



PNZ 50M 13 SHOT MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE MATCH RULES

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PNZ Black Powder 50M Round Ball Rifle Rules

1. Overview

This competition is open to any muzzle loading black powder rifle

- a) Only open V or U rear sights are to be used (ie not peep or aperture sights)
- b) Ammunition to be used is Black Powder and round ball
- c) Distance: 50 metres
- d) Shots: 13 plus one optional fouler
- e) Target: 2 x ISSF 50 metre Pistol targets
- f) Position: Standing
- g) Time: 30 Minutes

2. MATCH RULES

- a) MLAIC rules and procedures are to be applied to this match
- b) Preparation time of 10 minutes prior to the start of the match is allowed.
- c) Capping off or the firing of fouling shots during the preparation time is not allowed.
- d) Thirteen (13) scoring shots and one optional fouling shot are to be fired within a thirty (30) minute relay.
- e) Firing of the one allowed fouling shot and the firing of caps (Capping off) if undertaken, must be done within the 30 minute relay.
- f) The one optional fouling shot must be fired as the first shot of the match by that shooter.
The Range Officer must be notified before the fouling shot is fired.
The fouling shot and must be fired into the backstop, and may not be fired at a scoring target.
- g) The highest scoring ten shots are to count. (See scoring section below for details)
- h) The one fouling shot may be fired into the backstop provided that the Range Officer is first notified.
- i) If a relay has to be stopped due to inclement weather or any other reason, the match will be resumed at the time it was stopped and continue for the unexpired time.
If however the targets are no longer in a useable condition, they shall be replaced and the relay shot again.
- j) Any malfunctions requiring the assistance of a second party shall terminate any further shooting by the competitor in that event.
Any necessary repairs to firearms during events must be carried out by the competitor only, and completed within the 30 minute relay.
Under no circumstances will the competitor be allowed to substitute a different firearm or be granted additional time to effect repairs.
- k) Competitors may only shoot this event once with one firearm at any competition event.
ie: a competitor may not re-shoot the event using different firearms.
- l) The duties and responsibilities of every competitor are:
 - i) to fully understand and to comply at all times with all competition rules and regulations.
 - ii) to present his or her firearms to the Firearms Control Committee for inspection and approval prior to competing.
 - iv) to be at the correct firing point, at the designated time for each competition.
 - v) to correctly maintain his or her firearms and equipment.
 - vi) to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

2. SCORING

- a) A maximum of seven shots one target and six on the other target is allowed.
If there are more than seven shots on a target the best scoring additional shots will be counted as misses.
Example: Target 1 (8 shots) 40, 10, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 7 (Delete the best shot, 10)
Target 2 (5 shots) 10, 9, 9, 9, 8
The Final score would be: 10, 10, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8 Total = 91
- b) The centre point of the bullet hole must be at least on the line to count for the higher score.
- c) A bullet fired into another competitor's target must be signalled to the Range Verification Officer and will be counted as a miss.
- d) In the event of ties in individual events, the winner is the one who has the highest number of shots in each scoring ring in descending order. If these are the same for each ten scoring shots, then the loser is the one with a scoring shot furthest from the centre. If the tie is still unresolved the next nearest scoring shots are used, and so on .

NB: If necessary all ten scoring shots are to be used in this manner to determine ties and the three non-scoring shots are only to be considered if a tie then still exists.

Full details of scoring procedures can be found in the Pistol New Zealand Scorers Guide document

3. FIREARMS.

- a) Any black powder muzzle loading rifle may be used in this event.
- b) Firearms may not be swapped during the match
- c) No optical sights are to be used
- d) The half-cock position, if present, should be in a safe working condition
- e) Sights may be fixed or adjustable with a U or V shaped rear sight
- f) No Peep sights may be used
- f) Black Powder must be the propellant used in the match.
- g) Only Round Ball projectiles may be used.
ie no Maxi Balls, Minnie Balls or long Projectiles.

4.SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a) Smoking is absolutely forbidden on the firing line.
- b) All firearms are to be unloaded and placed in a safe position during a 'Temporary Cease Fire'.
- c) All firearms are to be unloaded upon the 'Cease Fire' signal and inspected by the Range Officer before retiring from the firing line.
- d) The use of safety spectacles, tinted or otherwise, is mandatory.
Corrective shooting lenses are permitted.
- e) The use of hearing protection by shooters and Range Officers is mandatory.
- f) Original firearms must be in a safe shooting condition.
- g) Replica arms must be of reliable construction and in a safe shooting condition.
- h) Loads must never exceed the normal service loads applicable to modern black powder.
- i) In the event of a misfire the competitor must keep the firearm pointing towards the target for at least 10 seconds. After that it should be kept pointing at the target when possible, and never turned towards another shooter or spectator.
- j) If an incident or malfunction cannot be cleared by the competitor, he or she must inform the Range Officer before taking further action.
- k) No one, other than the Range Officers, shall be permitted to speak to competitors during competitions.
- l) Each shooter is responsible for the proper functioning of his or her firearm and equipment.
- m) Only factory made black powder may be used. No black powder substitute may be used.
- n) All Charges must be contained in individual capped vials or containers

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