

## District 2 4-H Pistol- Events to be Offered

The national governing body for the Pistol events rules is the NRA (<http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx>); International Pistol Rules - air pistol events, Conventional Pistol Rules – smallbore pistol bullseye events, and Silhouette Pistol Rules – smallbore pistol silhouette events. These rules are used with modifications in 4-H events. General 4-H rules and regulations supersede all other rules where differences exist. The summary below supersedes those rules further for the State Games purposes. Coaches, parents, and 4-H shooters are encouraged to be familiar with each of these rule sets.

**Note:** To be in compliance with the U.S. BATF regulations, all **pistol** shooters under the age of 18 must have in their possession a written permission statement providing the parent or legal guardian permission to possess ammunition and a handgun, as well as fire the handgun. A simple written statement of this permission will suffice including the name of the shooter, the parent/legal guardian name, signature, and address, and signature of a witness, dated on the day and year of signature. This permission is valid for one year after signature date. Laminated permission cards kept with the pistol shooting kit are strongly recommended. A sample is provided below. An electronic file containing multiple cards for a club's use is available on the 4-H Shooting Sports Project webpage (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports>) under 'Forms'.

I _____, (print parent/legal guardian name) give my permission to _____ (print youth name) to possess a handgun and the appropriate ammunition, as well as fire that handgun from the signature date to August 31, 20____.
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____
Address: _____
Witness Signature: _____
Signature Date: _____

**Note:** The minimum barrel length allowed on all pistols and revolvers is four inches (4"). Any barrel shorter in length will not be permitted in these events.

### AIR PISTOL

**Target:** NRA B-40/4

**Distance:** 10 meters

**Course of Fire:** **Junior:** 10 record shots fired at three scoring bulls (3, 3, 4) in any order.  
**Intermediate:** 20 record shots fired at three scoring bulls (7, 7, 6) in any order.  
**Senior:** 30 record shots fired at six scoring bulls, (5 shots per record bull)

**Position:** **Junior:** supported sitting position, the barrel of the pistol may NOT be touching any support. Typically using a maximum of 2 sand bags with only the butt of the pistol and hands touching the bags.

**Intermediate:** two-handed standing position

**Senior:** one-handed standing position

**Time Limits:** **Junior:** 15 minutes running time  
**Intermediate:** 30 minutes running time  
**Senior:** 45 minutes running time

**Equipment:** Any .177 caliber (4.5 mm) air pistols weighing less than 3.3 pounds with a trigger pull of at least 17.6 ounces. No release triggers may be used. Pellets must be single loaded. Only open, metallic sights allowed. No peep (covered), red dot, or scope sights allowed.

**NOTE:** Hot weather may cause CO<sub>2</sub> air pistols to malfunction. CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges and pistols can be kept in an ice chest during heat to minimize issues.

### **SMALLBORE PISTOL (Camp Perry Round)**

**Target:** NRA B-3  
**Distance:** 50 Feet  
**Course of Fire:** **Juniors:** 10 shots each slow fire and timed fire  
**Intermediates:** 10 shots each slow fire, timed fire, and rapid fire  
**Seniors:** 10 shots each slow fire, timed fire, and rapid fire  
**Positions:** **Juniors:** Sitting using a maximum of 2 sand bags with only the butt of the pistol and hands touching the bags, in a two-handed supported position, the barrel may not be touching any support.  
**Intermediates:** two-handed standing  
**Seniors:** one-handed standing  
**Time Limits:** Slow fire: 10 minutes  
Timed fire: 20 seconds per 5 shot string  
Rapid fire: 10 seconds per 5 shot string  
**Equipment:** Any smallbore pistol or revolver firing the .22 rimfire long rifle, long or short cartridge with a sight radius no greater than 10 inches, minimum barrel length of 4 inches and a trigger pull no less than 2 pounds.

### **CENTERFIRE PISTOL (Camp Perry Round)**

**Eligibility:** This match is restricted to **Intermediate and Senior age division shooters only**. No "shooting up" to an older class permitted. A Centerfire Pistol/Revolver Proficiency Certificate must be held by each shooter in this event. This document will be inspected on the firing line. You will not be able to shoot any centerfire pistol event without it.  
**Target:** NRA B-3  
**Distance:** 50 Feet  
**Course of Fire:** 10 shots each slow fire, timed fire and rapid fire  
**Position:** **Senior 2s** (age 16-19): one-handed, standing  
**Senior 1s and Intermediates:** two-handed standing  
**Time Limits:** Slow fire: 10 minutes  
Timed fire: 20 seconds per 5 shot string  
Rapid fire: 10 seconds per 5 shot string  
**Equipment:** Any centerfire pistol or revolver caliber .32 or larger with a sight radius no greater than 10 inches, minimum barrel length of 4 inches, equipped with any sights that do not project an image onto the target and a trigger pull no less than 2½ pounds (except .45 semiautomatic pistols must have a trigger pull of at least 3 ½ pounds)

**Centerfire Pistol/Revolver Proficiency Certification**

*(A completed form must be available on the firing line during 4-H events. The form is current for one year from signature date)*

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print Pistol Coach's name), a 4-H certified Pistol Coach, have witnessed  
\_\_\_\_\_ (print 4-H shooter's name) handle and fire the following pistols and/or

revolvers:

Make: Model: Caliber:

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I certify that the named shooter is proficient in the use of this firearm for 4-H Pistol Competition.

Pistol Coach Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pistol Coach Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_