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MEMORANDUM

TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2016 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League (Smallbore Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, and New! Air Pistol)

The District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League continues to be a big part of the District 12 4-H Shooting Sports project. The Postal League is designed to provide additional shooting sports opportunities for 4-H members across District 12, and we have added one new event. The 2016 District 12 4-H Postal League will include Smallbore Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, and a new discipline...Air Pistol (.177). The term “Postal League” (via U.S. mail service) refers to this event taking place locally while allowing participants to compete with other 4-H members across the district. All shooting sports participants (practice and competition) must be under the direct supervision of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Coach.

REGISTRATION
All participants for this event must register through 4-H Connect. Registration will be handled through 4-H Connect and must take place during the registration period of February 1st through February 25th. Look for event “D12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League (Mar 1-Apr 5 – Virtual)”. Registration packets for all registered participants will be mailed directly to the county Extension office for distribution to each coach. The registration fee for all disciplines and all events will be $15 per person per event.

New! This year there will be two options to register:
Method 1 – Registration by the Coach. The coach registers and pays for each individual 4-H participant
Method 2 – Registration by individual 4-H member. The 4-H member registers and pays individually.

MATCH PERIOD
All matches for all disciplines must be hosted locally under the direct supervision of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Coach and be conducted between the dates of March 1st and April 5th. Coaches must select a single date within that timeframe to host their official match to shoot for record. Each coach may set their own date for their discipline independent of other disciplines and clubs/groups in the county. However, we recommend and encourage coordination among disciplines to host a county-wide Postal League match.

DISCIPLINE DETAILS
Each discipline will be handled a little differently due to the specific courses of fire, targets, distances, rules, age divisions, and presentation of awards. Each event/discipline rules will be formatted using the District 12 4-H Guiding Principles for each respective discipline, supported by Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Rules. All rules and resources can be viewed / downloaded from the District 12 4-H website (http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/shooting-sports/). Agents are asked to work cooperatively with your coaches to provide them guidance and assistance in hosting matches locally.

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Smallbore
- D12 4-H Guiding Principles & Rules – Smallbore +
- 50ft 3-P Format w/ Orion 12 Bull Target
- Targets will be provided
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- 3P for Senior/Intermediate, 1P for Junior
- Team & Individual Awards
- Awards presented April 16th @ D12 Rifle Match
- Mail targets to arrive by April 11th

Archery
- D12 4-H Guiding Principles & Rules – Archery +
- 18m Indoor FITA Format (10 ends of 3), 9m for 1stYJ
- All Bow Divisions - 40cm 5-color 10-ring targets
- 1 sample target provided
- Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & 1st Yr. Junior Divisions
- Barebow, Recurve, Genesis, Comp. Aided & Unaided
- Individual Awards
- Awards presented June 4th @ D12 Archery Match
- Post scores online by April 11th

Shotgun
- D12 4-H Guiding Principles & Rules – Shotgun +
- 2 Events: Trap & Skeet
- Targets will not be provided
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Individual Awards
- Awards presented May 14th @ D12 Shotgun Match
- Post scores online by April 11th

NEW! Air Pistol
- D12 4-H Guiding Principles & Rules – Air Pistol +
- 10m Format w/ Orion 1 Bull Air Pistol Target
- Targets will be provided
- Positions & Support based on Age Divisions
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Team & Individual Awards
- Awards presented April 16th @ D12 Rifle Match
- Mail targets to arrive by April 11th

SCORING & RESULTS
As noted in each discipline above, Smallbore and Air Pistol must mail in targets for scoring to arrive at the District office by April 11th. Shotgun and Archery scores must be submitted by the respective coach on the designated website, and mail in the official scorecards (not the targets). Links to post official scores are on the Shooting Sports (Postal League) page of the District 12 4-H website (http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/shooting-sports/). Results will be tabulated in a central location on April 18th by a team of trained agents. Results will be announced at the events referenced in each discipline list above.

In order to assist counties in marketing this opportunity, a flyer has been developed with the most important details about this event. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office at 956-968-5581 or via email at d124h@ag.tamu.edu. Good luck and happy shooting.

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