

SMALLBORE DEWAR PRONE MATCH PROGRAM

TOURNAMENT DATE(S):

First Tuesday of April, May, June, August, and September, 2014.

April 4, 2017

May 2, 2017

June 6, 2017

August 1, 2017

September 5, 2017

TIMING:

- Gates open at 08:00 am.
- Competitors may check in from 08:00 to 08:30 am. All competitors must sign in in the Rose Iris range house in addition to signing in for the match.
- Gates are locked promptly at 08:30 am
- Range goes cold from 08:30 to 08:45 for competitors to set out targets
- Safety Briefing Begins at 08:45 am.
- 50 yard course of fire begins at 09:00 am.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:

Tri-Cities Shooting Association, High-Power Discipline

LOCATION:

South side (only) of Rose-Iris Range, Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility.

RULES:

NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules, 2017 version will be followed, even though this is NOT and NRA Approved or Registered match.

SAFETY:

- **Eye Protection** - All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the range complex are required to wear eye protection.
- **Ear Protection** - All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the range complex are required to wear hearing protection.
- **Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI)** - A smallbore ECI is required to indicate that the chamber is empty.

RIFLES:

.22 Long Rifle only.

Firing will be from the prone position.

For those who find it difficult to get into or out of the prone position, they may use the shooting benches, but all other rules apply. **However, since this is intended to be a prone match consistent with NRA rules, those choosing to shoot from a bench will be for exhibition purposes only and will not be eligible to be declared the winner or to establish an annual match record.**

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Rifles must fit in one of the following categories, excerpted from the 2017 Smallbore Rule book. For more details and the complete definition of each category refer to the NRA Smallbore Rule book which can be found at <http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx>:

There are many more detailed requirements to all these this categories, so be sure to read and understand the 2016 NRA Smallbore Rule Book prior to entering.

It is the shooter's responsibility to know the rules, comply with them, and identify the category of rifle at the time of check in.

- **Any Rifle with Sling-** Any .22 LR rimfire, unsupported, shoulder fired, any sighting system. Shooter may use a sling, shooting jacket, and shooting glove.
- **Light Rifle with Sling-** Any .22 LR rimfire, unsupported, shoulder fired, any sighting system. Shooter may use a sling, shooting jacket, and shooting glove. Rifle shall not weigh more than 8 ½ pounds when equipped with sights.
- **F-Class Open (F-Open)-** Any 22 LR rimfire supported by no more than 2 rests. Any front and rear rest may be used, with or without a sling. Front and rear rests may not be connected. Maximum weight including attachments that recoil with or partially recoils with the rifle is 18.18 lbs.

The rifle may be supported by any means which provides no positive mechanical method for returning it to its precise point of aim for the prior shot. No more than two rests may be used. If two rests are employed, they may not be attached to each other. The use of any form of a table is prohibited. Separate flat boards or plates not exceeding the dimensions of 24"w x 12"d x ½"t are allowed to be placed under the front and no larger than 2" greater than the rear rests. No leveling screws or protrusions are allowed on these boards or plates. They must be flat on the top and bottom.

A front rest may be employed for either the rifle's forend or for the forward hand. If attached, clamped, or held to the rifle, the front rest must be included in the rifle's overall weight

No portion of the rifle's butt or pistol grip shall rest directly on the ground or on any hard surface.

Furthermore, any rear rest employed shall not be attached, clamped, or held onto the rifle in any manner. Mechanically adjustable rear rests are not allowed.

Any number and type of objects may be placed beneath each rest to compensate for variations in the height of the slope of the firing point or to reduce its rolling.

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The front rest or base may have up to three spiked feet which may be pressed into the ground by no more than approximately 2 inches provided this causes no significant harm to the firing point.

Rests may be adjusted after any shot to compensate for rest movement or settling.

A sling may be used in conjunction with the rest(s), but its weight will be included in the rifle's overall weight.

- **F-Class Smallbore Target Rifle (F-T/R)**- Any 22 LR rimfire supported by no more than 2 rests, with or without a sling. A bipod is the only allowed front rest. A rear bag or gloved hand are the only permitted rear rests. Maximum weight including attachments that recoil with or partially recoils with the rifle is 18.18 lbs.

The bipod and/or sling and rear support may not be attached to each other.

The use of any form of a table is prohibited. Separate flat boards or plates not exceeding the dimensions of 24"w x 12"d x 1/2"t are allowed to be placed under the front rest and no larger than 2" more than the rear rest. No leveling screws or protrusions are allowed on these boards or plates. They must be flat on the top and bottom.

A bipod is a device with no more than two legs that touch the firing point. It must be rigidly attached to the forend of the rifle. The bipod may have rigid or folding legs, and may be adjustable to compensate for the uneven surface of the firing point.

No portion of the rifle's butt or forend shall rest directly on the ground or any hard surface.

A rear rabbit eared bag, small sandbag or a gloved hand may be used to support the rifle's butt. Any rear support employed shall not be attached, clamped or held to the rifle in any manner. The rear support may not be fixed to or protrude into the firing point. Mechanically adjustable rear support is not allowed.

Any number or type of objects may be placed beneath the bipod or rear support, to compensate for variations in height or slope of the firing point.

The bipod and rear rest may be adjusted after any shot to compensate for rest movement or settling.

A sling may be used in conjunction with the rest(s), but its weight will be included in the rifle's overall weight.

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SIGHTS:

Either scope or metallic sights are allowed in all of the above categories.

AMMUNITION:

Rimfire cartridges commercially catalogued .22 Long Rifle. Tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets are specifically excluded.

A total of 40 shots for record will be needed, not counting optional sighter shots, on all matches except the September 5, 2017 match.

The September match will be an extended match more consistent with smallbore prone matches held across the US. In this match 120 shots will be fired for score. The firing order will be; 20 record shots at 50 yards, 20 record shots at 100 yards, 20 record shots at 100 yards, 20 record shots at 100 yards, 20 record shots at 50 yards, and finally 20 record shots at 50 yards. There will be a total of 6 targets shot on for score and each target will have 20 shots for score. Sighters are unlimited on any target, but the 20 minute time limit will apply to each target. We will shoot three targets and then take a 20 minute break and then shoot the last three targets.

COURSE OF FIRE AND TARGETS:

Dewar Course of fire will be used. Firing will be at 50 yards and 100 yards.

At 50 yards the NRA A-23/5 target will be used for sling rifle categories, with 5 shots on each of four bulls (20 shots for record), in a time limit of 20 minutes. For F-Open and F-T/R rifles, the NRA A-50 targets will be used, with 5 shots on each of four bulls (20 shots for record), in a time limit of 20 minutes.

At 100 yards, the NRA A-25/3 target will be used for sling rifle categories with 10 shots fired on each of two bulls (20 shots for record), in a time limit of 20 minutes. For F-Open and F-T/R rifles, the NRA A-33 targets will be used, with 10 shots on each of two bulls (20 shots for record), in a time limit of 20 minutes.

Unlimited sighter shots will be permitted on the top bull/s on each target and distance.

Competitors will hang one target at 50 yards, fire 20 shots for record when instructed to begin, and then wait for time to complete and the range is called cold. Competitors will then retrieve their 50 yard target, mount the 100 yard target, and then when instructed fire the other 20 record shots. At the end of that time the range will be called cold, and all competitors will retrieve their targets and score them to complete one match. When all firing is done at one distance the target frames are moved to the other distance and repeat the firing procedure. Adequate break time will be provided between matches.

SCORING:

Competitors will score each other's targets at the completion of all firing as directed by the Range Officer.

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Separate winners will be announced for each of the four categories of rifles, and match records will be maintained for each category.

CROSS-FIRES:

- Cross-fires of competition shots must be scored as misses.
- If a shooter fires a sighting shot on the competition target of another shooter, he must be penalized by deduction of one (1) point from his own score deducted from the first series.
- If a shooter fires a sighting shot on the sighting target of another shooter no penalty is incurred.
- If a shooter receives a confirmed cross-fire shot and it is impossible to determine which shot is his, he must be credited with the value of the highest undetermined shot.
- If there are more hits on a shooter's competition target than are provided for in the program, and if it is impossible to confirm that another shooter(s) fired the shot(s), the hit(s) of the highest value must be nullified.
- If a shooter wishes to disclaim a shot on his target, he must report this immediately to a Range Officer, prior to firing another shot.
- Target backers will not be used, and so the basis of identifying cross-fires will be on the honor system.
- If a competitor fires more than the required number of shots on a target card, he will be scored only the required number of hits of lowest value minus a penalty of one point for each hit in excess of the required number on the individual bullseye(s) on which the excessive hits occur.
- A hole made by a ricochet bullet does not count as a hit and will not be scored.

COMPETITION OPEN TO:

Member of TCSA and visitors. Juniors are encouraged to participate. No advanced registration.

ENTRY FEE:

\$10 for adults, juniors shoot free. No prize money will be awarded. All proceeds will go to the TCSA High-Power Discipline.

ENTRY LIMIT:

A maximum of ten shooters per relay will be permitted, based on the size limitations of the range. Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. If there are enough competitors, two relays will be considered at the option of the Match Director.

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