

## **BVRPC GROUNDHG MATCH – INFORMATION AND RULES**

### **2011 Match Dates planned are:**

**4/2/11**

**5/7/11**

**6/11/11**

**7/2/11**

**8/6/11**

**9/3/11**

**10/1/11**

1. **Safety.** Safety is our most important concern. All shooters must adhere to safe range procedures and all shooters are asked to be aware of other competitors and constantly monitor safety performance.
  - a. All bolts must be removed from rifles except when firing. The range officer will give the commands to prepare for firing and cease firing. Firearms that are not bolt-action firearms must use empty chamber indicators in place of the “remove bolt” commands.
  - b. Before range personnel proceed downrange for target details, all competitors must leave their bench positions and stand behind the firing line.
  - c. In the event of an emergency “cease fire” command, all competitors must empty firearms, remove bolts and/or insert empty chamber indicators and withdraw from the firing line. The range officer shall inspect all firearms that are on the benches before allowing any personnel forward of the firing line.
  - d. Juniors are persons less than 16 years of age. All juniors shall compete and fire under the supervision of an adult (over 18 years of age).
  - e. When the red range light is on, the range and bench area must remain in a safe condition. No one may handle any firearm at any time while the lights are on.
  - f. All shooters and spectators must wear hearing and eye protection.
  - g. On the day of the match, there will be no sighting in shots allowed before the match commences.
  - h. NO alcohol is permitted on the range before or during a match.
  - i. **NO EQUIPMENT SHALL BE PLACED ONTO A BENCH UNTIL REGISTRATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE SHOOTER / EQUIPMENT OWNER.**
2. **All shooters are required to have read, understood and agreed to comply with the rules for the conduct of the match.**
3. **Course of fire.**
  - a. A relay of this match shall consist of 18 shots fired in a time span of 30 minutes as follows:
    - i. A maximum of 6 shots fired on one target at 100 yards, including one sighter. The best 5 shots will be scored.

- i. A maximum of 6 shots fired on one target at 200 yards, including one sighter. The best 5 shots will be scored.
- ii. A maximum of 6 shots fired on one target at 300 yards, including one sighter. The best 5 shots will be scored.
- iii. A shooter will fire all 18 (max.) shots before clearing the bench.

#### 4. Match Conditions.

- a. Spotting scopes are permitted.
- b. Rifle rests shall be conventional bench rest pedestal type front rest and rear sand bag rest. No one piece rests (exceptions may be granted by the match director for individual needs, e.g., sub junior shooters.)
- c. Any semi-automatic rifle must utilize a brass catcher or deflector.
- d. Left Handed shooters will be squadded on the right side of the range.
- e. During check in, specific benches will be assigned for each relay and shooters must adhere to their respective bench assignments.
  - i. For early arrivals, we will try to maintain a “first come” first registered” sheet for early sign in. This is NOT match registration.
  - ii. A check in process description will be available at the check in table and shooters are encouraged to review this sheet upon check in.
  - iii. Match registration will begin at 0800 with registration taken in the order in which competitors who arrived early have signed in
  - iv. We will PRE REGISTER and squad match committee members who are helping conduct the match on the first relay in order to provide the assistance needed to run the match.
  - v. As a condition of shooting on the first relay, competitors accept the responsibility of helping the match committee with duties necessary to conduct the match.
- f. The match officials will make every attempt to accommodate shooters to suitable benches.
- g. Match Fees are \$13.00 per gun registered and checked in. This increase provides \$1.00 per gun for the target setter.

#### 5. Classes of firearms.

- a. Unlimited Custom. Any rifle cartridge smaller than 50 caliber. Any scope. Muzzle brakes are permitted, but must be fired in a separate relay. Typical equipment in this class are varmint and heavy varmint bench rest rifles and F-class rifles; or any rifle deemed appropriate to this class as determined by the Match Director and his committee. Rail guns or other such highly specialized equipment is not envisioned for this class.

Factory Varmint. Must be identified as a factory original rifle with original stock and factory barrel. Bedding may be changed. Triggers may be adjusted but must be safe.

**NOT PERMITTED IN THIS CLASS ARE REMINGTON 40X RIFLES; CALIBERS 6 PPC AND 6 BR; OR SPECIALIZED RIFLES FOR, E.G., F-CLASS.**

Any scope, scope levels, bipods are permitted. Typical rifles in this class are factory varmint

- a. rifles; or any rifle deemed appropriate to this class as determined by the Match Director and his committee.
- b. Factory Sporter. This class is designed for factory sporter type rifles and must be factory equipment, including receiver, barrel, stock. Barrel diameter at the muzzle must not exceed **0.69 inches**. 6PPC and 6 BR cartridges are **NOT permitted** in this class. Factory Sporter rifles may NOT be single shot, but must be capable of magazine feeding. A handgun, e.g., Thompson Encore or Contender, with a proper barrel may shoot in this class; or any rifle deemed appropriate to this class as determined by the Match Director and his committee.
- c. Ineligible for awards equipment. Please note that it is the intention of this club to encourage shooting. In line with this intent, a shooter, upon payment of the entry fee, may shoot a rifle that may not conform to the rules of the classes designated above, so long as that shooter agrees that he or she will NOT be eligible for awards and provided that the rifle is considered by the match director as suitable and safe. This exception will be administered in accordance with the above stated intent.
- d. Equipment rules changes. The match committee recognizes the investment in equipment that shooters make. Therefore, rules changes are not undertaken trivially. We will attempt to give at least an entire season's notice of any rules changes that would substantially affect equipment, especially the rifles themselves.
- e. It is important to recognize the match committee's dedication to conducting a fair match. It is expected that shooters will support this expectation. If a completely "out of the ordinary" rifle is registered for the match, the match committee may have to take action that does not meet the standard of a "season's notice" on equipment.

#### 6. Scoring.

- a. Scoring will be done a scoring committee under the oversight of the match officials.
- b. Tie Breaking rules. Following the "X" count, the next level of tie breaking is by comparison of scores shot respectively at 300, then 200, then 100 yards, with the higher scores at the longer distances being given preference.
- c. In the event a tie cannot be broken, shooters MAY elect a shoot off after the last relay at 300 yards with the closest to the center taking the win. Otherwise a tie will be declared and the two shooters will equally share two place prizes.

In the event of crossfire, an attempt will be made to score the cross fired target (e.g., where a caliber difference is clear). Otherwise, the lowest 5 shots will be scored. The offended shooter shall have the opportunity to reshoot the match, but may not score higher than the 5 highest shots recorded on the cross fired target. Any reshoots in the event of crossfires are subject to range capacity and the decision of the match director. The offending cross fire shooter will forfeit shots cross-fired, i.e., these are scored as misses. Range personnel will observe for control of cross fires.

- a. Shooters are encouraged to pay close attention to the numbers on the targets.
  - b. Any protests must be filed before prizes are awarded.
  - c. Match Results. The club will attempt to have match results **promptly** posted on the club's website.
7. **Prizes.** Prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each class (subject to a minimum of three shooters in the class) as follows:
- a. 50% of the match proceeds go to the club.
  - b. 25% of the class proceeds go to the first place shooter.
  - c. 15% of the class proceeds go to the second place shooter.
  - d. 10% of the class proceeds go to the third place shooter.
  - e. Patches are also awarded to three places in each class.
  - f. **In the event of a class having only two shooters, a first place prize will be awarded consisting of 25% of the match proceeds for that class and an appropriate patch.**
8. **Improvements.**
- a. The club is always interested in improvements to this match and we welcome your ideas and suggestions, preferably in writing so these can be communicated to the committee responsible for conducting these matches.
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