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To: Idaho 4-H Contestants, Coaches & Parents

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Re: 2022 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests – REV (inc. Smallbore Pistol)

4-H Youth Development

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Great news - interest in our Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports is growing rapidly. As we prepare for the 2022 State Shoot on June 10 & 11 in the Boise/Nampa/Caldwell area, I'm pleased to announce that we will be hosting competitions in Archery (compound & recurve) @ Caldwell, Air Pistol (.177 cal.) & Air Rifle (.177 cal.) @ Nampa, Smallbore Pistol (.22 cal.) at Blacks Creek (east of Boise), Smallbore Rifle (.22 cal.) @ Blacks Creek (east of Boise) and Shotgun @ Caldwell. We will hold a Hunting competition later this Fall.

Youth and Volunteer Registration Forms, Equipment Check-in Forms and current Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Rules can be found at: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/shooting-sports/events>. Please take time to review these materials and rules, especially as they apply to your specific discipline(s).

Youth Registration & Equipment

To assist with the planning process, youth registering with an entry postmark no later than May 13th can take advantage of a discounted registration fee, plus they will be eligible to order a 2022 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest T-shirt. Late registration, entries postmarked May 14th to May 27th, have a higher registration fee; however, these entries will not be able to order T-shirts. No youth registrations postmarked after May 27th will be accepted. *Note that all youth entry forms require verification by both the participant's coach and local Extension personnel. Therefore, please plan to register promptly.*

On the Youth Registration Form, there are various options regarding equipment check-in. If possible, it is encouraged to do equipment checks the evening prior – so if an equipment adjustment needs to be made, you have additional time to ensure compliance. Please download these forms from the website, complete the designated sections on the applicable equipment check-in sheet at home, then bring it with you to the actual check-in station. This will save you and other contestants substantial waiting time at check-in.

Please review the equipment specifications listed within the rules for each of your specified events, along with the NGB rules listed at the end of each event to ensure your equipment is in compliance. If you have questions (especially with regard to draw weight, arrow weight, rifle weight, trigger pull, or other permitted accessories) consult your coach or local gunsmith/archery dealer for assistance.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities for other youth and adult attendees to assist the Southern District planning committee in fulfilling various contest roles. Please complete the Volunteer Registration Form found on the website listed above and return it to Canyon County Extension prior to May 21st; their mail and e-mail addresses are on the form. Those volunteers registering by May 13th have the option to purchase a 2022 Contest T-shirt. Even if you don't have youth competing, come and assist. It is a great way to learn more about the various discipline events. Thanks in advance for offering to help.

Course of fire

Senior division contestants will shoot the full course of fire as set forth within each event listing. In considering the physical and age-appropriate expectations of Junior and Intermediate division youth, those within Archery, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Smallbore Rifle and Shotgun disciplines will shoot the modified courses of fire as set forth on pages 9, 13, 15, 24, 28 and 31 respectively of the ***Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Rules*** (effective October 1, 2021). As competitions are strictly within age divisions, these provisions do not create a competitive advantage.

Venues & Locations

Black's Creek Range	2420 E Kuna Mora Rd. *	Kuna, ID 83634
Caldwell Gun Club	21840 Pond Lane	Caldwell, ID 83607
Nampa Indoor Range	222 W Railroad St.	Nampa, ID 83686

* Some GPS/Maps do not display location accurately. Range is approximately 3 miles west of I-84, Exit 64.

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, June 9th

6:00 – 7:00 PM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Air Pistol & Air Rifle Archery	Nampa Indoor Range Caldwell Gun Club
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Practice: Air Pistol (Slow Fire) – <i>fees apply*</i> Air Rifle (3-P) – <i>fees apply*</i> Archery (FITA) – <i>no fees</i>	Nampa Indoor Range Nampa Indoor Range Caldwell Gun Club

* Fee at Nampa Indoor Range is \$5/person if using their pellets & targets; otherwise no fee

Friday, June 10th

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Air Pistol Air Rifle Archery	Nampa Indoor Range Nampa Indoor Range Caldwell Gun Club
8:00 AM	Contestants Assemble (at Venues) Air Pistol Air Rifle Archery	Nampa Indoor Range Nampa Indoor Range Caldwell Gun Club
8:15 AM	Contestant Orientation	
8:45 AM	Competitions / Rotations begin Air Pistol – Slow Fire Bullseye and Silhouette Air Rifle – National Standard 3P and Silhouette Archery – ½ FITA and Field	
	{Lunch break – as determined by Venue coordinator and CRO; lunch potentially available on-site at Caldwell only}	
	Award Presentations – at respective venue (approximately 90 minutes following completion of last event for that discipline)	
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Smallbore Pistol & Smallbore Rifle	Black's Creek Range
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Practice: Smallbore Rifle (3-P) – \$3/person range fee Smallbore Pistol (Bullseye) – \$3/person range fee Shotgun (Trap & Sporting Clays) – \$5/25 targets	Black's Creek Range Black's Creek Range Caldwell Gun Club

Saturday, June 11th

6:30 – 7:30 AM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Smallbore Pistol & Smallbore Rifle	Black's Creek Range
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Equipment Safety Check (Shotgun) – <i>no form needed</i>	Caldwell Gun Club
8:00 AM	Contestants Assemble (at Venues) Smallbore Pistol & Smallbore Rifle Shotgun	Black's Creek Range Caldwell Gun Club
8:15 AM	Contestant Orientation	
8:45 AM	Competitions / Rotations begin Smallbore Pistol – Slow-Fire Bullseye and Silhouette Smallbore Rifle – 3P and Silhouette Shotgun – Trap and Sporting Clays	
	{Lunch break – as determined by Venue coordinator and CRO; lunch potentially available on-site at Caldwell only}	
	Award Presentations – at respective venue (approximately 90 minutes following completion of last event for that discipline)	

Practice Sessions

The Southern District host committee has scheduled optional practice times for each contest discipline; they will coincide with the equipment check-in sessions on the evening prior to actual contest. Additional range & equipment fees will apply per contestant as follows: \$3/practice session at Black's Creek Range and \$5/25 targets at Caldwell Gun Club. Practice sessions at these venues will only occur under the direct supervision of a designated Range Safety Officer. The location of the specific practice ranges will be noted at the respective equipment check-in sites.

Recognition

Ribbons to the top five individuals within each age division, for both of the following discipline events. Rosettes to the top five juniors, intermediates and seniors overall within each discipline, based on combined event scores.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Event 1</u>	<u>Event 2</u>
Archery (compound)	½ FITA	Field
Archery (recurve)	½ FITA	Field
Pistol (air)	Slow Fire Bullseye	Silhouette
Pistol (smallbore)	Slow Fire Bullseye	Silhouette
Rifle (air)	Nat'l Standard 3 Position	Silhouette
Rifle (smallbore)	NRA 3 Position	Silhouette
Shotgun	Trap	Sporting Clays

The top five eligible Senior division contestants within each discipline may qualify to advance and represent Idaho at the 2023 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships (June 25-30) in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Coach Verification Signatures

While we want to encourage more youth to participate in the State Shoot, we need to ensure that it is a safe, enjoyable experience for each participant. When youth arrive with little or no working knowledge of their various events it creates an unsafe setting and is embarrassing/frustrating for that youth. By requiring each contestant's coach to read and sign the verification, we can hopefully avoid this problem. Respectfully, unless the youth is truly prepared, don't approve their entry.

To help youth gain experience, we encourage all 4-H Shooting Sports instructors to work collaboratively with their county Extension personnel toward holding local shoots. These events provide an economical approach for more local youth to develop their skills and gain valuable experience. In time, these may then also serve as state-qualifying events. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Camping

Limited low-cost camping is available at Boise Gun Club, with electrical and water hook-up only. If interested in reserving a space, contact Abe Wilson directly at 208-859-0934 or the Boise Gun Club at 208-342-0892. Several other campgrounds are available within the Boise/Nampa/Caldwell area.

Planning Committee

Thank you to the Southern District extension personnel and volunteers for their dedicated efforts in helping plan this event and expand opportunities for Idaho youth to actively engage in our State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests. Our appreciation to many others throughout Idaho that have also offered their assistance.

New for 2022

We are excited to add the Smallbore Pistol discipline to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests. Youth will be competing in the Slow-Fire Bullseye and Silhouette events.

In addition, we are “pilot-testing” a couple event changes just for 2022 State Contests. In Archery, we have trying out the Field event (instead of 3-D) and in Shotgun, we are trying out Sporting Clays (instead of Skeet). We will evaluate these changes this Fall in determining which events to hold at future State Contests.

COVID Provisions

As 4-H is a University of Idaho-based program, we are required to comply with University protocols – which as of now is to abide by the current recommendations of the local health district where the event is taking place. At this time, face coverings are not required. Hopefully, it will remain that way.

Regardless, we can all help by observing appropriate physical distancing and utilizing good sanitation practices. Thanks in advance for being flexible as we strive to find workable alternatives that keep us within compliance of State and University rules.

Questions

For specific logistics and venue-related questions, contact Tina Holmquist at 208-459-6003 or via email at tinah@uidaho.edu. For general 4-H Shooting Sports questions, contact Jim Wilson at 208-292-1401 or jwilson@uidaho.edu.

In closing, I look forward to seeing many of our Idaho 4-H members at the 2022 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests this summer in the Boise/Nampa/Caldwell area. This will be a great opportunity for youth to participate, strive to achieve their personal best and have fun meeting new friends. In the meantime – practice, practice, practice.