

2021 4-H State Shooting Sports Match Participant Requirements



All Disciplines

Age Requirement – Contestant must have already passed his/her 8th birthday, and may not have passed his/her 19th birthday as of January 1 of the year (2021). Minimum age for state match participation is listed below. You must be enrolled in 4-H.

	<u>Minimum Age:</u>	<u>Age Divisions</u>
For firearms:	11 years old	Junior (11-13) Senior (14-18)
For archery and air rifle:	8 years old	Beg. (8-10) Jr. (11-13) Senior (14-18)

All participants are to be trained in safety, range procedures and the match before state competition.

Registration will be up on the 4-H Online system is open for the 4-H Archery State Outdoor Championships at the North Dakota 4-H Camp near Washburn. Age division is their age as of January 1, 2021. You can register online through 4hOnline. Registration closes on May 10. You can access 4-H Online by going to www.ndsu.edu/4h, then selecting **Register for an Event**. Senior freestyle is assigned their times below.

Saturday Times: (May 15)

3-D	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30AM	12:30 PM	1:30 PM
Juniors Only FITA		11:45 PM	12:45 PM	1:45 PM	

Senior freestyle recurve or compound archers are required to shoot events at these times: FITA: Saturday at 9:30 am. Field Archery Saturday noon, and 3-D at 2:00 pm

Beginner and junior youth are expected have a chaperone with them on the archery course. We require this for safety. Beginners can be coached at any time but not to cause excessive delays for following groups. This should not be their first time shooting a bow. Juniors can be coached after the shot.

Events:

Beginner/Junior Archers:

•**3-D Archery:** 30 targets – one arrow at each. Score 10, 8, 6, 5. Zero score for hoofs, horns, or non-animal part. Course is age-adjusted for beginners 25 yards and juniors 35 yards maximum distance. Beginner and junior bare bow will shoot on the beginner course. Senior bare bow will shoot on the junior course. This is the official state match for juniors and beginners. Course is marked with division flags: white-beginner, orange-junior, stake-senior.

•**FITA:** Junior match will be three ends of five arrows each at 20 and 30 meters at 10 ring 80 cm. face. 30 total arrows for the match. **THIS MATCH IS IN METERS.** Score rings 1-10

Senior and Masters Freestyle Only:

•**3-D Archery:** (All Archers) 30 targets – one arrow at each. Score 11, 10, 8, 6. Zero for horns, hoof, or non-animal part. Unmarked distances limited to maximum of 50 yards for senior FS.

•**Field Archery:** Match will be 10 targets with identified distances. Archers will shoot four arrows at each target at ranging from 5 to 50 yards distance. Target faces vary from 20 cm to 50 cm. 40arrows total for this match.

- World Federation (FITA):** Match will be two ends of five arrows each at 60 & 50 meters at 10ring 120 cm. face and two ends of five arrows each from 40 & 30 meters at 10 ring 80 cm. face.40 total arrows for the match. **THIS MATCH IS IN METERS** and distances are marked.

- Cost is \$15 for beginners, juniors, seniors and masters

All senior freestyle and masters to shoot in the events and times reserved for the senior flight. You are not required to shoot all three events unless trying to qualify for the 4-H National Championships.

National Qualifying Seniors must complete the course without adult supervision in mixed county groups. We are following National 4-H Policy. **Phones off on the range.** Parents may watch FITA and field archery but are not allowed to talk, phone, aid or interfere with senior participants during their matches unless approval from the range officer. Parents are not allowed on the archery ranges during senior competition. There will be no warnings before dismissal. No rangefinders for any age on 3-D course.

Awards:

Beginner awards will be top team plaques with medals for 2nd and 3rd place teams in 3-D. Top five individual medals are awarded.

The state junior awards are for the 3-D competition. There will be top team plaques with medals for 2nd and 3rd place teams in both bow divisions. The top five individual awards will be medals. **FITA** awarded for top five archers in both bow divisions with medals.

State Championship Senior team archery awards will be state archery champion plaques, 2nd, and 3rd place team medals and top 5 individual medal awards for overall scoring combined in FITA, field archery, and 3-D Scores. Masters will receive plaques for top 3-5 individuals based on the number that participate.

Teams:

Teams will be sorted by county with minimum of three members in an age/bow division. If your county does not have enough members for a team, you may request to join another. **Please request to combine teams before the close of registration deadline to me.** For event questions contact:

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Team Restrictions:

A team may only participate in one age division of same age or older. A member can only participate on one team of the same discipline. They may compete in any disciplines they are eligible for. Masters level are youth who have qualified for the national match. Masters can shoot in matches but cannot advance to nationals a second time in the same discipline. They are not computed into official match state competition.

Team Composition:

The first team is made by computing the highest four county individual scores. The highest three scores per discipline or category will count toward the team score. Counties cannot add to their team if they have three members. Teams comprised of multicounty members are not permitted for purposes of team improvement. Teams must be approved by the tournament director before the competition.

Individual participation:

Individuals are eligible for individual recognition and awards. A younger shooter who competes on a higher age division team will be placed in the appropriate age division for individual results.

Required:

Instructors or parents should examine shooting sports equipment before coming to the match for wear or repair. This year the shooter will complete the safety check in front of the range officer. The range officer should not need to handle your equipment.

Medical Consent Form & Adult Supervision – Coaches or others transporting youth need to have in their possession medical health forms. Youth attending with their parents do not need to have in possession health forms. Youth health/medical release forms are required to be with the coach at the time of check in at any North Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Match. Waiver and Assumption of Risk forms must be filed at the local county office. **All volunteers accompanying the team must also have completed health forms.** Range officers or other event staff at any shooting event must have immediate access to these forms any time youth are participating in an event. (See 4-H Shooting Sports Risk Management Handbook)

COVID Accommodations:

We are all aware of the voluntary choice to participate in this activity. North Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Program will make reasonable accommodations to protect participants but cannot guarantee against being exposed to the virus. We will be honoring face covering and social distancing to ensure a safe and healthy match in adherence to state and federal recommendations. 4-H has a responsibility to follow state, national and university guidance and values the fourth H – Health to better living, as part of its pledge and creed, for the benefit of the individual and the community where the 4-H program is conducted. This will take place in an outdoor setting so some restrictions may be modified.

1. Safety, Health, & PPE Requirements

- a. **IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER ARE SICK FOR ANY REASON - PLEASE STAY HOME!**
- b. **YOU MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING WHILE PARTICIPATING AT STATE 4-H Championships and ADHERE TO CURRENT SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES while on the premises in indoor gatherings.**
- c. This is an outdoor setting so archers are to be aware of social distancing. Coaches and parents will limit time on the range with minimum number to follow each archer. There will be locations at the FITA and field archery for spectators. 3-D seniors can not have accompanying adults.
- d. It is expected that all participants bring their own water supply and snacks.
- e. We encourage limiting spectators. It is expected that you will not mingle with other groups without following social distance guidelines.
- f. We are required to inform everyone that “NDSU Extension works with university officials responsible for monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic situation

and determining guidelines this event will follow. Participation in face-to-face activities poses an unknown level of risk for participants. Conditions associated with the pandemic may result in postponement or cancellation of the activity.”

Arrival and Departure Procedures:

- a. Families should plan to arrive 20 minutes before your flight starts, go to the check in and range area until **15 minutes before your flight**, bringing all necessary equipment with you. There will be target assignments and other directions at that time.
- b. When archers have completed the match, score cards with your signature and your partner signature are turned in to the scoring table.
- c. The site will not be able to accommodate socializing indoors this year. Everyone will observe a six-foot distance while at the camp.

All other North Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports rules remain in effect in addition to these social distancing guidelines.

Dress Code:

Participants are expected to dress according to state participation safety requirements and wear a 4-H Shooting Sports T shirt and closed toed shoes. We will hand out 4-H T shirts that can be worn during the competition.

Tips for 2019 Archery Match at 4-H Camp



1. You must go through check in and bow inspection before your shooting time.
2. You must attend the range orientation 15 minutes before your flight time.
3. Sight your bow in at home and check it for issues before packing. Bring extra arrows!!!!!!
4. A small backpack with a water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray.
5. Magnification for sights is legal for freestyle.
6. You may glass the target before shooting but cannot discuss the distance on the 3-D range.
7. Always move in the direction of the course target numbers so we have a flow of traffic that does not create a safety hazard. Shooters must stay on the course trails and do not deviate from the planned route due to safety and poison ivy.
8. The shooting flag is age coded by colors and wooden stake is senior freestyle shooting spot.
9. You must shoot within six inches of the flag and not in front of it.
10. Always read the wooden stakes in case there is shot instructions on it.
11. You can ask to have other participant's arrows removed if they bother your shot.
12. Do not skip targets. There is a 2 minute time limit to shoot and 2 minute limit to look for lost arrows.

13. If you have a mixed age group of shooters, the beginners go first, the juniors second, and seniors last.
14. Always be sure of what is in the background of the target especially people.
15. You may ask to pass a team who may be slower at shooting.
16. For younger youth, adults should carry arrows between targets if there are no hip quivers.
17. Adults may coach beginner teams on shooting and distances. Adults may coach juniors after an individual shooting station has been completed. **Adults will not discuss anything with Senior teams until the match has been completed.** Eye or hand signals included.
18. Mixed age team individuals must shoot at the level of the oldest member's division and awarded same.
19. You cannot have mixed bow division teams.
20. A bounce off of the 3-D target is 5 points. Horns/hoofs = 0. FITA and field archery are re-shot.
21. Everyone must agree on scores before the arrows are pulled. Call 701-640-5103 or range officer.
22. **All beginner and junior bare bow shoot from the beginner white flag. All junior fs, senior bare bow and recurve shoot on the junior orange/red flags. (3-D) Senior freestyle** are wooden staked.
23. You can turn in your scores in at the check in table as soon as you are done. Cards must be signed. Scores are final once the cards are signed.
24. Once shooting is completed, participants must case or put away their bows. We suggest you put them away so they are not forgotten.