

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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TO: All County Extension Agents

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SUBJECT: District 5 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle Match – April 28, 2018

The District 5 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle Match has been scheduled for April 28, 2018 in Trinity County at the Trinity County Fairgrounds (at the junction of Hwys 94 and 287 also known as the Y).

Counties may enter up to three (3) Junior teams, three (3) Intermediate teams, and three (3) Senior teams. Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members. If participation does not allow for a team, individuals may enter.

Entries are to be completed on 4-H connect by April 9, 2018. Late entries until April 12 will be accepted with a late fee applied. If paying by County 4-H Check, a copy of the county entry invoice must accompany the payment.

- **Payments** for entry in an event are due **before** the event. Entries must show as paid on 4-H Connect by Noon the Friday before the event.
- **Late payments** will result in the 4-H member not being able to place or receive awards in the event. However, the member may still participate.

We will follow the same format as last year where Junior members will only compete in the prone position. However, they will not be allowed to use a platform, sandbag, or any other type of rest. A sling is recommended for the prone position for stability. Intermediate and Senior competitors will be competing in the three position style competition that we have used in the past – prone, standing, and kneeling.

Armon Hewitt and committee members will assign range times and send that information to each participating county prior to the contest so that you can make necessary arrangements.

Each competitor must provide their own ear and eye protection (both required), and their own ammunition. Targets will be provided. All rifles will be brought to the range unloaded, with bolts open. Parents, leaders, and coaches are asked to supervise their teams/youth at all times. There is zero tolerance for unsafe actions! Make sure your 4-H members and all spectators are aware of all safety rules.

There is a field on 4-H Connect that asks for the name of a trained adult volunteer who can assist at this contest. Please make sure that this field is complete prior to certifying the entry on the county level.

Should you have questions regarding the contest, please contact Armon Hewitt at 936-642-1421 or the District Office.

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