

Texas 4-H District 1 Indoor Rifle Match Rules

This Prone and 3-Position smallbore rifle match will follow the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules rulebook except as noted in this match bulletin.

1.0 Competition

1.3 Rules

The following rules apply only to the Texas 4-H District 1 Indoor Rifle Match and supersede any other rules. Any rule not written in this bulletin is covered under the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project General Rules and the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules, both posted on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project webpage. All coaches and competitors are encouraged to become familiar with all rules used in this event.

3.0 Equipment

3.2 Rifle

Any safe .22 rifle that can be loaded one shot at a time may be used. No semi-automatic or pump action rifles may be used in this match.

3.7 Sights

a. Metallic

Only metallic sights may be used in this match.

3.11 Clothing Regulations

No open toed shoes may be worn on the range by anyone, including coaches or spectators. Shoes must be worn at all times while in the range. If shooters are changing shoes they must sit and change. No walking around the facility or range without wearing shoes.

3.19 Eye Protection

All competitors must wear eye protection. The equipment must protect both eyes.

a. Corrective Lenses

Normal corrective lenses constructed of impact resistance materials may be used. Polycarbonate lenses preferred.

b. ISU Glasses

ISU shooting glasses may be used only if the lens for the shooting eye is large enough and properly situated to provide adequate protection to the entire shooting eye and impervious shield is firmly attached to the frame to provide adequate protection for the non-shooting eye.

3.20 Ear Protection

Adequate ear protection is required for all individuals in the range. Ear protection must remain on until all shooting has ceased and the line made safe.

3.21 Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI) also known as Open Bold Indicators (OBI) in 4-H

An ECI/OBI is required to indicate the bold is open and should be placed in the chamber when the shooter is not in a shooting position.

4.0 Targets

Orion Indoor 50 foot rifle target will be used.

7.0 Courses of Fire

a. Prone Only

Course of fire will be indoor at 50 feet. 3 targets will be shot in the prone position. 1 target will be hung and shot in 10 minutes and then 2 targets will be hung and shot in 20 minutes. There will be a 3 minute prep period before each stage.

b. 3-Position

Course of fire will be indoor at 50 feet. 3 targets, 1 for each position, will be hung at once and shot in a 60 minute block time. There will be a 3 minute prep period before block time begins.

7.0.1 Finals Round

Following the tabulation of all scores, the 12 high scoring individuals in the standing position will be eligible to compete in the Finals Round. Scores in the Finals Round do not count towards the shooter's overall score.

8.0 Time Limits

8.2 Time Allowance

Prone Only shooters will get 10 minutes for the first stage of 1 target, and then 20 minutes for the second stage of 2 targets.

3-Position shooters are allowed 60 minutes for 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, and 10 shots kneeling. Shooting on this time frame allows the shooter to manage their own time within each position and move from one position to the next when a position is complete without a command from the Range Officers. Shooters must move and change positions so that they do not disturb the shooters on either

side of themselves. Shooters should be considerate of their fellow shooters who share the firing line. Shooters must also move in a way that keeps them safely behind the firing line.

9.0 Competition Regulations

9.2 Fouling and Sighting Shots

Sighting shots may be made at any time on either target card. If the first sighting shot hits outside the sighting box, the shooter will inform the range officials who will note the shot. No such claim will be allowed if the shooter has fired more than one shot on the target card. Any additional hits outside the sighting box will be scored as record shots.

9.10 Coaching in Individual Matches

a. Prone Only

Coaching is permitted to keep the line safe. Coaching must be done as to not disturb other shooters or coaches. Coaches are allowed verbal communication only.

b. 3-Position

Coaching is permitted with a limit of 1 adult coach per team. Coaching must be done as to not disturb other shooters or coaches. Coaches must sit in designated areas behind their shooters. Coaches are allowed verbal communication only. In the case of a firearm or equipment malfunction, the shooter must raise their hand for a Range Officer and ask permission for a coach to leave their seat to approach the shooter.

14.0 Scoring

14.0.1 The Orion Electronic Scoring System

Targets will be scored after each relay has completed the course of fire using the Orion Electronic Scoring System. Scoring will be accomplished in a designated scoring area. Competitors are not allowed in this area.

14.0.2 Target Review

Once all targets in a relay have been scored, checked, and entered into the scoring system, they will be posted for review by the shooter only. Coaches and parents may not review targets. This review will be available for one hour. After this hour, the targets not reviewed will be considered accepted by default. During the review period, a shooter may make any challenges on their targets.

The fee to challenge is \$1.00 per challenged hit. If the challenge is correct, the fee will be returned to the shooter and the score will be changed to reflect the successful challenge. If the challenge is incorrect, the score will remain as posted.

If a challenge is submitted, the statistical officer will run a challenge algorithm on the scoring software. A plug will not be used at any time for any reason on electronic grading system targets.

There is no charge for challenging score mathematics.

14.0.3 Team Score

Each team score will be determined by using the three highest scores in each position for the three or four team members and adding the total of those three highest scores from each position to form an aggregate team score.

Rules of the range for Amarillo Rifle & Pistol Club

Amarillo Rifle and Pistol Club welcomes you to the District 1 4-H Smallbore Match. This is an active range with other matches going on during the day.

- We ask that everyone stay within the building or out front in the parking lot. Do not allow kids to go up the hill towards the house, along the sides of the shooting range, or down the road to other ranges.
- Please be sure that cars in the parking lot are not parked so they block the entrance gate coming or going (ingress or egress) to the range.
- Please keep an eye on your kids.

Range Etiquette

- **Absolutely no flash photography.**
- Eye and ear protection are required for all shooters, and ear protection is required for all spectators in the range.
- An ECI is required for every rifle on the line, at all times, except during firing. Muzzles on the firing line need to be kept forward of the yellow line, and pointed at the backstop.
- There is one table set aside for the Range Officer and other Range Officials. Please keep this table clear and the area around the clock controls clear for the Range Officer's use.
- All spectators need to stay behind the Red Line. Spectators in the range need to be quiet during firing. Conversations should be limited to range officials conducting range business. Please silence all cell phones. No one is allowed in or out of the range during firing except for the shooters on the line, and range officials.
- Please get your equipment on the line and set up as quickly as possible. At the end of your relay, please pack up your equipment and get it off of the line as quickly as possible.
- In this match we will be using backers only for the prone match, so that if there are any external crossfires, we will know where they were shot from. Please take the stack of targets the officials give you and do not turn them or mix them up. The targets will already be labeled with all of your information and positions. There will be one target with bulls on it and one blank target. Hang the blank target behind the record target on the second set of clips on the target hanger. Try to line them up so that if you accidentally miss the record target, you won't hit the backer.
- If your first fired shot of the stage misses the sighter box, raise your hand and alert the range officer. He will verify the shot is outside the box, make a note for the scoring

officials, and it will not count against you. This only applies for your very first shot on each stage of the match, and only if you tell the range officer and he verifies it before you shoot another shot. For prone shooters, there are only two stages. The first stage being the first target. And the second stage being the last two targets hung together. Only the first shot of each stage can be counted as an alibi.

- Please make sure you have 10 record rounds on each target. Shots hitting the sighter box are not record rounds. And sighter shots that hit outside of the sighter box are scored as record rounds. For the prone match, make sure there are 20 record rounds for the second stage. If there are too many record shots on one target, skip a record shot on the next target, so there are a total of 20 record rounds.

Safety is our number 1 priority. As such, there are several safety issues we need to discuss. A word about keeping the rifle pointed at the backstop.

- Unloaded rifles, rifles being loaded, and loaded rifles need to be pointed at the backstop at all times. Rifles should never be pointed out the sides of the building, at the floor, or at the ceiling. Sometimes the kids can do this and not realize it, but it is our job as safety officers to not let this happen.
- Example in prone and kneeling: when a small person has to bring the rifle out of their shoulder to put a bullet on the ramp, then closes the bolt and gets into position, the rifle could be pointed at the ceiling or at the floor. This is unacceptable, and they need to do it correctly, by getting into position first, and then closing the bolt.
- Example in standing: when the offhand stand is not positioned correctly, and a shooter loads on the stand and closes the bolt with the rifle pointing outside the walls of the range, at the floor, or at the ceiling. This is unacceptable, and they need to position their equipment for a minimum amount of movement, keeping the rifle pointed down range at all times. Or if a shooter loads the rifle and then picks it up in a big arc and points it at the ceiling, this is also unacceptable. A shooter can load the rifle on the stand and then get into position and close the bolt once the rifle is pointed at the backstop. **The rifle must be pointed at the backstop at all times. This is non-negotiable. There will be stern warnings given for not complying with this safety rule, and if the shooter continues to act in an unsafe manner, they will be removed from the line.**
- Do not pull any gear or equipment off the line until Range Officer gives the instructions to do so.
- Prone shooters must have a 30 degree angle from elbow to the wrist from the floor.

Shooters: Wash your hands with cold water and soap after leaving the range and before eating anything to wash any lead off.

- Please be sure and thank everyone who is running the match. We are all volunteers, and it takes a lot of work to run a match this big.