

OSA Air Rifle Challenge

General Concept:

The general concept of this course of fire is to provide a hunter marksmanship challenge with an air rifle. The spirit of this event is to use equipment that is common and practical for hunting or general field use with an air rifle.

The range layout will be along a track with shooting lanes extending off from the track at right angles. Each shooting lane will have several steel targets of different shapes, sizes, and distances. An information sheet will be provided for each lane describing the specific requirement as to position, method of engagement, number of shots at each target (like PRS matches).

If a prop is in place at a specific lane, then it must be used as described on the information sheet.

Shooters will be formed into small groups and each group will be assigned a lane to start. The groups will then do a round robin with each lane until all lanes/targets have been engaged.

Each group will be responsible for scoring each other and enforcing any time limits. Once finished they will be required to paint all the targets in that lane.

Each competition will have a time limit as described on the information sheet to complete the course of fire for that lane.

Equipment:

Any air rifle that would be logical for hunting may be used.

Only calibers .177, .22 or .25 may be used.

Any sight may be used and may be adjusted in any manner throughout the matches.

Supports (bipod, shooting sticks, bunny bags) may be using IAW the course of fire for that lane as described in the information sheet.

Each competitor will need a set of binoculars or a spotting scope to aid in scoring the hits. The group is responsible for carrying out scoring duties.

Range finders are used only IAW with competition details.

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Clothing must be suitable for the day or what would logically be used for hunting. The use of padded jackets commonly known as “shooting jackets” is not allowed. Strap on or additional padding of any type cannot be used.

Although an air compressor and/or extra air tanks **MAY** be available, the competitor is responsible for their own rifle requirements.

Ammunition:

Any ammunition suitable for the rifle may be used.

Range Commands and Procedures:

The designated leader for each small group will be responsible for all activities of the group while on the range. They are to ensure that shots are fired IAW the course of fire, that rifles are loaded and unloaded at the appropriate time, that all members of the group are safe during firing, that scoring and timings are correct, that rifles are safe during movement and any other requirements required to assure the safe and smooth conduct of each match at each lane.

Safety:

At all times, the action of the rifle must be open, and a breech flag inserted.

The rifle must always be kept in an unloaded state with a breech flag inserted until ordered to “load” by a Range Officer/Group Leader.

Once a rifle has been loaded, the trigger finger must be off the trigger and located along the trigger guard, except when firing a shot.

Target:

All targets will be steel. They will be silhouettes of birds or animals of various sizes. Some will be squares or circles.

Scoring:

Each lane will have a required number of hits per target. A hit anywhere on the steel will be scored as a “hit” – and so noted on the score card. A shot that does not hit the steel will also be noted as a miss. Each shot fired (hit or miss) will be recorded on the score card. The competitor who takes the least number of shots to get the required number of hits will have the best raw score. The total number of shots taken plus any penalties will be the final score for that lane.

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In the event of an overall match tie, the tie breaker will be a shoot-off of five shots at a target, distance and position chosen by the chief range officer. If a tie remains after the shoot-off, then a sudden death, shot for shot, will continue until a winner is decided.

Prizes:

OSA Medals and merchandise prizes will be available for individual lane winners and for the overall grand aggregate winner.