



## What is the Alberta 4-H Mailmatch?

Indoor Mailmatch is a Provincial Competition shot in the comfort of your own club! Due to the vast geography of our province, it can be difficult to attend a Provincial archery competition, but the desire to see where you stand against other 4-H'ers is still there. Mailmatch allows for this to happen without having to travel further than your local club. Each month an archer can submit one score per month, and the highest of the three scores shot throughout the designated time period will be used to determine your final placing. This year we will end Mailmatch with a Banquet Awards Night (attendance optional). Please refer to the online registration system for more information on the Banquet.

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### Who can participate?

Any 4-H member registered in the archery project shooting 10m, 15m and 18m for the current fiscal club year..

Below are some of the benefits to participating in the mailmatch competition:

- Provincial Competition
- Convenient, No traveling farther than your home club- exception of Banquet (optional)
- E-mailed Results
- The opportunity to grow your archery skills and competition experience.
- Banquet Awards Night Mar 28, 2026 (optional), Red Deer, AB - more information to follow.

### How can I register? Costs and deadlines?

MEMBERS will register through the 4-H online registration system (ORS) and let your archery leader know as well! Your archery leader should act as your local mailmatch coordinator..

LEADERS: Forward a list of your members competing in Mailmatch to the 4-H Alberta Mailmatch Coordinator at [jhanrahan@cirrealty.ca](mailto:jhanrahan@cirrealty.ca). This is also done to verify that all the members you expect to compete have registered.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE : DECEMBER 20th**

**REGISTRATION COST: \$22.00 - payment on ORS**

**LATE PAYMENT FEE\*: \$22.00 plus \$25.00 registration fee (\$50.00)**

ORS Registration closes December 20, competitors can be added by email up to December 31st with a late payment fee\*.

## What are the rules?

### Individual Archers:

1. Each member can submit (1) score per month (January, February, March) for this event.
2. Members highest of the three scores submitted will determine final placement
3. Each member must submit at least two (2) scoring months to be eligible for prizes.
4. Participants must be Alberta 4-H members in good standing and registered under the Archery Project within their club's fiscal year
5. Scorecards need to be signed by the archery leader or another screened leader who was in attendance during the scored match.
6. Leaders will be responsible for confirming the members distance and equipment category to ensure fair competition based on their recorded scores from previous years..
7. The 4-H Mailmatch Coordinator reserves the right to flag a member into a different distance for future Mailmatch years or competitions, based on the **Can-bow Youth Shooting Project**
  1. **Archer who consistently shoots over 140 in 10m will be asked to move up to the 15m category**
  2. **Archer who consistently shoots over 200 in 15m will be asked to moved up to the 18m category**
8. Leaders will upload the score sheet and scores using Google Form by the monthly deadline dates - listed below.
9. Categories are by equipment type and distance. We do not know our participation rates for this year so have chosen not to use age groups for the competition.
10. 4-H Mailmatch Coordinator has the option to combine classes based on competitor numbers in each class. (genesis barebow may move to compound class)

## How is the event scored?

Individual scores will be from a Canadian 300 Round, shooting 30 Arrows. A Canadian 300 Round is using a full face 40 cm target or a triple face 40 cm. Examples of the target faces in the links below.



[Amazon link 40cm target](#)



[Amazon link triple face 40cm Target](#)



**Compound will mark the smallest yellow circle as 10**

**Recurve will mark the two smallest yellow circles as 10**

Maximum score per arrow is 10

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the number of 10s scored, then 9s etc.  
An arrow not on in the scoring circle is scored a zero (Miss)  
An arrow missing the target is scored a zero (Miss)  
An arrow breaking the line, is scored at the highest point  
Once an arrow is scored, mark it prior to pulling the arrow out of target. Mark every shot on target so "bounce outs" can be identified. Score it, mark it, remove it.  
'Pass-throughs' or 'Bounce-outs' - any shaft that fails to remain in the target will be scored based on the value of the lowest un-marked hole in the target face.

## **Are there awards for performing well in the Mailmatch?**

Results will be e-mailed to the archery leaders each month throughout the competition.

Awards for top scores in each category and other prizes as determined by the committee will be awarded based on the participation. Member awards will be handed out at the Banquet Mar 28, 2025(see ORS for more information-Optional)

### **Recurve**

Hi-point 10m

Hi-point 15m

Hi-point 18m

### **Compound (incl Genesis with sites/equip)**

Hi-point 10m

Hi-point 15m

Hi-point 18m

*Categories may be created or combined depending on the amount of entries (ie, Genesis - barebow)*

## **Where can I see scores?**

Each scoring month runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the last day of the month (except in March where the end of the month will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> to be able to get results to clubs and present at the Banquet Awards Night March 28<sup>th</sup>.) Scores are updated as they are received by the 4-H Alberta Mailmatch Coordinator and emailed to you Archery Club Leader.

## **Who can participate in Mailmatch?**

Any archery project members registered with a 4-H Alberta affiliated club can participate in mailmatch. Members must shoot at a minimum of 10m to be eligible.

## **How do we register our club's archers?**

Members will need to register through the online registration system (ORS) and inform their club's Archery Project Leader

To ensure fair competition, your club archery leader will send a list of participants, equipment and distance to the 4-H Alberta Mailmatch coordinator at [jhanrahan@cirrealty.ca](mailto:jhanrahan@cirrealty.ca) (this helps to make sure all registrations have been completed correctly).

## **When do Leaders need to have all scores submitted by?**

Scoresheet will be provided to all Club Archery Leaders

Google Form submission link will be provided to all Club Archery Leaders

Each Scoring month runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the last day of the month. Scores must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month except March, submit scores by March 23

January deadline score submission - Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

February deadline score submission- Mar 15<sup>th</sup>

March deadline score submission- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Do archers need to be a member of the Archery Project to participate?

Yes! All participants must be registered in the Archery Project with 4-H Alberta in the year of the competition, be in good standing and shoot at a minimum of 10m.

### What if an archer misses submitting a score one month?

The final score used is the highest of the archer's (3) submitted scores. An archer must submit at least two scores during the competition and the highest score of the two will be used for placement.

### If an archer shoots multiple times in a month, do they simply submit their best score?

The club should arrange it so all participants are shooting mailmatch at the same time. If a club is able to shoot more than once per month, the best score can be submitted.

### How is Mailmatch Officiated?

Score cards should be *double scored*, and/or witnessed by another 4-H mailmatch participant or 4-H leader. This needs to be verified by the Club coordinator upon collection of the scores/scorecards. The mailmatch shoot will either need to be supervised by the archery, screened or general leader. Archers cannot shoot a score without a leader or other members present.

### How do we submit the scores?

Once you notify the 4-H Alberta Mailmatch coordinator of participation, they will send you all the items you will need for your archers to submit their scores.

### Can archers participate in more than one category?

Archers can shoot in multiple equipment categories if they have the required equipment, but they will be required to pay the \$25.00 registration fee per category.

### What category do I register for?

If you're unsure which category to register for, please check with your Archery Leader or General Leader. Your Archery Leader will verify and confirm all participants' categories and distances prior to the start of the competition.

Based on the Can-bow youth shooting program **we will flag an archer who consistently shoots over 140 in 10m will be asked to move to the 15m category and an archer who consistently shoots over 200 in the 15m will be asked to move up to the 18m category for future mailmatch competitions.**

### Are Cleavers allowed to participate in Mailmatch?

Yes! However, age groups will not be used for competition, Cleavers will compete in the categories provided. 10m,15m,18m. Compound, Recurve or Barebow Genesis. Genesis with equipment will fall under Compound (leaders to confirm category). We are also aware that members under 12 can typically shoot 60cm targets, but to make it simple for clubs we are using 40cm targets for all members. Any cleaver shooting 5m will not be able to participate in Mailmatch

### What is the banquet? (NEW 2025/26 Year)

The Mailmatch Awards Banquet is a newly added event for the 2025/26 year, requiring **separate online registration**. It celebrates finalists and participants in the Mailmatch program and is held in conjunction with a **new Archery Clinic**, which also requires its own registration for **Intermediate and Senior Members, as well as Leaders**. Limited spaces are available - register early to attend.

**Finalists who choose not to attend the banquet** will still receive their award. It will either be **mailed directly** or **handed off to a Leader or fellow club Member** attending the event on their behalf.

Good luck everyone! Have fun and play safe!

If you have any questions, please reach out to your club's archery leader, who will communicate directly with the 4-H Mailmatch Coordinator.