

Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program

2012 Air Pistol Postal League Event Information

Registration via <https://texas.4honline.com>

Registration Deadline: December 16, 2011

Fees: \$10.00 per entry, payable by credit card or e-check

Score Return Deadline: May 1, 2012. NEW for 2012: All scoring will be done by coaches or designated person(s) assigned by coaches. **All scores will be submitted online. DO NOT MAIL TARGETS TO THE STATE OFFICE.** Detailed instructions for score submissions will be distributed and posted prior to match start dates.

*NOTE: **No** target labels will be mailed to participants/coaches.

Rules and Regulations

Eligibility: All 4-H members enrolled for the 2011-2012 year are eligible to participate in the Air Pistol Postal League. Note that otherwise eligible participants who are members of a military or collegiate team receiving coaching are not eligible for this event.

Age Divisions: Participants will compete in four age divisions with their ages determined on August 31, 2010. The current standards for Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1, and Senior 2 age classes are:

Junior: 9 (or 8 and in the 3rd grade) – 10

Intermediate: 11-13

Senior 1: 14-15

Senior 2: 16-18

Match Dates: December 17, 2011 until April 13, 2012

Match Type: Individual competition only.

General Rules: 4-H Air Pistol Rules apply.

Pistols: Any safe .177 caliber air pistol may be used.

Sights: Metallic sights or their equivalent only

Firing Distance: 10 meters or 33 feet

Courses of Fire: Each contestant will shoot four (4) matches during the course of the league.

- Juniors will fire four (4) ten shot matches for a total of 40 shots, firing on three record bulls per match and distributing the shots so two record bulls receive 3 shots and the third bull receives 4 shots. The sighter bull should be outlined to avoid any confusion on the part of the scorers.
- Intermediates will fire four (4) twenty shot matches for a total of 80 shots (5 shots per bull).
- Senior 1 and Senior 2 participants will fire four (4) thirty shot matches for a total of 120 shots (5 shots per bull, two targets per match).

Time Limits: To accommodate mixed age groups on the firing line, time limits will be the same for all age groups. A five (5) minute period is allowed for unlimited sighter shots on an appropriately marked target or bull. After a one (1) minute pause, each shooter will have thirty (30) minutes to fire their stage of 10, 20, or 30 shots. If age classes are separated into different relays (recommended), allowing one minute per record shot will help prepare your shooters for shoulder to shoulder events.

Shooting Positions: Each age class will use a prescribed shooting position:

- Juniors will shoot from a supported two-handed position at the bench using a sandbag or equivalent. Note that only the butt of the gun and/or the hands may be in contact with the sandbag. The arms may not touch the rest or any surface above the wrist.
- Intermediates will shoot from a two-handed standing position.
- Senior 1 and Senior 2 participants will fire from the standard one-handed standing position.

Targets: NRA B-40 10 meter Air Pistol Targets or their equivalent will be used. Either single bull or four bull targets are permitted as long as each match is clearly identified, dated, or signed by the shooter and range official.

Scoring: The use of official scoring devices is strongly urged for determining true values of close shots. Scoring conventions are clearly outlined and illustrated in the NRA Pistol Rule Books. If you have questions, please ask before scoring targets. Note that any shot determined by the use of a scoring gauge should be marked with a "p" indicating the use of the gauge and an "+" or "-" to indicate whether the shot went gained or lost point value. Such shots may not be challenged except for errors in recording the score. E.g. If a shot is clearly either a 9 or 10 and it is marked "8p," there is clearly an error in the recording, not the scoring per se. Review should be requested and the score recorded appropriately. No pellet hole may be "re-plugged."

Awards: All contestants completing the match will receive an air pistol postal league patch. High individuals in each age division and Lewis Class (if applicable) will receive additional awards based upon the number of entries in that age division as outlined

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below. The maximum number of awards in the A Class will be five, entries permitting. Note that any shooting wishing to compete for A Class awards only may so designate by checking the "opt out" box on the entry form. All others will be classified using standard Lewis classification methods. Award numbers are based upon entry numbers (not completion numbers) as follows. Note that single entry divisions will not have awards.

2 entries – 1 award	28-36 entries – 6 awards	76-85 entries – 11 awards
3-6 entries – 2 awards	37-45 entries – 7 awards	86-95 entries – 12 awards
7-11 entries – 3 awards	46-54 entries – 8 awards	96-105 entries – 13 awards
12-18 entries – 4 awards	55-65 entries – 9 awards	106-115 entries – 14 awards
19-27 entries – 5 awards	66-75 entries – 10 awards	116-125 entries – 15 awards

Basic Instructions:

- Complete registration for participants at <https://texas.4honline.com>
- Fire the four matches by April 13, 2012.
- Submit scores online. Please see "Score Submission Instructions" document for details.

Questions about this event may be addressed to the State 4-H Natural Resources Office at (979) 845-1214.

