



Tulare County 4-H Dale Wimp Rifle & Pistol Match

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Dale Wimp Rifle Range
7398 Avenue 328
Visalia, CA 93291



University of California
Agriculture and Natural Resources

4-H Youth Development Program

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Check-In at 8:00 am; Mandatory Participant Orientation at 8:30 am; Match starts immediately following orientation.

This small-bore rifle and pistol match is designed as a county event for 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle and Pistol project members to participate in a formal competitive situation, putting to use what they have learned in the project this year. Participants must provide their own gun, ammunition, OBI (Open Bore Indicator), hearing protection and eye protection. Mats will be provided. **Elbow Creek 4-H Club will have a food booth on site for lunch and snacks. Match T-Shirts are available on a pre-order basis with a cost of \$20 each. There is a T-Shirt Design Contest, open to all 4-H members; winner will receive a FREE T-Shirt. T-Shirt Design Contest submissions are due on March 16, 2026.**

Registration & T-Shirt Design Contest Submissions are due or postmarked no later than March 16, 2026.

Only pre-registered shooters will have targets available to them on the day of the match.

Eligibility: Open to Tulare County 4-H members enrolled in the Shooting Sports Rifle and Pistol project.

Age Divisions: Primary (mini) members are not eligible to participate.
Junior ages 9-10 years
Intermediate ages 11-13 years
Senior ages 14-19 years
***Age divisions are calculated as of December 31, 2025.**

Classes: 01 = Rifle Open Sight 02 = Rifle Peep Sight 03 = Pistol
(May enter only one Sight Class for Rifle)

Entries are due by March 16, 2026 to:

Tulare County 4-H
Dale Wimp Rifle & Pistol Match
4437 – B S. Laspina St.
Tulare, CA 93274

Rifle Club Team(s)

One shooter in each age division: Junior, Intermediate, & Senior only. **All team members must be from the same club. One or even two shooters may represent a club for the Team award, however, it is to the club's advantage to have a full team. Clubs may have as many teams as they like, but they will compete independently of each other. Teams can consist of both peep and open sight shooters. Shooters may move up an age level to fill a team, e.g., Junior as an Intermediate, but not down, e.g., Senior as an Intermediate = NOT ALLOWED.

Safety Rules

These rules are based on the VSA Range Safety Manual. Leaders are responsible for instructing shooters on these rules prior to the match.

1. Check-in will begin promptly at 8:00 A.M.
2. The **mandatory** exhibitor orientation is at 8:30 A.M. **Members who are not checked in and in attendance at the exhibitor meeting will not be allowed to participate.**
3. There will be no back-to-back relay changes. Any relay position changes must be approved by the range master and completed before the match begins. **Absolutely no changes after the match has begun!**
4. **No practice shooting will be allowed.**
5. Mats will be provided.
6. All shooters **must** provide their own eye and ear protection and OBI (OPEN BORE INDICATOR). Shooters without the before mentioned **will not** be allowed to participate.
7. All pistols will be checked in and remain in the possession of the Dale Wimp Pistol Chair until they are needed for shooting.
8. Participants must compete with the same type of firearm as the category they entered. Changing firearm category, the day of the match will not be permitted.
9. Participants may enter only one rifle category (may enter Rifle Open and Pistol –or– Rifle Peep and Pistol).
10. Failure to comply with the rules can result in disqualification.
11. Rifle course fired will be the Civilian Marksmanship Program (formerly the DCM) Course SB-C Prone Gallery.
12. Rifle - a rifle authorized for use in small-bore rifle matches using cartridges commercially catalogued as the .22 short, .22 long, or .22 long rifle cartridges. There are no restrictions on the barrel length or overall weight of the rifle and accessories. (NRA Small-bore Rifle rules 3.1 & 3.2) Metallic Sights only; **NO SCOPES.**
13. Rifle shooters may use a spotting scope or binoculars. **Spectators may observe with binoculars or scopes from behind the red safety line, but CANNOT communicate directions to shooters. No spotting allowed. Spotting is grounds for disqualification.**
14. Official NRA Small-bore Rifle Rules and NRA Pistol Rules apply.
15. **All rifles, when removed from the vehicle at the facility, must be:**
 - **Removed from their cases**
 - **Unloaded**
 - **Magazines removed**
 - **Action open with an OBI (OPEN BORE INDICATOR) inserted in the chamber**
16. The action must be kept open with an 'Open Bore Indicator' (OBI) at all times except when the rifle is on the firing line and the range commands for PREPARATION PERIOD, LOAD and COMMENCE FIRING have been given.
17. Distance - all targets will be placed at a distance of 50 feet from the firing line.
18. All firearms must be carried muzzle up above the head, with two hands, one on forearm and one on stock.
19. Targets – rifle targets used will be the *Orion* small-bore rifle target, one shot per bulls-eye and hand gun targets will be B-2.
20. Participants will have two targets posted at a time.
21. Position - all rifle shooting will be done from the prone (lying down) position and all hand gun shooting will be done from the standing position.
22. A total of four targets with ten bull's-eyes each will be fired during the match. Two targets per relay.
23. Forty cartridges total is allowed for the match, 10 cartridges per target, and 20 cartridges per relay.
24. Time limit - one minute per shot.
25. Once the match begins, **EVERYONE MUST REMAIN BEHIND THE RED SAFETY LINE.**
26. Only those designated by Range Master as line officers are allowed beyond the red safety line during the match.
27. Range Lights: GREEN means that the PREPARATION PERIOD or COMMENCE FIRING command has been given. RED light means that the RANGE IS CLOSED and no one handles any firearms until Range Master or Range Officer announces preparation period has begun.
28. When shooters are called to the firing line, they must ground their rifles on their firing points. After grounding their rifles, they may not handle them again until the Range Officer announces that the preparation period has begun.
29. After the Range Officer begins the prep period, the shooter may pick up the rifle; remove the OBI (OPEN BORE INDICATOR) and dry fire. No live rounds may be loaded during the prep period.
30. When the command LOAD is given, the shooter may load one round and close the action but the muzzle must remain within the zone of fire and the shooter's finger must remain outside the trigger guard.
31. When the COMMENCE FIRE command is given, the shooter's finger must remain outside the trigger guard until the rifle is fully in position and the shooter has begun to aim at the target.
32. As soon as the shooter has fired the required number of rounds or a CEASE FIRE has been called due to time expiring, the shooter must open the action, insert the OBI (OPEN BORE INDICATOR), remove the magazine and ground the rifle.
33. Once Range Officers have ascertained that all rifles are safe, the Range Officer will give the command to

REMOVE RIFLES FROM THE LINE.

34. Only after all rifles have been removed from the line and the range light changed to red will the target crew be allowed downrange.
35. Three of the four target scores will be posted for view. The actual targets will not be available for view to public.
36. Following the completion of the last relay and target scoring is completed, a ten-minute target scoring protest period will be called.
37. Only those participants who are present will be allowed to view and protest their scores.
38. Once the protest period ends, protests will no longer be accepted.
39. Only the Club Shooting Sports Leaders will be allowed to approach the scoring office to pick up their club's targets for viewing and all targets must be returned by the club leader, as a club, to submit a protest.

Rifle Firing Line Commands

1. Relay number ___, on the firing line.
2. The preparation period starts now. (3 minutes)
3. The preparation period has ended.
4. IS THE LINE READY?
5. The line is/is not ready.
6. Ready on the right.
7. Ready on the left.
8. Ready on the firing line.
9. LOAD.
10. Commence firing.
11. Cease firing.
12. All actions Open, Insert 'Open Bore Indicators' and ground your rifle.
13. Remain in position until rifles are inspected.
14. Is the line clear?
15. The line is clear.
16. Remove your rifle.
17. Remove equipment from the line for the next relay.

Rifle & Pistol Match Awards

Fresno and Kings County 4-H awards will be given by the home county following the match. The Tulare County 4-H Staff will pass on results to the 4-H Staff in Fresno and Kings counties following the event.

Tulare County 4-H awards will be given out the day of the match.

- Ribbons will be presented to the top five shooters in each class (Rifle Open Sight, Rifle Peep Sight, and Pistol) and each age division (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
- Medals will be presented to the top three shooters in each class and each age division.
- Medals and special award (as available) will be presented to the Overall Rifle Match Champion: Dennis Patterson Award (highest score open/peep), Rifle Open Sight Champion: John Borba Top Gun Open Sight Award, Rifle Peep Sight Champion: John Borba Top Gun Peep Sight Award, and Pistol Match Champion.
- The Overall Rifle Match Champion: Dennis Patterson Award winner's name will be engraved on the VSA Dennis Patterson Perpetual Plaque.
- Each shooter will receive only the top award earned; individual awards will not be duplicated. Example: If a shooter earns the High overall Dennis Patterson Award, he/she is no longer eligible to receive a John Borba Top Gun award(s) or 1st place in sight class of age division.
- Ribbons will be presented to each member of the top five teams.
- Medals and special award (as available) will be presented to each member of the 1st place team.
- The club name and members of the 1st place rifle team will be engraved on the Tulare County 1st Place Rifle Team Perpetual Plaque.
- There will also be CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) Awards. Medals are awarded depending on score. Marksman, 340—359; Sharpshooter, 360—379; and Expert, 380—400. **The CMP Awards are awarded one time in an individual's lifetime per discipline.**

Tulare County 4-H Rifle & Pistol Match – Club Entry Form

Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Dale Wimp Range

Instructions: Project Leaders must list all shooters and information requested. Shooters may be entered in only one sight class and on one team. Sight classes MAY NOT be changed on the day of the match. Mail this form along with a club check (made payable to **Tulare County 4-H Program Leadership Team**) for t-shirts to: **Tulare County 4-H Dale Wimp Rifle Match, 4437 – B S. Laspina St, Tulare, CA 93274. Entries are due or postmarked by March 16, 2026.** Please refer to Match Program for Match specifics. **If any shooters are sharing a gun mark an asterisk (*) in the left margin, noting that they will need to be in separate relays.**

Club: _____ Shooting Sports Leader Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Shooter	Last	First	Comp. #	Age Division: JR, INT, or SR	Class: 01= Rifle Open 02= Rifle Peep 03= Pistol	If ordering shirts, mark the appropriate box below with # desired.													
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Total number of shirts ___ X \$20 = _____ Total Amount Due						Total of Each Size													

Team entries: Please assign a short name or number to each Team

Team Name	Junior Member's Name	Intermediate Member's Name	Senior Member's Name

Check here if you will require any accommodations in order to participate in this 4-H Youth Development Program Event. List the participant's name and accommodations needed here: _____

Signature of Community Club Leader: _____

Signature verifies that all youth are approved 4-H members. This form may be duplicated as needed.