



# 2023-2024 River Valley District 4-H Shooting Sports



River Valley District 4-H offers five Shooting Sports disciplines – **BB Gun, Air Rifle, Archery, Small Bore Rifle (22), and Shot Gun**. We host all Shooting Sports Safety Meetings, Practice Shoots, and Fair Shoots at the Cloud County Fairgrounds (East of Concordia – Just south of the intersection of Industrial Road and Kansas Highway 9). This year, all Safety Meetings and Registrations will take place in the **Hosie Building**.

## Eligibility & Requirements

Per National and State 4-H Bylaws, enrolled 4-H members between the 4-H ages of 8 to 18 (before January 1, 2024) are eligible to participate in Shooting Sports. Kansas 4-H competitive age is 9 (before January 1, 2024), for a state event or state qualifying match. Youth must be enrolled in the project through 4-H Online, attend a safety meeting, and pay registration fee, prior to participating in any practice shoots. Our Shooting Sports instructors may determine if youth are developmentally able to participate in each discipline.

A parent/guardian **MUST** accompany youth to each discipline at each shoot.

## Safety Meetings

Our coordinator and instructors host two safety meetings each year. All participating 4-H'ers **MUST** attend one of these two safety meetings before they can participate in Shooting Sports. A parent/guardian **MUST** accompany youth to the Safety Meeting. Completing paperwork for Shooting Sports will occur after the safety meetings. Youth will not be able to Shoot until payment is paid in full.

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| ☘ Sunday, November 19, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. Registration |
| ☘ Sunday, December 10, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. Registration |

## Safety Parameters

For each discipline, instructors may have safety parameters set up that only the 4-H'ers may enter upon direction from the instructor(s). Parent/guardian(s) must also obey and observe these parameters. It is important to follow the instructor's directions to keep everyone safe.

## Registration & Sign-In

At every Shooting Sports event, youth **MUST check-in** with our volunteers at the Hosie Building (Subject to Change) before going to any discipline. When you check in, you will receive a name tag. You must have this name tag on before any instructor will allow you to participate. Once you have completed your disciplines for the day, you **MUST** check out at the Hosie Building. **Failing to check in and/or out will result in no credit for that shoot.**

At each discipline, instructors will have a sign-in sheet. After practicing that discipline, instructors will have youth sign in acknowledging participation. **Failing to sign in at each discipline will result in no credit for that shoot.**

## Practice Shoots

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| ☘ Sunday, January 14, 2024  | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, January 21, 2024  | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, February 18, 2024 | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, February 25, 2024 | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, March 17, 2024    | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, April 7, 2024     | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |

To help alleviate the waiting times at the disciplines, we have implemented a time schedule. These times are for Practice and Fair Shoot dates only.

- ☘ RVD-Clay Center & RVD-Cloud 1:00 p.m.
- ☘ RVD-Republic & RVD-Washington 2:00 p.m.

The **last time for check-in will be 2:30 p.m.** Youth will **NOT** be allowed to participate if they check-in after this time.

### Fair Shoot

To participate in the Fair Shoot, each 4-H'er must complete THREE regular practice shoots in each discipline before the Fair Shoot. If this requirement is not met, youth may still participate in the Fair Shoot but will be dropped one ribbon place per discipline in which the three-practice shoot requirement is not met.

Once they have completed their requirements, youth may choose either of the following two dates as their Fair Shoot. Youth are NOT able to complete a practice shoot and the Fair Shoot on the same day. Once the youth has completed their Fair Shoot, they are NOT able to reshoot.

- ☘ Sunday, April 28, 2024 Fair Shoot #1 OR Practice Shoot
- ☘ Sunday, May 5, 2024 Fair Shoot #2

### County Champions

Results from the Fair Shoot will be displayed at your local county fair. In order to be eligible to be a county champion, 4-H'ers must participate in the following throughout the year and at the Fair Shoot:

- ☘ Seniors (14-18 4-H age) must do four out of five disciplines.
- ☘ Juniors (8-13 4-H age) must do three out of five disciplines.

If a 4-H'er chooses to do all disciplines at the Fair Shoot, only their top scores will be used. The lowest discipline score(s) will be dropped. (*Example:* A 10-year-old 4-H'er competes in all five disciplines. They do best at Archery, Shot Gun, and BB Gun. These three scores are used to calculate their overall score. Their two lowest scores are not used to calculate their overall score for County Champion consideration.)

### Weather

If we have to cancel a shoot due to weather, we will send out a "Remind" group text message, it will be located on our River Valley District 4-H Page and you will also receive an email by 9 a.m. the day of practice. If you hear of a cancellation, please help us by contacting fellow 4-H members with the news!

- ☘ Sunday, March 10, 2024 Possible Weather Make-Up Date

### Fees

Shooting Sports fees help cover the expenses of materials, instructor training, etc. The total cost due per 4-H member will depend on which disciplines the 4-H'er is participating in. If they want to participate in all disciplines (except Trap), the total cost due is \$55. All fees **MUST** be paid prior to youth participating in their first shoot.

- ☘ \$15 for the combination of Archery, BB, and Air Rifle
- ☘ \$15 for Small Bore Rifle (22)
- ☘ \$25 for Shotgun
- ☘ \$30 for Trap Team

**NOTE:** As inflation has risen in the last year, bullets, equipment, and repairs have increased and the Shooting Sports team needs to keep those costs in mind when providing this project area to the River Valley District 4-H.

