

## White County 4-H Archery Rules & Policies ~ 2025-2026

- 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**. Parents & Others Interested: Certified Coach training will be held on **October 24-25** and **January 9-10** at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA. Let us know if you're interested!
- All 4-H'ers must be in grades 5-12 and **complete** a 4-H Enrollment form, 4-H Code of Conduct, and 4-H Medical Form.
- **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. There will also be zero tolerance for bullying of any type.
  - \* Unless you are a coach, archery, volunteer, or family member, you will not be permitted to "hang out" at the range.
  - \* 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, tobacco, or any type of vaping/smoking 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.
  - \* Only Certified Volunteers and Coaches are allowed past the shooting line.
- **Seasons:** This year, our archery program will be broken into **two separate seasons**. The Indoor season will begin October 28, 2025 and run through January 16, 2026. Indoor registration: Current members may register on October 6 & 7, 2025; new members may register on October 8 & 9, 2025. Outdoor season will begin on March 3, 2026 and will run through May 2, 2026. This gives archers the option to compete in only one season at a time, or commit to both seasons if desired. **Registration for Outdoor season: Feb. 11-13**. These 4-H'ers must already have equipment and be evaluated for skill and knowledge.
- **Fees:** \$80.00 per **season**; however, if a participant commits up front to both seasons, a reduced rate of \$100 will be charged at Indoor Archery registration.
- **Practice attendance** is required for team members: **mandatory two practice sessions per week for Indoor Season**; practice will be held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at the 4-H Archery Range beginning at **6:00 p.m.** **For Outdoor Season, a mandatory practice will be held on Tuesdays with an optional practice on Thursdays (same time).** 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 (like an **S3DA** event), the absence will be excused. If not attending because of **illness**, we ask that you please call or text one of the archery coaches prior to practice so that the absence may be excused on the attendance record.
- 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.** It is your child's responsibility to be sure they are counted present.
- 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/\$100**) 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. 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.
  - State 4-H Indoor Archery Tournament: **January 16, 2026.**
  - \*\*Last date to register and/or assign members to teams: January 7, 2026.**
  - State 4-H Outdoor Archery Tournament: **May 2, 2026.**
  - \*\*Last date to register and/or assign members to teams: April 20, 2026.**
- Other local shoots will be planned at a later date; the team will be notified of those details ahead of time.
- We encourage our *White County 4-H Archery Team* to **also** shoot with our *White County S3DA Team*. To do so, please ask our coaches for more information, or register with S3DA using the QR code at right:



**S3DA Registration**

**Area shoots to participate in for practice:**

- ♦ Walton County 4-H: December 6, 2025
- ♦ Madison County 4-H: January 3, 2026
- ♦ Morgan County 4-H: January 10, 2026

**White County S3DA Fundraising Shoot: January 31, 2026**

As a member of the White County 4-H Project S.A.F.E. Team, 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**