

## **STATE CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS; MUZZLELOADER OPEN CLASS**

**Hello Shooters and Coaches I am your Line Official on this Range. Today we are going to go over a few rules and procedures.**

**THERE WILL BE NO ABUSE OF LINE OFFICIALS!**

**(ALL THE WORKERS ARE VOLUNTEERS AND THEY DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT).**

**THERE WILL BE NO ABUSE OF THE SHOOTERS!**

**All Shooters, Coaches and Parents are subject to the 4-H Code of Conduct and will be held responsible for their actions.**

**Conduct not in keeping with high 4-H standards will not be tolerated. Violations of rules contained within the Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports State Contest Rule Book will be strictly enforced. Consequences may include removal from this event.**

**IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM COME TO THE EVENT SUPERINTENDENT.**

### **#1 Competitors to the line.**

Competitors may bring equipment to the line. A line official will go down range and verify targets, lanes and caliber (mark Caliber on target).

### **#2 Competitors.**

Bring your Rifle to the line and put it in the loading rack and insert your range rod.

### **#3 "Cease Firing / Hot loads – clear into bank / Range Closed"**

Upon hearing this from the range officer, all muzzleloaders will be Unloaded. Percussion caps will be removed from the nipple on percussion Rifles. Primers will be removed from inline rifles. Powder will be removed From flash pans of Flintlocks. With permission of the range officer, hot Loads will be cleared by firing into the bank. Hot loads cleared into target Will disqualify the target. Firearms will then be racked and range rods will Be inserted into the barrel. They will remain in the rack until a "Range Open" command is given.

**#4 Your ten (10) minute sight-in period begins now.**

Competitors may live fire rifles at sight-in target and make any necessary Adjustments.

**Open Class**, Sight-in target, Junior Top left bull. Senior Top Bottle.

Coaches are permitted to instruct how to make sight adjustments,

**But may NOT physically make such adjustments.**

Any and all adjustments must be made by the competitor.

**#5 Cease Fire.**

All shooting stops after the site-in period Firing must cease immediately.

All rifles will be placed in the loading stands with ramrod inserted and competitors will back away. Range personnel will go down range with the permission of the range officer to mark errant shots (Only mark shots not in the sighter bull or bottle). Coaches will be excused from the firing line.

**#6 You will now have 40 minutes for your record shots. Commence Firing.**

Competitors will have the allotted time to shoot record shots on paper targets. (See Course of Fire in individual contest rules.) When competitors are finished, rifles are to remain in the loading rack with the ram rod inserted. Competitors are to remain on the line until t they are instructed to leave the line.

**#9 Cross Fires:**

All cross fires must be reported to the line official prior to relay completion. (If not reported they will be scored as excessive hits on the target).

**#10 Cease Fire.**

After the allotted time, the cease fire command will be given. Firing must cease immediately. All rifles will be placed in the loading stands with ramrod inserted and competitors will back away.

**#11 Competitors may remove their Rifle then equipment from the line.**

Upon hearing this command, competitors will remove1st their Rifle then their equipment from the line. Range personnel will collect the targets and transport them to the scoring location.

**Check the Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports  
State Contest Rule Book for additional rules.**