

Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program

2012 Archery 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 Archery 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 five age divisions with their ages determined on August 31, 2010.

First Year: Only Juniors new to archery and competing for the first time.

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 Archery Rules apply.

Equipment Divisions:

- **Bare Bow:** Participants may use any bow not equipped with sights or bowmarks
- **Recurve:** Participants may use a recurve bow equipped with a single sighting device. This includes both single pin adjustable sights and multiple pin, hunting style sights, but does not permit either string peeps or string marks used as a rear sight. Mechanical release aids are permitted only if medical disabilities prevent the participant from using their fingers to draw and release the bow.

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- **Compound:** Participants may use a bow equipped with any equipment by FITA rules. No shooter may draw with the arrow pointed significantly above the line of flight to the target. This is particularly important with those using mechanical release aids.

Maximum Draw Weight: 60 pounds (if local backstops are adequate) Blind or grossly visually impaired shooters may use a sighting device that projects a spot on the target and direct or radio contact with a sighted person to assist them in aligning their bow with the target.

Courses of Fire: Each contestant will shoot four (4) matches during the time period allotted. No more than one match may be fired any given week, and all shooting must be witnessed by a minimum of two witnesses other than the shooter. Each match will consist of the following courses of fire:

- Juniors (including first year): two ends of 6 arrows each at both 20 and 30 feet (24 arrows total)
- Intermediates: three ends of 6 arrows each at both 30 and 45 feet (36 arrows)
- Senior 1 and Senior 2: four ends of 6 arrows each at both 45 and 59 feet

Time Limits: Participants will be allowed 4 minutes for each end of 6 arrows.

Targets: Official 40 cm, five-color targets will be used for the competition using a 10-1 scoring system from the inner gold ring to the outer white ring.

Scoring: Targets are to be scored by the range master or his/her appointee. A minimum of two scorecards should be kept for each end, with the scores and totals for each shooter being verified before any arrow is touched or removed from the target. Arrows will be scored as they rest in the target, with the highest scoring area touched by the arrow being counted. Lines separating scoring areas are part of the higher scoring area. Pass-throughs or bounce-outs will be scored by the locations of the holes in the target if that location can be determined. All holes should be marked after each end to facilitate such scoring. Any question of scoring should be resolved before any arrow is touched or removed from the target. The number of hits of each value, i.e. 10's, 9's,...1's, and total hits must be recorded for each end.

Awards: All contestants completing the match will receive a Texas 4-H Archery Postal League patch. Any participant wishing not to be considered for Lewis Classes may opt out by checking the A Only box on the entry in 4-H Connect. Once awards have been determined for the top class, Lewis Class awards will be generated based on the number of entries in that shooting class. No more than 5 awards will be given in the A Class. Divisions with a single entry will not receive an award, but those with greater than one will receive awards according to the schedule below.

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2 entries – 1 award	46 entries – 8 awards
3 entries – 2 awards	55 entries – 9 awards
7 entries – 3 awards	64 entries – 10 awards
12 entries – 4 awards	73 entries – 11 awards
19 entries – 5 awards	82 entries – 12 awards
28 entries – 6 awards	91 entries – 13 awards
37 entries – 7 awards	100 entries – 14 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.

