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200 Yard Military Match Rules

Forward

In 1994, a group of military rifle shooters got together and created the 200 Yard Military Match. Jess Adams became our first match director.

We have just completed our 23rd match season. Our match format continues to evolve, but our original match objectives remain the same:

- To provide a Safe, Fair and Competitive Environment for shooting these historic firearms.
- To create an environment where like-minded shooters can gather.
- To simply enjoy the amazing and historic firearms

I have been asked to update and organize our match rules in written form. These rules will be based on our original objectives of Safety, Enjoyment and Fair Play.

The basic rules I have compiled are the guidelines we will follow. There are occasionally grey areas that arise. A few years ago we had a shooter who had a 1903 A3 Springfield that met all rifle requirements except it had a National Ordinance Receiver. This shooter was allowed to compete with his rifle. We have some Foreign/Domestic scopes with 1" plus tubes. Again, we allow these scopes as long as they do not give a shooter an unfair advantage. When a particular rule comes into question, the Match Director will make the final decision.

William Chin, Jr.

200 Yard Military Match Director

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200 Yard Military Match Rules, Continued

Rifles

- WWII or earlier original military rack grade rifles/carbines as issued single shot, lever action, bolt action or Semi-Automatic. No select fire rifles/carbines.
- National match or target grade rifles are not allowed in our standard match
- Original barrels and military calibers. No match grade replacement barrels.
- Original front and rear sights. Exception: Higher or lower front sight to calibrate impact.
- Original trigger
- Original stock, handguard and hardware.
- No bedding or free floated barrels unless the rifle came that way. Adjustments can be made to repair a broken or warped stock.

Sniper Rifles

- Original WWII or earlier sniper rifles/carbines.
- Original WWII or earlier rack grade rifles/carbines with only the modifications necessary to install a scope.
- Scopes
- 8X max magnification
- 1" Tubes or less
- Scout scopes okay in forward mounts
- No illuminated reticles

Outlaw Sniper Rifles

- All sniper rifle requirements.
- Sporterized Military Rifles with original receiver, barrel, caliber and trigger.

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200 Yard Military Match Rules, Continued

Customer Sniper Rifle (Outlaw Sniper Match)

- Military receiver.
 - We have never had a Custom Outlaw Division. The previous outlaw sniper rules were very broad allowing almost any type of rifle with a military action. We never anticipated having heavy target grade barrels or custom barrels in non-military calibers. Jess Adams allowed Military Rifles that had been simply sporterized so everyone could compete with a scoped rifle in this end of the year match.
 - Any rifle determined to fall outside the realm of an original sniper rifle, rack grade rifle (scoped) or Standard Military Sporterized Rifle will be classed a custom sniper rifle. Custom sniper rifles will be placed in the Custom Sniper Division.
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Ammunition

- Factory ammo
 - Military surplus
 - Handloads
 - No tracer or incendiary ammo
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Equipment Allowed at Shooting Bench

- Shooting rug or elbow pad
 - Front and rear rest. One piece rest not allowed. Ex. Caldwell
 - Spotting scope and stand
 - Timer
 - Ammo and loading block
 - Eye and ear protection
 - Minor Tools
 - Seat pad or adjustable stool
 - No individual mechanical device(s) that give one shooter an advantage over another shooter
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200 Yard Military Match Rules, Continued

200 Yard Military Match

- Shooters are classified according to ability.
- We basically have two divisions.
- Open sight shooters
- Sniper class
- We shoot from the bench with front and rear rest
- 20 rounds in 20 minutes. 2 optional sighters okay. Best 20 rounds for score.
- Target
- Open sights – Standard SRC
- Sniper – MR52 or similar target
- Matches are scheduled from Mar – Nov. The outlaw sniper match is our last yearly match in Nov.
- You must shoot in five match to qualify for our yearly accumulated score awards. Best five matches.
- Each shooter can make-up 2 missed matches.
- Monthly prizes are determined by the number of shooters competing in each division.
- Cross fires
- Best 20 rounds will be counted on cross fired target. No makeup shots for the cross firer.
- Tied Scores
- Winner determined by:
 - Group size
 - Shoot off (5 rounds)
 - Coin toss
- Tied scores will be reported as follows:
 - Example
 - 1st John Smith 200 – 20x
 - 1st John Jones 200 – 20x
 - 1st John Doe 200 – 20x
- Match fees: (*Subject to change*)
 - Members; \$5.00
 - Non-Members; \$10.00
- Match modifications can be made by match director
- All range officer commands and match safety rules must be followed

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200 Yard Military Match Rules, Continued

200 Yard Military Match (continued)

Shooters will be classed in the following division:

- Distinguished 190 – 200
- Expert 180 – 190
- Sharp Shooter 170 – 180
- Senior Expert 70+ (age)
- Sniper

Senior Expert(s) shooting scores competitive to distinguished scores, may be moved to the Distinguished Division. Shooter(s) maybe reclassified at the beginning of the match year if scores have substantially improved or declined the prior year. The purpose of the classifying shooters is to give everyone a fair chance at winning.

Match Safety Rules

- Range flag will be used
 - Rifles will be stored in rifle rest. Actions opened, magazines removed if applicable. Open bolt indicators will be used. All racked rifles will be unloaded.
 - At the end of each relay, all rifles will be unloaded, removed from the firing line and racked before the range flag is lowered.
 - No firearm may be handled when the flag is down. Cased firearms may be brought to a storage table but nothing can be uncased or racked while the flag is down.
 - Shooters are allowed to set up their shooting bench and retrieve brass while the flag is down. Rifles cannot be handled!
 - When the flag is raised rifles may be set up for the relay.
 - All firearms must be pointed in a safe direction.
 - All commands by the range officer must be followed
 - Eye and ear protection are required
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200 Yard Military Match Rules, Continued

Outlaw Sniper Match This is our last match of the year and is held in November. Jess Adams designed this to be a fun match – relaxing the military sniper rules to include Sportorized Military Rifles so more shooters could participate.

CLASS

- Open sights – Standard rack grade military rifles
 - Original sniper rifles – Sporterized Military Rifles or Rack Grade Military Rifles with only those modifications necessary to mount a scope
 - Custom or heavy barrel rifles (must have military receiver) scopes – 8x max – 1’ tubes or less. All previous 200 Yard Match and Safety Rules apply. Sporterized Military and custom rifles are the only unique differences in this match. The shooting format and targets may change at the discretion of the match director. Targets determined by match director.
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New Shooters

- Must shoot in 2 matches before they can be evaluated and classed.
- New shooter will be shooting in the Distinguished Division until they are classed.
- New shooters are not eligible for the monthly prizes until they have shot in 2 regular matches.

Misc Matches ***Miscellaneous Matches***

Occasionally we will hold a special match instead of having a military pistol match.

Examples:

- Carbine match
- Target rifle match
- Garand match
- German Vs. U.S. Military Match

Guidelines for these special matches will be determined by the Match and Assistant Match Director.

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200 Yard Military Match Rules, Continued

Military Pistol Match

- Held in Magnum Berm after regular rifle match.
 - 20 rounds in 10 minutes.
 - Extra magazines and speed loaders can be used.
 - Targets can be steel, paper or clay birds. Shooting distances and scenarios can vary month to month.
 - Open sights only.
 - Two Basic Divisions
 - WWII or earlier original military pistols. No select fire pistols.
 - Post WWII pistols, modified military pistols or commercial pistols. No target grade pistols.
 - No additional match fee
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Military Pistol Match Safety Rules

- All shooters will place their unloaded pistols and ammo on the safety table
 - Pistol and ammo will be removed when shooter(s) are actually ready for his/her relay
 - After completing the relay, the R/O will make sure the pistol is unloaded and safe. Pistol will be returned to the safety table. Actions and cylinders open – magazine removed.
 - Targets can be reset and retrieved only after pistols are cleared and on the safety table.
 - Eye and ear protection required.
 - All range commands by the R/O must be followed.
 - Magazines and speed loaders may be loaded at the safety table.
 - Shooter will start from the standing ready position. Pistol will be loaded when command given by R/O. No drawing from the holster.
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