

Deubrook Air Rifle Club 2023 – 2024 Season

September 7th, 2023

The Deubrook Air Rifle Club exists for the benefit of the Junior and Senior High School students of the Deubrook School District. However, we are not a school sponsored activity. We receive no funding from the district. We are very fortunate to be able to use the school facilities and store our equipment on the school premises.

One year ago, the club was just a concept. Late November 2022 we officially formed but had no equipment. Due to hard work of the club members working to assist with the American Legion monthly breakfasts and the Sioux Valley Energy Members dinner, and many donations from generous sponsors, we were able to acquire a three-firing point portable air gun range, pump sporter air rifles and other necessary equipment to begin practicing.

This year we also have three PCP air rifles and two air tanks to fill those air rifles. While we can practice and will be able to fire in competitions this year, we will also be doing more fund raising to purchase additional PCP air rifles and equipment as well as a second three-firing point portable air gun range. We will also need to pay our insurance and match entry fees.

Last year our practice sessions were mainly familiarization with three position air rifle shooting and a basic introduction to the prone, kneeling and standing positions. This year I am looking to a bit more formal instruction. Due to the incredibly busy schedule during the fall, and many of the members that participated last year being in sports, some in multiple sports, during the fall season, our first practice sessions will be scheduled for Sunday afternoons. The relay times will be longer than the evening practice times we had last spring. This will allow for our practice sessions to be “mini clinics” that will have some formal instruction followed by practice time on the range.

My hope is that even the members that are in fall sports will be able to attend an occasional weekend practice. I realize that for many families Sunday is family day. That is understandable and encouraged. Many coaches have strict practice attendance policies. That will not work for us. Your priority, in my opinion, should be God, family, schoolwork, school activities/sports and then air rifle. Since we will have matches this year it is important to be as prepared as possible, however you are a student first and foremost.

I will again be using Sign Up Genius for coordinating practice spots. I will also be using it for other scheduling such as match day relays and fund-raising activities. There will be a sign-ups page added to the club website <https://DeubrookAirRifle.org>, so you can easily find the signups.

This year, again, we are affiliated with American Legion Shooting Sports and the local Legion post will be sponsoring us in return for assistance with the monthly breakfasts. This is also a good PR opportunity for us. There will be a signup for all breakfasts during the school year. We are also doing a raffle for a Tailgating Package provided by the MidwayUSA foundation. We will be able to sell tickets at home football and volleyball games. There is a signup for ticket sales as well.

Since we are not a school sponsored sport, we won't be able to issue a letter award like the varsity sports do. However, we will have a “team patch” that can be earned. The criteria for earning your patch will be to participate in a postal match and participate in fundraising activities. There will also be other team awards presented at the end of the school year. Like team awards in other sports, these will be at the coach's discretion.