

2017-2018
Flathead County 4-H Shooting Sports
Postal Tournament

Shooting Sports Leaders,

Here is the information and the rules for the 2017-2018 Flathead County 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle, Pistol and Archery postal tournament.

It is important for every county that has a shooting sports program to be included in this program. 4-H membership **is required** to participate and to receive any awards. **We need to have the names of participating shooters by January 31, 2018.**

It is each counties responsibility to check their members ages as listed on the results sheet (typos have been known to happen). Please make checks out to Flathead County 4-H Shooting Sports (FC4HSS). If you have a question that needs an immediate answer, please call or text (406)253-4303.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact the Match Coordinator:

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PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS OR E-MAIL ADDRESS!!!!!!

Shooting Sports Tournament
P.O. Box 5026
Kalispell, MT 59901
fc4hsspostalmatch@gmail.com

If you need an immediate response, please call or text me at 406-253-4303. I don't check the email, unless I'm working on it.

2017-2018 FLATHEAD COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS POSTAL TOURNAMENT

1. **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

This tournament is open to any member of a Montana shooting sports program. 4-H membership **is required** to participate and receive awards.

2. A very important clarification is that we want and expect coaching for the skill level of the participant! If you have beginning shooters that need lots of coaching on the line, please do that. As they age and mature in their skills, they should not need as much on the line coaching.
3. Targets will be need to be fired during the 10 week period beginning December 4, 2017 and ending February 18, 2018. You can shoot as many or few weeks as desired, however only shoot one set of targets for postal score. (Don't shoot multiple sets of targets and choose the best score for inclusion in the postal match.) The top **six** scores turned in during the tournament will be used to award the winners.
4. There will be five divisions:
 - Sporter Rifle
 - Precision Rifle
 - Pistol
 - Archery
5. All ages of Rifle, Pistol and Archery participants will be as of October 1, 2017.

6. **COSTS AND SENDING IN REGISTRATION**

The cost is **\$10.00** per shooter per discipline. Send registrations and scores to:

Match Coordinator, P.O. Box 5026, Kalispell, MT 59901. The e-mail address is:
fc4hsspostalmatch@gmail.com.

7. **SCORING:**

1. National Standard rules are followed by all disciplines.
2. Targets are to be scored by a Montana Shooting Sports Leader. If you need help scoring a few targets, contact Don Anderson (406-253-6979). All targets need to be kept on file until March 2, 2018. In case of a challenge, contested targets must be sent into the Sponsor for inspection **(otherwise, do not send targets in)**.

SENDING IN SCORES FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

When sending in scores, *please include the County on all correspondance*. This will make looking up information much easier!!!! ***Also, please do not send in the targets!!!!*** I only need the raw scores. It just makes a mess on my desk and if they get lost in the mail, none of us have any way of getting those back. If you feel it is necessary to send scores via e-mail **and** also in the regular mail, please indicate that they have also been sent via the other mail. I had some confusion with this in the past.

Please register the name and age of each shooter. Send the list and registration money to the SPONSOR listed below. **PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 31, 2018.**

SCORES ONLY are to be sent or e-mailed to:

Shooting Sports Tournament
P.O. Box 5026
Kalispell, MT 59901
fc4hsspostalmatch@gmail.com

RIFLE POSTAL RULES:

Rifle shooters will be divided into four classifications:

9-10 year olds
11-12 year olds
13-14 year olds
15-19 year olds

Equipment allowed for rifle competition:

Sporter rifles, mats, kneeling rolls, sling

Targets:

1. **Sporter** – NRA official AR 5/5 (5 bull) targets – 30 shots per week
10 shots – prone; 10 shots – standing; 10 shots – kneeling
2. **Precision** – NRA official AR 5/10 (12 bull including 2 siters) targets –
30 shots per week
10 shots – prone; 10 shots – standing; 10 shots – kneeling

Time Allowed:

Prone – 1 ½ minutes per shot

Standing – 2 minutes per shot

Kneeling – 1 ½ minutes per shot

POSTAL RULES ON AIR PISTOL:

1. Ages:

9-10 – seated using both hands and pistol on a rest

11-12 – seated using both hands

13-14 – standing using both hands

15 and older – standing using one hand

2. Targets:

Pistol – NRA official B40 (5 shots per target) **40 shots per week**

RIFLE AND PISTOL AWARDS:

1. Plaque for first, second and third high point individual in each class and ribbons for high point individuals through 10th place. There will be no team awards given out this year.

ARCHERY POSTAL RULES:

Archery Shooters Age Classifications are:

9-10 year olds

11-12 year olds

13-14 year olds

15-19 year olds

DIVISIONS:

1. Unlimited - (compound, moveable sights or fixed sights and release, stabilizer 12 inches and over.)
2. Bowhunter – (compound, moveable sights or fixed sights and release, stabilizer 12 inches and/or under.)
3. Limited – (compound, fixed sights and fingers.)
4. Barebow – (compound, fingers and no sights.)
5. Primitive – (recurve or longbow, fingers and no sights.)
6. Olympic recurve – (recurve, fingers, sights and stabilizer.)

COURSE OF FIRE: Competition should be as follows

1. FITA 16 inch ten ring targets will be used, but shooters may use a Vegas Three-Spot target.
2. Thirty arrows at 10 meters (10 rounds of 3 arrows, or 5 rounds of 6 arrows) – 300 pts.
3. Shooters may straddle the shooting line. (One foot on each side of line.)

SCORING:

1. For the 10 ring target, score 10x, 10, 9, 8, etc. down to 1.
For the Vegas 3 spot, score 10x, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6.
2. If the arrow touches the target line, the shooter gets the higher score. Misfired arrows can be retrieved if the arrow is within 5 feet of the shooting line.
3. If an arrow bounces out of the target, it may be re-shot.
4. Targets may be used more than once.
5. A shooting sports leader should score targets. If you need help scoring the first few, call Ted Gilbertson.

PARTICIPATION:

1. An archer may participate in more than one division if they want.
2. NO changing of bows after the start of the tournament.

AWARDS:

1. Plaque for first, second and third high point individual in each class and ribbons for high point individuals through 10th place. There will be no team awards given out this year.

Thanks for all your participation and let's have a great tournament!!

Bill Voermans 261-2361

Ted Gilbertson 871-6420

Don Anderson 253-6979

Kristi Davis 253-4303

