



# Adams County 4-H

## SHOOTING SPORTS GUIDE

# 2018-2019

### THE PROJECT



Welcome to the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Project! The 4-H Shooting Sports program will teach you how to be safe and have fun in a 4-H Shooting Sports activity. The 4-H Shooting sports program should help you understand and promote the safe, responsible, and ethical use of firearms. Always practice the safety guidelines outlined for you by this project and the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports leaders.

Shooting is a skill that requires self-discipline, concentration, and individual effort. It can also require considerable financial resources. Before starting this project, talk with one of our Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports leaders to get an idea of what equipment is required for each discipline.

This guide will give you information about the project, the disciplines within Shooting Sports, the project requirements, a list of the trained shooting sports leaders in Adams County, practice locations and how individuals qualify for Adams County and State Fair shoot-off contests. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 303-637-8100.

### SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS



All leaders who work with the Shooting Sports disciplines are required to attend a state sponsored training in the discipline they are working with. Leaders must be 4-H certified in each discipline they are instructing. Leaders must also complete all of the required steps of becoming a leader (outlined on the Adams County 4-H website) and be accepted as a leader before they are allowed to work with 4-H members in any Shooting Sports discipline.

Below are the head shooting sports leaders for each discipline. If you have any questions as you go through the shooting sports project, please contact them. They are a wealth of knowledge and are happy to help you throughout your project.

**Western Heritage**  
Jerry Van Riper  
(303) 514-9328

**Archery**  
John Brassington  
(303) 654-1168  
Mike Sager  
(303) 870-9313

**.22 Rifle/.22 Pistol/Air Rifle/Air Pistol**  
Shannon Underwood  
(720) 219-5728

**Shotgun**  
Wes Goss  
(303) 868-9352

**Muzzleloading**  
TJ Goss  
(303) 905-3781

**Outdoor Skills**  
Mike Sager  
(303) 870-9313





# REQUIREMENTS



**All Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports project members, in order to be eligible to participate at the county or state shoot contests, must complete the following requirements:**

- Must attend at least five county practices per discipline.
  - Must attend one county sanctioned safety training
- County practice is defined as a shooting sports practice overseen by a qualified shooting sports leader. (See e-minder, Adams County 4-H calendar for practice dates.)

- Practices at home or with a non-qualified leader will not count.
- Member orange card has five practice punches and safety punch
- Members may not practice until they enroll in the 4-H shooting sports program and discipline.
- County shoot entry form must be accompanied by completed orange card. Only orange cards will be accepted, and coaches' records of practice attendance will not be taken into account. Practices completed after the entry form deadline will not be considered for orange card requirements. Failure to include a completed orange card with the shooting sports contest entry form will result in non-entry for the county shoot-off.
- If a member loses his/her orange card, they must contact the Extension Office immediately to request a new card.
- If the member would like credit for the practices attended, a \$50 replacement fee will be assessed per card for the first loss of cards, a \$100 fee per card will be assessed on any subsequent losses in order to "earn back" your practice punches.
- All 4-H members enrolled in a Shooting Sports Discipline are required to turn in one e-record book and shooting sports display for one of the shooting sports disciplines they are enrolled in for the year, or drop the project by June 1. Failure to complete a shooting sports project or drop by June 1 will result in disqualification from all Shooting Sports events the following year.
- Each member is required to complete the Colorado Hunter's Safety Course. The member must have their hunter safety card before the county shoot-off.
- County shoot-offs will be held prior to the county fair at sanctioned county shooting practices. The dates will be advertised in the Adams County 4-H Fourcast Newsletter as well as through the weekly e-minders.
- If you are in more than one discipline or have a conflict arise with the shoot-off date, you must make arrangements with the designated shooting sports leader in advance. The make-up shoot-off will be held during a sanctioned county shooting sports practice prior to the shoot-off date.
- Each discipline has specific safety equipment that is required. 4-H members must have the required safety equipment to participate in each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines. For a list of what is required, please contact the Shooting Sports leader for each discipline.
- Each member is responsible for paying any range fees required for the discipline.

State Fair qualifiers are determined in the following way for each discipline:

- All of the requirements for the county must have been met (practices, e-record, display, hunter safety, safety equipment, and qualifying at the county shoot-off)
- The high scores in each discipline per age (junior and senior age categories).
- In order to be eligible to participate at the State Fair, a county fair project and e-record in one of the disciplines must be completed and receive a blue or red ribbon.



## **\*\*IMPORTANT: .22 PISTOL REQUIREMENTS\*\***

1) .22 Pistol Member Eligibility: 4-H members must be nine years old as of the start of the current 4-H year. Members must have completed at least one project year of Shooting Sports that includes range experience with a firearm (archery is not acceptable). Members must have permission from a parent or guardian to participate, which is in compliance with the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Youth Handgun Act of 1994.

2) Firearm Requirements:

- No derringers
- No military/defensive platform firearms (AR, AK, Uzi, Takedowns, etc.)
- Minimum 3" and maximum 10" barrel for paper targets and 12" for silhouette targets on the firearm
- Smaller pistols may be approved at the leader's discretion

### \*PLEASE READ: MANDATORY SAFETY TRAININGS\*

-Members must attend at least one of the safety trainings listed below, and have their orange card punched, in order to be eligible for Shooting Sports competitive events.

-All safety trainings will be held in the Adams County Extension Office meeting rooms at 6:30 p.m.

2019 Dates: 1/3 & 4/3

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Below is the list of disciplines that are offered through Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports. All practice dates are tentative, depending on the weather and circumstances. Watch the newsletter and the weekly e-minders for updates and cancellations. As always, keep an eye on weather, when in doubt call before you haul.

### **.22 Rifle/.22 Pistol\***

Practice Dates: Check the website and e-minder

-County Shoot: TBD

-Range fees: \$10/member per year

### **Air Rifle/Air Pistol\***

Practice Dates: Check the website and e-minder

-County Shoot: TBD

-Range fees: \$10/member per year

### **Archery**

- Practices will start on April 8 and are held on Monday nights from 5 to 8 p.m. at the archery range located on the north end of the Adams County Fairgrounds by the grandstands.

Shoot: July 21

-Range fees: \$15/member or \$20/family per year

### **Muzzleloading**

Practice Dates: Check the website and e-minder

-Muzzleloading Shoot: July 8

-Muzzleloading Range fees: \$5/member per practice

### **Shotgun**

- Practices will start on March 1, and are held every other Friday at 5 p.m., and on all Fridays in June at Colorado Clays, 13600 Lanewood Street, Brighton, CO 80603.

-Shotgun County Shoot: July 14

-Shotgun Range fees: \$5/member for 25 shots

### **Hunting and Outdoor Skills**

-Members must complete at least three practices in any of the disciplines list above.

-Members must also attend at least two Hunting and Outdoor Skills workshops, which will be announced in the weekly newsletter and posted on the Google Calendar.

-Practices will be listed in the Google Calendar

### **Western Heritage**

-Members must attend at least three workshops and/or practices, which will be announced in the weekly newsletter and posted on the Google calendar.

-Practices will be listed in the Google Calendar