

2024 Weston County Shooting Sports Guidelines

Objective: The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program focuses on Youth learning the safe and responsible use of firearms, marksmanship, and the principles of each shooting discipline.

1. 4-H REQUIREMENTS-

- a. Youth must have ACTIVE status in ZSuite
- b. Must be signed up for practice times – Registration Form link sent via email on November 29th with a deadline of December 13th

2. AGE DIVISIONS - ages as of 12/31/2023

- a. Junior- 8 to 10 years
- b. Intermediates- 11-13 years
- c. Senior 14-18 years

3. SAFETY AND RANGE COMMANDS:

- a. Appropriate clothing and shoes as deemed safe by the range commander.
- b. No electronics on the line at any time.
- c. Be respectful of other shooter's space and need for concentration.
- d. No horseplay.
- e. Range Commands must be followed at all times.
- f. Every member must show competency in handling his/her firearm before they are allowed to compete in each different discipline. Leaders will make the final determination on competency.
- g. Shooters must stay at their stations when done shooting each round.
- h. Unsportsmanlike conduct or attitudes will not be tolerated and may be grounds for dismissal from any activity or discipline, including instruction sessions, County Shoot, or State Shoot, as determined by the leader(s) in charge.
- i. All kids need to sign in to be on the line. – This is also the way we can keep track of practices attended IF YOU DO NOT SIGN IN- IT DOES NOT COUNT AS A PRACTICE.
- j. Parent Expectations- Certified leaders only on the shooting line. This is to ensure the safety of our shooters/leaders and reduce congestion on the shooting line.
- k. The shooting sports leaders recommend that parents of participants attend project meetings and contests. No non-shooting sports 4-H members or other children should be left at the shooting practice or meeting site without parental supervision. All children that are not scheduled to be part of the shooting activity must remain under parental supervision at all times.

4. SHOOTING SPORTS PARTICIPATION FEES

- a. Fees must be paid prior to first practice for each discipline at the Extension Office
- b. If a shooter has not paid the participation fee they will not participate in practice
 - i. Air Pistol and Rifle - \$10
 - ii. .22 Pistol and Rifle - \$10
 - iii. Archery - \$10 (if you use county equipment)
 - iv. Shotgun - \$25
 - v. Muzzleloader - \$25

5. PRACTICES, DATES, AND TIMES

- a. Members must be at practice 10 minutes before scheduled time (if you are not there when the line starts your place may be lost).
- b. If a practice must be cancelled due to weather, etc. notification will be posted on Remind, Facebook and an email will be sent. Please make sure you are signed up for the Shooting Sports Remind class so that you are notified of any changes.
 - i. Remind Sign Up:
 - 1. <https://www.remind.com/join/newcss> or
 - 2. text @newcss to the number 81010
 - ii. Facebook
 - 1. <https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H>
- c. Practice schedules will be:
 - i. Sent via email to all who complete the registration.
 - ii. Posted on the Weston County 4-H website on the Shooting Sports page at <https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/4h-youth-development/shooting-sports/>
 - iii. Published in the 4-H Chatter each month.
- d. **NEWCASTLE – see calendar**
 - i. Air Pistol practices will begin on January 8th
 - 1. Line times are at 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, and 6:15 PM
 - ii. Air Rifle practices will begin on January 9th
 - 1. Line times are at 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, and 6:15 PM
 - iii. .22 Pistol will begin on February 19th
 - 1. Line times are at 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, and 6:15 PM
 - iv. .22 Rifle will begin on February 20th
 - 1. Line times are at 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, and 6:15 PM
 - v. Archery will begin on April 7th
 - 1. Line times will be:
 - a. Sundays at 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM
 - b. Mondays at 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM

e. UPTON – see calendar

- i. .22 pistol and rifle practice will begin on January 8th.
 1. Line time is 6:00 PM
- ii. Air pistol and rifle practice will begin on February 19th.
 1. Line time is 6:00 PM
- iii. Archery will begin on April 8th.
 1. Line time is 6:00 PM

f. Shotgun

- i. Practices will be held in both Upton and Newcastle
- ii. Leaders will try to hold practices on nice days this winter. If weather permits and a practice is scheduled, an email and a Remind message will be sent out with as much notice as possible.
- iii. County Shoot date will be determined later in the season and will be sent out via email, Facebook, Remind and the Chatter if possible. County Shoot will be held prior to the Shooting Sports Awards on June 17th.

g. Muzzleloading

- i. Practices will be held in both Upton and Newcastle
- ii. Practice schedule will be announced as soon as it is known; practices usually happen in May and June.
- iii. County Shoot date will be determined later in the season and will be sent out via email, Facebook, Remind and the Chatter if possible. County Shoot will be held prior to the Shooting Sports Awards on June 17th.

6. SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

- a. Weston County 4-H has equipment for all disciplines that the youth can check out to use during the shooting sports season.
- b. At this time, we are lucky enough to have eye and ear protection donated for the youth to use. If something were to change, know that you would have to provide ear and eye protection.
- c. Due to generous grants and the participation fees for each discipline we can provide ammunition and targets at this time.
- d. Equipment can be checked out at the first practice for each discipline and must be returned at the end of that season.

7. COUNTY SHOOT

- a. Must attend 4 practices for each discipline to be eligible for an award.
- b. We will discuss the possibility of a makeup time due to equipment failure or family emergency for all county shoots except the 3D Archery Shoot.
- c. If you do not compete at the county shoot for your discipline, you are encouraged to complete a static exhibit for County Fair to complete your shooting sports project.
- d. Air pistol, air rifle, .22 pistol, .22 rifle and Blue Face archery county shoots all happen during the regularly scheduled practice times on the dates listed below.

Newcastle

- i. February 12th – Air Pistol
- ii. February 13th – Air Rifle
- iii. March 25th - .22 Pistol
- iv. March 26th – Air Rifle
- v. May 5th & 6th – Archery Blue Face

Upton

- vi. February 12th – .22 Pistol and Rifle
- vii. March 25th - Air Pistol and Rifle
- viii. May 6th – Archery Blue Face

- ix. May 12th- 3D Archery County Shoot
 1. Upton Outdoor Range if weather cooperates.
 2. Newcastle Four Seasons Indoor Arena if inclement weather

x. TBD – Shotgun

xi. TBD – Muzzleloader

8. AWARDS NIGHT

- a. June 17th, 2024 at 6:30 PM
- b. Weston County Fairgrounds Event Center
- c. Awards are given in each age category

9. STATE SHOOT – JULY 11-14TH, 2024

- a. Must shoot at County Shoot to be eligible to shoot at State Shoot
- b. Held in Douglas, WY
- c. Registration Deadline: June 17th at midnight
- d. Can compete as individuals and can create teams of 4 in each division
- e. Senior Opportunities
 - i. Raton, NM Awards Trip
 1. Twelve winners are selected during the Wyoming 4-H State Shoot based on their outstanding shooting skills. Point values are assigned to senior-aged youth who indicate they would like to qualify for the trip. Points are obtained for up to three disciplines in which they finish in the top ten.
 2. Two winners are selected based on portfolios submitted demonstrating their passion for shooting sports. Portfolio submissions are due to the Wyoming State 4-H Office by Friday July 26th, 2024.
 - ii. National Shooting Sports Qualification
 1. The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships is held each June in Grand Island, Nebraska, at the Heartland Public Shooting Park. The event is hosted by Nebraska 4-H. 4-H youth from across the country will compete in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, .22 rifle, .22 pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading, and hunting skills.
 2. Youth qualify through the Wyoming State Shoot the year prior (the 2023 State Shoot will qualify you for the 2024 National Shoot).

10. VOLUNTEER TRAINING

- a. March 23rd and 24th in Newcastle
- b. Interested parents for leader certification (county and state)
- c. Registration Link:
https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/shooting_sports_certification_weston_county
- d. Registration Deadline: March 11, 2024

2024 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Trainings

The Shooting Sports Training Team will be coming to a county near you! If you are a new shooting sports leader or have reached five years since your last certification, plan to attend one of these certification/training opportunities.



Washakie County, Worland

- Dates - March 9-10, 2024
- [Registration Link: Washakie County](#)

Weston County, Newcastle

- Dates - March 23-24, 2024
- [Registration link: Weston County](#)

Laramie County, Cheyenne

- Dates - April 6-7, 2024
- [Registration link: Laramie County](#)

Uinta County, Evanston

- Dates - April 20-21
- [Registration link: Uinta County](#)

Natrona County, Casper

- Dates - April 27-28
- [Registration link: Natrona County](#)

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date - February 17, 2024, Casper
- Holiday Inn East - 10 am to 3 pm
- [Directions from Douglas](#)
- [Directions from Riverton](#)

You can register using the links above or visit the Wyoming 4-H webpage at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/> then select "Volunteers" and "Additional Trainings."



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Equipment Requirements

1. Equipment for Archery

- a. Bows- Club has a limited number of bows available to try out- find a preference.
- b. Stringers for Traditional bows
- c. All equipment must be cased when entering the building.
- d. Quiver required for all shooters/ No over the shoulder quivers (Limited number of ground quivers are available)
- e. Arm guard required for all Junior shooters (recommended for all) All shooters will need to have their own arm guards.
- f. All shooters will need to have their own gloves/ tabs/ release.
- g. Arrows- Appropriate for bow
- h. NO line cutter arrows or larger diameter than .350 for 3D animals.
- i. NO outsert arrows

2. Equipment for Air Rifle/ Pistol

- a. Rifles and Pistols- Club has equipment that can be used, or you can use your own.
- b. Rifles max velocity is 800 FPS.
- c. Pistols max velocity is 900 FPS.
- d. All equipment must be cased when entering the building.
- e. .177 caliber pellets only (No BB's)
- f. Flat nose or Wad Cutter pellets only
- g. Safety Glasses and ear protection are required for all shooters and anyone on the line.