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Greetings all 4-H Shooting Sports Master Leaders, 4-H Faculty and Staff;

Welcome to the 2020/21 Mail-In Tournament season. As you can imagine, and I’m sure are living first-hand, this year brings challenges associated with the COVID-19 virus that will require modification to the Oregon 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The Archery Tournament will still run November through March and the other tournaments will begin in January and conclude in March. As always, these tournaments are the gateway to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest held at the Albany Rifle and Pistol Club in June each year (requires a separate registration after the invitee list of eligible youth has been published). We are hopefully planning as though we will be able to conduct the 4-H Shooting Sports State Contest in-person, but only time will determine whether that will be possible this year.

Recognizing the challenges with getting your clubs up and running, and working through scheduling difficulties with re-opening, this year we will NOT require pre-registration and scores to be submitted monthly, as they have been in the past. Instead, this year, you are able to shoot any of the monthly tournaments whenever it is convenient for your club. We only ask that you please schedule and conduct your monthly tournament shoot on one day, and submit the youths’ scores for that shoot all together, in one email. We do not have the capability to accepts scores from individual members in piece-meal form. Also, be sure that your youth are registered PRIOR to submitting your first batch of scores. The link to registration can be found here: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/outdoor-education-recreation-projects#Mail.

There will be NO deadline for registration or score submission, EXCEPT all scores for all tournaments must be submitted no later than April 1st, 2021 and all youth and leaders must be registered at the time of score submission.

As always, please keep in mind that 4-H is a youth development organization first and foremost. We strive to teach youth valuable life skills using the shooting sports discipline. Competition is a piece of that process, but not the whole process. The foundation of the 4-H shooting sports program is education first, promoting positive youth development through life skill development, followed by recreation and then competition. Please come into the Mail-In Tournament season remembering that 4-H youth development isn’t completely competition driven. If competition is your only desire, there are plenty of other organizations that are more focused on competition and less interested in youth development in which you may choose to participate.

Good luck to everyone this coming season. Please don’t hesitate to contact me directly with questions or concerns. I look forward to another great Mail-In Tournament season.

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