



## 2025 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League SMALLBORE PISTOL

### Guiding Principles & Contest Rules

This event will follow the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports rules for the respective discipline except as noted below. The focus of these events is to provide 4-H members involved in shooting sports in District 12 with an opportunity beyond what may be available in their county.

### Smallbore Pistol Postal League Match Rules

1. Texas 4-H Pistol Rules will be followed except as noted in these contest rules.
2. All entries must be submitted through 4-H Online by individual 4-H members within the registration period (January 20 through February 17, 2025).
3. All record scores must be done under the supervision of a certified coach on a single date and time specified by the supervising coach within the Match Period (March 1 thru March 31, 2025).
4. Targets will be provided to every registered participant with a code unique to one individual and related shooting stages. Codes should not be changed or altered at risk of disqualifying the target or group of targets. Targets will be NRA B-8 Pistol targets. Each shooter will also receive one "sighter" target in addition to official record targets.
5. Courses of fire:
  - \* Seniors: One 10-shot Stage of Slow Fire; Two 5-shot Stages of Timed Fire; and Two 5-shot Stages of Rapid Fire
  - \* Intermediates: One 10-shot Stage of Slow Fire; Two 5-shot Stages of Timed Fire; and Two 5-shot Stages of Rapid Fire
  - \* Juniors: 1 10-shot Stage of Slow Fire; and 4 5-shot Stages of Timed Fire
  - \* Stages defined as follows:
    - Slow Fire: 10-shot string with 10 min. max time limit at a single target.
    - Timed Fire: 5-shot string with 20 sec. max time limit at a single target. May fire up to 2 stages per target.
    - Rapid Fire: 5 shot string with 10 sec. max time limit at a single target. May fire up to 2 stages per target.
6. Shooters may not load (clip/magazine) more than 5 rounds per stage.
7. Distance from the firing line to the target must be 15 yards (45 feet or 13.7 meters).
8. All scores must be posted online by the coach (<http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/shooting-sports/>) by April 5, 2025.
9. All official scorecards and targets must be **received** (not mailed/postmarked) in the District office by **April 10, 2025**. Mail to: District 12 4-H Program - Postal League, 2401 E Business 83, Weslaco, Texas 78596.
10. **IMPORTANT! All targets and scorecards must be turned in (mailed) to the district office by April 5, 2025. Coaches are not allowed to bring the targets to the District office. Please return to your County Office!**

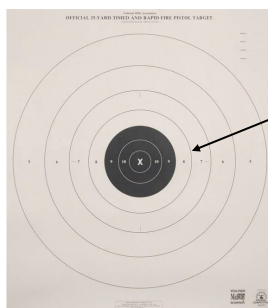
### Smallbore Pistol Postal League Scoring Instructions

1. Scoring will follow the Texas 4-H Smallbore Pistol Rules standards.
2. All targets will be scored by a committee of trained scoring judges.
3. The following is a sample of the targets that will be used for record.
4. Do not replace or substitute targets. You must use the targets shipped.
5. Scorecards must be used to record scores and posted by the responsible coach/leader online at <http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/shooting-sports/> by April 5, 2025.

**Any scores not posted by the deadline will not be considered for awards.**

1. All official **scorecards** must be mailed to the district office postmarked by April 5, 2025.  
Mail to: District 12 4-H Program - Postal League, 2401 E Business 83, Weslaco, Texas 78596.

**NOTE:**  
Do not tear targets when removing from target backers. Tears cause the scanner to record them as flyers. We **STRONGLY** encourage you to use push-pins to secure the targets in order to minimize tears that might be scanned as shots.



1 Bull per target

**NRA B-8 Pistol @ 45 ft**



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### Key Points to Setting up your Postal Match

- Put age groups to shoot together to build support among shooters of similar skill/ability.
- Shoot Slow Fire, Timed Fire, and Rapid Fire in that order.
- How many shots per target?
  - All 10 shots in Slow Fire stage go on a single target face (10 total shots per target face)
  - Two 5-shot strings of Timed Fire stage go on a single target face (10 total shots per target face)
  - Two 5-shot strings of Rapid Fire stage go on a single target face (10 total shots per target face)
  - Since JUNIORS do not shoot Rapid Fire, and instead shoot four 5-shot string Timed Fire stages, have them shoot two stages per target (10 total shots per target face, replacing target after first 2 5-shot strings).
- Only place a single target on the target backer at a time. Example: Post B-8 target on backer, shoot the Slow Fire stage, remove the target and place the new target for the Timed Fire stage. Placing all three targets on the backer at the same time might result in excessive shots by the less-skilled/experienced shooters.
- Times and timing devices should meet the following objectives
  - Accurately and consistently keep time, especially for TIMED and RAPID fire stages.
  - Can include audible start/stop sound (beep), or can be done vocally by the range officer or official timer.
  - Timer can count up or count down.
  - Examples: audible stopwatch, cell phone timer/app, shooting timers, digital kitchen timers
- Only allow shooters to load/fire five rounds at a time, irrespective of the firearms ability to be loaded with a full 10-round string. Some clips/magazines can accept more. There are several safety and training benefits to this approach.