

# SHOOTING SPORTS

***PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be BOLDED and ITALICIZED! Pay special attention to any projects with BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.***

The 4-H shooting sports project teaches safe operation of firearms and archery equipment. Six disciplines are offered at the county level: archery, outdoor skills, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. The disciplines offered in Hendricks County depends on the availability of certified 4-H shooting sports instructors to teach the classes, ranges, and equipment.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Shooting Sports			
Division/Level	Grades (suggested)	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Beginner	Grades 3-5	Record Sheet and Attend Safety Meeting for Discipline	1 Entry
Intermediate	Grades 6-8	Record Sheet and Attend Safety Meeting for Discipline	1 Entry
Advanced	Grades 9-12	Record Sheet and Attend Safety Meeting for Discipline	1 Entry
County Fair Tournament		<b>Record Sheet and Attend Safety Meeting for Discipline</b>	N/A

**Remember:** All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use if needed. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

## **GUIDELINES**

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. 4-H members are required to attend one safety meeting annually before participating in live fire discipline meetings.
3. To participate in this project, each 4-H'er is expected to pay a materials fee for each discipline to help cover the cost of award patches, other awards, basic equipment, etc. The instructor will collect the fee at the first discipline session the 4-H'er attends. Fees must be paid or financial arrangements must be made before participating. Financial assistance is available.
4. For safety reasons, all 4-H'ers participating in firearms and/or archery live fires must wear appropriate attire. (Shoes must be fully enclosed, **no orange attire**, no dangling earrings and drawstrings on sweatshirt or jacket, hoods must be tucked in, etc.).
5. Live ammunition is not allowed to be exhibited (no powder or primer). Firearms or ready to shoot bows are not allowed to be exhibited. Unstrung bows are permissible.
6. An arrow with its arrowhead attached must be displayed in a secure case. An arrowhead without the arrow attached must be displayed in a secure case. An arrow may be displayed unsecured if its arrowhead is removed. Modern broadhead arrows are not allowed to be exhibited.
7. Displays involving firearms or bows may be exhibited as a photographic display on a poster or in a notebook following grade level guidelines. Handmade items must include information explaining how the item was made and its intended use. Photos are encouraged.
8. Hendricks County does offer in-person shooting instruction. Disciplines include archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader and pistol. In-person instruction in any of these disciplines are led by 4-H certified instructors. While Hendricks County is able to provide an option to exhibit at the county level related to in-person shooting, there is no state fair exhibit in these specific disciplines.

## **EXHIBIT CLASSES**

### **Beginner: Grades 3-5 (suggested)**

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a shooting sports topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.

### **Intermediate: Grades 6-8 (suggested)**

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a shooting sports topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Another option is to create an item to be used when developing shooting sports skills.

### **Advanced: Grades 9-12 (suggested)**

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a shooting sports topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Another option is to create an item to be used when developing shooting sports skills. Youth can also design and complete an independent study activity.

## **County Fair Tournament**

Depending on the schedule, there is typically a Shooting Sports tournament at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair that utilizes archery, air rifle, and air pistol. More details available at Shooting Sports meetings/programs. Must still meet requirements of completion in order to participate in County Fair Tournament.