

**By-Laws of the Weber County
4-H Shooting Sports Program
Adopted February 2013**

Article 1: NAME, LOCATION, OBJECTIVE

Section 1: NAME – The name of this organization shall be:
Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council

Section 2: LOCATION – The principal place of business of the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council shall be:

**Utah State University Extension Building, Weber County
1181 North Fairgrounds Drive
Ogden, UT 84404**

A. Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports program shall cover the area of Weber County in the state of Utah.

Section 3: OBJECTIVES – The Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council will work under the direction of the Weber County 4-H Extension Agent and the State 4-H Program to achieve these objectives:

- A. To represent and serve people who are interested in the advancement of an educational program for youth in the 4-H Shooting Sports project. To advise, guide, and help provide such educational 4-H Shooting Sports projects within Weber County of the state of Utah.
- B. To encourage project members to practice leadership, decision making, life skills, communication, and record-keeping skills, through cooperative interest in Shooting Sports.
- C. To promote and stimulate interest in the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project by sponsoring 4-H Shooting Sports competitions, educational programs, and by educating the public about the qualities of the 4-H Shooting Sports project.
- D. To provide services to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Article 2: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Adult Shooting Sports Leader – Adults who meet all of the following requirements are eligible to serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader:
 - 1. Has completed Hunter Education Certification and has a blue card.
 - 2. Has completed 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification
 - 3. Is a registered leader with Weber County 4-H, which requires completing an application, interview, background screening, and attendance at New Leader Orientation.
 - 4. Completion of the Bow Hunter Education course is strongly encouraged for all Shooting Sports Leaders, especially for those whose members are participating in archery.

- B. **Youth** – Youth who meet all of the following requirements are eligible to enroll in the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Program:
1. Lives in Weber County
 2. Has completed Hunter Safety Education and has earned his or her blue card
 3. Is currently enrolled in 6th -12th grade (or if homeschooled, youth is 11 years old or older as of October 1st of the current 4-H program year which runs October 1st – September 30)
 4. Has the needed emotional and mental capacity to safely participate in the program.
 5. Completion of the Bow Hunter Education course is strongly encouraged for all youth, especially for those participating in archery.

Section 2: MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. All members must abide by the rules and regulations and assist in promoting the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council's objectives regarding the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project.
- B. All rules will be followed by 4-H members, adults, parents/guardians, and leaders. Violation of any of these rules will result in immediate dismissal from the club meeting, practice, competition, and/or permanent dismissal from the Shooting Sports program.
- C. **SAFETY RULES**
1. While on the firing line, firearms may be handled/touched only with the permission of the event judge/range operator.
 2. Actions of uncased firearms must be open except when the firearm is on the firing line, ready to fire.
 3. Firearms are to remain unloaded until a member is on the firing line and has received instructions from the judge/range officer to load/fire.
 4. Arrows will remain in a quiver when they are not being shot from a bow.
 5. Firearm muzzles are to be pointed in a safe direction. The position and direction of firearm muzzles and arrows should be such that accidental injury to others cannot occur.
 6. Listen and obey all range commands immediately.
 7. Dry firing of firearms is permitted only on the firing line with the judge's/range officer's permission.
 8. Eye and hearing protection is each participant's responsibility and must be worn.
 9. Participants including members, coaches, judges and spectators **MUST** wear adequate eye and hearing protection while on the firing line or while in close proximity to a firearm range.
 10. When not shooting a firearm, it will be placed in a gun rack, stored in a case, or locked in an automobile.
 11. While standing at the firing position, arrows may be handled/touched only with the permission of the event judge/range operator. Arrows may be nocked only when the shooter is on the archery shooting line and has received instructions from the event judge/range officer to nock an arrow/shoot.
 12. When members are carrying/transporting firearms (not actually shooting the firearm) the firearm is to remain unloaded and the action is to remain open.
 13. During 4-H club meetings and competition, if firearms and/or ammunition are/is stored in vehicles, the vehicles are to remain locked. When members are

carrying/transporting archery equipment (not actually shooting the bow) the arrows are to remain in a quiver that shields the arrow points.

D. CONDUCT RULES

1. No horse play.
2. Guns and archery equipment must be handled safely at all times.
3. No physical or verbal abuse to anyone or anything.
4. No profane language.
5. No drug or alcohol consumption.
6. Exhibit good sportsmanship.

E. All dues or monies must be up-to-date.

F. County-level dues will be \$15.00 (\$5 to 4-H / \$10 to 4-H Shooting Sports Council) per registered 4-H youth in the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project.

G. Each club will establish their own club dues based upon the cost of facilities, etc.

Section 3: CORRESPONDENCE

A. Correspondence will be via email and sent to active, voting members of the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council.

Section 4: WEBER COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT CLUB

A. Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project club shall be defined as:

1. A recommended ratio is one adult for every five youth.
2. A Certified Shooting Sports Leader **MUST BE PRESENT** to supervise ANY club meeting that involves youth participation with ammunition, guns or archery equipment.
3. Having at least three youth registered in the 4-H Shooting Sports project.
4. Clubs can exist with less than three members but they will not have a vote at 4-H Shooting Sports Council.

Section 5: VOTING, QUORUM

A. Each registered Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project club is entitled to **one** vote.

1. Said leader of the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project club will cast the vote for the club.
2. If a club leader is unable to attend the meeting, he or she may have an adult vote in his or her absence.

B. Simple majority of eligible voting clubs shall constitute a quorum.

Article 3: OFFICERS

Section 1: OFFICERS

A. The officers for Shooting Sports Council shall be: President and Secretary.

Section 2: ELECTIONS

A. Elections/Appointments will occur at the fall Shooting Sports Council meeting.

B. Any Weber County Shooting Sports club leader in good standing may be appointed / elected for an officer position.

C. Should an officer be unable to fulfill the duties of his or her office, the President will appoint a replacement to fill the vacant position until the next election is held.

Section 3: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. President:

1. This is an elected position for a one-year term.
2. The president prepares the agenda and presides over the Shooting Sports Council meetings.

B. Secretary:

1. This is an elected position for a one-year term.
2. The secretary for the Weber County 4-H Council records minutes and provides a sign-in sheet.
3. Mailing of minutes – after approval of the minutes by the 4-H Extension Agent, the minutes will then be given to the Weber County 4-H administrative assistant to e-mail to members. Minutes must be sent out in a timely manner.

Article 4: COUNCIL MEETINGS

Section 1: MEETINGS

- A. The group will meet twice a year in the fall and the spring.
- B. Although informal in style, the meeting will follow **Robert's Rules of Order**.
- C. The purpose of the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council meetings shall be primarily to conduct business for the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project.
- D. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of eligible voting clubs present at the meeting. In a situation where there is an emergency, the 4-H Extension Agent may declare a quorum with unanimous support of those present.
- E. Clubs with less than three registered 4-H Shooting Sports project youth carry no official vote on the Shooting Sports Council.
- F. All Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council meetings are open to all members of the 4-H program. They are welcome to address the council, make suggestions, file complaint, or simply listen.

Article 5: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1: FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. The finance committee members will be appointed in the fall and serve for a one-year term.
- B. The finance committee will include the Weber County 4-H Extension Agent and two council members.
- C. This committee is responsible for oversight of the Council's funds and coordinating fundraising and grant-writing efforts.
- D. Funds will be held in a designated account and managed by the Weber County 4-H office.
- E. Funds will consist of dues, private donations and fund raisers.
- F. Funds will be used for the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

Section 2: AWARDS COMMITTEE

- A. The awards committee will be appointed in the fall and serve for a one-year term.

- B. The awards committee will consist of three members of the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council. Award ideas will be brought to the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council for approval and vote. Cost will be predetermined by the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council budget.

Section 5: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- A. The education committee will be appointed in the fall and serve for a one year term.
- B. The education committee will consist of three members of the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council.
- C. The committee's responsibilities will include organizing workshops, clinics, etc. for Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project members and/or public.

Section 6: COMPETITION COMMITTEE

- A. The competition committee will consist of Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council members. The committee's responsibilities will include:
 - 1. Coordinating range facilities, equipment, judges, volunteers, etc. for county-level competitions.

Article 6: EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

Section 1: EQUIPMENT

- A. The equipment used in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is limited to:
 - 1. Rifle: .22 caliber rimfire ammunition only
 - 2. Shotgun: No larger than a 12 gauge
 - 3. Archery: acceptable hunting equipment, excluding crossbows
 - 4. Muzzleloader rifle or shotgun
 - 5. The program does not include handguns.
- B. Members will provide their own equipment including firearms and archery equipment, targets, ammunition, safety glasses, and ear protection.
- C. Equipment must be in good working order.
- D. Contestants must use factory-loaded ammunition. No reloaded ammunition is allowed.

Section 2: CLOTHING

- A. Club Meetings: At 4-H Shooting Sports Club Meetings, youth must wear closed-toed shoes and jeans. No loose fitting clothing allowed since this is a hazard.
- B. 4-H Competition: Youth must wear closed-toed shoes, dark blue or black jeans and collared shirts or club t-shirts. 4-H patch (or emblem) must be on the left sleeve. No loose fitting clothing allowed since this is a hazard.

Article 7: COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS

Section 1: EVENTS & SCORING

- A. The following events will be conducted: Shotgun, .22 Rifle, Archery, Outdoor Skills, and Written Test.
- B. Total Combined Score will be based upon the following:
 - 1. Archery – 300 points

2. .22 Rifle – 300 points
 3. Shotgun – 300 points
 4. Outdoor Skills – 100 points
 5. Written Test – 100 points
- C. Proficiency in each event will be scored as follows:
1. Blue – 90%
 2. Red – 75-89%
 3. White – 74% and below
- D. All contestants will compete in Outdoor Skills and the Written Test. Additionally, youth may choose to compete any of the following: Archery, Shotgun, and/or .22 Rifle.

Section 2: RIFLE EVENT

- A. Only standard .22 rifles, designed primarily for hunting, will be permitted. All action types except full automatic will be permitted.
- B. The rifle may not exceed seven pounds in weight including a scope. The sling may not exceed 1.5 inches in width and may not be used to provide stability.
- B. Rifle sights may include a scope of four-power or less, or open or peep sights with standard front post or bead. Variable magnification scope sights must be set at four-power or less.
- A. Shooters may not change guns during the competition except for malfunction.
- B. No gunsmithing will be allowed on the firing line.
- C. An equipment malfunction does not extend the time for participants to complete an activity or allow the opportunity for another attempt.
- D. Other than equipment provided by the judges, special equipment may not be used.
- E. Contestants may not use natural or man-made rests to support the rifle or the body. The following shooting aids will not be permitted:
- F. Clothing with padding or stiffness designed to assist steadiness
- G. Shooting mats or kneeling rolls
- H. Adjustable competition sling
- I. Hooked butt plate
- J. Adjustable or thumbhole stocks
- K. Palm rest or stock forearms exceeding 2.24 inches wide or 2.25 inches deep as measured from the center of the bore
- L. Spotting scopes, binoculars or range finders.
- M. Ammunition used in this event will be .22 caliber long rifle. All rifles must be sighted in prior to competition date.
- N. Time or facilities will not be made available for competition day training or sighting in.
- O. Score sheets must be signed by the competitor and event judge, and turned in following the completion of each activity. Lost or misplaced targets or score sheets are NOT the responsibility of 4-H judges or volunteers and will be scored as a zero.

Section 3: SHOTGUN EVENT

- A. The shotgun events can be a round of skeet, a round of trap, a round of sporting clays, or a combination of any of the three.
- B. In combination events, the targets may be released as singles and/or doubles, and may be throw at the discretion of the judge.
- C. Twenty-five targets will be thrown from one or more machines.
- D. One shot per target is allowed. Each target will receive a numerical score and the combined score will not exceed 300 points.

- E. Competitors are allowed to have their guns shoulder mounted for skeet and/or trap, but must use a ready position (not shoulder mounted) for sporting clays.
- F. Targets broken by the machines should not be shot. These targets will be re-thrown for the competitor. If a competitor shoots at a broken target, the hit or miss is recorded and the target will not be re-thrown.
- G. In order for a target to be scored as a hit, the contestants must hit it and a piece of the target must break off. The event judge will call out a loss/miss following each shot/release. Any challenge to the call must be made immediately and will be resolved by the event judge after conferring with the other judges.
- H. All whole targets that are released must be shot at or the target will be counted as lost.
- I. Only the malfunction of factory loaded shotgun ammunition will enable a participant to repeat a shot. The malfunction of a firearm is the contestant's responsibility and will not result in a shot being repeated. In some situations a judge may allow a shot, missed because of equipment malfunction, to be repeated.
- J. If a firearm malfunctions repeatedly, the contestant will be required to use another gun.
- K. No gunsmithing will be allowed on the firing line.
- L. An equipment malfunction does not extend the time for participants to complete an activity or allow the opportunity for another attempt.
- M. Contestants will provide their own factory-loaded ammunition with a shot size ranging from 7 ½ through 9.
- N. Shotguns may not be larger than 12 gauge.
- O. All action types except fully automatic are permissible.
- P. There are no restrictions on shotgun grade, design or intended use.
- Q. Firearms are not to be equipped with any lenses, optics, or battery powered illumination for this event.
- R. Contestants may not change shotguns after beginning the event except for a malfunctioning firearm.
- S. Choke tubes may be changed between rounds, but not during a round.
- T. Score sheets must be signed by the competitor and event judge, and turned in following the completion of each activity. Lost or misplaced score sheets are NOT the responsibility of 4-H judges or volunteers and will be scored as a zero.

Section 4: ARCHERY EVENT

- A. The archery event will be conducted on an indoor range and/or outdoor course at various distances not to exceed 40 yards.
- B. Targets will be paper archery targets, paper animal targets, and/or 3D animal targets.
- C. Competitors will shoot a maximum of 30 arrows (two or more arrows per target).
- D. A hit occurs if the arrow is in or touching the score line. Arrows outside the score line will be counted at the lower value or as a miss.
- E. Each arrow shot will receive a numerical score and the total score will not exceed 300 points.
- F. Judges must score arrow placement before the arrows are pulled. Do not touch or remove your arrows until after your scores have been recorded.
- G. If an arrow is touched or removed the arrow will be scored as a miss.
- H. Challenges to assigned scores must be made immediately before the arrows are pulled. The event judges will make the final decision.
- I. Only compound, recurve, or long bows will be permitted. Legal hunting equipment is acceptable with the exceptions listed below.
- J. Contestants may not change bows during the competition except for malfunction.

- K. Questions on legal sites, bows and equipment, and procedure alternatives must be discussed with the 4-H Office at least seven working days prior to the scheduled competition.
- L. Only target or field-point arrows will be allowed (no broadhead hunting tips).
- M. The following equipment may not be used in this event: range finders, binoculars, spotting scopes telescopic sites, or battery powered sights.
- N. Score sheets must be signed by the competitor and event judge, and turned in following the completion of each activity. Lost or misplaced score sheets are NOT the responsibility of 4-H judges or volunteers and will be scored as a zero.

Section 5: OUTDOOR SKILLS

- A. Involves outdoor skills common to hunting, camping, survival, compass and map use, identifying safe backstops, and any of the items listed for the written test.

Section 6: WRITTEN TEST

- A. Written Test: Involves questions related to firearm safety, safety in the out-of-doors, shooting and hunting equipment, animal identification, and or hunting rules. The information included in the Utah Hunter Education Guide is typical of what may appear of the written test.

Article 8: AWARDS

Section 1: COUNTY CONTEST AWARDS

- A. Each contestant will earn blue, red or white ribbon honors for their participation in the county competition. A certificate with appropriate-colored stickers will be awarded.
- B. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individuals in the intermediate and senior division will be recognized for each of the following:
 - 1. .22 Rifle
 - 2. Shotgun
 - 3. Archery
 - 4. Outdoor Skills
 - 5. Test
- C. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place overall intermediate and senior (combined score for all five areas) will be recognized.

Article 9: STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST

Section 1: ELIGIBILITY

- A. The top four seniors earning the highest combined score in the county contest will make up Weber County's A Team in State Competition.
 - 1. If a team member cannot attend state competition, alternates will be chosen based upon combined score in the county contest.
- B. A Weber County B Team will be selected based upon combined scores if the state allows more than one team to compete.
- C. Senior individuals who earn blue ribbon honors in county competition will be allowed to compete as individuals in .22, shotgun, archery or combined events.

Article 10: PROTESTS

- A. Shooting sports judges will be available to handle all disputes including those regarding the value of shots as they are scored. Any questionable equipment, behavior, and/or score will be decided on by the judges based on the rules, regulations, and guidelines printed herein.
- B. It is the responsibility of contestants to assure that their shooting sports equipment operates properly and that the equipment is appropriate for use in the 4-H Competition.

Article 11: MEMBER OR LEADER DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A. A written formal complaint must be filed with the Weber County 4-H agent.
- B. A copy of said formal complaint must be mailed to the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project leader and/or member.
- C. Weber County 4-H agent will then determine if it is necessary to bring it to the Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council.
- D. Weber County 4-H agent will call the 4-H project member and parents to address the complaint.
- E. The Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project leader/member will have an opportunity to address the letter.
- F. The leader/member in question will have the opportunity for a hearing.
 - 1. Hearing committee will consist of at least three Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Project leaders in good standing.
 - 2. Committee will read complaint and leader/member will be given an opportunity to respond, then they will be excused.
 - 3. Committee will then make recommendations to the Weber County 4-H agent.
 - 4. The agent will then let the leader/member know of the recommendation.
 - 5. All information and meetings to be kept **CONFIDENTIAL**.
 - 6. **ANY LEADER/MEMBER BREAKING THIS CONFIDENTIALITY IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE.**
- G. Probation of Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports leader and/or project member:
 - 1. Will be recommended by the hearing committee to the Weber County 4-H agent, who will then agree/disagree and will let the leader/member in question know.
 - 2. In the event of the probation of a project leader/member the Weber County 4-H agent will determine the term of probation.

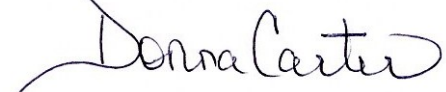
Article 12: INDEMNIFICATION / HOLD HARMLESS

- A. The Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council members, leaders, and Weber County 4-H agent shall be held harmless from and indemnified by Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council against any and all claims or demands of any party arising out of the performance of their duty conducted for and on behalf of Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports Council and Weber County 4-H Shooting Sports project, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and expenses incurred in the defense of any litigation resulting there from.

Article 13: AMMENDMENTS

- A. The By-laws will be reviewed annually at the fall Shooting Sports Council meeting. A quorum must be present to modify the By-Laws. Modifications must be approved by simple majority.

Amended and approved on February 2013



Donna Carter

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