

## White County 4-H Archery Rules & Policies 2022-2023

- Volunteers and Certified Coaches must comply with all Georgia 4-H policies and guidelines and have signed all materials necessary, including but not limited to the Volunteer Agreement and 4-H Code of Conduct. The Risk Management Training online module must be completed as well. These materials must be updated **annually**.
- All 4-H'ers must be between the ages of 9-19 and complete a 4-H Enrollment form and 4-H Code of Conduct.
- Discipline is very strict for safety reasons.
  - \* A 4-H'er can be removed from the team if he/she exhibits inappropriate behavior or if they are creating enough of a distraction to create a safety concern. There will be zero tolerance for carelessness when handling equipment. We want 4-H'ers to have a good time, but kids need to have an appropriate attitude during practice.
  - \* Keep these clothing guidelines in mind: halter tops, backless shirts, one-shoulder tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, tube tops, extremely tight clothing, visible midriffs, revealing pants, or clothing that advertises alcohol or tobacco products are NOT allowed. Sleeveless shirts and tank tops may be worn as long as they are modest, and girls' straps need to be wide enough to touch the shoulders or at least 1 to 2 inches wide.
  - \* No loose or dangling clothing or jewelry that may interfere with the safe operation of a bow is allowed.
  - \* Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes must be worn (no sandals, flip-flops, or croc-style shoes).
  - \* Coaches may deem an article of clothing unsafe. If this occurs, every effort will be made to assist the archer in allowing practice to continue. The intent is to maintain a safe shooting environment, not to exclude an archer from practice.
  - \* Headphones, earbuds, or other electronics will not be allowed at practice.
- The White County Extension Office reserves the right to limit the **number of participants** on the archery team depending on the adult-to-child ratio. Safety is of the utmost importance; therefore, if we feel there is not enough supervision prior to the start of the season we may choose to regulate the number of participants allowed on the team. This number will be evaluated at the beginning of each season to determine the team's size.
- All 4-H'ers are **strongly** encouraged to complete one or more of the following:
  1. Present a project demonstration (including portfolio for Junior & Senior 4-H'ers)
    - \* Cloverleaf District Project Achievement: **November 19, 2022**
    - \* Junior/Senior District Project Achievement: **March 11-12, 2023**. These projects have a portfolio category; portfolios must be completed by **date TBA**. Please contact Mrs. Rachel Martin at 706-865-2832 if you are interested.
  2. Attend a statewide 4-H leadership conference at Rock Eagle:
    - \* Seniors (grades 9-12) may attend Fall Forum: **December 10 & 11, 2022**; Senior Conference: **TBA**, or State Council: **June, 2022 (TBA)**; Juniors (grades 7 & 8) may attend Junior Conference on **November 12-13**.
  3. Complete a community service project individually or with fellow 4-H'ers/teammates
    - \* Opportunities will arise throughout the school year—watch your email!
  4. Be involved with another 4-H program, including the educational components
  5. Complete any project that will demonstrate improvement of the 4-H'er, their community, or the environment.
- Practice attendance is required for team members: **mandatory two practice sessions per week**. Practice will be held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at the 4-H Archery Range beginning at **6:00 p.m.** A member with more than 6 unexcused absences (3 prior to State Indoor Tournament and 3 prior to State Outdoor Tournament) may result in a suspension of participation from one or more of the competitions. We already have limited space on the team; having **dedicated** team members is necessary.

If practice is missed because of another PRE-APPROVED archery event, the absence will be excused. If students sign up for any archery event, they are expected to be there. **No-shows the day of the event will still have to pay the registration fee for the event.**

- Sick Days: If your child misses 3 days of practice due to illness, they must have a written doctor's excuse for at least one of those days. If not attending practice due to illness, we ask that you please call or text one of the archery coaches prior to practice so that an excused absence will be noted on the sign-in sheet.
- Your child is expected to **personally** sign in at every practice that he/she attends. **IF THEY DO NOT SIGN IN, THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED ABSENT.**
- Transportation to and from practice will not be provided.
- In the event that a 4-H'er decides to quit or is suspended from the 4-H Archery Team, membership dues (\$80) will not be refunded. This is a necessary measure since supplies will be purchased in advance for each 4-H'er.
- In all circumstances, shooters, parents, and coaches are responsible for their actions and upholding the standards of the Georgia 4-H Project S.A.F.E. program. All of us are expected to behave in a manner suitable for the promotion of the 4-H youth development program, high ideals, and the promotion of shooting sports as a safe and respectable recreation activity. Cooperation, self-control, self-discipline, and high standards of sportsmanship are expected at all times.
- It is important that all parties are aware of the sporting equipment involved and the potential physical danger if safety and training are not followed. With respect to this potential danger, those volunteers that are coaching and providing the instructional training will deem it necessary to instruct and discipline from time to time for the best interests of all involved. The foremost concern is **safety** with skill attainment and enjoyment second.
- We have limited space on the 4-H Archery Team—preference will be given to students who have reviewed the competition dates and are willing to make that commitment. Team members that train but voluntarily withdraw from attending state tournaments after the deadlines below\*\* will be assessed a \$25 withdrawal penalty.
  - State 4-H Indoor Archery Tournament: **January 20, 2023.**
  - \*\*Last date to register and/or assign members to teams: **December 15, 2022.**
  - State 4-H Outdoor Archery Tournament: **May 6, 2023.**
  - \*\*Last date to register and/or assign members to teams: (tentative) **April 20, 2023.**

As a member of the White County 4-H Project S.A.F.E. Club, I have read and understand the above rules and regulations and agree to abide by them. I have also read and understand the Georgia 4-H Code of Conduct and the Project S.A.F.E. Range guidelines and Safety Procedures. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations regarding the Project S.A.F.E. Program or a forfeit the right to participate in S.A.F.E. Project activities, including archery practice and competition.

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Signature of **4-H'er**

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Date

**STUDENT**

I am also aware and understand that my child from time to time will be touched, moved, and held in a manner to assist in positioning, balance, comfort, and to provide continuity in curriculum training for the discipline being taught.

I certify that my child and I have read and understand the above rules and regulations, the 4-H Code of Conduct and the Range Guidelines and Safety Procedures. I understand that for my child to participate in local Project S.A.F.E. competitions, I must provide transportation to and from the event.

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Signature of **Parent**

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Date

**Parent**