also be a general knowledge/safety test that will count toward the final scores of participants. All those who register for this competition will spend the entire day at the range (8am – 5pm) and will not be eligible to sign up for any other workshops on Tuesday. See tentative format below for each competition:

### 4-H Smallbore Rifle Silhouette

Targets: ½ scale metallic silhouettes

Course of Fire: Twenty (20) shots total.

Stages: 5 shots at chickens (40 m)

5 shots at pigs (50 m)

5 shots at turkeys (75 m)

5 shots at rams (100 m).

Position: Bench-rest position only. No shooting jackets, gloves or slings allowed.

Equipment: All rifles, ammunition and equipment will be provided. No shooting jackets, gloves, or slings allowed. All shooters are required to use CLEAR BARREL INDICATORS which will be provided.

Time Limits: For each string of 5 shots, there will be a 30 second ready (preparation time) and a 3 minute 30 second fire. One shot will be fired at each metal silhouette starting on the left and moving left to right.

Awards: (Typically) First, Second, and third place individual in each age division. Achievement awards will be given to each individual based upon individual score.

Rules: Rules are based on the NRA Smallbore Metallic Silhouette rules.

There will be an opportunity to earn up to 25 bonus points to the total score by taking the general knowledge, safety, and equipment identification test.

Management reserves the right to change the targets and distance as deemed necessary to accommodate course conditions.

## Archery Match Description

**Targets:** Will use National Field Archery Association single-spot target. The values are 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 respectively.

**Course of Fire:** Five (5) shots each at 4 distances: 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards.

**Awards:** (Typically) First, second and third place individual in each category. Achievement award to each individual based upon individual score.

**Ties:** Ties to be broken by the highest score at the longest distance.

**Rules:** When shooting, the archer shall straddle the shooting line. Participants should be familiar with whistle commands as follows:

- Two blasts – shooter to the line, straddle the line with bow in hand
- One blast – the line is hot, nock arrows, commence firing
- Three blasts – the line is cold. Go forward to the target line.
- Four or more blasts – cease fire!
- Both whistle and verbal commands will be given.

An arrow leaving the bow is considered a shot unless the shooter can reach it from their position with their bow.

An arrow shaft (not fletching) cutting two (2) colors shall count as hitting the inner one.

An arrow going through or bouncing off the target paper shall be shot again regardless of where it hit the target.

Prior to the competitor pulling their arrows, the judge shall orally count the score at the target. Any protest by the competitor must be taken up at this time. Final decisions rest with the Match Directors. The score shall then be recorded and the arrow pulled.

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**Equipment:** **All equipment will be provided – Genesis Compound Bows will be used.** Safety equipment will also be provided - finger and arm guards, quiver. Eye protection is recommended but not required.

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