

READE RANGE 1,000 YARD BENCHREST LEAGUE

CLUB AND RANGE RULES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES:

1. It shall be the responsibility of all members to have full knowledge of Club rules and operating procedures. Shooters/members must follow all Western PA Caliber 30 League rules and regulations regarding safety, membership, and range use as well as the rules of the Reade Range 1,000 Yard Benchrest League when competing in their matches.

SCHEDULES MATCHES & ENTRY FEES:

2. Match fees are \$20.00 for a single match and \$30.00 for a double match.

SCHEDULED MATCHES & GENERAL RULES:

3. For safety reasons, bolts shall be removed from all rifles as soon as rifles have been removed from your vehicle. The range officer will issue a command to install bolts, prior to the start of your relay.
 - 3a. Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind is prohibited on range premises on an benchrest match date.
4. All scheduled matches will be held at a minimum distance of 1,000 yards.
5. On a match day, group and score shoot-offs will occur upon completion of all the regular relays. Shooter eligible for the group shoot-off are all the individual relay winner for group. You will be assigned a bench for the shoot-off. Shooters eligible for the score shoot-off are all the individual relay winners for score. You will be assigned a bench for the shoot-off.
6. Those who do NOT qualify for a shoot-off are required to perform pit duty for both the group and score shoot-offs. If possible, the group and score shoot-off will be shot simultaneously.

SCHEDULED MATCHES, DETAILED RULES AND PROCEDURES:

7. Upon the completion of the 8:00 a.m. registration prior to each match, shooters will pull a chip to indicate which relay and bench they will shoot on.
 - 7a. Once a position (relay and bench) is drawn and assigned to a participant, that person may not switch positions with another shooter, or switch to an unoccupied bench.

- 7b. Once a position (relay and bench) is assigned to a shooter, that shooter must be available to shoot at the firing line when the relay begins and the shooter must fulfill their assigned pit duty.
- 8. No shooter may shoot more than one in any class during a scheduled match, even with different rifles.
 - 8a. This rule does not include match shoot-offs, or when the Club is holding a special event.
 - 8b. If a shooter is unable to get any shots on paper during the sighter round, the range master has the authority to have that shooter cease fire and not begin shooting his record string.
 - 8c. If, early in the sighter period, a new shooter or a new junior shooter is unable to put even one shot on the sighter target, it is permissible for the Coach (reference Rules 10., 10a., 10b.) to fire the new person's rifle a sufficient number of times until one shot is spotted on the sighter target. The new shooter must then resume firing his/her rifle for the remainder of the sighter period
- 9. If any two (or more) competitors using the same rifle qualify for, and intend to participate in a shoot-off, it is the responsibility of these competitors to acquire all the equipment necessary to permit them to simultaneously participate in the shoot-off with the other shoot-off participants.
- 10. Coaching is allowed during the sighter period. Coaching is not allowed during the record string with two exceptions, as follows:
 - 10a. For safety and familiarization purposes, new 1,000 yard shooter may be assisted during the record string for no more than two matches, with permission from the person running the range.
 - 10b. For safety and training purposes, new junior shooter may be assisted during the record string for a reasonable number of matches, with permission from the person running the range. Determination of a "reasonable" number of matches will be based on the judgment of the range master.
 - 10c. With respect to 10a. and 10b., assistance is defined as advice concerning actions of the new shooter that promote safety for spectators, other competitors on the firing line, the coach and the new shooter. Coach MAY NOT give advice to new shooters that is designed/intended to aid the new shooter in obtaining a smaller group or a higher score (e.g. providing notification of wind or light changes, encouragement to "shoot now", etc.)
 - 10d. Junior shooters under the age of 12 must have adult supervision at all times when on the firing line and in the pit area. It will be the discretion of the range master and pit chairman if junior shooters ages 12 to 17 require adult supervision.
- 11. Upon the completion of firing his/her record string and before the range officer calls a cease fire, only the shooter may remove equipment from the benches.

12. All shooters will have six minutes to shoot an unlimited number of sighter shots, which will be individually spotted. At the end of this allotted time, at the command of the range officer, all will begin to fire their ten shot for record with a fifteen (15) minute time limit. If for any reason a period of more than one minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the potential command to commence firing the record string, an additional sighter shot must be allowed. At the command of the range officer "to commence fire", the allotted times for sighter shots and the record string, in proper sequence, will begin.
 - 12a. Each shooter should fire only ten (10) shots during the record string, and each of these should be fired only at the record target. No sighter shots are permitted during the record string. Firing more than ten (10) shots during the record string will cause the offending shooter to be immediately disqualified. Firing before the range officer's command to "commence" or after the command to "cease" fire will also result in the shooters immediate disqualification. Accidental firing, for any cause (e.g. firing as a consequence of closing the bolt) will not entitle to shooter to an "extra/makeup" shot.
 - 12b. It is recognized that the offending shooter who fires more than ten (10) shots during his/her record string could still have only ten (10) shots appearing on his record target. Means of detecting the offense, if this occurs, would include, but not limited to:
 - Observation by match participants from behind the firing line.
 - Observations by spectators from behind the firing line.
 - Reports from pit personnel (includes officers or target pullers) as a result of observing bullet splashes on the front bank or back bank impact areas.
13. The range officer will stop time to the effected shooter if a target is blown down during The record string. The shooter will have the option to have the problem repaired and finish shooting or to shoot over at the end of the relay.
14. Shooters will not be granted an alibi for any failure of their rifle, ammo, or related shooting equipment. If their equipment can be safely repaired this will be permitted within the remaining time interval. A shooter is permitted to replace malfunctioning items, including rifles, but this also must be accomplished within the remaining time interval.
 - 14a. If a shooter chooses to replace malfunctioning items while firing the record string, no sighter shots will be allowed.
15. If for any reason a scheduled match cannot be completed in its entirety, all remaining (unshot) relays will be rescheduled by the officers. Relay number and benches will be as originally specified.

16. If an EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE is called, everyone on the fire line shall immediately remove their bolts, clear their chambers, stand up, step back from the bench, and await further instructions.
17. Scores and group sizes will be posted at a location near the benches as the match progresses, if possible, or immediately following the completion of relays as personnel is available to do the measuring and score.

PROBLEM RESOLUTION (CROSSFIRES, EXCESSIVE OR INSUFFICIENT SHOTS AND PROTESTS):

18. If eleven (11) or more shots appear on a record target and all the other record targets have 10 shots, the shooter with 11 or more shots will be disqualified unless he/she states that they only fire 10 shots and can support this statement. When the shooter so states and can provide reasonable support to their statement, the shooter will be entitled to shoot over.
19. If more than 10 shots appear on one target and less than 10 appear on another, the shooter with less than 10 shots is automatically disqualified.
 - 19a. With respect to the target with more than 10 shots. If the difference in caliber size can be seen, or the group placements are obviously different (e.g. if a shooter with only 9 shots on paper has all 9 shots in the upper right hand corner of the target, and the shooter with 11 shots on paper has 10 shots in the lower left hand corner of his/her target plus an 11th shot in the upper right hand corner) then the pit chairman has the responsibility to decide if the extra shot or shots can be disregarded.
 - 19b. In case the pit chairman cannot identify which specific shot or shots are the "extra" shots, the shooter with excessive shots on his target must first be asked if he/she fire more than 10 shots at the record target. If he/she says "yes", he/she will be disqualified immediately. If he/she says "no", he/she will then have the choice of accepting the target of excessive shots, or be given the opportunity to shoot over. The shooter must make this choice without being given any information about the size of the group, his/her numerical score, or the specific location of any shots on his/her target.
 - 19c. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, he will re-fire before the next scheduled relay begins. If the shooter elects to accept the target with excessive shots, the shot or shots closest to the center of the bull will be eliminated until only 10 shots remain and group size and score will be determined by using these remaining 10 shots.
20. There should be 10 verifiable shots on a record target. Where there are less than 10 shots, the target must be reviewed by the pit officer and the target puller(s) before the target is removed from the backer. Their decision regarding the number of holes in the target shall be final. The target in question must have the total number of shots noted and be signed on the plotting sheet by the pit officer and target puller(s).

21. When a target has been sore by the target scorer, it becomes official.
 - 21a. If a shooter thinks his target was incorrectly score and to his disadvantage (ie. Not credited with all the shots that hit the paper, or earned a higher score or smaller group than indicated) he/she may file a protest. The target will be reconsidered by additional officers, providing a \$5.00 protest fee is paid immediately and the contested target is given to an officer. This fee will be refunded if there is a ruling in favor of the shooter.
 - 21b. The target in question must be presented for protest and reconsideration prior to the start of the shoot-off or reconsideration will be denied.
 - 21c. If the target was hot during a shoot-off, the protest and reconsideration process must be initiated and completed before the officers leave the range or consideration will be denied.
 - 21d. Review of a scored target by a shooter may cause him/her to feel that the target was erroneously credited with results better than earned. When this occurs, the shooter may file an advisory at any time by notifying any officer and requesting the target be rescored or measured. A fee need not be posted. The target will be reviewed by the officers and the target and official records will be corrected where necessary.

SCHEDULED MATCHES & PIT DUTY:

22. Pit duty assignment will be posted on the bulletin board.
 - 22a. It is the responsibility of the shooter to be in the pits when called.
 - 22b. Roll call will be taken at the beginning of each pit detail.
 - 22c. In addition to being responsible for pit duty for the regular relays, you are also responsible for pit duty for the shoot-off if you DID NOT win your relay for group or score.
 - 22d. If you do not wish to pull targets, it is your responsibility to provide a qualified person to take your place in the pits.
 - 22e. Although the individual may shoot, anyone not fulfilling their pit duty obligation will be disqualified for score and group for that day's match. Special exemption from pit duty may be granted by the range officials.
 - 22f. Normally, a shooter, when serving pit duty, pulls the target whose number coincides with the bench on which he/she shoots for that match. To improve pit efficiency, pit personnel may be reassigned to pull a different target at the discretion of the pit officer.
 - 22g. Pit personnel must stay on their target until the end of the relay.
 - 22h. Pit pullers are required to "sign" the record target on which they are performing pit duty.

SCHEDULED MATCHES & AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 17 LB CLASS:

23. All ten shots of the record string must be on target to qualify for awards.
24. When a competitor has the smallest group and the highest score for his/her relay, his/her small group takes precedence for shoot-off determination.

25. In the case of a tie for any award in any individual relay or match, the following procedures will be used to break ties:
 - 25a. If there is a tie for smallest group, the highest score of the tied targets will determine the group winner.
 - 25b. If there is a tie for highest score, the smallest group of the tied targets will determine the score winner.
 - 25c. If there is a tie for smallest group and the scores are tied as well, the target with the bullet hole closest to the center of the bull is the group winner.
 - 25d. If there is a tie for highest score and the group sizes are tied as well, the target with the bullet hole closest to the center of the bull is the score winner.
26. All shoot-offs will pay a percentage that reflects the number of paid shooters for that match.

EQUIPMENT RULES APPLICABLE TO THE 17 LB RESTRICTED CLASS COMPETITION:

27. The weight of the rifle, as fired, may not exceed 17 lbs.
28. Every shooter must weigh their rifle, as shot, upon the completion of firing in their relay or shoot-off.
29. Club scale will be the official weight. If unsure of your rifle weight, weigh your rifle before competing.
30. Muzzle brakes are allowed to reduce recoil, provided there is no rearward discharge of gasses. (i.e. Holland style brakes are illegal).
31. Other than a muzzle brake, there should be no device present of any kind that would restrict rearward and/or upward movement of the rifle.
32. Mechanically adjustable rear rests are not permitted; only a single or stacked pair of sandbags, the bottom one commonly called a "donut", is permitted. Use of a sheet of rubberized shelf liner material is also allowed. No abrasive or adhesive material is permitted.
33. A sandbag is a bag with a cover that can be easily flexed by the fingers, the contents of which shall be a finely-divided, granular, non-metallic substance, such as sand, gravel, or grain, each without additive, and packed loosely enough so that the bag with contents can be easily deformed by pressure of the fingers.

34. EXCEPT FOR PRONE firing matches shall be fired using a single sandbag front rest. This may be supported on a pedestal, which may not react with the sandbag to restrain recoil, or form a “return to battery” guiding means.
 - 34a. All sandbags on the front pedestals must be a minimum of 1 ½ inches wide and 4 inches long.
 - 34b. Neither the front or rear rest may be attached to the rifle, or to each other, both shall be independent of each other.

35. Any gunstock or accessories thereon must maintain a minimum of ½ inch from the top of any retainer or container holding the sandbag on which the stock or part thereof rests.
 - 35a. This sandbag, upon which the stock or part therefor rests, is permitted to wrap upward around the sides of the rifle for no more than ½ inch, maximum.
 - 35b. Rules 35 and 35a need not apply to any sandbag not supported by a retainer and that permits movement without restraint.
36. All new rests changes or recoil systems must be shown to and accepted by the officers.
37. Rifles having a magazine shall be loaded and fired single shot only.
38. No caliber larger than 40 caliber may be used. Any equipment thought to be unsafe, harmful, destructive, or otherwise unpredictable will not be allowed on the range at any time.
39. To be eligible to win relays and awards, the shooter’s equipment must meet the above described rules and guidelines. Other equipment may be shot (i.e. a heavier rifle) but will not be eligible to win prizes.

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

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MEET THESE RANGE RULES.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE RANGE!