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Air Rifle Postal Match

Subject: #NVWGatHome Air Rifle Postal Match Guidelines

May 2020

PURPOSE

As a result of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games being canceled the VA and PVA have decided to use the Postal Match format to allow for the air rifle competition to take place. This match will be available to any veteran who had previously registered for the air rifle event at the 40th NVWGs in Portland. One exception will be that we will only have categories for Classification (SH-1 & SH-2), and not Gender. All targets will be provided to those who register for the #NVWGatHome Postal Matches. The targets will then be submitted for scoring.

All competitors are responsible for securing their own equipment (Rifle and pellets; and jacket, sling and glove, if used)

Each target will be signed by the shooter, and a designated witness. A photo of the equipment and range being used for this match is also required. We are entrusting all participants to maintain the integrity of running these matches at home using the guidelines below.

CLASSIFICATION

Classifications for those who previously competed at the air gun event during the NVWGs would be used. The National Office would assist in classifying any Novice shooter who had not been previously classified.

For those without a classification at the NWVGs, the following guidance will be used (an International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), or Shooting Para Sport (formerly IPC) approved jacket, sling and glove are permitted in both SH-1 and SH-2):

SH-1 –

- 1.) this applies to shooters who have the ability to safely hold, and fire the rifle with both hands.
- 2.) shooters are permitted to place both elbows on the table for support.

SH-2 –

- 1.) this category applies for shooters who only have the ability to safely hold the rifle with one hand.
- 2.) SH-2 shooters are permitted use of an approved spring stand¹ for support. When using a spring stand, one elbow is permitted to be on the table for support. The second hand may be placed on the rifle, but behind the spring stand and may not make contact with the stand.

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- 3.) shooters are also permitted to have a loader. The loader may only take directions from the shooter as far as adjusting the sights, and is not permitted to provide coaching assistance/recommendations.

MATCH PROGRAM

The match will consist of a Preliminary and Final round, each consisting of 40 shots in 60 minutes. Each registered shooter will be provided four 10-bull targets for each round, the Preliminary and Final, for a total of eight match targets. You will receive these targets with labels for each of these rounds. Additional targets will also be provided for practice before the match.

All registered shooters will participate in the Preliminary round. A clear photograph, or scanned copy, of each target must be submitted by **7 July 2020**. These targets will then be scored, with results being posted. The Top 10 shooters will then advance to the Finals

The standings after the Finals will be used to determine the winners in each category, SH-1 and SH-2. The Finals will also be a 40-shot match following the same guidelines as the Preliminary Match and will be held on **15 July 2020**. A photograph, or scanned copy of the targets used in the Final shall be submitted at the completion of the match for scoring.

A photograph, or scanned copy, of all targets shall be emailed to John Arbino, johnar@pva.org at the completion of each match.

Course of fire will consist of 40 shots in the prone position. Each match will begin with a 15-minute sighter and preparation time. During this time shooters may adjust their position and shoot unlimited sighters. Once the match begins, then shooters will have a total of 60 minutes for the 40 targets.

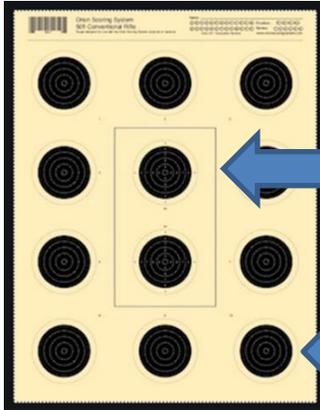
GENERAL INFORMATION

The center two bulls of the target are to be used as sighter targets only, and will not counted towards the final score. Shooters may return to shoot at the sighter targets when switching target sheets.

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Sighter Targets – these are to be used during the 15 minute sighter and preparation time at the beginning of the match. They may also be shot when the targets are changed, but shooters will not be given additional time.

Scored targets – the 10 targets surrounding the sighter targets are used for scoring.

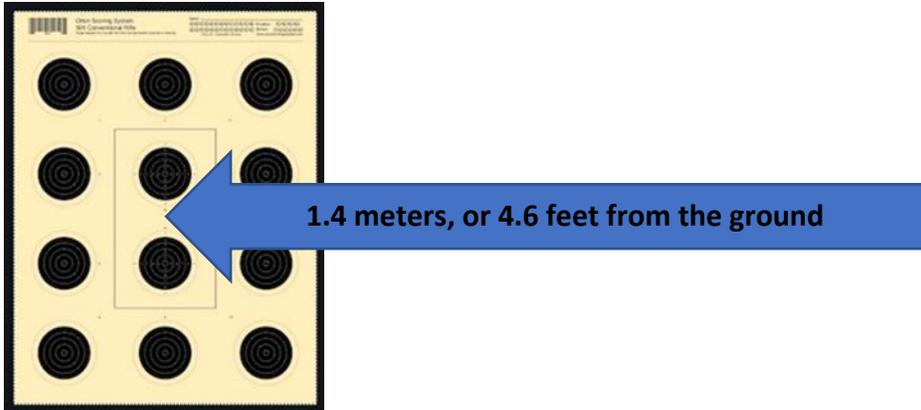
It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure they engage each target. In the event they have two holes in a target, then they should skip the next target. The extra shot will be scored for the blank target.

If there is an extra shot, without a blank target, then the higher score of the target with multiple shots will be removed. Only the lower score of any target with multiple shots will be scored.

Range Requirements. When building a range at home, several factors should be taken into consideration.

1. The length of your range should be 10 meters, or 32.8 feet. This is the distance from the front of the target to the leading edge of your shooting platform.
 - a. If you are shooting off of a table, then this would be the front leg of the table.
 - b. If you are shooting off of a table mounted to a wheelchair, then this would be your front caster.
 - c. It is easiest to measure 10 meters from the target and place a piece of tape to mark your firing line. Just ensure that nothing you are using for support makes physical contact with the ground beyond your firing line.
2. The height of the target on a single bull target 1.4 meters, or 4.6 feet, to the center of the bull. We will use the center of the 10-bull paper target for this match.

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- 3.) If you do not already have one, you may to purchase, or build a target box to hold your target and catch pellets.
 - a. One you could purchase is,
https://www.pyramydair.com/s/a/Air_Venturi_A_G_E_Quiet_Pellet_Trap_Incl_Ballistic_Putty/1018
 - b. These target boxes can also be built using ½ inch medium density fiber, or plywood. Just ensure whatever the target is attached to will allow for the pellet to penetrate. You could use a piece of cardboard as the face of your box, with a towel to stop the pellets. This is to help prevent the possibility of a ricochet, and keep the pellets inside the box.

Target Scoring

1. Ensure each target has your first and last name at the top of the target, along with the date. A second person who witnessed the targets being shot should also print and sign their name on the back.
2. Clear photographs, or scanned copies of each target should be emailed to John Arbino, johnar@pva.org for scoring.

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Safety Considerations

The three fundamentals of gun safety should apply every time you handle any firearm:

- 1.) Always keep the rifle pointed down range.
- 2.) Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
- 3.) Always keep your gun unloaded until you are at the firing line.

It is your responsibility to ensure the safety of others in the immediate area. You can do this by making them aware your range is 'Hot' and you will be shooting. You, and anyone in the area, should also wear eye protection to prevent injury from a possible ricochet.

Please have anyone handling the pellets avoid placing their hands near their eyes or mouth. Upon completion of match they should wash their hands with cold soapy water.

Footnotes:

- 1, This is the approved spring stand for SH-2 Shooters

