

22 Silhouette Matches

General Description

This is an accuracy event for .22 rimfire rifles. All shooting is offhand. Each shooter has 5 minutes to fire 10 shots at steel silhouette targets arranged in a line. One group of 10 chickens (about the size of an adult's palm) is placed at 40 yards. A group of 10 pigs (slightly larger) is placed at 60 yards. A group of 10 turkeys (about the size of two adult palms) is placed at 75 yards. A group of 10 rams (about the size of three adult palms) is placed at 100 yards. Targets must be shot in order (left to right or right to left) and must be knocked to the ground to score as a hit.

Equipment

Any 22 rifle with any type of sight is permitted. Most shooters use scoped rifles with either standard velocity or high velocity 22 long rifle cartridges.

Safety/Commands

Eye and ear protection is mandatory. All guns are to be brought to the shooting line unloaded and in a case or sleeve. Ammo may be handled at any time, guns should not be handled while target setters are down range. Range commands include:

“Line is hot”= Shooters may load their guns

“Line is safe”=Guns should be back in cases

“Shooters ready”, “Standby”=Prepare to shoot

“Fire”= Begin shooting, timing starts.

Variations and accommodations

Occasionally the ranges are changed to provide variety.

Occasionally a “bonus” target is set.

If you have a 17 caliber rimfire and would like to shoot it, please do. We are considering changing the rules to allow that caliber.

Tips

Sight in your gun ahead of time. You need to know where to hold for various ranges.

Most shooters sight in for 50 or 60 yards and hold over or under for other ranges.

Take your time. You have 30 seconds for each shot.

Relax between strings as this will keep your breathing and heart rate slow.

Ask your scorer to be a spotter and help you call your misses.

If you are unsure of your next target ask, as those shot out of order count as misses.