

RANCHING & WILDLIFE ARCHERY COMPETITION

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Premiums

TX Farm Bureau TBD

Location:

Hall B – NRG Arena

Round 1 Check in:	Saturday, February 19	7:00 a.m.- 7:45 a.m.
Round 1 Orientation:	Saturday, February 19	7:45 a.m.
Preliminary Round 1 Begins:	Saturday, February 19	8:00 a.m.
Round 2 Check in:	Saturday, February 19	12:00 p.m.- 12:45 p.m.
Round 2 Orientation:	Saturday, February 19	12:45 p.m.
Preliminary Round 2 Begins:	Saturday, February 19	30 minutes following conclusion of round 1
Finals Begins:	Sunday, February 20	10:00 a.m.
Awards Presentation:	Sunday, February 20	Following conclusion of finals

NO LATE ARRIVALS FOR CHECK IN WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO EXCEPTIONS!

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section, as well as, the Texas 4-H rules and United States Olympic Archery governing body rules. Where the Texas 4-H rules and Olympic Archery rules conflict, Texas 4-H rules prevail. Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>
- <https://worldarchery.org/rulebook/>

Special Rules for Ranching & Wildlife Archery Competition

1. **Participation:** This competition is limited to the first 240 entries and will be divided between four divisions (Junior Male, Senior Male, Junior Female, and Senior Female) based on age. All entries in this competition are subject to the HLSR Archery Competition Rules.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (HLSR) makes available to County Extension Agents (CEAs) and Agricultural Science Teachers (ASTs) in charge of 4-H or FFA programs the opportunity to enter members of their programs in the 4-H and FFA Archery Competition, subject to the posted rules. The opportunity to enter 4-H and FFA members in the 4-H and FFA Archery Competition is made available only to CEAs and ASTs supervising these members. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered to be an agent of the HLSR for any purpose.

Contestants in the HLSR Archery Competition are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.

2. **Eligibility:**

- a. **State of Texas:** HLSR Archery Competition is limited to entries within the State of Texas.
- b. **School/4-H/FFA:** Contestants must be bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or Texas FFA Chapter and be enrolled in and attending public, private, or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas; between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before August 31, 2021 and be bona fide residents of the State of Texas. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible contestants.
 - i. Junior Participant Classification – 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2021.
 - ii. Senior Participant Classification – 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2021.
 - iii. Contestants also must have been coached in a bona fide Texas 4-H Shooting Sports archery project OR coached in a bona fide NASP program OR coached in a JOAD program within the 2021 or 2022 calendar year.
 - iv. **A contestant is not eligible if already graduated from high school.**

3. **Ineligible Exhibitors:** 4-H and FFA members are considered to be eligible by the Houston Livestock Show for participation in the Archery Competition at the time completed online entries are received from the AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who has a member who become ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent of the Livestock Show at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of any Junior Show activity in which the ineligible exhibitor was to participate. If an exhibitor is determined ineligible, then the entry is ineligible.

- a. **Foreign Exchange Students:** Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in the HLSR Archery Competition.

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4. **Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** Per Rule 31 of the General Rules: The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from Show grounds.

Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort
- Providing alcohol to underage persons or providing a space for the consumption of alcohol by underage persons.
- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by underage persons
- Possession of an open alcohol container in a public area regardless of the individual's age
- Excessive consumption of alcohol

The consumption, distribution, and service of alcoholic beverages must be in compliance with the TX Alcoholic Beverage Code, which defines the lawful consumption and service of alcohol and prescribes sanctions for violations. The consumption, distribution, and service of alcoholic beverages must comply with HLSR regulations and policies.

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo™ is an invitational Livestock Show. HLSR reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

5. **Entry Limits:** There is no limit to the number of individuals each club/chapter may enter. The right is reserved, by Management, to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds.

- a. Entries are limited to the first 240 individuals.

6. **Event Format:** The 4-H and FFA Archery Competition will be a World Archery "18 Meter Indoor Round. The preliminary round will consist of 60 arrows shot at the 40 cm 5-color face. 40 cm Triple faces will be allowed. Target assignments will be given at check-in. Contestants must provide their own quivers. **Quivers will not be provided by HLSR.** All bows must remain cased on the grounds until equipment inspection. **Absolutely no sky drawing is allowed, no exceptions.** This will be strictly enforced. Any contestants seen sky drawing will be immediately **disqualified**.

- a. **Targets** – 40 cm 5-color face. 40 cm Triple faces will be allowed

- b. **Divisions:**

- i. **Senior Male** (14 to 19 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
- ii. **Junior Male** (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
- iii. **Senior Female** (14 to 19 years of age as of August 31, 2021)
- iv. **Junior Female** (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2021)

- c. **Classes** – Contestants will compete in one of the below classes based upon what bow they will be shooting with.

- i. **Compound**
- ii. **Recurve**
- iii. **NASP**
- iv. **Barebow**

- d. **Check-In** - All contestants must check-in prior to mandatory orientation. Contestants will be given credentials in the form of a back number at check-in that must be displayed at all times while shooting. Check-in will be open based on the schedule above. All equipment must be inspected before orientation. **NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- e. **Orientation** - Orientation will be conducted at the posted times. Orientation is mandatory for everyone who will participate in the event.

- f. **Tournament** – The tournament will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. or after the conclusion of orientation.

- g. **Finals** – Will begin at 10 am on Sunday, Feb. 13 at NRG Arena.

- i. The Top 8 contestants in each Division for the Compound Class and the Top 4 in each Division of the Recurve, NASP and Barebow Classes will advance to a tournament style finals bracket.
- ii. Contestants will be seeded by class and division following the preliminary round by placing.
- iii. Three arrows per end for 4 ends. A total of 12 arrows accumulative score.



7. **Squadding:** Squadding times will be assigned on a random basis. *No special request accommodations will be made.* Squadding will be posted online at the [HLSR website](#), after January 15. Contestants should check periodically, as updates/changes may be made.

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8. Safety Requirements:

- a. **Range Safety:** The safety of all involved is of paramount importance. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any contestant failing to conform to safety standards will be warned or disqualified from the event. Minor infractions will be noted and marked on the contestant's badge. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event
- b. **Range Boundaries:** For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around the range is essential. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of the officials.
- c. **Disruption:** Parents, coaches, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviours deemed detrimental to contestants or the operation of the match. Sanctions ranging from warning to ejection from the grounds or disqualification of contestants may be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on a firing line or range.
- d. **Alcohol Policy:** Consumption, use and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited by law and is not permitted. Consumption, use and possession of alcohol is not permitted by parents, coaches, observers, and contestants during the shoot.
- e. **Drug Policy:** Shooting is not allowed while under the influence of any drug or prescription medications that effect judgement and conduct to a degree that a participant is unsafe.
- f. **Tobacco Policy:** Smoking is not permitted by parents, coaches, observers, and contestants inside NRG Arena. Parents, coaches and observers should adhere to all posted no smoking signs and restrict use to designated areas only.. Smoking use and possession of tobacco products (including smokeless) by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.

9. **Interference:** If any contestant in any way, whether in person, or by agent, or servant, interferes with judges during their adjudication or shows disrespect to them, to the show or competition, they are subject to be penalized. Management may demand a proper apology from the contestant, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the grounds and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.

10. **Photographs:** All photographs taken by the official photographer become property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Unofficial (i.e. personal) photographs may not be published without the written approval of Management. Contestants wishing to purchase photographs must contact the official photographer.

- a. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo event, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, you consent to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and you further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

11. **Property/Security:** All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo do not undertake to do so and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property of contestants thereof. All contestants are responsible for security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

12. **Official Scores:** The official score is the record kept by the referee/scorer on a sheet furnished him/her by Management. The referee/scorer's decision is final. All reported scores are checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required. Shoot officials maintain the objective of producing timely, accurate and complete scoring records for each event. They do not represent any club, county, team, or individual. The superintendent will be responsible for conducting any and all aspects of the event pertaining to "shooting". Including, but not limited to: squadding, scoring, posting of scores, determination of winners, and rule interpretation.

Parents, coaches, observers, and contestants should never have possession of scorecards.

13. **Appeals:** A contestant may appeal a ruling on the range immediately if he/she feels a referee has missed a score. The scorer may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the referee on the range is final and not subject to further appeal. Parent/coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted.

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- 14. Protests:** Contestants may only protest any injustice, violation of the rules, or other circumstance that may have resulted in placing them at a disadvantage relative to other contestants. Such conditions must be reported to the referee immediately. If satisfaction is not obtained, the situation should be reported immediately to the Shoot Coordinator or Contest Superintendent. If resolution is not reached at this point, the contestant only has the right to present a written protest with a \$20 protest fee to the Chief Referee or Shoot Coordinator within **1 hour** of the time their squad has finished, or score was posted. The Protest Jury will investigate and reach final resolution of the matter as soon as possible considering all circumstances. Results of all protests are final and will be reported to the contestant. The names of the Chief Referee, Shoot Coordinator and Protest Jury members will be posted at the shoot.
- 15. Accommodations** Lodging is the responsibility of the contestant's party and will not be arranged by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- 16. Coaching: A participant may not be coached while on the shooting line.** Coaching includes any communication between the coach, parent or other spectator and the contestant; verbal or non-verbal. The contestant may request assistance from Management and Management may assign an assistant, in the event of a malfunction.
- 17. Dress Code:** Participants and spectators are required to dress appropriately. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Contestants must wear a shirt with sleeves. Clothing deemed immodest or distracting to other contestants will not be permitted. Fully enclosed shoes must be worn for safety reasons by both contestants and spectators. All contestants and coaches should consider their dress in that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media.
- 18. Use of Two-Way Radios:** To assist us in range and match operations, only authorized persons are permitted to use two-way radios on the grounds. Any action by either youth or adults interfering with the frequencies in use imposes a safety hazard. Deliberate disruption of range communication by anyone at the event will be considered a safety violation and will be treated as such.
- 19. Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded to each class. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of HLSR.

Compound Classes

Place	Award
Champion	\$1,000
Reserve Champion	\$750
Third Place	\$500
Fourth Place	\$400
Fifth Place	\$300
Sixth Place	\$200

Recurve, NASP & Barebow Classes

Place	Award
Champion	\$1,000
Reserve Champion	\$750
Third Place	\$500

- 20. Contact:** Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: livestock@rodeohouston.com or (832) 667-1125.