

5th Saturday Rifle Challenge

Rules and Procedures

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Purpose:

The purpose of this match is to promote rifle marksmanship, foster fellowship between American Legion 82 and the Community, and to provide a safe, fun , family-friendly shooting experience. American Legion Post 82 is a non-profit organization. Match fees and related costs are not tax-deductible.

Concept of Operation

The match is held at the Foothills Public Shooting Complex, 283 Fielding Rd., Cherryville NC, 28021. Shooters will be able to enter as many divisions as they desire. Each division will have a division winner. Each shooter may also enter as a member of various categories i.e. Senior, Junior, Veteran etc. Each category will have a winner. Categories cross divisions and are ranked regardless of division. Shooters are strongly encouraged to pre-register on www.practiscore.com. Registration/check-in will occur prior to the match beginning. All shooters not present prior to first shots fired will not be allowed to compete. We will make every effort to begin on time. Payment will be made in-person during Registration/check-in. Fees are: \$25 for first division, additional divisions \$10 each. Youth first division fee \$10, additional divisions \$10 each.

Schedule

Friday - Staff Training / Shoot

1:00-4:30

Saturday

9:00 Staff Report

9:30-10:30 Registration/Check In at the Range Office/Pro Shop

10:40-10:50 Range Briefing on the Range

11:00 Match Begins

1:00 Match Ends (Approx)

1:30 Awards

Shooters are encouraged to bring snacks/lunch. Bottled water will be available on the range. The pro shop has a variety of drinks and snacks available.

Range Rules:

Foothills Public Shooting Complex is a "cold range". NO LOADED FIREARMS are allowed except under the direct supervision of a range officer while on the range engaged in shooting the match. Firearms must be transported unloaded, cased or with a chamber flag and muzzle directed vertically at the ground. Firearms will not be handled other than transporting unless on the firing line and under supervision of the range officer. Safe tables are available for repair or adjustment. No ammunition is allowed at the Safe Tables. No concealed carry. Chamber flags

are available in the pro shop. Eye and Ear Protection are required for everyone including spectators. These are available in the pro shop. All shooters will be required to view the safety video and complete a waiver. This can be accomplished online prior to coming to the range <https://foothillspublicshooting.cc> . No flip flops or open toe shoes. No tank tops or open necked shirts. No horseplay

Ammunition restrictions:

No steel core or bi-metal projectiles

No High Velocity rounds like **XM193** or calibers larger than 300 Win Mag like **50 BMG** or **338 Lapua**
See Appendix 1 for a list. If in doubt, ask.

Safety Rules/ Commands

Firearms will be transported to and from the firing line in a case or with a chamber flag inserted and muzzle directed vertically towards the ground.

No one is allowed forward of the firing line unless under the direction of the Chief Range Officer or Match Director and after the line is confirmed cold.

RANGE IS HOT after this command there will be no shooters, range officers or scorekeepers beyond the firing line. Everyone will double check that their eye and ear protection are properly worn.

LOAD AND MAKE READY the shooter will ready their firearm, ammunition and load. They will place their rifle on "safe" if their rifle is so equipped. They will assume their shooting position. Shooters will load only after this command and under supervision of a range officer. The shooter will remain on the firing line with the firearm directed downrange until otherwise directed by the range officer. Muzzles will remain pointed "downrange" of muzzle safe points at all times while on the firing line. Markers will be in place to indicate muzzle safe points.

ARE YOU READY the shooter will indicate if not ready

STANDBY this command indicates the shooter should expect the next command within 1-4 seconds

FIRE shooters may begin engagement of their targets.

STOP or CEASE FIRE all shooters will immediately stop firing with this command and will follow instructions of the range officers.

UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR this command will be given directly by and under supervision of a range officer. Shooters will remove magazines or clips from firearms. They will open the action and visually inspect the chamber to ensure there are no rounds remaining in the rifle. The range officer will verify with the shooter, however, it is solely the shooter's responsibility to ensure the rifle is unloaded and safe. The shooter will place their firearm on "safe" if so equipped.

RANGE IS CLEAR all rifles are empty and actions open

CASE or FLAG shooter will insert a chamber flag or place their firearm in its case. They will pick up any equipment and be ready to leave the line.

RANGE IS COLD shooters will leave the line. Range officers will retrieve the targets. On deck shooters will move to their position on the firing line, place their unloaded and cased/flagged rifle on the shooting pad. They will then go forward and place their targets on their target stand. Take care to be sure you are placing your targets in front of your shooting position.

Shooting Rules:

Shooters will shoot 10 rounds in each of three shooting positions. Each shooting position will engage a different target. Shooters will have 90 SECONDS to complete EACH 10 ROUND STRING of fire. No more than 10 rounds may be loaded in the rifle for each string. After each string the shooter will unload and show clear. When the RANGE IS CLEAR command is given the shooter will take the next shooting position. When the last shooter is in position the range command sequence begins again.

Shooting positions:

Standing unsupported

Kneeling or sitting unsupported (shooter's option)

Prone unsupported (no bipods, rests or support other than the shooter's body may be used in any shooting position. Magazines must not rest on the ground or shooters mat while firing)

Shooting positions are used in the order given above. Shooters may elect to skip one or more positions. They will be assessed a 20 point penalty for each skipped position.

Permanently Physically Disabled Shooter (PPDS) positions:

PPDS shooters may elect to skip any shooting position they are not able to achieve without penalty. If electing to skip a position, they may choose to engage that target from any of the other positions. PPDS shooters will have suffered an amputation or paralysis of all or part of one or more arm or leg. Amputation must be at least a complete digit or partial of more than one. Shooters may use prosthetic limbs without loss of this option. Permanently disabled shooters should indicate their status during registration and to the range officer on the range.

Divisions:

All divisions are for rifles and must meet the ATF definition of rifle. No SBR or pistols with or without a brace or stock. No fully automatic rifles. No spotting scopes or binoculars can be used during the course of fire. Division lists are at Appendix 1

Rimfire Iron Sights: this division is for rifles firing cartridges with rimfire ignition. Most commonly the .22LR

Small Bore Iron Sights: this division is for rifles firing centerfire cartridges smaller than .30 caliber.

Large Bore Iron Sights: this division is for rifles firing centerfire cartridges .30 caliber or larger and that fall within the facility limitations for ammunition and caliber.

Rimfire Optic Sights: same as above except optics are allowed. Optics include Scopes, Red Dots, Lasers or other sighting devices other than traditional notch and post or peep sights.

Small Bore Iron Sights: same as above except optics are allowed. Optics include Scopes, Red Dots, Lasers or other sighting devices other than traditional notch and post or peep sights.

Large Bore Iron Sights:same as above except optics are allowed. Optics include Scopes, Red Dots, Lasers or other sighting devices other than traditional notch and post or peep sights.

Categories: each shooter may compete in a maximum of 1 category

Junior - age 17 and under. Parent or guardian age 18 or older must be present and sign the waiver.

Senior - age 60 and over

PPDS - shooters registered and competing as Permanently Physically Disabled Shooters

Veteran - current or former military service

Lady - please don't make us define this!

First Responder - current or former Law Enforcement, Fire, Paramedics, EMT

Staff - Match staff will select this category in addition to one other

SCORING:

Shooters will engage 3 targets from 3 shooting positions with 10 rounds each. Shooters must engage only the targets in their lane. Targets are bullseye targets with concentric scoring rings. The highest value is 10 and values go down by 1 point on each concentric ring. The lowest value ring is 5. Shots outside the 5 ring on the target will be scored a 0. Shots off the target cannot be scored and will count as -10

If there are more than 10 shots on the target, the best shots over 10 are not scored. I.e. if 11 shots total, the best shot is not scored.

Shots that cross a dividing line between scoring rings will be given the higher score. If there is reasonable doubt, the doubt goes to the shooter's advantage. Radial tears of the target will not be scored as the higher value if the visual circumference of the hole does not cross the line.

"Double" hits or multiple hits that create a larger hole are difficult to score. The scoring officer will make every attempt to score the accurate number of hits without assuming that the hit must have passed through that larger hole. The shot pattern of the target as a whole will be considered in determining if it is reasonable to score a missing hit as having passed through a previous hole. The shooter may not touch their target until scoring is final. Shooters are encouraged to observe the scoring of their targets. Once scoring is final, the shooter will be given their targets. Scoring disputes are not allowed after the shooter has touched their target.

Scores will be entered electronically on Practiscore. Shooters will approve their score on the scoring tablet. The shooter will not receive a copy. Many shooters write down their scores or take pictures of the tablet for their record. Scoring disputes will be adjudicated by the chief range officer or match director. The scoring range officer will secure the targets and notify the chief safety officer or match director if there is a dispute.

Ties for division first place will participate in a shootoff. Shooters may choose to shoot from any of the 3 match shooting positions. Shootoff will be a single elimination, one shot at a time until only 1 shooter remains. Those who are in the shootoff, but do not win 1st place will be considered tied for 2nd place.

Penalties

-20 for each shooting position not used

Awards

Awards for each division are dependant on participation

1-4 shooters - 1st Place Awarded

5-9 shooters - 1st and 2nd Place Awarded

10 or more - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Awarded

Categories - 1st Place awarded, multiple awards if there is a tie for first place

Serious Safety Violations include but are not limited to:

Violation of any Foothills Public Shooting Complex safety rule.

Not following the direction/command of a range safety officer.

Changing firing positions before the Range is Clear Command is given

Continuing to engage targets after Stop or Cease fire command is given.

Having a loaded firearm except at the direction of and under direct supervision of a range officer.

Muzzle direction outside the limits of the muzzle safe zone.

Unsportsmanlike conduct that has the impact of causing another competitor or a staff member physical or emotional harm. Examples include violent physical contact, menacing handling of firearms or threats.

Disqualification - All shooters are expected to know and follow all safety rules and to conduct themselves accordingly.

Shooters who commit serious safety violations will be Disqualified. Disqualifications must be approved by the match director. Disqualified shooters will not be allowed to continue to compete and will receive a score of DQ for all divisions/categories entered.

These rules may be changed or amended as needed. The most current rules will be posted to the Practiscore registration page and available at the range during the match.

Appendix 1

Rifle Caliber Classifications

Rimfire

- .17 Hornady Mach 2 (.17HM2)
- .17 Hornady Magnum Rimfire (.17HMR)
- .17 Winchester Super Magnum (.17WSM)
- .22 BB Cap
- .22 Extra Long
- .22 Long
- .22 Long Rifle
- .22 Short
- .22 Winchester Magnum Rimfire (.22 WMR)
- .22 Winchester Rimfire (.22 WRF)
- .25 Stevens
- .32 rimfire (.32 Short and .32 Long)
- 5 mm Remington Rimfire Magnum

Common centerfire

Inches

Smaller than .30 caliber

- .17 Hornet
- .17 Remington
- .17 Remington Fireball
- .22 Accelerator
- .22 Hornet
- .22 Cheetah
- .204 Ruger

.218 Bee
.219 Zipper
.220 Russian
.220 Swift
.221 Remington Fireball
.22-250 Remington
.222 Remington
.222 Remington Magnum
.223 Remington
.223 Winchester Super Short Magnum
.224 Weatherby Magnum
.225 Winchester
.240 Weatherby Magnum
.243 Winchester
.243 Winchester Super Short Magnum
.244 H&H Magnum
.244 Remington
.25 Winchester Super Short Magnum
.25-06 Remington
.25-20 Winchester
.25-35 Winchester
.250-3000 Savage
.257 Roberts
.257 Weatherby Magnum
.260 Remington
.264 Winchester Magnum
.270 Weatherby Magnum
.270 Winchester
.270 Winchester Short Magnum
.280 Ross
.280 Remington
.284 Winchester

Larger than .30 caliber

.30 Carbine
.30 Newton
.30 RAR
.30 Remington
.30 Remington AR
.30 TC
.30-30 Winchester (.30 WCF)
.30-03
.30-06 Springfield
.30-40 Krag (.30 Army)
.30-378 Weatherby Magnum - Prohibited

.300 H&H Flanged- Prohibited
.300 H&H Magnum - Prohibited
.300 AAC Blackout (7.62×35mm)
.300 Remington SA Ultra Mag
.300 Remington Ultra Magnum
.300 Ruger Compact Magnum
.300 Savage
.300 Weatherby Magnum -Prohibited
.300 Winchester Magnum - Prohibited
.300 Winchester Short Magnum
.303 British
.303 Savage
.307 Winchester
.308 Marlin Express
.308 Norma Magnum -Prohibited
.308 Winchester
.308×1.5" Barnes
.32 Remington
.32 Winchester Self-Loading
.32 Winchester Special
.32-30 Remington
.32-20 Winchester (.32 WCF, .32-20 Marlin, .32 Colt Lightning)
.32-40 Ballard
.32-40 Winchester
.325 Winchester Short Magnum
.333 Jeffery Flanged
.338 Edge
.338 Federal
.338 Lapua Magnum- Prohibited
.338 Marlin express
.338 Norma Magnum -
.338 Remington Ultra Magnum
.338 Ruger Compact Magnum
.338 Winchester Magnum
.338-06 A-Square
.338-378 Weatherby Magnum- Prohibited
.340 Weatherby Magnum
.348 Winchester
.35 Remington
.35 Whelen
.35 Winchester
.35 Winchester Self-Loading
.350 Remington Magnum
.351 Winchester Self-Loading
.356 Winchester
.358 Norma Magnum

.358 Winchester
.375 H&H Magnum - Prohibited
.375 Remington Ultra Magnum - Prohibited
.375 Ruger
.375 Weatherby Magnum - Prohibited
.375 Whelen (.375-06) - Prohibited
.375 Winchester
.376 Steyr
.378 Weatherby Magnum - Prohibited
.38-40 Winchester
.38-55 Winchester
.38-56 WCF
.38-90 Winchester Express
.38-44 UMC
.40-454 JDJ
.44-40 Winchester
.45-70 Government