

Cherokee Rod and Gun Club

Yellow Sheet of Rules and Range Protocol for Military Rifle and Pistol Matches Prohibited Firearms

ALL SHOOTERS MUST READ THIS YELLOW SHEET OF RULES BEFORE THE MATCH BEGINS

Because of the Club's insurance requirements and the limitations of our ranges, the following firearms are prohibited from these matches

- Class III firearms, i.e., fully automatic firearms, select fire firearms even if single-loaded and fired in the "semi-auto" mode. Firearms of unlawful length are prohibited. SBR's and suppressors are allowed if the shooter has all the proper Federal forms with them and presents them to the Match Director.
- Belt-fed firearms of any description.
- Semi-automatic firearms having a crank or other mechanical device to allow the firearm to simulate machine gun fire.
- Firearms chambered to fire the .50 caliber Browning Machine Gun cartridge. .50 BMG may be fired on the upper range, but not on the lower range or during matches. Arms chambered for the .50 caliber short cartridges originally used in M8 spotter guns on recoilless rifles are also disallowed in these matches and from the lower range.

Required Condition of Firearms and Shooters Firearms must be complete and in safe shootable condition. All firearms must be properly zeroed so that bullet impacts where the sights are aiming. Shooters must be familiar with the safe operation of their firearms. A match is not a training class.

Ammunition Standards Ammunition used in matches must be of the correct caliber for the firearm being used. It must be safe to fire. Its projectile must be inert and of the same diameter as the bore, i.e., sabots, tracer and incendiary ammunition are prohibited.

Participants and Competitors In the spirit of fellowship upheld by the Club in its 64 years, shooters who do not have access to a military rifle or pistol are warmly invited to shoot alongside of those of us having correct firearms. Shooters who use firearms that do not qualify as military firearms will be shown as "participants." Scores registered while shooting as a participant will not be included or combined with any shooter's cumulative total that was registered while shooting as a competitor – the two types of scores must stand separately. Participants are not eligible for end of season awards. Finally, when space on the firing line is limited, participants will be asked to allow competitors to take precedence over them for firing positions and/or choice of relay.

The Match Appeals Board A Match Appeals Board is hereby established for such purposes as clarifying rules, contesting scores or findings, or resolving any other conflict or dispute arising from a match. The Board will be chaired by the Match Director who will render decisions after obtaining advice from at least two other regular competitors or past Match Directors. Every attempt will be made to resolve these issues in a timely manner.

Concealed Carry during a Match A shooter or observer may only carry a concealed weapon during the match (from the time the match is called to order to the match conclusion) with the Match Director's permission. Permission needs to be gained each match day, not just once a year. If permission is given, the firearm must be concealed and never removed from its holster. There will be no open carry during the match. If you are planning to shoot your carry weapon during the match, then it will be treated as any other firearm during the match. In particular, it needs to be cased when not in use and only brought to the line during the match it will be used. This a requirement because carrying a loaded weapon violates the match rules, but exceptions may be made for concealed carry.

Required Equipment Ear protection, eye protection, safety flags, firearms, correct ammunition for firearms (20 rounds per match plus up to three fouling rounds per match.) Prescription lenses meet this requirement but contact lenses do not. Hearing protectors must be professionally manufactured earplugs or ear muffs.

New Shooters A new shooter will be paired with an experienced shooter for their first few matches to make sure the new shooter learns and understands the rules. The experienced shooter can answer most of their questions, but if there is any doubt, you may call the Match Director over for clarification.

The Course of Fire The course of fire is slow-fire, standing unsupported, 10 shots in 10 minutes, with two targets being fired in rifle matches at 100 yards and two in pistol matches at 25 yards.

Magazine loadings and rate of fire Magazine loadings and rate of fire are at the shooter's discretion, except that **no firearm may be loaded with more than ten rounds of ammunition and all firearms must be fired at a rate consistent with safe and carefully aimed fire.** Pistols may be fired single or double action, one hand or two. Rifles must be fired offhand from the shoulder, completely unaided by "hasty sling" support. The top possible score for rifle and pistol matches will be 200-20X. The highest possible combined aggregate will be 400-40X. The Match Director may conduct rifle and pistol matches simultaneously or separately.

Junior Shooters and Disabled Shooters Juniors and disabled shooters may shoot the course from a bench rest firing position as participants.

Supportive wear Shooting jackets and other supportive shooting wear are not allowed.

Supportive braces worn out of medical necessity will be accommodated unless they afford the shooter an unfair advantage in accuracy. In such cases, these shooters will be invited to shoot as participants.

Required Targets The required match rifle target will be the official NRA 100 yard rifle target with 6 inch diameter black disc, #SR-1. The required pistol target will be the official NRA 25 yard pistol target with 5-1/2 inch diameter black disc, #B-8P. Shooters may use their own target frames if they do not interfere with the match or with other shooters.

Scoring of Rifle Targets Shooters will fill out a match score sheet before the match starts and keep it at their firing point. After the first ten shot string is fired, the rifle will be emptied, detachable magazines removed, a safety flag inserted and the rifle benched with the muzzle pointed down range. The shooter can then move back from the firing line for a five minute rest period. The shooters will be called back to the line after the rest period for the second string. After the second string, rifles will once again be emptied, detachable magazines removed, a safety flag inserted and the rifle benched with the muzzle pointed down range. At this time, the line will be cleared by the match director or their designee. After the line is cleared, shooters will go downrange and will score the target to their immediate left. Scorers will then record that person's score on his/her score sheet and sign or initial it. The spent targets will be the property of the individual shooter and each shooter will be solely responsible for the accuracy of his/her score sheet when it is turned into the Match Director at the conclusion of the match.

Scoring of Pistol Targets Shooters will fill out a match score sheet before the match starts and keep it at their firing point. After a ten shot string is fired, the pistols will be emptied, detachable magazines removed, a safety flag inserted and the pistol benched with the muzzle pointed down range. At this time, the line will be cleared by the match director or their designee. After the line is cleared, shooters will go downrange and will score the target to their immediate left. Scorers will then record that person's score on his/her score sheet and sign or initial it. After the first string, the target is to be pasted or a new target posted. The spent targets will be the property of the individual shooter and each shooter will be solely responsible for the accuracy of his/her score sheet when it is turned into the Match Director at the conclusion of the match.

Scoring Standards Shots that cut a scoring ring line will be given the higher value of the two scoring rings involved. Match target centers contain a small area designated with an "X". Shots within this area are recorded both as a 10 and as an "X." Scores on targets and score sheets must include the number of "X's" fired as part of the score, i.e., 156 – 4X as an example. Unlike a sanctioned CMP match, if there are more than the correct number of bullet impacts on a target, the highest correct number of impacts are scored instead of the lowest.

Range Commands All persons on the range are subject to the commands of the Match Director who also serves as the range master. Only he or his designated alternate will issue commands, except that any person seeing an unsafe situation during a firing period MAY AND SHOULD yell “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE.” Shooters are then to open and safe their firearms, lay them on the bench pointing downrange and await further instructions. See appendix E of the full rule book for more detail.

Resting during firing periods Shooters who wish to rest during firing periods may empty and open their firearms, lay them on the bench pointing downrange and take a brief rest or stretch in place as desired. Safety flags are not required to be installed in firearms in this case except during the five minute rest period between strings in rifle matches. Shooters may not move about the firing point or leave it or the firearm during such rests.

Fouling shots and sighting shots The match Director will allow shooters, on command, to fire up to three fouling shots before the first string before competitive shooting begins. Sighting shots are not allowed.

Misfires – procedure When a cartridge fails to fire, the firearm shall continue to be pointed downrange for one minute before the action is opened and the misfired cartridge is ejected from the firearm. Misfires are legitimate alibis and the time lost will be reinstated to the shooter.

Defective Firearms – procedure Should a firearm suffer a malfunction or stoppage that cannot be readily cleared, such as a broken firing pin, the firearm must be emptied, left open and placed on the bench with a safety flag inserted and muzzle pointed downrange. The shooter should then raise their hand for the Match Director/RSO’s attention. After the firearm has been checked by the Match Director’s designee, the firearm may be moved off the firing line to the nearest rack with the safety flag still installed. If the shooter has a second qualifying firearm within ready access, he/she may continue the match with the substitute firearm. Time lost during this transaction is a legitimate alibi and will be reinstated to the shooter.

“Going full-auto” – procedure If a semiautomatic firearm should fire more than one shot per a single pull of the trigger, the firearm is to be considered unsafe and must be immediately unloaded, safed, and placed on the bench with the muzzle pointed downrange without further firing. Once the firearm is on the bench with a safety flag installed, the shooter should raise then raise their hand for the Match Director/RSO’s attention. After the firearm has been checked by the Match Director’s designee, the firearm may be moved off the firing line to the nearest rack with the open bolt indicator still installed. If the shooter has a second qualifying firearm within ready access, he/she may continue the match with the substitute firearm. Time lost during this transaction is a legitimate alibi and will be reinstated to the shooter.

Shoulder firing of rifles is required All rifles, regardless of stock design, must be fired from the shoulder. Rifles having side-folding or under-folding stocks may only be fired with the folding stock in its extended and locked position. Telescoping stocks must be extended to a length appropriate to the stature of the shooter.

Detachable box magazines – not joined Detachable box magazines must be used separately, i.e. may not be attached to each other by any means during the match.

Range Safety Procedures Safety Flags (formerly called Empty Chamber Indicators, ECIs or Open Bolt Indicators) must be placed in all rifles and pistols after they are uncased. Safety flags must remain in rifles or pistols at all times, except during preparation and firing periods. A rifle or pistol being carried on a range must have a safety flag inserted as soon as it is in an uncased condition. Safety flags must be fluorescent orange, yellow or a similar bright color and must have a probe that inserts into the gun chamber and a visible flag that projects out from the open gun action.

Loaded Firearms Fire arms should only be loaded after the command 'Load' is given by the Match Director after the preparation period and during the firing period. Loaded firearms MUST NOT be removed from the firing line by any shooter. If a firearm cannot be unloaded and cleared for any reason, it must be made as safe as possible: magazine removed if possible, a safety flag inserted if possible, as much ammunition that can be taken out of the firearm removed, the firearm benched with the muzzle downrange and brought to the attention of the Match Director/RSO by the shooter by raising their hand for attention while still on the line. The Match Director and other experienced shooters will determine the safest course of action after the current firing string is concluded.

Match Fees The fee for each match is \$5.00, which is waived for Junior shooters and for military personnel on active duty. Only one \$5 fee will be charged for Vintage Modern Rifle and/or Modern Rifle allowing the shooter to compete in one or both matches with the one entry fee.