

# **YOUTH ARCHERY DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – February 14, 2024

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per class

**EVENT DATE** – 7:30 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024

## **SPECIAL RULES YOUTH ARCHERY DIVISION**

1. This match will be governed by the following rules and administered by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo.
  - a. 2024 RGVLS Youth Archery Match Rules
  - b. 2024 Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match Rules
  - c. Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Rules (Rev. June 2020)
  - d. Texas 4-H Shooting Sports General Rules (Rev. October 2021)
2. Any conflicting rules or policies in the sets of rules referenced above will be superseded by the RGVLS Youth Archery Match Rules and by the contest superintendent, under the authority of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
3. All contestants must register through the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show to participate in this event. NOTE: This match is recognized by Texas 4-H Shooting Sports and serves one of the official locations/sites for its 2024 Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match. 4-H members interested in competing in the RGVLS event and Texas 4-H event concurrently, must register for both events respectively.
4. Eligibility: Any youth that is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate in this event.
5. Youth must be participating in a youth archery program under the direct supervision of a qualified archery coach/instructor. Verification of coach WILL be required in advance of participation of any contestant. Coaches MUST provide the official name of their program and a contact phone number for verification. If a participant cannot be verified, they will not be allowed to compete.
6. Contest Grade Divisions:
  - a. Junior 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - b. Intermediate – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - c. Senior – 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
7. Note: There will not be a “First Year” division offered at this event.
8. Course of Fire:
  - a. Distance from the shooting line to the targets will be 18 meters.
  - b. 20 ends of 3 arrows each (60 arrows total with maximum score of 600 points).
  - c. Timed ends: Each archer will have two (2) minutes starting at the single whistle notice to complete each end.
  - d. There will be a break between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ends.
9. Targets:
  - a. Targets – standard FITA targets will be used for this match.
  - b. Recurve, Barebow & NASP archers will use 60 cm FITA face.
  - c. Compound archers will use the 40 cm FITA face. Archers must notify the contest superintendent before the beginning of the match of their intent to use the 3-spot targets in lieu of the 40 cm FITA face (use in optional).

10. Equipment Classes:

- a. Barebow (longbow or recurve) – Bows may not be equipped with sights or sighting marks. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Kisser buttons are not permitted. Cushion plungers are not permitted.
- b. Recurve – Bows may be equipped with a single sighting device, single pin, multiple in or hunting style sights; may not be equipped with string peeps or string marks for rear sights. Mechanical release aids are not permitted.
- c. Compound Aided – Bows may be equipped with magnified sights and stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are permitted. Bows MAY NOT be equipped with any electronic devices.
- d. Compound Unaided – Bows may not be equipped with magnified sights or stabilizers. Bows may be equipped with single pin or multiple pin sights. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Kisser buttons and string peeps are not permitted.
- e. NASP – Genesis bows with no sights or sighting marks and no stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Shooters must follow 4-H age divisions and match rules. Original Genesis bows only. No “Genesis Minis” or “Genesis Pros”. Only Easton 1820 30” arrows are allowed in this class. This class is using NASP equipment only.

11. Scoring: Targets are to be scored by the shooters only, with assistance from the range officials if necessary. Scores and totals should be verified by each shooter before arrows are touched or removed from the target. Any question of scoring should be resolved before any arrow is touched or removed from the target.

12. Coaching: No coaching is allowed while archers are on the line.

13. Adult Representation: All shooters at this event must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for the shooter. The responsible adult must be present during the time the shooter is actively shooting.

14. Dress Code: All shooters must wear closed toe shoes, and shirts must have sleeves. All other standard 4-H Dress Code rules apply.

15. All bows must remain cased until on the range.