

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program 2008 Three-Position Smallbore Rifle Postal League

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program is sponsoring the twenty-seventh annual 3-Position Smallbore Rifle Postal League for 2008. The enclosed rules, regulations and registrations forms are self-explanatory.

Eligibility: All 4-H members registered in 4-H Shooting Sports or Field and Stream and between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the 3rd grade) and 18 on August 31, 2007 are eligible to participate in the 2008 league.

Age Divisions: Three age divisions will be used and both prone and 3-P positions for juniors will be used.

Junior (prone) - **P** - eligible shooters between 9 (or 8 and in the 3rd grade) and 10 - **prone only**

Junior (3-P) - **J** - electing to shoot the **3-position quarter course of fire**

Intermediate - **I** - eligible shooters 11 - 13

Seniors - **S1** - eligible shooters between 14 and 15

- **S2** - eligible shooters between 16 and 18

Note: Shooters may elect to "shoot up" to a higher age class with CEA/coach concurrence.

Entries: Volunteers or County Extension staff may complete the entry forms, listing the names of all contestants and keeping a copy of each form for their records. The original copy should be sent to the Texas 4-H Foundation, PO Box 11020, College Station, TX 77842-1020 prior to December 7, 2007. Please type or print clearly and verify all spellings. We use your forms to construct the final match bulletin. .

Entry Deadline: December 7, 2007

Match Fees: The entry fee is \$6.00 per contestant. Entry forms posted after December 7, 2007 should include an additional \$5.00 late fee for each shooter being registered on that late registration. Enclose **one check** for the entire entry fee payable to the **TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION - memo 4-H Shooting Sports**.

Match Type: Individual competition only

General Rules: Rules for the match follow official 4-H Smallbore Rifle Rules based upon the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules. Coaches should obtain a copy of those rules for reference. 4-H rules supercede NRA rules where conflicts may occur.

Rifle: Any safe .22 rimfire rifle equipped with any safe trigger may be used.

Sights: Metallic sights only.

Firing Distance: 50 feet (indoor or outdoor).

Courses of Fire:

Juniors will fire three (3) thirty-shot matches, prone or 3-P as they have registered. If they have elected to shoot the quarter course 3-P match, they will fire 10 shots each in prone, standing and kneeling in that order.

Intermediates will fire a quarter course match - 10 shots each prone, standing and kneeling in that order.

Seniors (both S1 and S2) will fire three (3) half-course matches consisting of 20 shots record shots each prone, standing and kneeling, in that order.

Shooters electing to "shoot up" to a higher age classification must declare that intent on the enrollment form and fire the appropriate course of fire for the higher level. They will be placed with the selected age group.

Time Limits: Time limits for each stage are allotted separately as follows:

Prone - one (1) minute per record shot

Standing - two (2) minutes per record shot

Kneeling - one and one-half (1½) minutes per record shot.

If **targets are posted for each stage**, a minimum of five (5) minutes shall be provided for each position change. Times are cumulative within the stage only, thus remaining time from one position may not be

carried over to the next one. If **all targets are posted at the same time**, a running time of 45 minutes for Juniors and Intermediates and 90 minutes for seniors may be used.

Shooting Positions: All shooters will fire from the conventional prone, standing and kneeling positions, but sub-juniors may elect to fire from the prone position only.

Sighters: Unlimited sighter shoots may be fired within the allotted firing time in each position. If the first sighting shot falls outside the guard ring on the sighter bulls, it must be initialed by the coach and designated as a sighter shot. Additional sighters outside the guard ring will be counted as record shots.

Targets: Official targets will be sent to the registered shooters, and all official targets for this event (shot or unshot) must be returned to the Texas 4-H Office.

Scoring Targets: All targets will be scored by official scorers upon receipt in the Texas 4-H Office. Targets will be returned after the final results are posted if requested by the coach or CEA when they are submitted. **DO NOT** score targets or use any scoring gauge on them prior to their submission. Such targets or they will be **disqualified**.

Submitting Targets: As soon as the third match is complete, the County Extension Agent or leader-coach must securely package all targets, including those not used, and return them to: the Texas 4-H Office, Attn. Janice Mohr, 7607 Eastmark Drive, Ste 101, College Station, TX 77840.

Submission Deadline: Unless prior authorization has been obtained, ALL targets must be returned **on or before 12 May 2008**. Extenuating circumstances **may** permit a slight delay if pre-approved. **Early return of complete sets of targets will be appreciated!**

Awards: Each participant completing the match will receive a Smallbore Postal League Patch. In addition, awards will be presented to the top individual shooters in each age division and class based upon the number of entries in that division, as illustrated below. Shooters who wish to opt out of the Lewis Class system and shoot only for top gun awards may do so by checking the "A Only" box on their entry. Awards in the A Class will be limited to 5 per division with the remaining awards being allocated to the Lewis classes. No division with a single shooter representing that class will be provided with an award. Award numbers based on entries are as follows:

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

Additional awards for each additional 10 shooters

Registration Instructions

1. Type or print the names of all shooters clearly on the entry form. Keep a copy for your records.
2. Return the original form to: **Texas 4-H Foundation, PO Box 11020, College Station, TX 77842-1020** with your enclosed check for the registration fees payable to the **Texas 4-H Foundation - memo 4-H Shooting Sports**.
3. Fire three (3) matches anytime between **January 1 and April 30, 2008**.
4. Return all official targets, whether used or not, on or **before May 12, 2008**, to:
Texas 4-H Office, Attention Janice Mohr at the address listed above,
5. Note that official targets must be used as identified by their labels.

