

AIR RIFLE Tournament Rules 2010

.177 PELLET AIR RIFLE (Plinker, Sporter, Unlimited, & Precision) 3 Position Tri-County 4-H Statewide Invitational

1. To be eligible to take part in this tournament you must be registered as a WI 4-H Shooting Sports air rifle project member as recognized in your county. A Certified 4-H Air Rifle Leader acknowledgement by signature is required on the registration form.
2. Competitors must be registered and on the shooting line prior to 12:30 PM.
3. **Shooters must shoot with the proper equipment at their assigned times. Use “numbers” to indicate on your registration form which class you are shooting 1st and 2nd.**
4. Competitors are limited to two air rifle classes that must be in the same age division.
5. ***Your age will be determined by your age on the first day of the tournament.***
6. Junior competitors are age 8yr + 3rd grade - 11yr. Intermediate competitors are age 12 yr. - 14 yr. Senior competitors are age 15yr – 1 yr/f/hs (following high school). Air rifle competitors can register in the next older age division on the original registration form only. Your entry age division must be the same throughout the tournament (wildlife ecology, archery, air rifle, wildlife art and team competition).
7. Each shooter will fire from 3 positions. Prone, standing, and kneeling at 10 meters (33 feet) 10 shots at each position for a total of 30 shots. Shooter must be in the proper position while shooting.
8. Floor mats will be provided.
9. The time limit is 10 minutes per position. Unlimited sighting shots in a 5 minute period are allowed in the prone position only. You can view your target after sighting shots and between positions.
10. Targets are the standard NRA AR-5/10.
11. Shooters will provide their own ammunition and only .177 caliber target grade lead “wadcutter” pellets are allowed. **No BB’s are allowed.**
12. **Ten pellets must be counted before each scoring position is shot.**
13. Rifles must be loaded and **fired in a single fashion only.**
14. **Sights:** Only sights manufactured for the air rifle are permitted. No adjustable iris or aperture may be used in the front or rear sights. No magnified or telescopic sights allowed.
15. Slings are allowed for all Kneeling and Prone positions. Legal kneeling rolls are allowed for the kneeling position only. Slings are not allowed in the standing position.
16. An air rifle is any type .177 caliber (4.5mm) pneumatic, spring air, compressed air, or CO2 rifle can be used. All air rifles must have a trigger pull weight of at least 1.5 pounds except precision. Equipment will be tested, can be adjusted, and retested. Air rifles with a trigger pull of less than 1.5 pounds (except precision) are not permitted for safety purposes.
17. All air rifles require the use of a clear barrel indicator. Indicator must be long enough to visibly protrude from both the breech and the muzzle when inserted into the bore. We’ll have them at the tournament.
18. Equipment determined to be unsafe or not meeting the trigger pull weight can not be used in the tournament. Corrective action may be taken provided it does not effect the participant’s scheduled shooting time.
19. An air rifle that is not readily identifiable with factory markings must be accompanied with the owners manual showing the proper identification of the rifle. If proper identification is not provided, the air rifle will be placed in the Unlimited Sporter Class.
20. Air rifles in the Tri Co. Air Rifle Tournament Classification List must be used in their respective classes. Examples: a Plinker can not be used in a Sporter Class; a Sporter can not be used in the Precision Class etc.

21. **Plinker** – Open sights
See attached listing. Additional Air Rifles may be added to this list
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23. **Sporter** – Open sights
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24. **Sporter** – Aperture sights (*Only sights manufactured for and sold with Sporter air rifles are permitted*)
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25. **Unlimited Sporter**
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26. **Precision**
See attached listing. Additional Air Rifles may be added to this list
27. AIR RIFLES not currently listed will be classified by the air rifle tournament committee prior to competition day. You will be advised on your air rifle classification.
28. No shooting jackets, shooting gloves, or other shooting aides attached to the rifle or shooter, except slings as noted above, are allowed. The precision class allows for jackets, etc.
29. Participants are responsible for loss or damage of their equipment, and for property damage/harm to themselves, and as inflicted upon others.
30. Physically challenged accommodations must be requested on the original registration form and must be approved by the range officer/tournament committee.
31. Competitors must stand alone at the competition line. **YOU MUST CHARGE YOUR OWN AIR RIFLE.** No coaching, spotting, or communication (including electronic) allowed on line or from behind the line during practice and competition. Shooters cannot leave the range and must adjust their own equipment. See some exceptions on Rule #29.
32. Ties will be broken with the most number of “tens”, then the best score in the standing position. Then the most number of “nines”, most number of “eights “, etc. The next tiebreaker will be the first “ten” hit in sequence until the tie is broken.
33. All shooters and any other persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line must wear adequate eye protection with side shields. Safety glasses will be available.
34. Competitors must maintain proper sportsmanship at all times.
35. **Dress properly. No shooter mid-section may be exposed while shooting.**
36. Any rule infraction(s) may disqualify a participant from the tournament.
37. This is a national 4-H competition qualifying air rifle event; if you are planning to qualify indicate this on your registration form. When qualifying for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, it is highly recommended that if you use the approved rifles for this event.(see Air Rifle Classifications List)and Precision scores are not eligible for national 4-H qualification.
38. National Standard Three Position Air Rifle rules will govern any other concerns not covered on the Tri County Tournament Rules as interpreted by the range officer. **These rules may be viewed or downloaded at the CMP web site: www.civilianmarksmanshipprogram.com**

See page 3 for Air Rifle Classifications.