

Hunting Rifle Rules

The intent of this event is not to simulate hunting but to provide a controlled and safe bullseye competition event that uses hunting type rifles with a minimum amount of equipment.

Rifle

A rimfire .22 calibre, (not magnum), rifle of a hunting type design single shot or repeater. It must not have been originally designed to be a target rifle. *If the rifle was built with a rail or adjustable buttplate, it will be deemed to be a target rifle.* If the rifle is outfitted with a magazine, all rounds must be loaded through the magazine. Stock may have a replacement buttplate and the length may be changed. Cheekpiece may be built up but by means that are not easily adjustable.

Sights

Sights are recommended. Your choice.

Safety

All Range Officer commands will be obeyed.

The safe condition of a rifle will be with action open and chamber empty.

If used, magazines must be removed from the firearm.

Those firearms requiring it must use a chamber flag.

Triggers must operate in a safe manner.

Hearing protection is recommended.

Eye protection is recommended, shooting glasses with shatterproof lenses are encouraged.

Equipment

No ISSF type of shooting jacket, pants, gloves or buttplates.

Unduly tight or padded clothing will not be allowed.

This is not intended to prevent the use of a spotting scope, timepiece, shooting mat, kneeling roll, shooting sweater, trap vest, elbow pads or a glove for grip. The glove must not be excessively padded.

Current undergarments as per sporting rifle would also be allowed.

Courses of fire, positions, time limits, targets, scoring, range commands as per Sporting Rifle.

Match organizers may modify classifications to reflect the number and type of competitors.

Now the EDITORIAL:

Required is a discipline that requires the least amount of equipment but that allows the greatest diversity. That is why there is no rifle weight limit. There are no depths of fore ends or drop at butt. The weight is not considered an issue as there is no support from clothing and most of these rifles are clustered around 7 lbs, or with a decent scope, 8 lbs. If someone wants to try and hold a 12 lb rifle for 60 shots, I suspect the scores will suffer.

A rifle such as an Anschutz 1416 or Remington 541, the Enfield trainer, Ruger 10/22, an Anschutz 180 would be allowed. The Anschutz 190 would not. Any rifle with a rail, even if removed, would not be allowed.

After much discussion, I think that we should allow cheekpieces to be built up as the rifles are not built for prone shooting. This may help some shooters with their neck problems.

There is no trigger weight for the same reasons. If there is an occurrence of an unsafe trigger, I expect the RO or Safety Officer to deal appropriately.

Equipment. Here the biggest problem is tight clothing. If in doubt the RO can check the looseness. In silhouette they use a gauge made from 4 inch thin wall PVC pipe, but I'd sooner leave it to good judgment for now. The glove allowed for grip is meant to be along the lines of a golf, weightlifting, bicycling or similar glove.

Who cares if someone is using sport specific shooting glasses when anyone can use scopes?

Course of fire. Hopefully it will eventually expand to 3-P. No need to burden match organizers with extra targets or methods of scoring when everyone is familiar with the current bullseye system and targets. Hunting Rifle & Sporting Rifle are shot on the same targets for the distance.