

### 2026 Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match

**Mercedes Location: March 12**

Rio Grande Valley Rodeo Arena  
1000 North Texas  
Mercedes TX 78570

Registration via 4-H Connect **AND** through the RGV  
website:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=RGVLS&f=2024\\_Youth\\_Archery\\_Division.pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=RGVLS&f=2024_Youth_Archery_Division.pdf)

**Monahans Location: March 27-28**

Monahans Convention Center  
1525 Monahans Parkway  
Monahans, TX 79756

Registration via 4-H Connect: January 24-March 1

**Bay City Location: March 20-21**

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association  
4511 FM 2668 (Nichols Road)  
Bay City TX 77414

(3 ½ miles south of Highway 35 on FM 2668)

Registration via 4-H Connect: January 24-March 1

**Graham Location: March 13-14**

Young County Arena  
120 Barclay Blvd  
Graham TX 76450

Registration via 4-H Connect: January 24- March 1

**CLAUDE Location: March 20-21**

Armstrong County Activities Bldg.  
901 Hurley Ave.  
Claude, Texas 79019

Registration via 4-H Online: January 24 – March 1

**Carthage Location: March 27-28**

Carthage EXPO Center  
# 2 Ballpark Road  
Carthage, TX 75633

Registration via 4-H Connect: January 24- March 1

**Eligibility:** Participation in the State 4-H Indoor Archery Match is open to all Texas 4-H'ers that are enrolled in the Shooting Sports project for the current year. 4-H'ers must be under the supervision of the 4-H Certified archery coach that is listed on the registration document.

The 2026 Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match will be held in six separate locations to accommodate 4-H archers across the state. Archers may shoot at any location but must choose only one and will compete for placings among all archers in all locations. Scores from all locations will be combined upon the completion of the last match to determine overall results. Archers may choose from the flight times offered at each location and will indicate their choice on their registration. Each flight will allow a maximum number of archers (Amarillo: 40 per flight; Bay City: 40 per flight; Graham: 60 per flight; Fort Stockton: 30 per flight; Carthage: 30 per flight). The registration will control that limit on a first-come-first-served-basis with each flight becoming unavailable once the flight is full. **There will be no on-site registration or payment of any kind allowed at the events. Flights may not be added on-site, however withdrawals will be accepted.**

## NOTE:

If you choose to shoot the Texas State 4-H Indoor archery match in Mercedes, you **MUST** register for the Rio Grande Valley Stock Show also. For information on the RGV show, go to:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=RGVLS&f=2023\\_Youth\\_Archery\\_Division.pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=RGVLS&f=2023_Youth_Archery_Division.pdf)

To register for the RGV archery match, go to: <https://valley.fairwire.com/>

**DEADLINE to register for the RGVLS archery match is February 15, 2026.**

**Flights:** All flights are approximately 4 hours in length. **Arrive promptly at check-in time prior to the appropriate flight to go through equipment check, and mandatory orientation.**

- Friday Evening, 5:00 p.m. check-in, Orientation begins at 5:30 p.m. Shooting begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday Morning, 7 a.m. check-in, Shooting begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Saturday Afternoon, 12:30 PM check-in, Shooting begins as close to 1:00 p.m. as possible.

For the Mercedes shoot schedule and start times, see the Rio Grande Valley Stock Show website:

**Registration:** Due to limited numbers of archers in each flight, it is recommended to register as soon as registration opens. Flights will close when the maximum limit of archers is reached on the registration process. Registration will be conducted by each individual shooter on 4-H Connect; (<https://texas.4honline.com>). **There will be no on-site registration or payment of any kind allowed at the events. Flights may NOT be added on-site, however withdrawals will be accepted.** Any actively enrolled 4-H member is eligible to participate (with county/club approval). **There are NO guarantees that you will be able to change shooting times after you have registered.**

### Registration Dates:

Mercedes: TBD

Monahans: January 24-March 1

Graham: January 24- March 1

Bay City: January 24- March 1

Amarillo: January 24- March 1

Carthage: January 24- March 1

Registration Fees: \$45 Registration + \$5 Target Fee\* = \$50 Total Fee per Equipment Class Entry (maximum of **TWO** classes per individual, **participants may NOT repeat the same equipment class**)

\*Target Fee: this fee will be collected for the specific purpose of aiding in covering the costs of maintenance, repair, and replacement of the large number of target backs necessary to hold this event. Target Fees collected will only be used for this purpose.

## Age Divisions:

1. Age Requirements

Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

- Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2026)
- Special education youth who are older than 19 and have not graduated from high school may participate in 4-H Youth Development programs as members, with approval by the county Extension agent. Participation is limited to the club or county level. County Extension staff have the option, on a case-by-case basis, to allow Special Education youth older than 19 to participate in competitive events at the club or county level.

## 2. Texas 4-H Member Categories

- **Junior:** Grades 3, 4, and 5
- **Intermediate:** Grades 6, 7, and 8
- **Senior:** Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

- ❖ Each age division will have a 'First Year' class open to anyone within the division that is new to archery (in their first year) and a first time shooter in this event. The 'First Year' class is for entry level archers. Entry in the 'First Year' class is optional. If this option is taken, the archer will be classified as a 'First Year' archer for every equipment class in which they register. ONLY first year juniors will shoot at 9 Meters. NOTE: the Mercedes event DOES NOT have a 9 meter line. All shooters will shoot 18 meters in Mercedes.

**Course of Fire:** The match consists of standard FITA (Federation of International Target Archery) targets (9 meter or 18 meter indoor rounds).



- ❖ The 9 meter course will be set up for the Junior 'First Year' class ONLY and will consist of 10 ends of 3 arrows each (30 arrows total; 300 points possible). NOTE: the Mercedes event DOES NOT have a 9 meter line. All shooters will shoot 18 meters.

The 18 meter course will be set up for all age divisions Junior through Sr. and 'First Year' classes within Intermediate, and Sr. and will consist of 20 ends of 3 arrows each (60 arrows total; 600 points possible). There will be a brief break between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ends.

**NEW:** NO "Back Quivers" will be allowed on the shooting line.

**Targets:** Recurve, Barebow, and NASP archers will compete on the 60 cm FITA face and all compound archers will compete on the 40 cm FITA face. The use of 3 Spot targets is the option of the shooter and must be declared with enough time to provide the appropriate target on the range.

**Equipment Classes:** Barebow, Recurve, Compound Aided, Compound Unaided, and NASP (National Archery in Schools Program). Archers may register in up to two equipment classes if they so choose.

- Bare Bow (longbow or recurve) – Bows may not be equipped with sights or sighting marks. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Kissers buttons are not permitted; cushion plungers are not permitted.
- Recurve – Bows may be equipped with a single sighting device, single pin, multiple pin, or hunting style sights; may not be equipped with string peeps or string marks for rear sights. Mechanical release aids are not permitted.

- Compound Aided – Bows may be equipped with magnified sights and stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are permitted. Bows MAY NOT be equipped with any electronic devices.
- Compound Unaided – Bows may not be equipped with magnified sights or stabilizers. Bows may be equipped with single pin or multiple pin sights. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Kissers and string peeps are not permitted.
- NASP – Genesis bows with no sights or sighting marks and no stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Shooters must follow 4-H age divisions and match rules. Original Genesis bows only. No “Genesis Mini’s”, or “Genesis Pros”. Only Easton 1820 30” arrows are allowed in this class. This class is utilizing NASP equipment only.

It is strongly recommended that archers choosing to enter more than one equipment class shoot them on separate days if possible. (not open to Mercedes competitors...all competitors will shoot at one time only; one bowclass only.)

**Scoring:** THE STATE 4-H INDOOR ARCHERY MATCH UTILIZES THE “DOUBLE SCORING SYSTEM”. Targets are to be scored by the shooters only, with assistance from the range officials if necessary. 2 sets of scorecards will be provided. Two archers will be Scorers for the entire 60 arrows each, scoring one set of scorecards. One archer will be the Target Captain and will call all scores. All scores will be verified after each scoring end. Scores and totals should be verified by each shooter before arrows are touched or removed from the target. Any question of scoring should be resolved before any arrow is touched or removed from the target. At the completion of the match, Scorecards must be signed by the archer and BOTH scorers. Once the scorecard is signed, the archer (shooter) is acknowledging that the score is valid. In the compound Aided division, we will NOT use the “inner 10”, but “X’s” should be marked.

**Coaching:** Remember, there is no coaching allowed when archers are on the line.

**Awards:** The results from each location will be compiled into one awards posting which will be posted on the Texas 4-H Facebook page: (<http://www.facebook.com/tx4hnaturalresources>), and webpage (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports/events>). Awards will be given for 1st through 3rd in each age division, including ‘First Year’, in each equipment class. Results may not be available for any flight or event until the Match is complete and scores are compiled. Results will only be available via online postings.

**Adult Representation:** All shooters at this event must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for the 4-H shooter. The responsible adult must be present during the time the 4-H shooter is actively shooting.

**Dress Code:** All shooters must wear closed toed shoes and shirts must have sleeves. All other standard 4-H Dress Code rules apply.

**Match Shirts: On-site shirt sales only!** Rocking M Event Apparel will be offering Indoor Archery Match shirts and other items in a variety of customizable styles and colors for purchase on-site. No pre-orders.

