

MVRRRC

Target Shooting for Score (TSS) Program Goals, How to Participate, General Rules

Goals of the program:

- to develop a program which will permit club members to enter one or many of their favorite rifles in various rifle challenges, **while respecting COVID safety guidelines**.
- to provide fun rifle challenges not commonly available at other local ranges. These challenges are to be suitable for beginners, as well as experienced "sharpshooters".
- to permit participants to attend the range when it is **convenient** for them, and when the weather is favorable to shoot targets for score. I encourage participants to take more than one rifle to the range with them (i.e. a 22 rimfire and a centerfire rifle) in case the range that they plan to shoot at is currently being used by another participant . If you're unable to shoot one of the classes you've entered, you may then shoot another class that you've entered. By the time you've finished shooting the first class, the other range may have become available. Build some flexibility into your shooting schedule, and try arriving at "off peak" times, especially on nice weather days.
- to keep the **fees /costs minimal**, and to keep the amount of ammunition required to a minimum.
- to encourage **high member participation** and to promote **an enjoyable shooting experience** (instead of shooting a stress-induced competition against few competitors). Let's shoot many rifles against many participants.
- to keep **rifle tech** inspection to a **minimal**. RSOs may ask which class you are shooting, and take a quick look at your rifle to see if it fits the class. (i.e. - does it have a target barrel, is it stock appearing, are you on the correct length range?, etc.)
- to provide a shooting program based upon participants "**good faith**" with regards to "**honest targets**".
- to provide **shooting results** in a timely manner to permit participants to see how they are stacking up against other participants. Results after each deadline will be displayed at the MVRRRC clubhouse and possibly/hopefully on the MVRRRC website.

How to participate:

It's quite simple...

- take a look through your gun cabinet(s) and make a list of all the rifles you'd have fun shooting. Look at the general classes listed on the entry form, and look over the class specific rules to see which rifle challenges your rifles "fit".
- complete an entry form for each rifle you plan to enter. Carefully fold and enclose the completed entry form(s) c/w a toonie per rifle into a plastic sandwich bag, seal it up and place it into the slot of the **Entry form box**.
- Check the rules to see which targets and which ranges apply to the challenges you are planning to shoot. Purchase the applicable targets at MVRRC by depositing the money in the "**honesty box**" (not the entry form box). It's recommended to purchase an extra target or two to sight in your rifle for that particular range. (Please, take only the number of targets you require that day). Shoot your targets for score. As soon as possible use a sharpie or pen to fill in the following information on the targets: Your Name, Date, Rifle description, caliber, optics used, sporting or target barrel, range distance, class being shot, and shooting position (benchrest or standing). This information should match the information you put on the entry form. On the larger targets please write the information in an undisturbed front corner of the target. On the smaller targets, please write the information on the reverse side.
- Submit your targets for scoring by placing them into the slot of the **target submittal box**. (please do not fold your targets).

That's it. You enter a class, shoot the appropriate targets on the appropriate range, write your information on the targets and turn them in. The scorer does the rest.

If you wake up on some nice morning "feeling accurate" and think perhaps you could improve upon your already submitted scores, feel free to give it a try. You've already entered your rifle in the class, so there is no need to fill out another entry form. Simply purchase the appropriate targets and see how you shoot. If you are happy with the results, fill in your target information, and this time add "**attempt #2, attempt #3, etc.**". Your highest score will override the previous scores in the displayed results. If you're not happy with the results simply deposit the target in the container marked "garbage can". Sorry I couldn't resist.

Now the details (the "fine print")...

There are **deadline dates for turning your targets in**. See the 3 deadline dates indicated in the class specific rules. These are in place to prevent participants from procrastinating until the end of the shooting session (end of September) to turn in all of their targets. This will overwhelm the scorer prior to the presentation at the AGM. In addition, we would like to display the scores throughout the shooting session to see how you are faring against fellow participants. The only exception to the first two deadline dates are **new members** to the club. If they join after one or two of the deadline(s) have passed, they will be permitted to "catch up" with their target submittals. Their final targets must be submitted by the same final deadline date as the other members.

Target scoring / information / submittal - The scorer needs to see the required number of bullet holes in the target. If, in the rare case, you shoot 2 holes into 1 perfect hole, you will need to take another shot for score. If two shots are touching, resulting in a ragged looking hole, please make a note on the target (with a sharpie or pen) that it is the result of 2 touching shots. (I recommend you bring a sharpie pen with you to the range). On the other hand, if you completely miss the target sheet, take another shot to get on paper ("a *Mulligan*"). Any shots on paper count, even if they miss the target circle. You will be awarded a scoring point if you hit paper, but miss the target.

If you shoot a target that looks "too good to be true" you may want to get the signature of an RSO to confirm the rifle that you have used, the range you're shooting on, and the shooting position matches the challenge you're shooting. Don't tamper with the point of impact bullet holes. If the holes appear to have been tampered with they will be discarded. Do not stick a scoring gauge in the holes. That's the job of the scorer. I recommend you simply take a picture of your target with your iPad or smart phone prior to submission if you want a record of your target. For those technical folks...all points of impact that are close to a scoring line will be scored using a .22 caliber gauge inserted into the center of the bullet hole. If the .22 caliber sized hole touches the line you will be awarded the higher score. This keeps scoring on an "apples to apples" basis for all calibers.

"Participation draw" at the AGM (at the end of the annual shooting session): The toonie fee(s) will be used towards the end of the shooting session presentation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) (small prizes, awards). The prize draw will be a raffle type draw. Your name will go "into the draw" multiple times if you enter multiple rifles and multiple classes. For example... If you enter your Ruger 10-22 into the "plinking" class and into the "standing" class your name will be entered 2 times. In addition, if you also enter your .308 hunting rifle into the "Deer" class and the "Target" class your name will be entered an additional 2 times for a total of 4 chances at winning a small prize. That's \$4.00 (2 toonies) for 4 chances at winning.

It's a Participation draw, not a best score award. We're here to have fun shooting a variety of the rifles you own. There are other ranges holding "best score competitions", but participation appears to be pretty thin, so **let's give fun a try**. We are looking into getting club plaques which will be displayed in the club house

(perhaps secured to a "Wall of Fame"). The top 3 scoring participants names from each general class would be added to the plaque(s) after each shooting session (annually). They'll have "bragging rights" for the year.

Rifle classes / challenges:

Classes were chosen to include as many types of rifles as possible, while attempting to keep the total number of classes to a manageable level. These are only "General classes". **You, the participants, will help develop "sub classes" simply by entering as many rifles as possible and turning in the targets.** For example, if you enter your Lee Enfield rifle in the "Milsurp" general class, it will be scored against all of the other Milsurp rifles entered in the class. In addition, if 5 or more Lee Enfields are entered in the Milsurp class, we can also score your performance within the Lee Enfield subclass. This achievement will be recognized at the AGM presentation. The purpose of this is to prevent participants from shooting only the rifles they think can finish at the top of the general class.

Bring all of your "fun to shoot" rifles out. Let's have fun with this folks! With a database of the rifle information and scores we can compare a subclass of rifles against other subclasses to see how they fair (i.e. Enfields vs Mausers vs Mosins, etc.). In essence, we can conduct various rifle competitions simply by comparing scores between subclasses of rifles. We just have to get a sufficient number of rifles and scores entered.

This is only a starting point. The TSS program will develop over time. We'll learn what classes to drop, what classes to add, which targets to revise, etc. Constructive input from members will be appreciated. When the COVID crisis subsides we will again hold specific shooting events i.e. "Frozen Mosin", in addition to continuation of the TSS program. Don't forget to run a dry patch through those oiled barrels of rifles that have been sitting totally ignored in the back corner of your gun cabinet.

If you have any questions or require assistance in determining which classe(s) or ranges to shoot your rifle in, you can email me at maclean_greg@hotmail.com. I'll attempt to get back to you as soon as possible.

General Rules

- No **set triggers** in any class. The triggers must be safe. . No electric operated triggers.
 - **Front bipods/bags/supports** are permitted while shooting benchrest (BR) . **Rear bags** also permitted.
 - **Lead sled type rifle supports** are not permitted. One piece supports that support both the front and rear of the rifle are not permitted.
 - **Eye Pal/aperture type products** are permitted on your shooting glasses when shooting open/iron sighted rifles. They are actually encouraged as most participants with aging eyes will now be able to pull those open sighted rifles back out of the cabinet and shoot them using this assistance. These products do not provide an advantage over fellow shooters with good eyes, therefore they are being permitted. I have no affiliation with Lyman/Eye Pal products, but I, and several other members, do use them and they do work in the majority of cases. Best of all, they are much cheaper than purchasing a rear aperture sight for your rifle, and there's no drilling or tapping required. If you wish, you can make your own aperture sight for your shooting glasses.
 - **Hasty sling method** will be permitted while shooting offhand /standing. Basically your sling must be securely attached to the front and rear sling mounts, and your front arm simply weaves through the sling one rotation. There are no cuff loops in a hasty sling. Your basic hunting or milsurp carry sling is all that is required/permitted. The hasty sling method helps stabilize your standing shooting position by binding the shooting components together, making a light rifle feel more like a heavier, more stable rifle. Google it for instruction, and ask a **competent person** at the range for assistance to ensure you're doing it correctly. Proper sling length is essential. This will change depending on how thick your jacket/sweater is. Please double check that your rifle is "PROVED" / cleared of all ammunition prior to working with your sling adjustment and keep your finger out of the trigger guard area. Do your adjustments at the firing line, and always keep your muzzle pointed down range.
- For fun, see the Youtube clip labelled "Do you know how to shoot?" from the 2001 movie "Enemy at the Gates", the movie responsible for the popularity of Mosin Nagant rifles. The final shot that Jude Law makes in this scene while standing uses the "hasty sling" method. We do not expect Hollywood accuracy from participants, but it would be fun to try a Mosin using the hasty sling method to see how it shoots.
- **No shooting jackets, pants, or shoes.** These are specialty items used by competitors in Olympic style events, not recreational target shooters like ourselves.