

Colorado 4-H Western Heritage Invitational Contest Supplemental Rules



1. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Western Heritage project to participate in the designated State 4-H Western Heritage Invitational.
2. National 4-H Western Heritage Curriculum will be used. All National 4-H and State 4-H Shooting Sports Minimum Standards will be followed.
3. Only currently enrolled and active 4-H Certified Western Heritage leaders will run each live fire line. Other individuals may be asked to assist at the request of the 4-H certified line officer.
4. Fanning of pistols at any time is an immediate match disqualification.
5. *Slip hammering of pistols and slam firing of shotguns is **not** allowed at any Colorado 4-H Western Heritage Event.
 - *Per stage, 1st occurrence, warning, 2nd occurrence, 30 second stage penalty, 3rd occurrence, match disqualification.
6. Carrying of Firearms: Only one pistol/handgun is permitted per hand. Rifles and shotguns, must be carried one at a time using a two hand carry.
7. All shooting scenarios are to be violence free, legal acts and 4-H appropriate.
8. All recited lines prior to live fire are to be 4-H appropriate and violence free in accordance with the 4-H Code of Conduct.
9. Center Fire/Rim Fire classes will not be separate unless there are more than 25 contestants. Should there be more than 25 participants, separation of the centerfire & rim fire groups will be at the discretion of 4-H shoot management and must be approved by the State 4-H Shooting Sports specialist.

Contest Resources:

All Western Heritage events may be based on the contest of the following resources:

Montana Western Heritage Project, Firearms, Gun leather, and Attire of the Frontier West, 1860-1900.

4-H Western Heritage Project, Youth Activity Guide, levels 1-3.

National and State Training Curriculum.

This is the Colorado 4-H Western Heritage Invitational. Any historical facts, items or dates covered in the listed resources may be included in the contest. Also, any additional local historical information may be added, with resource list sent to contestants prior to the event.

4-H Age Groups:

A total of three age group classes will be offered (Junior, Intermediate & Senior). All participants will be placed in their respective age group class.

Participation:

Contestants may participate in the live fire portion, the interview/clothing portion, the test, the demonstration contest or contestants may choose which events they wish to participate in. Contestants do not have to

participate in all events. Contestants must compete in all events at the designated State 4-H Western Heritage Invitational to be considered for State 4-H Invitational event placings.

Scoring: State designated 4-H Western Heritage Invitational contests will have a minimum of two of the events listed below. Shooting portions of the event shall not exceed 49% of the total score.

For Example:

Shooting = 33.3% **Persona/Interview/Clothing = 33.3%** **Written test = 33.3%**

If a demonstration event is added then each event will be worth 25%.

There will be two judges, one a 4-H Certified Western Heritage Instructor and one other.

Awards:

Travel and registration assistance for the National 4-H Western Heritage Invitational Contest via the Colorado 4-H Foundation will be available to the top four overall eligible senior contestants who participated in the designated Colorado 4-H Western Heritage event.

State 4-H Ribbon awards for the designated Colorado 4-H Western Heritage event will be given as follows: First through tenth place individual ribbons per the established invitational age classes. For example: Junior, Intermediate & Senior. No team ribbons will be given.

Participants must provide:

Rifles, Shotguns and Pistols that are historically correct for the time 1860-1900, ammunition (No reloads allowed), Eye and ear Protection.

Equipment Inspection:

The designated State 4-H Western Heritage Invitational will have one assigned individual who is a certified 4-H Western Heritage leader that is to inspect all firearms used in the Invitational contest for safety and period correctness. (**no** semi-automatic or bolt action firearms allowed) (**no** short stroke lever actions)

Members are **highly encouraged** to make use of period correct equipment when at all possible. This may include use of County or State 4-H equipment if available. Or possibly use of an individual's equipment if it is offered for use as a private agreement between the two parties.

At the discretion of 4-H Western Heritage certified shoot management per event, members with non-period correct firearms making use of internal hammers or ejectors that are in the spirit of the Western Heritage project and courses of fire and do not violate any of the previously mentioned firearm limitations, may be allowed to use those firearms for **non-scoring participation only**. Members must accurately identify why the equipment item is not period correct. If non period correct equipment is allowed, following the previous provisions, then **no score(s)** will be given to the participant for stages where non period correct firearms were used.

Working Demonstration rules:

1. Time limit of 10 minutes
2. Must relate to something during the 4-H Western Heritage time period, 1860-1900.
3. Must be a legal activity, i.e. no cattle rustling, gun fighting etc.
4. No live animals may be used during the demonstration.
5. No use of open fires. Unless pre-authorized by site host and appropriate fire response plans and equipment are in place.