

**Summer Sizzle Shoot  
2026  
Archery**







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Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club  
General Information

The Chillicothe Sportsmen Club (CSC), 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs of Marshall-Putnam counties and LaSalle County are co-sponsoring a statewide shooting sport meet on June 6, 2026 (Rain or Shine). CSC grounds are located one mile north of Chillicothe, Illinois off IL State Route 29. Archery, air rifle, .22 small-bore rifle, & shotgun (trap) contests will be offered this year. The .22 small-bore rifle contest will follow the air rifle contest, 4-H'ers may enter both contests, but only if they have received instruction in both disciplines. Those choosing to participate in Archery or Shotgun may only choose one discipline.

The CSC/M-P 4-H Shooting Sports Meet follows the guidelines for National 4-H Competitive Events as established by National 4-H Headquarters at the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

This meet is for 4-H members enrolled in shooting sports as a project and want to compete in a competition with awards. **Participants must be enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Program where during the current club year they have received instruction from a certified Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor in your disciplined area.**

First place medals will be awarded based on marksmanship. There are three age divisions for archery & rifles, Juniors – 8-11, Intermediate 12-14 and Seniors – 15-18/19; and three divisions for shotgun & .22 small-bore rifle Juniors – 10-11, Intermediate 12-14 and Seniors – 15-18/19.

4-H members of all ages can participate in this event, just confirm that the 4-H'er enrolls in the correct age group for each discipline.

Age Requirements – Archery & air rifle participants must have passed their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 1, of current 4-H year and may not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before September 1, of current year. Shotgun & .22 small-bore rifle participants must have passed their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 1, of current 4-H year and may not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before September 1, of current year.

There will be **NO WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS**. Registration will open April 23. Postmark deadline is May 30, 2026. See the registration form for fees schedule (available April 23). If you register before May 10, your fee will be \$5.00 less than if you register after May 10.

***You will receive your shooting assignment and be required to check-in your shotgun & .22 ammo when you check-in the day of the shoot.***

All **REQUIRED** forms must have parent/guardian signature where indicated **if a signature is missing you will not be allowed to shoot**. The 4-H Youth or Shooting Sports Coordinator or County's 4-H Range Instructor must also sign to confirm that you are enrolled in shooting sports.

It is the responsibility of everyone to have the Youth Emergency Medical Information, & registration forms forwarded to the **M-P 4-H Shooting Sports Club University of Illinois Extension 509 Front St. Suite 4, Henry, IL 61537**

**Anyone exhibiting unsafe handling of firearms/bows will be asked to leave.**

**Rifle Range: Due to space and seating constraints, there will be a limit of two observers per competitor. In addition to the two observers, each county will be allowed one coach on the range during a match if that county has competitors shooting during said match.**

There may be other CSC activities happening, please respect those activities and avoid them. **Please note the CSC Lake is off limits during the 4-H shoot.**

There is a meeting room with tables and chairs. If you wish, you could bring your own lunch and eat in the meeting room or an outside picnic area. This year, there will be a food truck to purchase snacks and lunch. There are also several restaurants in the area.

You are encouraged to bring your own gun/bow/equipment. If you do not own your equipment, perhaps you could ask your 4-H Youth or Shooting Sports Coordinator or County's 4-H Range Instructor for permission to use your local club's equipment.

8:15 – 9:00 am Check-in of 4-H'ers

8:00- 8:45am Archery inspection/Sighting in opportunity

9:05 am Opening (Pledge of Allegiance, 4-H pledge) Instructions to 4-H'ers

Immediately following Pledge, head to specific range-- Scoring procedure, Range & Safety review at the range.

Competition will begin when Range Instructor has completed Safety review.

Awards will be presented in the CSC clubhouse, approximately 30 minutes after the completion of each discipline.

Fees will be on the registration forms; please note the early bird price before May 10 postmark. Registrations postmarked between April 23 & May 10 will be decreased \$5.00.

Your disciplines rules will be under the rules section, please read them and be prepared to shoot under these guidelines. These will be on the website with the registration paperwork in April.

If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the University of Illinois Extension, Bureau-LaSalle-Marshall-Putman Unit at 309-364-2356.

CSC ARCHERY MATCH RULES  
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Rules & Regulations

Divisions

- 1) Junior Recurve
- 2) Junior Sighted
- 3) Junior Non-Sighted
- 4) Intermediate Recurve
- 5) Intermediate Sighted
- 6) Intermediate Non-Sighted
- 7) Senior Recurve
- 8) Senior Sighted
- 9) Senior Non-Sighted

Junior 8, 9, 10, 11 year olds as of September 1 of current 4-H year

Intermediate 12, 13, 14 year olds as of September 1 of current 4-H year

Senior 15, 16, 17, 18 year olds as of September 1 of current 4-H year

- a) Participants must be a member of a 4-H Club or a 4-H Shooting Sports Club, **and** enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Program/Project where during the club year they have received archery instruction from a certified Illinois 4-H Archery Instructor.
- b) Contestants can enter only one individual division

4-H'ers are responsible for knowing the rules of their event and staying within them. Learning the rules of the events is part of the educational process for shooting sports participants, but the intent is to aid shooters rather than entrap them.

EQUIPMENT

- 1.) Our goal is to have one shooter per target. There may be two shooters on one target, depending on the number of 4-H'ers registered.
- 2.) Either the whistle system or Voice commands will be used by the range instructors.
  - a) Two Whistle Blasts / Archers to the shooting line
  - b) One Whistle Blast / Commence Firing
  - c) Three Whistle Blasts / Move to the Target Line
  - d) Four or more Whistle Blasts in rapid succession / Cease Fire
- 3.) Contestants will use their own archery equipment and arrows.
- 4.) Minimum of 10 arrows will be needed. We do not provide extras. Please mark your arrows in your own unique way (ex. Paint stripe, stickers, marker, etc.)
- 5.) All equipment will be inspected for safety, condition, etc. by field officials prior to the match and at any time during the match when inspection is merited.
- 6.) If equipment is found to be unsafe and corrections not made before the match, then the contestant may share a bow or use a Genesis bow that is on hand for the match.
- 6.) Maximum bow weight allowed in any division is 60 pounds. This will be checked before the match. Bows above the maximum draw weight must be modified and re-checked.

- 7.) A nocking point indicator is required to position the nock of an arrow on the string. The nocking point indicator may be of any conventional design, including materials that may be crimped, wound or heat shrunk to the center serving.
  - 8.) An arrow must be released off a felt arrow shelf, whisker biscuit or other arrow rest.
  - 9.) At full draw, arrows must not extend beyond the back of the bow. Clickers will be allowed.
  - 10.) Arrows consist of a shaft with a target or practice point, nock, fletching and personal identification markings. Arrows must be sound and spined, for the bow.
  - 11.) Each archer must provide an adequate number of arrows to complete each event.
  - 12.) Release aids may be used only by compound shooters. Competence with the equipment must have been demonstrated before the release aid may be used.
  - 13.) **Each archer must provide required arm guard and finger protection.**
- DRESS CODE: Closed toed shoes are required, and long pants are recommended to participate in this event.
- 14.) Each archer should have an arrow quiver for use.
  - 15.) Contestants must attend mandatory safety orientation meeting prior to match.
  - 16.) Minimum arrow weight is 6 grains per 1 lb. of draw weight.

#### EVENTS

There will be two events, FITA TARGET ROUND & 3-D ROUND. Contestants will participate in both events in their appropriate age division. Final score will be the total of both events.

In both events, archers will have three minutes after scoring to search for and retrieve passed arrows. If an arrow is not found within the time limit, the archer should note the target so they can come back after the end of the competition to find lost arrow(s). At this time archer may replace arrows.

The events will be as follows:

#### 1.) FITA TARGET ROUND

Target: Centimeter FITA Target, 5-color face

60cm target will be used for all age groups and distances.

METER	FT	IN
8	26	3
10	32	10
15	49	3
20	65	7
25	82	0
30	98	5

Age Division: Ends/arrows, distances & targets

Junior 4-H'ers - 4 ends/3 arrows at 8m & then 2 ends/6 arrows both 10m & 15m.

Intermediate 4-H'ers - 4 ends/3 arrows at 15m & then 3 ends/6 arrows both 20m & 25m.

Senior 4-H'ers - 4 ends/3 arrows at 20m & then 3 ends/6 arrows both at 25m & 30m.

The number of ends and arrows may change on day of shoot, depending on number of participants.

3 practice arrows will be allowed for each distance, 2-minute time limit.

Time Limits: 2 minutes per 3 arrow end & 4 minutes per 6 arrow end.

## Scoring

Targets are marked with 10 evenly spaced concentric rings, which have score values from 1 through 10 assigned to them. In addition, there is an inner 10 ring, sometimes called the X ring. This serves as a tiebreaker with the archer scoring the most number of X's winning. In the event of a tie there will be a shoot off until there is winner determined. In FITA archery, targets are colored as follows:

1 ring & 2 ring - white  
3 ring & 4 ring - black  
5 ring & 6 ring - blue  
7 ring & 8 ring - red  
9 ring & 10 ring - gold

Archers score each end by summing the scores for their arrows. Any "Line cutters" touching the dividing line between each colored zone, are awarded the higher score. Values scored by each arrow are recorded on a score sheet. Missed arrows are scored as 0. Youth will score their own arrow with adult supervisor. An official scorer will decide all discrepancies.

\*Pass through or bounce out: any shaft that fails to remain in the target may be scored by the mark on the target face.

## 2.) 3-D ROUND

Targets: 3-D Animal Targets: Deer, Strutting Turkey, Wild Boar, Coyote, & Javelina (as available)

Distance: Junior 4-H'ers - Unmarked Distances to 15 Yards

Intermediate 4-H'ers - Unmarked Distances to 20 Yards

Senior 4-H'ers - Unmarked Distances to 30 Yards

Course of Fire: up to 10 targets, one arrow per target

Time Limits: Shooters will move through the course expeditiously and avoid delays

\*Scoring: Center Vital Zone Ring = 10 points

Second Vital Zone Ring = 8 points

All other hits = 5 points

\* Any confirmed hit that passes through, bounces out or deflects off the target will score 3 points.

\*\*Tie Breaker Procedure

Total Hits, 10's, X's until there is a winner.

Note that all distances are subject to change based on conditions and location at the discretion of the Range instructor.

All participants will turn in their signed score card to the official scorer. Once the score card is signed and turn in, it **cannot** be contested.

Contestants, coaches and spectators shall adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct at all times. All equipment shall be handled in a responsible and safe manner. Any person(s) who endangers other participants shall be removed from the match.



