

Introduction:

Welcome to the 2024 Black Powder Club 100 metre prone postal competition, and 50 metre offhand smoothbore competition.

Below you will find the rules and regulations, procedures and other such information required for any such interested persons wishing to participate in this fun little challenging shoot!

Classes:

There are 3 classes for the competition.

COMPETITIVE 100 METRES: Less than .50 diameter bore. (Mainly intended for Gibbs and volunteer type rifles, alongside target Sharps/Shiloh rifles).

CASUAL 100 METRES: Greater than or including .50 diameter bore. Or historic service rifles (rifles which have seen use in a professional military of the time).

SMOOTHBORE 50 METRES: Any smoothbore gun regardless of calibre, or ignition type.

Exemptions exist for rifles of less than .50 diameter bore for casual. Mainly rifles of a "hawken" type or "squirrel/rabbit" rifles. However each contestant should put in a claim for their own rifle, so that each claim may be reviewed accordingly.

Some rifles such as 50-110 target Sharps would also be placed in the competitive class. All such rifles ultimately depend on the setup of said rifle and judgement of those who are overseeing the applications.

Rifles of a non historic pattern/design are not permitted for either class. (Modern in line muzzleloaders)

Smoothbore guns must be of a historic pattern.

Only historic bullet designs are permitted. An example of forbidden bullets would be the LEE R.E.A.L bullets. Sabots are forbidden unless proven to be historic.

Rifled Slugs are FORBIDDEN for the smoothbore class.

Course of fire and Targets:

The individual is to take a prone stance, and shoot without any assistance except for a sling. Those with a valid reason may request to shoot in an alternative position. However must also follow the same unsupported stance.

They will then fire 13 rounds to the target (3 fouling/flyer shots, best 10 scored). The individual may leave his prone position to load if needed. However when aiming/firing the shooter MUST be in some form of prone position. Only the best 10 shots are scored.

For smoothbore, the shooter must be standing throughout the entire duration of the shoot. The same restrictions apply.

FOR CASUAL: The shooter has 15 minutes to complete the course of fire if they are using a breech loading rifle, and 30 if they are using a muzzleloading rifle. Swabbing the bore during shooting IS NOT permitted.

FOR COMPETITIVE: The shooter has 20 minutes to complete the course of fire if they are using a breech loading rifle, and 45 if they are using a muzzleloading rifle. Swabbing the bore during shooting IS permitted.

FOR SMOOTHBORE: The shooter has 30 minutes to complete the course of fire if they are using a muzzleloading gun. 15 if they are using a breech loading gun. Swabbing the bore IS NOT permitted.

TARGETS FOR CASUAL AND COMPETITIVE: The target to be used is a 25-50m ISSF pistol target (B-17 for US shooters and PL17-18 for UK shooters) or your country/body's equivalent (which will be a different name however MUST have identical dimensions).

TARGETS FOR SMOOTHBORE: The target to be used is a 25-50m ISSF pistol target (B-17 for US shooters and PL17-18 for UK shooters) or your country/body's equivalent (which will be a different name however MUST have identical dimensions).

The shooter may do external practice before they undergo the final shoot.

The shooter can NOT stop or redo shots because of hang fires, or redo the course of fire because of a fault in their gun.

Submitting interest:

Every contestant must provide the following information upon registering his interest:

- The make and model of firearm he is to be using.
- Calibre of the firearm.
- Whether or not it is rifled.
- Ammunition/bullet type he will be using during his shoot.

Sign up period is until the 1st of March 2024. To register your interest you MUST join the discord server. Any friends in clubs should also join the server unless they have a valid reason not to do so.

Users should join the discord linked below for any questions, as you will get a prompt answer, be it from me, or from another suitable individual on the server. Updates will also be held there.

The discord server invite is: <https://discord.com/invite/Jy5uUj8yPd>

How to submit suitable evidence for the competition:

The individual must show a photo of the rifle in its configuration for the day of the shoot and if possible the ammunition he is using if asked, to reduce the chance of the user changing the rifles configuration or ammunition type to one which is forbidden.

They must record the entirety of the shoot. Showing proof in some way that the distance he is shooting at is approximately 100 metres of the point in which he is shooting from. They may blur their face and anything else that is not required for their anonymity if needed. What matters is that the target distance is able to be seen, and the configuration of the rifle + position of the shooter.

The shooter must then scan the target. Be it with a scanner, or other such appropriate tool so that it may be scored accurately.

Targets will be scored on whichever ring the bullet occupies the majority of (50% or more) due to how the shoot is submitted.

If they cannot record the shoot, the individual must, upon having approval by a Judge:

Have a written letter/statement off his club/the range that recording is forbidden, with contact information of said range/club to check the legitimacy if needed.

Have all targets signed by a range officer affiliated with the range/club to check if needed.

The deadline for submitting proof is the 1st of October 2024.

Fees:

This is to allow for the purchasing of medals, ordering of patches and such for both the winners of the disciplines, but also participants, who will hopefully see a patch of the shoot should all go well. A vote will be held on the 1st of March as to whether or not contestants wish to pay a fee of approximately £10 to cover the costs for such pieces.

If we can get enough money we could cover:

- Patches for all contestants.
- Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each division.

This charge is subject to change depending on when I can get a fixed price for the kit needed, as well as gauging how many people are actually going to register for this competition. More details regarding this will come to light in the coming weeks. So please ensure you are in the discord (there will be a channel made for all participants where updates will be made on the regular).

Conclusion:

I hope to see you all at the range! Thank you for taking the time to read. Now keep that powder dry! You'll need it!

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