

# **Muzzleloader**

## **Age Requirements:**

Youths participating must be 12 years old or older and have hunter's safety certificate. The member's age is determined by his or her age on January 1 of the 4-H program year.

## **Meets and Competition:**

The meets will be held at Bellevue Conservation Club and the youths will have the opportunity to learn different shooting positions, proper shooting form, and how to score targets. There is a \$10.00 fee to join the Eaton County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H Online with the medical consents completed prior to their first meeting and complete the participation agreement at the first meeting. Fair requirements are listed in the Fair Book.

## **County Tournament:**

The county tournament is a county competition and is held in June. It is voluntary and is not required for the fair exhibit. The entry fee is \$8.00 per discipline per member. You must shoot in a minimum of 3 county meets to participate in the county tournament. The competition is divided by age groups and the state tournament rules are followed.

## **State Tournament:**

The state tournament is also voluntary and is held in August. There is a nominal entry fee for this shoot also.

## **Equipment:**

A muzzleloader rifle is preferred. Only one round may be loaded at a time. Safety rods must be in place if the gun is empty (see Leader). Hearing and eye protection must be worn. Scopes are allowed on inline muzzleloaders only, no straps allowed. You will need a range rod; this is not the same thing as the loading rod that comes with your gun (see Leader for questions). A short starter tool and a hard rubber hammer. Any further supplies will be discussed with your leader and a comprehensive list will be given at the first meeting.

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