

2008 Alabama 4-H Archery Championship

The 2008 Alabama 4-H Archery Championship will be held on March 15 at the Alabama 4-H Center. It will be one of three state championships held that day.

Fees: The cost is \$10 per archer, payable at the event by check or money order made out to the ACES. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR REGISTRATION FEES!! However, cash is acceptable for the one dollar challenge fee per target which is refundable if a change is made to the target score. All non-refunded money will go to the 4-H Shooting Sports program fund!

Match Director: Jack Mitchell, (251) 862-2083, mitchelljack@frontiernet.net

Registration: Priority registration will be accepted **by e-mail only beginning Feb. 18** until 4:00 p.m. March 7. **Coaches may pre-register teams (with or without participant names) from Feb 18 to Feb 24. Individual registration opens Mar. 1 to Mar. 7 and must include county/club affiliated with, class (Jr/Sr), name, and Date of Birth. Individual entries may be submitted earlier than Mar 1, but will not be assigned relay/lane assignment until Mar 1.** E-mail registrations to Perry Mitchell at perry.mitchell@worldnet.att.net.

Juniors Participating on Senior Teams: If a county or club has enough seniors to make a team, then no juniors from that county or club may compete on that county or club team. If a junior will participate on a senior team, the coach must provide all of that team's participant names during pre-registration.

Coaches must provide the complete name of the team. Team name must include the county it represents. For counties with more than one club, please include a 3-letter acronym after county to designate the club, i.e., Shelby-NOR (North), Shelby-SOU (South). Fayette-BEB (Bulls-Eye Bandits), etc. If no acronym is provided, one will be assigned by registrar. Separate e-mails should be sent for each club to avoid confusion with registration. **Do not submit multiple club entries on the same e-mail.**

Coaches may request relays with the registration. All reasonable efforts will be used to accommodate relay requests. Teams have priority over individual shooters in scheduling until Mar 1 when individual registration opens. Coaches of 4-Hers planning to shoot in more than one championship must determine the required relay times and register early enough to assure their availability. If requested relays are not available, the entry contact will be notified. This registration should be sent to perry.mitchell@worldnet.att.net registration and relay assignment with copy (cc) to klingeb@auburn.edu.

The on-site registration desk will open at 7:30 A.M. on March 15.

Registration Deadline: March 7. Don't wait until the last minute. Registrations and relay requests will be accepted on a *first come, first served* basis with limitations given above. If all relays are filled prior to this date, no further registration will be accepted.

Relay Times (Approximate): All reasonable effort will be used to start the relays on time! Coaches, Teams, and Individual Shooters will be expected to be ready and in attendance based on this schedule regardless of the actual start time! There will be five relays. Each relay can accommodate 12 competitors. Relay times will be 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00P.M., 1:30 P.M., and 3:00 P.M. (Contingency Relay only). Relays will be called to the line with five (5) minutes to bring equipment to the waiting line.

Eligibility: This Match is limited to bona fide 4-H members who have completed the basic 4-H Archery Course or the Archery in the Schools Course. *The Team Coach will have to certify in writing that the 4-Hers have completed one of these safety programs.* The Coaches or County Agents should also have in their possession an Alabama 4-H Parent and Youth Consent Form for each 4-Her at the Match.

Divisions: There will be two separate divisions (compound bows and recurve bows) in the Match for Junior and Senior 4-Hers. Senior competitors are those that were 14 years old on January 1, 2008. **Within the Junior division only, there will be sub-divisions for those who shoot with sights and those who shoot without sights (instinctive shooting).**

Counties may have bring as many individual competitors and teams as they want in each of the two (2) different divisions—as long as the teams are coached by different coaches at different locations at different times. The highest scoring Senior team in each division will qualify to represent Alabama in the National 4-H Archery Competition in Nebraska **if the team scores a minimum of 2016 points.** The team will travel at its own expense!

Before going to the National Invitational, all winning senior team members and their coach(es) will be required to attend a one-day training session to practice shooting a Field Round and a 3-D Round. (These rounds are part of the National 4-H Archery Invitational in Nebraska). The date and location for this training will be mutually agreed upon by the Match Director and the winning team coach(es). Other teams and their coaches are welcome to attend this training, also.

Should the winning team decline, the next highest scoring team will have the opportunity to accept or decline. Junior shooters may be used to make up a senior team. However, team composed of junior and seniors cannot be considered to represent the State in 4-H National Competition. Juniors who shoot on senior teams will still be considered as juniors in the individual competition.

Conduct of the Match:

All participants will fire as members of a team or as an individual. This will be designated prior to the beginning of the 4-Her's relay. A Team consist of 3 (three) members with all scores counting, or of 4 (four) members with the three highest scores counting to make the Team Score. Individual shooters will be moved to the end of the Match if space becomes an issue in filling relays. Pre-registration is required to ensure

receiving a relay assignment. If a late registration is received it will be given the lowest priority if space is available!

Participants will shoot a ½ FITA Round:

Target: 122cm and 80 cm faces, 5-color face
Distance: 60, 50, 40, and 30 meters in that order **for seniors**
15 and 30 meters in that order **for juniors**
Course of Fire: 3 ends of 6 arrows each from 60 and 50 meters **for seniors**
6 ends of 3 arrows each from 40 and 30 meters **for seniors**
6 ends of 3 arrows each from 15 and 30 meters **for juniors**
Time Limit: 4 minutes per 6 arrow end and 2.5 minutes per 3 arrow end
Scoring: 10-1 from the center outward, compound teams will score inner 10's. Tie breaks will follow the NGB Rules.
NGB Rules: USA Archery/FITA (International Archery Federation)
FITA Constitution & Rules - <http://www.archery.org/>

Equipment:

Recurve and compound archery are different competitions with different teams but will shoot the same events. Any bow that uses pullies or cams is deemed a compound—including Genesis bows.

Recurve Bows: One adjustable sight pin or multiple hunting style sight pins may be used. Not permitted: string peeps and mechanical release aids. Permitted: clicker and kissers button permitted, as well as torque compensators. Maximum draw weight is 60 lbs.

Compound (freestyle) Bows: Overdraws may not place the arrow rest further than 6 cm from the pivot point of the bow. Permitted: release aids, string peeps, optical sights, and spirit levels. Maximum draw weight is 60 lbs.

Arrows: Arrows must meet AMO minimum weight standard (6 grains arrow weight per pound bow peak draw weight). No arrows 23/64ths in diameter or larger are permitted.

Teams and individuals will furnish all of their own equipment. It is desirable that shooters not share equipment. If sharing is necessary, please indicate this on the registration.

Awards: First, Second, and Third place Team Awards will be given in each Division (compound bow or recurve bow) and Junior Sub-Division (with sights or without sights). Individual awards will be given to the first, second, and third place finishers in each Division. Awards will be announced at the end of the Match.

Changes to the Program (Match): In the event a change must be made to the program, schedule, or rules to facilitate the overall 4-H program only those teams that pre-register will be notified by e-mail prior to the event. ALL REASONABLE EFFORT WILL BE USED TO AVOID A CHANGE!

Code of Conduct: All participants will be expected to follow the 4-H Code of Conduct.

Dress Code: All participants will be expected to follow the 4-H Dress Code.

EVALUATION & CLUB REPORT FORMS: Please bring completed shooting sports program evaluation forms (separate forms for youth and coaches) and the Club Report form to the contest and turn in at registration. To find the evaluation forms, go to <http://www.aces.edu/fourh/newsite/Programs/nree.php> and click on *Program Evaluation*.

SAFETY CERTIFICATION: Coaches should turn in the following Safety Certification Form at on-site registration.

(Space intentionally left blank).

COUNTY/CLUB _____

COACH(ES) _____

<u>Name of Senior Team Members</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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<u>Name of Junior Team Members</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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<u>Name of Individual Shooters</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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I certify that each of the individuals listed above has completed the 4-H Basic Archery or Alabama Hunter Education course.

Signature: _____



2008 CLUB REPORT FORM

Club _____ County _____

Number of Volunteer Leaders: Male _____ Female _____

Number of 4-Hers: Male _____ Female _____

Juniors _____ Seniors _____

Location of Meetings _____

Average Length of Each Meeting _____

Date of First Meeting _____

Date of Final Meeting before State Event _____

Highlights of this club's 2008 4-H year:

Please send this form and all program evaluation surveys to Dr. Emily Kling,
ACES-210 Duncan Hall, Auburn University AL 36849-5620 before the state event
OR bring them to the state event.