

## Uvalde 4-H Shooting Sports Club Rifle Rules and Guidelines

1. **Protective Gear** - Each 4-H member must have eye and ear protection. Eye protection always must be worn whenever that member is forward of the safety line. Ear protection must be worn for rimfire rifle when forward of the safety line and suggested to be worn when in proximity of the safety line.
2. **Clear Barrel/Bore Indicator** - If a 4-H member uses one's own rifle, that member must provide a Clear Barrel/Bore Indicator (CBI).
3. If a 4-H member provides one's own rifle, the hand grip must not be a pistol-style grip (AR-style grip). Hand grips of this style are not allowed in the 4-H shooting sports.
4. **Rifle caliber** - If a 4-H member provides one's own rifle, it must be either an air rifle (.177 caliber) or a .22-caliber rimfire rifle capable of firing .22 short, .22 long, or .22 long rifle cartridges. No .22-caliber magnum nor .17-caliber rimfire rifle will be allowed.
5. **Rifle type** - If a 4-H member provides one's own rifle it may be a single-shot rifle or may be a magazine-fed rifle with the following action types: bolt action (preferred), break action, pump action, lever action, or semi-automatic action (consult with the shooting coach about any other action type). If the rifle isn't a single-shot rifle, during practices, only one round may be loaded at a time, unless the shooter is expressly directed by the Range Safety Officer to load more than one round in the rifle.
6. **Sights** – only open sights or peep sights will be used; no telescopic sight will be used during official 4-H practices.
7. **Rifle weight(s)** - If a 4-H member provides one's own rifle, the total **rifle weight must not exceed 8½ pounds**, including sights and, for safety reasons, that **rifle must not have a trigger-pull weight less than 2 pounds**.
8. **Safe rifle** – If a rifle accidentally discharges, that rifle will be taken out of operation, immediately, and will not be allowed to be used again in practice without a signed statement from a licensed gunsmith that the rifle is safe to use. If a rifle fails to fire (dud or misfire) more than once during a shooting practice, that rifle will be taken out of operation, immediately, until the cause for the misfire(s) can be determined. If it is determined that the cause is a mechanical malfunction, a written statement from a licensed gunsmith will be required before the rifle may be used again in practice. If there is any question, for any reason, with respect to the safety of a particular rifle, the final decision about its safety rests with the Range Safety Officer. There will be no appeal.
9. **Required practice before competing** - Before a 4-H member may enter an official competition, the 4-Her must have fired a **minimum of 500 rounds** at official practices. We suggest the use of official, 50-ft small-bore targets, with five rounds fired per each of the ten bullseyes, for a total of 50 rounds per target, not including any sighting-in/checking-zero rounds fired on the center bullseye. There is an example of such a target, below.

