

COWBOY RIFLE SILHOUETTE

Cowboy Rifle Silhouette is focused toward shooters who enjoy shooting hunting arms and do not want to make the investment required of other specialized types of shooting competitions.

The matches are designed so that a competitor can shoot either or both small-bore or pistol cartridges.

Listed below are rules that apply to both small-bore and center-fire rifles.

1. Rear sights may be open, receiver, or tang sights, mounted as originally intended. No extended mounts are permitted. The front sights must be a post or bead or a fixed, non-magnified round aperture. A front sight anti-glare tube, which may be no longer than 1 1/8" to include any attachments and no larger than a 3/4" outside diameter, may be used. (2017 change)
2. Any cartridge causing target damage or deemed unsafe may be banned.
3. Binoculars may be used for spotting. Spotting scopes or stands may not be used. No heavy/thick leather or suede vest. (i.e. hardscrabble vest). Vest are subject to pipe testing at any time. Gloves are allowed for very cold weather only.
4. The small-bore rifle can be any lever action, pump or semi-auto rim-fire rifle (No bolt actions rifles), .22 long rifle ammunition only, hyper velocity ammunition prohibited.
5. The pistol cartridge rifle can be any lever action rifle with a tubular magazine. A rimmed pistol cartridge must be used, i.e. 25-20, 32-30, 38's, 357 magnum, 38-40, 44's, 44-40, 45 Colt, 45 long Colt, 22 magnum, 22 long rifle.

The targets are metallic animals set at different distances, so you get to use some "Kentucky windage".

A match consists of 40 shots, so you'll need a minimum of 40 rounds. There will be a sight-in and practice period prior to the match so take into account your practice rounds when deciding how much ammo to bring. If you want to sight-in prior to match day, the distances are as follows:

Chickens at 40 meters; pigs at 50 meters; turkeys at 75 meters; rams at 100 yards (all the way back to the berm).

Anyone who likes to plink with a 22 rifle will enjoy Cowboy Rifle Silhouette. The matches are informal and lots of fun.

If you come to the match with a rifle that is not exactly what the rules call for, you will still be allowed to shoot the match. You will be shooting as unclassified.