

2026
California 4-H
State 3D
Championship

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Check in @ 9:00 am

Springville Archery Club Range

Bear Creek Road

Springville, CA 93265

Questions:

Contact Corey Gill, 559-359-6942 or imagolfer75@hotmail.com

Pre-registration is required, no on-site registrations accepted!

The range is a walking range in the mountains with some severe inclines and declines. Hiking shoes/ boots are recommended.

Crocs/sandals are not allowed per 4-H policy.

In case of inclement weather, it may not be possible to host the shoot. If necessary, we will do everything possible to reschedule and not cancel.

Directions to the Range:

Take Highway 190 East of Springville. At the white barn just past the town of Springville, turn left on to Balch Park Road. Proceed 3.3 miles to Bear Creek Road, turn right. The range is 1.7 miles past the turn. Look for the white gate and the Springville Archery Club sign on the left. There is no street address for the range.

Eligibility:

California 4-H youth members currently enrolled in the Archery Shooting Sports project and their leaders are welcome to participate.

Competition:

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the National Shooting Sports Championship 3D round. There are two categories: Compound and Recurve. At Nationals, there is no consideration for age; however, concession is made for age groups and there are maximum shooting distances for each. As much as possible, competitors will be paired with archers from other clubs and kept within their own age group. No archers will be allowed to preview or shoot the course after March 1, 2026.

Buckles will be awarded for Champion in Compound and Recurve.

Maximum Shooting Distances:

Age as of December 31, 2025
Juniors (9-10 years old)– 25 yards
Intermediates (11-13 years old) – 35 yards
Seniors (14-19 years old) – 50 yards
Leaders- 50 yards

Course of Fire:

The course is 30 unmarked 3D targets. There are 3 sets of “tees” at each target, color coded for age groups. Scoring will follow the IBO format.

Only one arrow will be shot at each target.

Adapted from the National Shooting Sports Championship Rules for Archery

1. Arrows---Minimum arrow weight of 5 grains/pound of bow draw weight. No larger than 27/64 (.422 inches diameter for arrows and .425 inches diameter for points maximum). Make sure arrows are marked in some fashion, to be told apart from others.
2. Bows---Peak draw weight cannot exceed 60 pounds. No electronic sights. Illumination of pins is allowed.
3. No lenses of any type will be allowed in re-curve sights.
4. Cell phone use allowed for medical emergencies only.
5. ALL archers SHALL remain with their group during shooting and until all score cards are signed and turned in. Archers must turn in all score cards as a group. Archers MAY NOT leave range until score cards are turned in. Archers must add their scores on their own (no parental/coach help). If archers need help they can ask range crew for assistance.
6. Be prepared for anything and everything including weather, mud, mosquitoes. 7. As per 4-H policy, use of tobacco and or vaping is prohibited.
8. Dress Code: As per “Dress Code” of the current year of the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships.
9. Coaches may use spotting equipment.
10. Range Finders will NOT be allowed on the 3D range. This includes archers, coaches, parents, and spectators.
11. Coaching will be enforced as per the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships General Rules.
12. Deliberate shooting or attempting to shoot any living animal while on competitive ranges is grounds for ejection from the event or from the match.

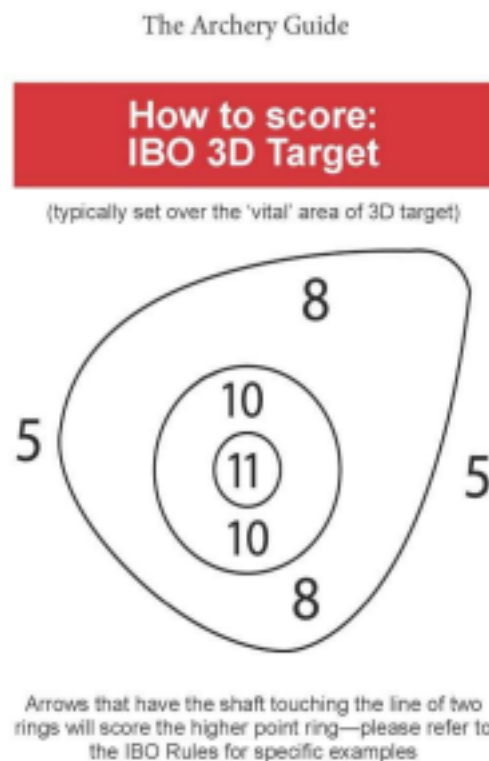
13. Scorecards must stay in possession of the archers at all times until turned in. At no time shall coaches, parents, spectators, or volunteers have access to scorecards.

14. If a competitor feels a rule was broken, an infraction occurred, or wants a ruling from a range officer, they have the right to stop forward movement, on the range, until the issue is resolved.

15. Safe quivers are required. This may include bow quiver, back quiver, and hip quiver.

16. Under no circumstance is “sky-drawing” permitted. No archer shall draw a bow with the bow hand above the top of the head when drawing on a horizontal plane, parallel to the ground. A warning will be given on the first instance. Second instance will require removal of archer from event.

17. No arrow twirling or handling of arrows in an unsafe way. The archer should make every attempt to keep arrow pointed toward the ground or target at all times. A warning will be given on the first instance. Second instance will require removal of the archer from the event.



Equipment:

Must be presented at check in for inspection. Draw weight will be checked.

☒ A Shooting glove, tab, or mechanical release aid **MUST** be used on the string hand for releasing the string.

☒ An ordinary glove, mitten, or similar item may be worn on the bow hand.

☒ A bow sling and stabilizer may be used.

- An arm guard MUST be used on the bow arm to prevent string slap and to hold clothing away from the string.
- A vest or protector may be used to control clothing on the upper body. ➤ Shooters may wear any clothing suitable for the climatic and weather conditions. However, sleeved shirts and close-toed footwear are required for shooters at all times. Flip flops, sandals, and Crocs are NOT allowed!
- Each archer must provide an adequate number of arrows to complete the required course of fire.
- Only target or field points may be used in 4-H YDP archery events. ➤ Binoculars or a spotting scope may be used to spot arrows.
- Maximum bow weight allowed in any division is 60 pounds. Bows above the max draw weight must be modified.
- Ordinary eye glasses, shooting glasses, or sunglasses may be worn; however, the glasses may NOT include any device or structure to aid in aiming. ➤ An arrow must be released off of a felt arrow shelf, whisker biscuit, or other arrow rest. The use of an OVERDRAW arrow shelf is PROHIBITED.

Range Control, Operation, and Safety:

- A current 4-H Archery leader must accompany each group of youth archers around the course. In case an Archery leader is not available, a current 4-H shooting sports leader of different disciplines may accompany a group of archers. ➤ Arrows may be shot only when a safe zone of fire exists from the firing line to the ultimate impact zone of the arrow.
- Observing safety hazards downrange is the responsibility of each shooter, as well as the range officials and coaches.
- Bows may be drawn only on the firing line.

Scoring:

- Scoring will be done after everyone in the group completes the target, while the arrows are in the target.
- Scores are to be recorded on provided score cards and not transferred from any other document, regardless of weather conditions.
- The archer and score keeper must sign and agree that the scorer has recorded each arrow correctly after all rounds are shot. Scores CANNOT be appealed once an arrow is pulled from the target.
- No arrows or targets may be touched until scored. Any arrow or target touched prior to scoring will be scored a zero.
- Scoring is determined by the position of the shaft in relationship to the scoring rings. The shaft must break the scoring ring of the higher score in order to receive the higher value.
- Witnessed bounce-outs or arrows that pass completely through the target will be re-shot. A dropped arrow may be replaced by a spare arrow, if the dropped arrow is within 10 feet of the shooting line. Under no circumstances is an archer to step in front of the shooting line to retrieve an arrow!

Miscellaneous Information:

Please have each archer complete a waiver for the Springville Archery Range. One waiver per family is sufficient; list the names of each family member attending on the waiver.

Porterville is the nearest town of size for amenities. In Springville, there is a small grocery store, gas station, and several dining options.

Overnight Recommendations:

There are several nice vacation rentals in the Springville area. Listed here are some options with whom we are personally acquainted.

www.riverislandrancho.com

www.riverislandcountryclub.com

Look at Accommodations Tab for rental options.

Airbnb- Bear Creek Retreat

Airbnb- The Farmhouse @Mt. Dennison

Tule Campground at Lake Success, visit www.recreation.gov

The entry fee includes lunch for the competitor.

BBQ lunch will be available for purchase on site for spectators.

The range is approximately 15 minutes away from the nearest food options. It is recommended that each club bring snacks and beverages for their competitors.

It is suggested that clubs bring chairs and pop up shade covers for spectators.

Please remember that the range is located in the mountains. There is always the possibility of wildlife, including snakes. The range crosses a creek several times.

The range website is www.springvillearchers.org

Leader Responsibilities

California 4-H policy requires that shooting sports participants be supervised at all times. The entirety of the 3D course is not visible from the main meeting area. Leaders are therefore expected to walk the course with a group of archers. Leaders are welcome to shoot the course while walking with the youth, although they must shoot last in order to not give advantage to youth archers. The success of this event depends on the participation of the leaders. Please communicate prior to the registration deadline with Corey Gill as to how many leaders your club can provide.

Medical Information

EMTs will be equipped with radios and positioned around the course for emergency situations. Local first responders will be notified of the event and provided with GPS coordinates in case of medical emergencies. The nearest emergency room is at Sierra View Hospital, approximately 40 minutes from the range. Leaders MUST leave a file of your club's medical forms at the check in table for the duration of the competition. Forms are required for ALL persons on site during the competition.

Entry Form

Shooters may enter only one category. The County office must verify enrollment. Completed entry form and check from the County, made payable to: Tulare County 4-H Program Leadership Team is DUE to the Tulare County 4-H Office, 4437-B S. Laspina Street, Tulare, CA 93274, by Friday, March 20, 2026.

Name of Club: Archery Leader:

Leaders phone#: Email:

County:

		Category	Entry Fee
Last Name First Name	Division (Jr, Int. Sr.)	Comound or Recurve	\$25 includes lunch

Total number of entries _____ X \$25.00 =

Total Amount: Due:

Signature of Archery Leader:

Signature of Club Leader:

Springville Archery Club Waiver and Release of Liability

Please read before signing.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Springville Archery Club events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

- The risk of injury from archery and other known and unknown events and activities and/or the use of the related buildings, structures, equipment, automobiles, firearms, weapons, ATVs, boats, tree stands, roads, bodies of water, land and all other real and personal property whether owned by the archery club or others is significant including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
- I acknowledge and agree that the use of archery equipment, firearms, and other weapons by myself or others on club premises or otherwise are inherently dangerous and high risk activities whether such archery equipment, firearms or weapons are discharged by myself or others; and,
- I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
- I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention to the nearest official immediately; and,
- I, _____, along with my representatives and next of kin, HEAREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Springville Archery Club, it's officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, members, guests, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of real property and personal property used to conduct the events and activities (RELEASEES) , WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT,

FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Names (Parents/ guardians and any children under 18)

Signed _____
Date _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER 18 AT THE TIME OF PARTICIPATION) This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/children's (listed above) involvement or participation in these events and activities and/or the use of related real and personal property as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.