

# **KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS GUIDELINESS**

Gun & Hunter Safety  
Archery

## **Gun & Hunter Safety**

### **GOALS:**

- Learn basic fundamentals of firearm safety.
  - Learn basic hunter safety.
  - Learn the basic shooting techniques.
  - Increase your knowledge and care of different types of firearms.
  - Record and upgrade your marksmanship.
1. Member can participate in any of the following areas: B B Gun, Air Rifle, Shotgun or Rifle.
  2. Member may enter in both the Gun & Hunter Educational Exhibit Class and Marksmanship Class.
  3. Member may also do a Gun & Hunter Safety Demonstration (enter through Dept. 56).
  4. Educational exhibits may be a poster, notebook or three-dimensional exhibit.
  5. Marksmanship exhibit requires targets which you have shot, properly scored and a record book of accomplishments including: dates of shooting, shooting scores and firearm used. You may also include any competitions and hunting experiences etc. in which you participated. Record book should be accumulative.
  6. Demonstrations take place on Monday of Fair week.
  7. Unloaded firearms may be used during your demonstration but are not allowed to stay at the Fair as part of your Educational exhibit. Guns & bows must remain cased until the time for demonstration. No ammunition must be present and bows may not be loaded for firing.

### **PROJECT OUTLINE**

#### **1st Year**

- Emphasis will be on shooting from the prone position and learning to score targets.
- Firearm safety, marksmanship and types of guns should also be covered.
- Fair Exhibit: 3 targets from the prone position with record book and/or Educational exhibit on gained knowledge such as Firearm Safety.

#### **2nd Year**

- Shooting from the sitting, kneeling and standing position.
- Hunter Safety: attend and complete the Department of Natural Resources Hunter Safety Program. A schedule of classes can be found on the DNR web site <http://www.dnr.state.mi.us>
- Exhibit 3 targets in each of the four shooting positions with record book and/or Educational exhibit on gained knowledge such as: Hunter Safety.

### **3rd Year**

- Continue training in marksmanship in four positions.
- Compete in 4-H State Rifle Tournament, Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge or skills contests.
- Exhibit 3 targets of your choice with record book and/or Educational exhibit on gained knowledge such as what makes a tournament competitor more effective.

### **4th Year & up**

- Continue improvement in marksmanship and adding 3 targets with record book for exhibit.
- Educational exhibits and or Demonstrations should be an outgrowth of new knowledge learned.

### **EXAMPLES:**

- Techniques for shooting.
- Safety poster.
- Safe carrying of a firearm.
- Shooting positions.
- How to clean a gun.
- Rules of Firearm Safety.
- Wildlife hunting.
- Parts of a gun or bow.
- How to fletch arrows.
- How to clean and cook wildlife.
- How to load muzzleloader.
- Reloading of ammunition
- Teen Leaders: teaching younger members how to use a B B gun or coaching marksmanship.

## **Archery Guidelines**

- Learn basic fundamentals of archery safety.
- Learn archery terminology and shooting steps.
- Increase your knowledge of bow and arrows and their usage.
- Upgrade your skills.

### **GUIDELINES: poster/notebook**

#### **First Year:**

- poster containing three parts:

1. 10 safety tips at the shooting range.
2. Steps to shooting according to National Archery Association.
3. Definition of at least 10 terms used in archery.

### **Second Year:**

1. 10 safety tips at the shooting range.
2. Personal story and shooting history
3. Nine steps to the ten rings according to the NAA.
4. Definition of at least 10 terms used in archery.
5. Parts of bow (either recurve or compound).
6. Any other related chapter on archery that interests you.

### **Third Year:**

1. Personal shooting history.
2. Care of bow and arrows.
3. Anchor point what is it and why is it important.
4. Brief history of archery.
5. Any other related chapter on archery that interests you.

### **Fourth Year:**

1. Basic setup of bow either compound or recurve.
2. Bow tuning (what to look for).
3. What are the different arrows and how are they used.
4. Have arrow you made (display).
5. Any other related chapter on archery that interests you.

### **Fifth Year:**

1. What the different bows are used for and why.
2. By design (speed VS accuracy).
3. Layout for tournament indoor and outdoors.
4. Founder of National Archery Association (NAA).
5. What are the different string materials and how are they used.
6. Explain back tension.
7. Display string you made and shot.
8. Any other related chapter on archery that interests you.

### **Sixth Year:**

See Archery Superintendent.