

Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program

2012 Smallbore 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 Smallbore 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, 2011. 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 Pistol Rules apply.

Pistols: Any pistol (single shot or semi-automatic) or revolver using the .22 caliber rimfire cartridge (having a total length not more than 1.1 inches and a lead or alloy bullet no more than .23 inches in diameter and weighing not more than 40 grains) with a barrel length, including cylinder, of not more than 10 inches, sight radius of no more than 10 inches, trigger pull of at least 2 pounds, and functional safety features may be used.

Sights: Any sights, including telescopic sights, may be used with the exception of sights that project an image on the target or operate the firing mechanism.

Firing Distance: 50 feet

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

- Juniors will fire four (4) ten shot matches for a total of 40 shots.
- Intermediates will fire four (4) twenty shot matches for a total of 80.
- Senior 1 and Senior 2 participants will fire four (4) thirty shot matches for a total of 120 shots.

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.

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 shoot from the standard one-handed standing position.

Targets: NRA B-2 50 foot Pistol Targets.

Scoring: Refer to Rule 14 in the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Pistol Rules. A coach or appointed leaders will score each target, assigning proper point values for hits on the record bulls. Coaches will maintain their own club's scores and submit them at the completion of the event.

Awards: All contestants completing the match will receive a Smallbore 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 below. The maximum number of awards in the A Class will be five, entries permitting. Note that any shooter 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.

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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.

