

SMALLBORE RIFLE RULES – 3-Position MISSOURI 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

Match Day scheduling: Advance pre-scheduling will be attempted for all relays. Time on the schedule is anticipated starting time – competitors should be present at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Shooter must be present when called to the line - any open positions may be filled by shooters who are present. Range officials have no obligation to reschedule a shooter that missed his/her call to the line.

The NRA 3-Position 50-yard match will be the **First** match of the day and will consist of only 1 relay (unless numbers exceed expectations). Check for current information in the letter emailed to participants after their registration. **Please understand the difference between the 50 yard match and the regular 50 ft. match (Light Rifle) and sign up for the correct one.** Please know the difference between the Standard and the Aperture class and register for the correct one.

1. Definition and pictures of the positions are included with these official rules or the NRA rulebook for smallbore rifle. The three positions are: **prone, standing and kneeling; and will be shot in that order.**

2. **EVENTS:** Please read carefully.

Light Rifle 3-position, 50 ft. - 30 rounds for score, plus 9 sight-in shots

Standard Rifle, Any rifle with open sights (A-32 target)

- a. Junior 8-10; prone position only.
- b. Intermediate 11-13; 3 positions.
- c. Senior 14-18; 3 positions.

Aperture Rifle: Any rifle using any form of peep/aperture sights. (A-17 target)

- a. Junior 8-10; prone position only,
- b. Intermediate 11-13; 3 positions
NO SENIOR class

NRA 3-position, 50 yards - (60 rounds for score, plus sighters (A-51 target)

NO JUNIOR class

- a. Intermediate 11-13 yrs
- b. Senior 14-18 yrs.

3. Targets: 50 ft. match: Standard rifle (open sights) **A-32**, 2 shots per bull; Aperture sight rifle - **A-17**, 1 shot per bull. NRA 50-yard 3-P target is the **A-51** - 5 shots per bull.

4. Course of fire: Three positions: Prone, Standing, Kneeling. (Youth Division shoot all rounds in Prone position).

- a. 50-ft. 3P- A total of 30 rounds for score (+ 9 sighters). Three targets of 10 shots each – 1 target per position (300 points). 2 shots per bull. Youth shoots prone position only. INT. & SR. shoot all 3 positions.
- b. NRA 3P (50yds) - A total of 60 rounds for score. 2 sighting bulls plus 4 bulls for score per target, 5 shots per bull equals 20 shots per position/target. (600points)

5. **AMMUNITION –Will NOT be provided; participants must PROVIDE THEIR OWN Ammo.**

- a. Bring ammunition with you when you check-in; it must be approved before you are assigned a firing point. Range officers will also check the ammunition when you arrive at the firing line.
- b. Ammunition must be in the original carton/box and must be labeled/marked with the name of the shooter.
- c. **Ammunition must meet the following specs:**
 - .22 LR; 40 grain solid round nose bullet; 1250 fps or less

6. Eye and Ear Protection: All shooters, coaches, and spotters at the firing line are required to wear approved eye and ear protection and must be provided by individual.

7. **NRA 3-Position, 50 feet matches**

Equipment:

- a. Rifle: Any rifle capable of firing standard velocity .22 rimfire ammunition is acceptable. No restrictions on weight, stock/barrel design or dimensions. The rifle must be plugged or otherwise prepared so they may only be loaded and fired in single shot fashion; therefore tubular magazines are discouraged! Muzzle control must always be a priority.
- b. Sights: No optical or optically assisted (telescopic) sights are allowed; only rifles with open sights or rifles with aperture sights are permitted.
- c. Slings are allowed for prone and sitting, but must be removed for the standing position.
- d. Kneeling rolls or sandbag may be used for the kneeling position only.
- e. Spotting equipment: Shooters are encouraged to use spotting equipment, but must provide their own.

Three (3) sight-in shots will be allowed for inspection prior to each string of 10 shots.

Coach/spotter: One coach or spotter must accompany the Junior Division shooter to the firing line. A coach/spotter may accompany an Intermediate Division shooter. No coach/spotter on the line with Senior Age shooters.

Time limit: One (1) minute per shot; 10 shots (10 minutes) per target. 20 minutes allowed for equipment failure.

8. **NRA 3 Position, 50 yard matches**

Equipment: Any Rifle -any safe .22 caliber rimfire rifle chambered for .22 short, .22 Long or .22 long rifle cartridge may be used in smallbore 3-position. No restriction is placed on barrel length or overall weight of rifle and accessories.

Sights: Metallic sights, non-corrective. Aperture sights are the sights of choice, but not required.

Ammunition: Solid point (40 grains) standard velocity, match or target ammunition.

Clothing: Shooting jackets, trousers, vests, gloves, shoes, etc are permitted as described in NRA rules.

Time Limit: One (1) minute per record shot prone; two (2) minutes per record shot standing; and one and one-half (1 ½) minutes per record shot kneeling.

Coach/spotter: No coach or spotter may be on the line with the shooter and may not provide any assistance. Only if the shooter requests and is granted permission from the range officer – then the coach may provide assistance as allowed by the range officer.

10. County Teams will be selected from the high three (3) scoring participants from the county. Shooters may not advance to the next age group to fill a team.
11. Counties with fewer than three (3) shooters registered per age group per category will not be eligible for the team award. However, their shooters will be eligible for the high individual awards.
12. Scoring will follow NRA guidelines.
 - a. A shot hole which comes in contact with the outside of the bullseye or scoring rings of a target is given the higher value (including keyhole or tipped shots even though the hole is elongated).
 - b. If there is more than the required number of shots on a target card, only the required number of hits will be scored. The lowest values on the individual bullseye(s) on which the excessive hits occurs will be used for scoring. There will be one penalty point deducted for each excessive hit on each individual bullseye(s).
 - c. If rule 12.b. does not apply, individual bullseye(s) with excessive hits will be scored the actual value of each hit, minus one penalty point for each excessive hit on each individual bullseye(s).

13. Crossovers: shoots on another person's target).
 - a. The person crossing over will lose the score for that shot.
 - b. The target crossed over onto will receive the higher point value from that shot.
 - c. Shooters should notify R.O. immediately if they suspect a crossover.

14. Ties will be broken by highest number of (X's).
 - a. A-17 (X's): any shot hole touching the 10 ring, but not touching the outside edge of the 9 ring.
 - b. A-32 (X's): any shot hole within the 10 ring which does not touch the outside edge of the 10 ring.
 - c. A-51 (X's): any shot hole touching the inner 10ring.

15. Scores will be posted as they are scored. PLEASE LEAVE THE SCORER ALONE SO SCORES CAN BE POSTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. After targets are scored, coaches may review under supervision of the scorer.

16. FOR SAFETY AND CONSIDERATION, all participants MUST abide with accepted safety rules or will be disqualified. Enforcement of these rules is the responsibility of the range officers. The #1 SAFETY RULE is to always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction (down range)!

17. NRA Small Bore Rifle Rule book (CR16750) will address rules not covered by state shooting sports rules.

**No awards will be presented the day of competition.
All awards will be sent to the county extension office.**

POSITIONS - RIFLE



Prone: Body extended on the ground, head toward the target. The rifle will be supported by both hands and one shoulder only. No portion of the arms below the elbows shall rest upon the ground or any artificial support, nor may any portion of the rifle or body rest against any artificial support. The forearm supporting the rifle shall form an angle with the line from the point of the elbow contact, to the target of not less than 30 degrees. (Measured through the axis of the forearm.)

Kneeling: Buttocks clear of the ground, but may rest on one foot. The rifle will be supported by both hands and one shoulder only. The elbow of the trigger arm will be free from all support. One knee must be touching the ground or shooting mat. A roll, as described in Rule 3.14 of the NRA, rules may be placed under the instep provided the foot is placed toe down at an angle not greater than 45 degrees from the vertical. Only the trousers and underclothing may be worn between the shooters buttocks and heel. The jacket or other article may not be placed between these two points. (Elbow is defined as above)

If the kneeling role is not used, the foot may be positioned at any angle, to include placing the side of the foot and the lower leg to contact with the ground.



Standing: Erect on both feet, no other portion of the body touching the ground or any supporting surface. The sling cannot be used. The rifle will be supported by both hands and one shoulder only. The elbow or upper arm may be placed against the body or rested on the hip.

