

# TRI-STATE FAIR & RODEO ARCHERY CONTEST

## LEADERSHIP

Archery Competition Superintendent ..... Larry Perez  
Archery Competition Asst. Superintendent ..... Kay Rogers

## SCHEDULE

Entry Fee ..... \$50 per Contestant  
Entry Deadline ..... Tuesday, Aug. 15  
Late Entry Deadline ..... 8:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 18  
Late Entry Fee ..... \$100 per Contestant  
Check-In ..... 8:30-9:00 a.m., Monday, Sept. 18  
All Bow Classes Orientation ..... 9:00-9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept 18  
Contest ..... 9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 18  
Contest Location ..... Bill Cody Arena  
Awards ..... Following conclusion of the contest

This show is subject to the Tri-State-Fair General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section, as well as the Texas 4-H rules and United States Olympic Archery governing body rules.

Where the Texas 4-H rules and Olympic Archery rules conflict, Texas 4-H rules prevail. Special Rules conflict with other rules,

Special Rules prevail.

- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>
- <https://worldarchery.org/rulebook/>

## SPECIAL RULES:

**1. Participation:** This competition is limited to the first 40 entries and will be divided into two divisions (Junior and Senior) based on age. All entries in this competition are subject to the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo (TSFR) Archery Competition Rules.

Contestants in the TSFR Archery Competition are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.

**2. Entry Limits:** There is no limit to the number of individuals each club/chapter may enter. The right is reserved, by Management, to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds.

**a. Entries** are limited to the first **40** individuals.

### **3. Eligibility:**

**a. State of Texas:** TSFR Archery Competition is limited to entries within the Texas AgriLife Extension Districts 1 and 2.

**b. School/4-H/FFA:** Contestants must be bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or Texas FFA Chapter and be enrolled in and attending public, private, or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas; between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before August 31, 2023 and be bona fide residents of the State of Texas. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible contestants. **MUST BE PASSING AND UIL ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE.**

**i. Junior Participant Classification** – 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2022.

**ii. Senior Participant Classification** – 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023.

**iii.** Contestants also must have been coached in a bona fide Texas 4-H Shooting Sports archery project OR coached in a NASP program within the 2023 calendar year.

**iv.** A contestant is not eligible if already graduated from high school.

**4. Ineligible Exhibitors:** 4-H and FFA members are considered to be eligible by the Tri-State-Fair Rodeo for participation in the Archery Competition at the time completed USPS entries are postmarked. Any AST/CEA who has a member who become ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent of the TSFR at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of any Junior Show activity in which the ineligible exhibitor was to participate. If an exhibitor is determined ineligible, then the entry is ineligible.

**a. Foreign Exchange Students:** Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in the TSFR Archery Competition.

**5. Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** The Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from Show grounds.

Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort
- Providing alcohol to underage persons or providing a space for the consumption of alcohol by underage persons.

- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by underage persons
- Possession of an open alcohol container in a public area regardless of the individual's age
- Excessive consumption of alcohol

The consumption, distribution, and service of alcoholic beverages must be in compliance with the TX Alcoholic Beverage Code, which defines the lawful consumption and service of alcohol and prescribes sanctions for violations. The consumption, distribution, and service of alcoholic beverages must comply with TSFR regulations and policies.

The Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo is an invitational Fair and Rodeo. TSFR reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

**6. Event Format:** The 4-H and FFA Archery Competition will be a World Archery “18 Meter(60’) Indoor Round. The contest will consist of 60 arrows shot at the 40 cm 5-color face target. 40 cm 3 spot target will be allowed. Each END consists of 3 arrows shot within 2 minutes. . There will be 10 seconds between the “Call to the line” whistle and the whistle to begin shooting. Extended time may be granted at the discretion of the range management for extraordinary conditions. 20 ENDS will be shot. Upon completion of END 10, contestants will be given a 15 minute break. Contestants will then move their target opposite of their initial target assignment. (I.e. if on top half of bale their target will be moved to bottom half of bale.) Then the next 10 ENDS will begin. Target assignments will be given at check-in. There will be 2 lines of archers (line A and B). Contestants must provide their own quivers. Quivers will not be provided by TSFR. All bows must remain cased on the grounds until equipment inspection. Absolutely no sky drawing is allowed, no exceptions. This will be strictly enforced. Any contestants seen sky drawing will be immediately disqualified.

**a. Targets** – 40 cm 5-color face or 40 cm 3 spot will be allowed. ONCE A TARGET SELECTION IS MADE BY A CONTESTANT, IT MAY NOT BE CHANGED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE MATCH.

**b. Divisions:**

**i. Senior** (14 to 19 years of age as of August 31, 2023)

**ii. Junior** (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)

**c. Equipment Classes** – Contestants will compete in **one** of the below classes based upon what bow they will be shooting with.

**i. Recurve Bows** – Bows may be equipped with a single sighting device, single pin, multiple pin, or hunting style sights; may not be equipped with string peeps or string marks for rear sights. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Bare Bow (longbow or recurve) – Bows may not be equipped with sights or sighting marks. Must not have kissers buttons, peep sights or cushion plungers. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Bows may have weights added, but must be in compliance with USA shooting rules.

**ii. Compound Bows** – Compound Aided – Bows may be equipped with magnified sights and stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are permitted. 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.

**iii. NASP** – Original Genesis bows (No Genesis Mini's or Genesis Pro's) with no sights or sighting marks and no stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Only Easton 1820 30" ARROWS are allowed.

**Arrows** – All arrows must have practice points (no broad heads). Arrows must not be any larger in diameter than 23/64" including the point. Arrows must be sound and properly spined for the bow. Illuminated nocks are not allowed.

**Electronic Equipment** - there will be no electronic equipment allowed on the shooting line including cell phones, smart watches and earbuds.

**d. Check-In** – **8:30a.m. to 9:00a.m.** All contestants must check-in prior to mandatory orientation. Contestants will be assigned a backstop number, above or below and left or right target placement for shooting. Check-in will be open based on the schedule above. All equipment must be inspected before orientation. **NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**e. Orientation** – **9:00a.m. to 9:30a.m.** Orientation is mandatory for everyone who will participate in the event.

**f. Tournament** – The tournament will begin promptly at **9:30 a.m. or after the conclusion of orientation.**

**g. Finals:** There will not be a finals round for 2023. Preliminary scores will be final. Special Rules for TSFR Archery Competition

**h. Squadding:** Squadding positions will be assigned on a random basis. No special request accommodations will be made. Squadding positions will be posted inside Bill Cody Arena as a visual notice for observers.

## **8. Range control**

Control over the range will be through verbal, whistle or light commands or a combination of those command types. Whistle or light commands are preferred for larger groups, while verbal commands are acceptable for small groups of shooters.

**a. Cease fire** - Multiple whistle blasts (4 or more, generally almost trilled), the verbal command to cease fire, or a red light requires all shooters to stop immediately and remove any arrow from the string. The command indicates the presence of an unsafe condition downrange or the end of the time period for that end. Any arrow shot after the cease fire command at the end of a firing period will result in the loss of the highest scoring arrow for that end by the shooter.

**b. Shooters to the line** - Two whistle blasts or a verbal command calls shooters to the firing line.

**c. Commence firing** - A single whistle blast a green light or a verbal command indicates the beginning of the shooting time period for each flight or relay.

**d. Flight completed** - Three whistle blasts, a red light or a verbal command indicate the completion of a flight. All archers should make their bows safe and ground them in preparation to score targets and retrieve their arrows.

**e. Score your targets and retrieve your arrows** - If the whistle or light commands are not used, a clear verbal command may be used to indicate that the range is clear and the flight may score and retrieve their arrows.

**f. Resume firing** - One whistle blast, a green light or a verbal signals the resumption of firing after any interruption.

## **9. Safety Requirements:**

**a. Range Safety:** The safety of all involved is of paramount importance. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any contestant failing to conform to safety standards will be warned or disqualified from the event. Minor infractions will be noted and marked on the contestant's scorecard. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event. **\*ARCHERS MUST FOLLOW PROPER LINE ETIQUETTE AT ALL TIMES\***

**b. Range Boundaries:** For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around the range is essential. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of the officials.

**c. Disruption:** Parents, coaches, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviors deemed detrimental to contestants or the operation of the match. Sanctions ranging from warning to ejection from the grounds or disqualification of contestants may be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on a firing line or range.

**d. Alcohol Policy:** Consumption, use and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited by law and is not permitted. Consumption, use and possession of alcohol is not permitted by parents, coaches, observers, and contestants during the shoot.

**e. Drug Policy:** Shooting is not allowed while under the influence of any drug or prescription medications that effect judgement and conduct to a degree that a participant is unsafe.

**f. Tobacco Policy:** Smoking is not permitted by parents, coaches, observers, and contestants inside Bill Cody Arena. Parents, coaches and observers should adhere to all posted no smoking signs and restrict use to designated areas only. Smoking use and possession of tobacco products (including smokeless) by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.

**10. Archery Interference:** If any contestant in any way, whether in person, or by agent, or servant, interferes with range officials during their adjudication or shows disrespect to them, to the show or competition, they are subject to be penalized. Management may demand a proper

apology from the contestant, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the grounds and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.

**11. Photographs:** All photographs taken by the official photographer become property of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. Unofficial (i.e., personal) photographs may not be published without the written approval of Management. Contestants wishing to purchase photographs must contact the official photographer.

a. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo event, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo, you consent to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to the Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo, and you further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

**12. Property/Security:** All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo do not undertake to do so and shall not be held

responsible for any loss or damage to said property of contestants thereof. All contestants are responsible for security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property. The Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

**13. Official Scores:** A minimum of 3 archers on a bale. The official score is the record kept by each squad archers will keep an official and unofficial score card. Archers may seek assistance of a line judge to make a final call if necessary. At the completion of End 20, archers will sign and turn in their official scorecard. All reported scores will be checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required in a secluded room by a minimum of 2 match officials.

Shoot officials maintain the objective of producing timely, accurate and complete scoring records for each event. They do not represent any club, county, team, or individual. The superintendent will be responsible for conducting any and all aspects of the event pertaining to "shooting". Including, but not limited to: squadding, scoring, posting of scores, determination of winners, and rule interpretation.

**Parents and or coaches may not score their youth and should never have possession of scorecards.**

**14. Appeals:** Only a contestant may appeal a ruling on the range immediately. The scorer may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the line judge on the range is final and not subject to further appeal. Parent/coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted.

**15. Protests:** Contestants may only protest any injustice, violation of the rules, or other circumstance that may have resulted in placing them at a disadvantage relative to other contestants. Such conditions must be reported to the Superintendent(s) immediately. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$300 deposit which will not be returned if protest is not sustained by TSFR Management. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the TSFR Management immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. The Protest Jury will investigate and reach final resolution of the matter as soon as possible considering all circumstances. Results of all protests are final and will be reported to the contestant.

a. Protest Jury will include the Superintendent(s), Assistant Superintendent(s), Director – Livestock Competitions and Senior Coordinator, Livestock Show

**16. Accommodations:** Lodging is the responsibility of the contestant's party and will not be arranged by the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

**17. Coaching:** A participant may not be coached while on the shooting line. Coaching includes any communication between the coach, parent or other spectator and the contestant; verbal or non-verbal. The contestant may request assistance from Management and Management may assign an assistant, in the event of a malfunction.

**18. Dress Code:** Participants and spectators are required to dress appropriately. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Contestants must wear a shirt with sleeves. Clothing deemed immodest or distracting to other contestants will not be permitted. Fully enclosed shoes must be worn for safety reasons by both contestants and spectators. All contestants and coaches should consider their dress in that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media.

**19. Use of Two-Way Radios:** To assist us in range and match operations, only authorized persons are permitted to use two-way radios on the grounds. Any action by either youth or adults interfering with the frequencies in use imposes a safety hazard. Deliberate disruption of range communication by anyone at the event will be considered a safety violation and will be treated as such.

**20. Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded to each class. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

**Recurve**

Champion

Reserve Champion

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall**Compound**

Champion

Reserve Champion

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall**NASP**

Champion

Reserve Champion

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall

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