

Riverside Gun Club Center Fire Rifle Bench Rest Rules

(1-21-17)

The monthly center fire rifle bench rest match will be composed of two rifle classes.

A. Factory class –

1. Original manufacture barrel.
2. Original manufacture trigger group.
3. Original manufacture bolt.
4. Original manufacture stock.
5. Scope design, power, make, are optional.
6. Guns may be tuned, trued, and bedded.

B- Match Class- special match components which are not of original or factory origin may be used.

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C. Front rest may be mechanical in design with leather or similar bag.

D. Rear rest may be sand or “heavy sand” filled with leather or similar bag.

E. No one piece rest.

F. Match is a 500 point match.

G. Targets will be provided by the club. It shall have ten bullseys for score and two sighters.

H. Match fee is \$20.00.

Match Format

The match will start with a safety briefing which will include a description of the match.

The firing positions will be determined by a random draw. Spacing for left handed shooters is at the discretion of the Match Director.

- A. The match will begin with a ten minute sighter period. Each relay will have a ten minute sighter period before their first scored target is fired.
- B. After the sighter period, new targets will be installed and the first relay will shoot a clean unused target for score.
- C. Shooters will have fifteen minutes to fire ten rounds on each of the five target boards.
- D. Match consists of five targets. Each target is composed of ten scoring bull's-eyes.
- E. Each target must have the following information along the top edge,
 1. Bench number
 2. Target number
 3. Relay number
- F. No wind flags may be erected for indoor match events.
- G. After targets are placed on the target frames the Match Director or designated Line Officer will determine the line is safe.
 1. The relay is called to the line

2. When the firing line is ready, the Line Officer will command "Load" then "Ready on the right, ready on the left, the line is ready" wait 5 seconds "Fire". Time will commence with the first shot.
- H. Competitors must complete the 500 point match with either a factory or match class rifle. Points from different rifle classes cannot be combined for score.
 - I. During the match, shooters may fire sighters in the sighter block of their target as needed.
 - J. When time has expired, the Match Director or Line Officer will call out "Cease fire". Competitors must unload, remove bolts, magazines and insert chamber flags, if needed. If someone fires after cease fire was called, that shooter may be disqualified. Line Officer or Match Director should call out five minute, one minute and thirty second warnings. The use of a count-down clock will replace these calls. When the Line Officer or Match Director determines the range is safe, the target crew removes and hangs replacement targets with the above information. When the need for more than one relay is required the relay change is at the discretion of the Match Director. If possible, scorer should start scoring targets soon as the first targets are returned. After targets are scored, they must be posted in full view of competitors.

Best edge scoring will be used. The scorers will use scoring plugs, and magnifying glasses if needed.

Unauthorized Discharges -

Under no circumstances will a shooter load a round into a rifle before the "Load" command. No one can fire until the "Fire" command is given. Any violation may result in disqualification. Match Director and referees will determine reason for any unauthorized discharge, before completion may resume.

If for any reason safety a violation exists and firing must be stopped, Match Director, Line Officer or any Competitor may call out "cease fire". All shooters must immediately stop firing and back away from rifles. When the problem is corrected the Match Director will give load and fire command. Competitors will be given an extra two (2) minutes towards the remaining time.

A competitor may protest the scoring on his target or the scoring on another competitor's target. Only Match Director, Line Officers, Official Scorers or referees can remove and rescore protested targets. Targets **can not** be removed or handled by competitors until match results are declared final. If competitor removes targets before results are declared official, they may be disqualified. After last targets are scored & hung for viewing, a minimum of ten (10) minutes must be allowed for scoring protests. Match Director will then declare the protest period over.

Ties - When identical high scores exist, the highest X count will determine the winner. If identical score and X count exist, scorers will check the last target. First target card with higher score wins. If tie still exists, scorer will check third target in the same procedure.

Sportsmanship - There will be no loud noise or smoking on or around the firing line during a match. Match Director or referees may disqualify anyone who disregards this rule. Only shooters, Match Directors and Referees will be allowed along firing line while shooting is taking place. An exception may be granted by the Match Director to allow another shooter to help a new shooter in his first match.

Empty Benches - No one will occupy any unused bench at a match for any reason. A clean target will be placed on the target frame for that position.

Crossfire - Shooters who fires upon a neighboring target, are expected to notify Match Director or Line Officer immediately. Competitors, who experience crossfire on their targets, must notify Match Director or Line Officer before firing additional rounds. Reporting competitor with additional impacts, will receive the higher score. We depend up every shooter's honesty. Repeat occurrences will not be honored.

Safety - Rifles must be equipped with trigger guards. All rifles must have bolts removed or approved safety flag inserted into the bore when not being fired. When anyone is down range, all competitors must be stay behind and away from the benches until the Match Director or Line Officer calls shooters to the line. No firearm handling on the benches while the line has been called clear.

We welcome shooters to report any scoring errors to the Match officer. He also will select two shooters to compose a jury if a score dispute arises. We want to maintain an upfront fair bench rest matches that all will enjoy. Point of contact – Bob Beaver 336-889-2772.

Directions

Take Hwy 49 South from Asheboro

Cross the Tuckertown Bridge at reservoir

Turn right at first caution light – Stokes Ferry Rd. – go 2.3 miles

Go right on dirt road – Burlson Hill Rd. – Travel ½ mile.

Chicken House range on left.