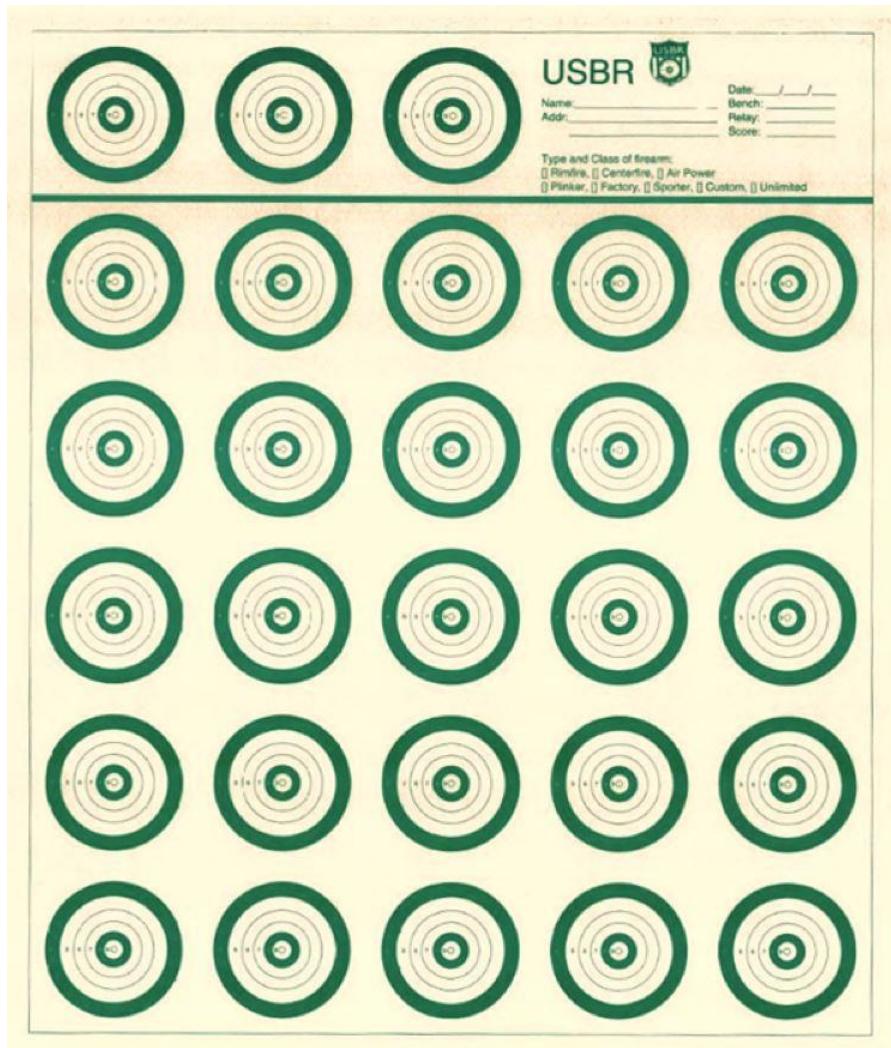


WCW Shooting Sports

Rimfire Benchrest Match

Rules

12/31/2025 Approved Update



"The Green Monster"

I. Preamble:

The goal of the WCW Rimfire Benchrest Match is to provide a safe and fun environment that will challenge the experienced Competitor, engage the new Competitor to help them improve their skills, and grow the Sport of Rimfire Benchrest shooting.

II. Match Overview:

1. The Match is a Benchrest competition for scoped .22LR caliber rimfire rifles using the U.S. Benchrest (USBR) target.
2. Competitors will be placed into one of four Divisions based on their scoring capabilities.
3. Prize money will be awarded monthly to the top Competitor(s) in each Division, up to four places.
4. The Match will be held on the first Saturday of each month, but this can change due to schedule conflicts with other events. Check the WCW Range calendar for date changes.
5. WCW Shooting Sports Club membership is not required to participate.
6. If you are interested in participating in the Match please contact the Match Director – Matt Daly
mattd5404@frontier.com

III. Match Operational Details:

1. Two USBR 50 Yard targets consisting of twenty five (25) bulls will be shot back to back in 45 minutes. This includes time for shooting the sighter bulls.
2. 50 rounds are required for shooting two targets with additional rounds recommended for sighters.
3. **It is highly recommended that a Competitor's rifle be pre-sighted in at 50 yards preferably with the same ammo that will be shot in the Match.**
4. Targets will be marked as #1 & #2 and will be hung next to each other using the Match provided target boards over the assigned bench number with target #1 on the left.
5. No modifications shall be made to the target boards provided by the Match through the addition of any materials to the back, front or sides of the target boards that will change its stiffness and behavior when supporting the targets.
 - a. It is acceptable to add a single two (2) inch or shorter piece of tape on each side of the target in the center to keep them from separating or pillowowing from the target boards in windy conditions.
 - b. Sighters can be added to the edges of the target if they remain outside of the box containing the 25 bulls shot for score.
6. Relays will last for approximately two (2) hours from the beginning of relay check in. Relay start times will be assigned by the Match Director.
7. Ten points are awarded for hitting the center target ring, and then a descending number of points in each of the six outer rings. Eliminating the ten ring is designated as an "X" and will be used for tie breakers.
8. The "Best Edge Scoring" method will be used which is based on where the bullet touches the inner ring. Scoring instructions can be found in Appendix A.
9. If a Competitor shoots a single bull twice, then the lower score of the two shots will be counted for score.
10. If a Competitor determines that they, or another Competitor has accidentally shot the wrong target they should immediately inform the individual or Range Master who is running the Relay.
11. Targets will be scored using the ARA scoring plug. The ARA scoring plug can be purchased at Killoghshootingsports.com or at the Match.
12. Magnifying glasses will be used for assisting in scoring the target. A lighted 10X Jewelers Magnifier is highly recommended.
13. Competitors will score their own targets and each target must also be checked and initialed or signed by another Competitor.
14. **No talking** is allowed inside of the Range 1 building, which includes the grassy area behind the benches, until all Competitors have completed shooting their Relay.
 - a. If a Minor Competitor requires assistance during the Match, then the supervising Adult in attendance with them is allowed to talk in "hushed tones" to address the situation. The supervising Adult is not to provide instructional support during the match to help the Minor Competitor improve their performance.
15. **No cleanup** is allowed until the Relay is completed and directed by the Range Master.
16. Rifles shall not be cased until after the Relay is completed, and the targets have been retrieved.

17. The first Relay will set up the range for the Match. The last Relay of the Match will restore the range to its standard configuration.
18. All Competitors must sign a waiver indicating they agree to allow usage of their name in written communications about the Match. This will include, but not be limited to the Match summary published in the WCW Range Newsletter, the monthly Match scores posted on the WCW Range Website, and any detailed summaries of the Match sent out to the Competitors. Competitors will be given the option of using a two (2) letter alias instead of their names. First time Competitors will be asked to sign the waiver after shooting their first Match.
19. No videos or photos of Competitors shall be taken during a Match. Competitors who wish to take videos or photos of their personal equipment or the range must obtain prior approval of the Match Director.

IV. Match Safety Details:

1. WCW Range Safety rules will apply to this Match. <See link on the WCW Range Website for details>.
2. A Safety briefing will be held at the beginning of each Relay. <See Attachment C for copy>.
3. Chamber safety flags are required.
4. Eye and ear protection are required.

V. Equipment:

1. Rifle:
 - a. Any .22LR caliber rimfire rifle can be used.
 - b. Barrel tuners, noise suppressors, muzzle brakes, or any device attached to the barrel by the Competitor that could change the harmonics of the barrel are prohibited.
 - c. Screw on thread protectors for threaded barrels are acceptable.
 - d. There is no minimum trigger weight requirement. However, a rifle must not discharge upon an aggressive bolt closure, or a vertical stock bump test.
2. Scope:
 - a. A scope is required; and a magnification of 32X or higher is recommended.
3. Rests:
 - a. Front rests shall be any type of bipod.
 - b. If a Competitor does not bring a bipod, the Match Director can provide one of the wooden frame rests and / or sandbags available at the Range to use.
 - c. The bipod shall not be impeded from freely moving in any direction by any device or item designed to hold or resist the free moment of the bipod.
 - i. If weights are hung or attached to the bipod, they may not touch the bench as this would impede the movement of the bipod.
 - d. A benchrest style rear bag using sand or similar granular material to support the rifle stock **must** be used. Mechanically squeezing the sides of the rear bag ears to restrict the movement of the rifle stock in any direction is not permitted. Sandbags are also available at the range to use if needed.
 - e. The rifle stock may **not** be attached to the rear sand bag.
 - f. The bipod and rear bag shall not be connected in a manner such that they move together and stay in alignment.
 - g. Towels, boards, and other materials lying on top of the bench, but under and separate from the front and rear bag are acceptable
 - h. Clamps cannot be used to secure the rifle, bipod, or rear bag to the bench.
4. Ammunition:
 - a. Any brand of factory loaded .22LR caliber rimfire rifle ammunition may be used and will consist of the original unaltered factory cartridge case, powder, and projectile.

5. Other:
 - a. When a Competitor is contemplating customization of their rifle, rests, or other equipment it is recommended that they review their ideas with the members of the Rules Committee. Customization encompasses modification of OEM and personally made or designed equipment.
 - b. Spotters are not allowed, including for support in sighting the rifle during the Match.
 - c. Two target boards will be provided by the Match for vertically hanging the USBR targets. No personal targets boards are allowed.
 - i. Targets will be placed on the target boards at the bench and hung when directed by the Range Master for the Relay.
 - ii. After all Competitors have completed shooting the Relay you will be instructed to bring your target boards back to your bench, remove your targets, and return the target boards to their storage hangers.
 - d. Wind flags will be provided by the Match for use by all Competitors. No additional wind flags, up/down wind indicators, or streamers (on sticks or hanging by the targets) are allowed.

VI. Divisions:

1. Competitors will be assigned into one of the four Divisions: Rifleman, Marksman, Sharp Shooter, and Expert. The objective is to have Competitors in each Division posting scores that are competitive within their Division to encourage, and foster skill development by giving everyone a realistic opportunity to be competitive.
2. If a Competitor begins posting scores that are consistent with those in the next higher Division, then the Match Director will evaluate promoting them to the next Division based upon the following:
 - a. A Rifleman Division Competitor whose average score is equal to or greater than a **221** on four consecutive scored targets in that Division will be promoted to the Marksman Division
 - b. A Marksman Division Competitor whose average score is equal to or greater than a **231** on four consecutive scored targets in that Division will be promoted to the Sharp Shooter Division.
 - c. A Sharp Shooter Division Competitor whose average score is equal to or greater than a **241** on four consecutive scored targets in that Division will be promoted to the Expert Division
 - d. Consecutive targets are defined as the last four targets shot by a competitor regardless of any time gaps
3. The Match Director shall make the initial decision on Division placement of all new Competitors based upon an assessment of their equipment and any previous benchrest or shooting history.
 - a. If after their first Match, a new Competitor scores significantly higher than the other Competitors in their assigned Division and impacts the ability of the other Competitors in that Division from having a realistic opportunity to be competitive; or shoots significantly lower than the other Competitors in the assigned Division and does not have the ability to be competitive in that Division; then the Match Director in coordination with the Rules Committee will agree upon which Division the Competitor will shoot in at their next Match. If the Competitor does not want to move to a new Division at their next Match, then they can request the option of paying the \$2 target fee and shooting for score only, and not for prize money, in their current Division at their next Match. After the second Match is shot, the Match Director and Rules Committee will reconvene to evaluate the Competitors assignment to a Division.
4. If a Competitor changes their rifle, they shall notify the Match Director who will assess the possibility of changing a Competitor's Division assignment for their next Match.
 - a. Upon an initial assessment of the equipment change made by a Competitor, the Match Director will decide whether the Competitor should move to a new Division for their next Match.
 - b. If the Competitor disagrees with the Match Director's assessment, they may appeal the decision to the Rules Committee under Item 7 of this Article before their next Match.

- c. After shooting a Match with their new equipment, a Competitor scores significantly higher than the other Competitors in their assigned Division and impacts the ability of the other Competitors in that Division from having a realistic opportunity to be competitive; or scores significantly lower than the other Competitors in the Division and does not have the ability to be competitive in that Division; then the Match Director in coordination with the Rules Committee will agree upon which Division the Competitor will shoot in at their next Match. If the Competitor does not want to move to a new Division after their first Match with their new Equipment, they can request the option of paying the \$2 target fee and shooting for score only, and not for prize money, in their current Division at their next Match. After shooting this second Match with their new equipment, the Match Director and Rules Committee will reconvene to evaluate the Competitors assignment to a Division.
- 5. A Competitor may request that they be placed in a Division higher than their scoring average would have otherwise placed them.
- 6. If a Competitor is regularly shooting scores consistent with the average score in a lower Division, then the Competitor may request to be reassigned to a lower Division.
- 7. If a Competitor disagrees with their placement in a specific Division by the Match Director, then they may appeal to the Match Rules Committee.
- 8. At the end of each season, a yearly summary will be posted for all Competitors based upon the Division they were assigned to in the month of December.
- 9. At the conclusion of each season, the Rules Committee will evaluate the Division assignments of all Competitors to ensure they are competing in a Division where they have a realistic opportunity to be competitive. If a potentially incorrect Division assignment is identified, the Rules Committee will work with the Competitor to ensure that they are appropriately assigned to a Division for the upcoming season that they feel they belong in and can be competitive.

VII. Entry Fee & Prize Money:

- 1. The entry fee is ten dollars (\$10). Two dollars (\$2) pays for the targets, and the remaining eight dollars (\$8) is returned in prize money to the Competitors.
- 2. Prize money will be awarded for each target based upon the payout schedule in Attachment B.
- 3. Prize money will be allocated by Division. If more than one Division is shooting within a Relay, then the prize money for each individual Division will be based upon the number of Competitors in each of those Division competing in that relay.
- 4. A target shall be checked and signed or initialed, by another Competitor in order to be eligible for prize money. Any errors in calculating the score of a target found after the prize money is awarded will not change the prize money distribution.
- 5. If there is only a single Competitor in a relay for a given Division, then only the two dollars (\$2) target fee will be applicable.
- 6. The targets shall be labeled #1 and #2, and shall be hung with the number #1 target on the left, and shall be shot first. If a Competitor shoots their target in the wrong order, they shall bring this to the attention of the Match Director.
- 7. A Competitor may shoot a Match compliant rifle and setup only once for score and or prize money at a monthly Match in a Division. With Match Director approval:
 - a. A Competitor may compete with a second Match compliant rifle and setup for score & prize money at the same monthly Match but in a different Division.
 - b. With Match Director approval, a Competitor may shoot for score only in a Relay different from which the rest of their Division is competing for score & prize money. They will only pay the two dollar (\$2) target fee.

8. A Match Competitor may **NOT** practice on Range 1 during a different Relay, then they compete in, unless they are a WCW Club Member with a Rifle Special Use Qualification as outlined in Article XI, listed below.

VIII. Season Championship

1. The Season Championship will consist of 12 monthly Matches starting in January. Two targets per Match will be shot for a maximum total of 24 targets in the season. A maximum of two targets can be shot by a Competitor for score in any single Division per Match.
2. To be eligible for the Season Championship a Competitor must shoot a minimum of 16 targets. The 16 highest scored targets from each of the Competitors will be used to decide the Season Champions. Using 16 of the possible 24 targets in a season allows each Competitor to miss four months (8 targets) for any reason, and still be in the running for the Season Championship.
3. The Competitors with the top three highest total scores for the season will have their name, score, and rifle make added to the Championship plaque. The total X count of the top 16 scores will be used for the purposes of a tie breaker.
4. Season Championship scores will not be changed if an error is found on a target after the monthly prize money has been awarded

IX. Rules Update and Dispute Resolution:

1. A three member Rules Committee will be established to periodically review and update the WCW Rimfire Benchrest Match rules, support resolution of issues or disputes raised by the Competitors.
2. The committee shall consist of the Match Director and two Competitors who are currently shooting in WCW Rimfire Benchrest Match, and shall meet the following criteria:
 - a. Members of the WCW Shooting Sports Club.
 - b. Participated in a minimum of six Rimfire Benchrest Matches.
3. Process for selecting the two Rules Committee Members is as follows:
 - a. They will be selected by a secret vote of all the Competitors attending the March Rimfire Benchrest Match.
 - b. They will serve a two year term on the Rules Committee with no limits on consecutive or total number of terms that can be served.
 - c. In order to stagger the terms of the elected Rules Committee members such that a new member is elected every year the following process will be used for the initial election of the two Rules Committee members.
 - i. The member receiving the highest number of votes will have an initial two year term.
 - ii. The member receiving the second highest number of votes will have an initial one year term.
 - d. In the case of a tie, then a runoff election of just the tied candidates will be held.
 - e. Range members may self-nominate themselves for the Rules Committee Positions.
 - f. The Match Director is responsible for facilitating a request for candidates, running the election, and reporting the results.
 - i. All Competitors will be notified by e-mail of an open Rules Committee position and will be given 14 days to self-nominate themselves for the position.
 - g. If after 14 days from sending out a formal request for Competitors to self-nominate as a candidate for the open Rules Committee position, only one individual has expressed interest in the open position, then the Match Director will send out a second request for candidates stating that only one individual, to be named, has expressed interest in the open position. If no additional individuals show interest within the next seven days, then the sole individual who has expressed interest will be assigned, by process, to the open Rules Committee position.

- h. If after 14 days of sending out a formal request for Competitors to self-nominate as a candidate for the Rules Committee, no one has expressed interest in the position, then the Match Director will send out a second request asking for candidates, stating no one has shown interest to date. If no Competitor has express interest after seven days, then the Match Director will notify all Competitors that the Rules Committee will operate temporarily under the following “two member” special guidelines.
 - i. All decisions must be agreed upon by both Rules Committee members.
 - ii. If the Rules Committee cannot agree on a decision, then a temporary member will be selected to participate in helping to resolve the open issue and make the necessary decision for the good of the Match.
 - iii. The temporary member shall be a current Competitor and agreed upon by both Rules Committee Members.
 - iv. After three months operating under the special guidelines for two Rules Committee Members the Match Director will initiate the process outlined in this Section for selection of a third Rules Committee Member.
- i. If a Rules Committee member steps down, or stops shooting, the Match the Match Director will hold a special election to vote on a new Rules Committee member to fill the remaining term of the individual who left.

4. Suggestions or ideas for improvements to the WCW Rimfire Benchrest Match Rules shall be submitted in writing to the Match Director.
5. The following process shall be followed to revise the rules set forth herein:
 - a. The Match Director shall review all proposed rule changes with the Rules Committee for consideration, which shall be submitted in writing to the Match Director.
 - b. A formal response on the status of the proposed rule change after review by the Rules Committee shall be provided to the individual who made the submittal.
 - c. Any revisions to the WCW Rimfire Benchrest Match Rules being considered by the Rules Committee shall first be sent to all Competitors for review and comment. The comment period shall be set by the Rules Committee and will last at least seven (7) to a maximum of thirty (30) days in duration.
 - d. After the comment period is closed, the Rules Committee shall evaluate the comments and make changes as appropriate. If any one of the three committee members feel the changes are substantial in nature, and require an additional review by the Competitors, then the revised wording for the proposed rules update will be sent out for comment per paragraph c. above.
 - e. Upon finalization of the wording for the proposed update to the rules, the Rules Committee may:
 - i. Incorporate the rule update directly into the rules based upon agreement of all three Rules Committee members. This would typically be for minor type changes.
 - ii. If any one of the Rule Committee members believes that a vote of the Competitors is required, then a vote will be held at the next monthly Match on the proposed rule change, which will be sent to the Competitors in advance of the Match. The vote will be by secret ballot and will require a greater than 50% acceptance of all votes cast. The Match Director will be responsible for communicating the proposed rule change and running the vote of the Competitors.
6. The Match Director’s final ruling made of the day of the Match shall stand.
7. Any disputes related to clarification or interpretation of the rules shall be submitted in writing to the Match Director who shall review it with the Rules Committee. A formal response to the individual who made the submittal shall be provided.
8. If the Rules Committee cannot reach a consensus on any item under discussion, whether it be a rule related issue, or the resolution of a dispute, then a two to one majority will be used for making a decision, unless otherwise defined within the WCW Rimfire Benchrest Match rules.

9. If a dispute involves a Rules Committee member, then a temporary member will be selected to participate in the review and resolution of the dispute.
 - a. The temporary member shall be a current Competitor.
 - b. A willing temporary member will be selected by a majority vote the Rules Committee.
10. Prior to the end of each season the Rules Committee shall conduct a review of the Match rules to determine if there are any changes necessary to address issues encountered during the recent season or updates that could be made to improve the Match to help it grow and be more successful. The review shall be conducted allowing for enough time to collect and review Competitor input, make changes as appropriate, and incorporate updates into the rules before the start of the next season.

X. Match Director Responsibilities:

1. The Match Director is responsible for the safe and efficient conduct of the entire Match. The Match Director is responsible for the efficient operation of the range, and the proper conduct of all Competitors and spectators. Instructions from the Match Director for the operation of the Match shall be complied with by all persons on the range. The Match Director's behavior and decisions must be characterized by absolute impartiality, firmness, courtesy, and complete awareness.
2. The Match Director shall ensure all Competitors are adhering to the WCW Range safety rules.
3. The Match Director shall be responsible for:
 - a. Conducting the Match in accordance with the rules set forth herein.
 - b. Appointing an assistant(s) the day of the Match to help perform any or all their responsibilities.
 - c. Making decisions on the day of the Match necessary to successfully complete the Match.
 - d. Assigning Competitors to a Division, Relay and Bench
 - e. Performing the safety briefing at each relay and start / stopping the Match.
 - f. Supporting scoring of the targets and settling any disputed target scores.
 - g. Collecting Match fees, distributing prize money, and paying the target fee expenses to the range office on the day of the Match.
 - h. Responsible for recording Competitors Match scores, inputting them into the Rimfire Match spread sheet, and submitting to the Range for posting on the website.
 - i. Shall submit a monthly Match report for the Range newsletter.
 - j. Is the point of contact for Competitors submitting in writing any proposed rule changes and requests for resolving disputes. The Match Director will then review the item with the Rules committee for consideration and resolution.
 - k. Responsible for supporting the election of the Rules Committee members.
 - l. The Match Director shall monitor the target inventory and submit requests for more inventory when stock drops below three months on hand ordering, 500 at a time.

XI. Guidelines for Range Members Shooting Concurrent with the Match:

1. Per Page 25 of The Wildlife Committee of Washington "Policy / New Member Orientation Manual", Revised May 5, 2023:
 - a. **Rife Range Use Rules:** Matches and Events - Matches and scheduled events have priority on Range #1. Members with special use endorsement may use Range #1 **during an event if there are available shooting benches.** Members will use Range #1 during an event **under the direction of the event coordinator or match director.** Members will use the range in such a way as **to not hinder the conduct of the event.**

2. In support of this WCW policy the Rimfire Benchrest Match has established the following guidelines that shall be followed by any member with a rifle special use endorsement that wishes to practice (shoot) concurrently during a Rimfire Match Relay.
 - a. They shall follow the direction of the Match Range Master assigned to run the Relay they are practicing / shooting with.
 - b. They may only shoot 22LR rifles as not to disrupt Competitors shooting the Match.
 - c. They will be assigned a bench after all Competitors that are preregistered for the Match have had the opportunity to check in during the scheduled check in period for their Relay.
 - d. There will be NO entry fee charged as they are simply practicing concurrently on Range #1 with the Match.
 - e. They shall participate / listen to the Safety briefing and will follow all Match rules discussed associated with noise and cleanup.
 - f. They shall provide their own targets & their own target boards / backers.
 - g. **Only** the Wind Flags provided by the Match may be placed on the Range during the Match.
 - h. They may use the Chalet to score their targets concurrent with the Competitor scoring and payout activities. However, their scores will not be recorded or published as they were not competing in the Match.
 - i. If needed for headcount purposes that will be referred to simply as Range Members.
3. If the Range Member cannot follow or adhere to the guidelines outlined in Item 2 or Article XI listed above, then the Range Master responsible for running the Relay will ask the Member to leave the Match and will report the issue to both the Match Director and to the Rifle Committee Chairman.

Scoring the USBR Target #1

Revised
5/19/09

Easy Shots To Score

No need to use a scoring gauge on these shots. None of them are close to the edge of the ring of next higher value.



Targets are twice normal size for clarity

IREM Scoring Rules

1. It is recommended that everyone download this two page scoring graphic and print it out for reference.

2. Each person who scores targets must understand correct scoring with the scoring gauge. The gauge should be held by the handle when being pushed into the shot hole. The value of a shot should be determined before the scoring gauge is removed. If it is difficult to determine the value of a shot: (Old shooter - weak eyes) Use a magnifying glass.

3. You may score your own targets or have another person score them. They should be checked for mistakes. When you post your scores on RFC: At the end of your report indicate "Self Scored", or "Scored by: _____".

4. NEW shooters who are not sure of how to score, or do not yet have a scoring gauge, they may mail target(s) to their team captain, or to Joe Haller for scoring: Targets should be mailed at least 10 days before the end of the month.

Scoring 10s an 10xs using the scoring gauge



If you see any green of the 10 ring peeking out from under the edge of the gauge, it is not a 10x.



The gauge covers all of the green ten ring on these these 3 targets. They all score a 10-x.

Scoring the USBR Target #2

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4/8/11



Targets are twice actual size for clarity.

These are close shots

These shots are close to a scoring ring. Which ones touch the ring of higher value? You cannot be sure until you plug the shot with a scoring gauge. The holes could measure anywhere from .214" to .219", depending on bullet shape, lubricant, paper type and moisture in the paper. The .22 caliber scoring gauge measures .224". Shots that may look "out" could be 'in'.

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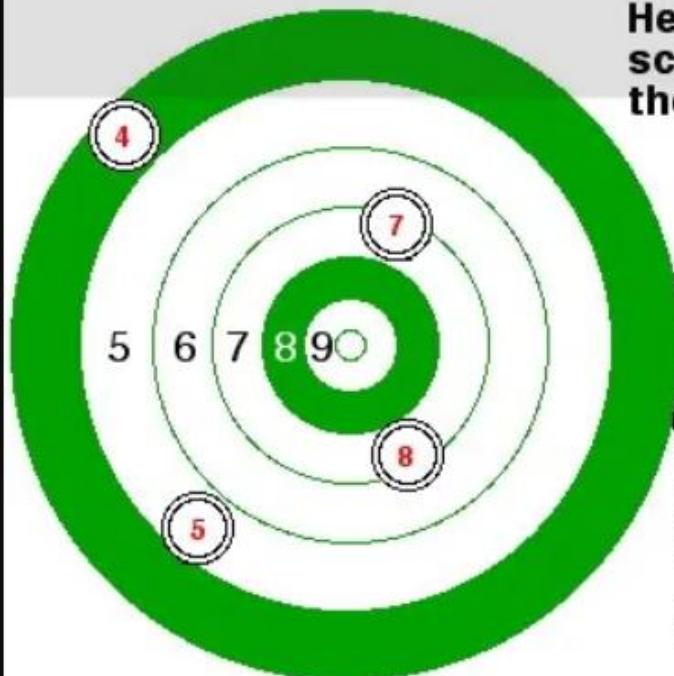
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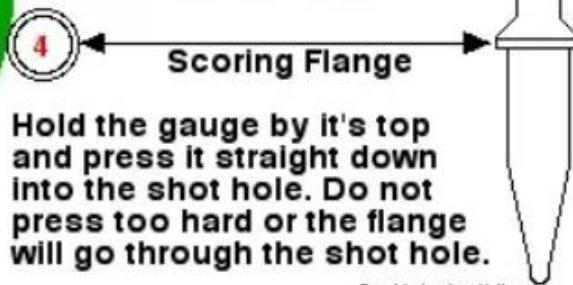
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Here is the same target, with a scoring gauge placed in each of the shot holes.

Use the gauge on these shots

If the flange of the gauge touches a ring of higher value, you score the higher value. A magnifying glass held over the gauge will sometimes help.



Hold the gauge by its top and press it straight down into the shot hole. Do not press too hard or the flange will go through the shot hole.

Graphic by Joe Haller

Attachment B

WCW Rimfire Benchrest Match Payouts

Number of Competitors	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
2	\$8			
3	\$8	\$4		
4	\$9	\$5	\$2	
5	\$10	\$6	\$4	
6	\$12	\$7	\$5	
7	\$14	\$8	\$6	
8	\$15	\$10	\$7	
9	\$16	\$11	\$9	
10	\$18	\$12	\$10	
11	\$18	\$12	\$10	\$4
12	\$19	\$13	\$11	\$5
13	\$20	\$14	\$12	\$6
14	\$21	\$15	\$13	\$7
15	\$22	\$16	\$14	\$8
16	\$23	\$17	\$15	\$9
17	\$24	\$18	\$16	\$10
18	\$25	\$19	\$17	\$11

Attachment C

WCW Rimfire Benchrest Safety Briefing

- Ear and Eye protections must be worn whenever the range is hot.
- Rifles will remain cased until instructed to uncase them.
- When uncasing your rifle, the barrel must be pointed down range.
- After uncasing your rifle, you will immediately make the rifle Safe.
 - Safe means: Open the rifle bolt, remove the magazine, and insert a chamber flag.
- You may point your rifle straight up when attaching or removing a bipod.
- Before you leave your bench for any reason, or if a Cease Fire is called, immediately make your rifle safe.
- A Cease Fire may be called by anyone observing an unsafe condition or situation.
- Unsafe conditions will also include: Large Animals on the range, detached targets, or target boards that have fallen down.
- The clock will be stopped, and time adjusted as necessary.
- When a Cease Fire is called make your rifle safe and remain at your bench unless otherwise instructed.
- Do not call a Cease Fire for an equipment issue, or for non-Safety reasons.
- If in doubt call a Cease Fire – Safety First.
- If you have an issue or question, contact the Range Master for the Relay.
- When any Competitor determines they have accidentally shot another Competitor's target, or their own targets in the wrong sequence, they should immediately inform the Range Master who is running the Relay.
- There shall be no casing of rifles, removal of gear, or cleaning up of brass until the Relay is over. At the end of the Relay, you will be instructed when to pull targets, case your rifles and pick up your gear.
- There will be No Talking on the Range or in the grassy area behind the benches while Competitors are shooting. Please leave the Range to hold conversations.
- If you leave the Range, please stay close by. As soon as all Competitors are finished shooting, targets will be pulled.

Revision History

04/03/21: Original Document Approved by Competitor vote at the April 2021 Rimfire Benchrest Match.

09/14/21: Added Revision History section. Administrative change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

09/14/21: Added clarification to Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2(a): targets “in that Division” Minor change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

09/14/21: Added clarification to Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2(b): targets “in that Division” Minor change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

09/14/21: Added Item 13(a) to Article III. (Match Operational Details) to clarify that talking in “hushed tones” by the Adult supporting Minor Competitor is allowed. Sent to Competitors for comments on 6/24/21 and supportive comments received. Change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

09/14/21: Added copy of Safety briefing as Attachment C. Addition approved unanimously by Rules Committee as minor change.

09/14/21: Revised Article IV. (Match Safety Details) – Item 2 to add reference to Safety briefing in Attachment C. Minor change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

09/14/21: Revised Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Item 17 by deleting “At the beginning of each season”. Competitors only need to make their position known once and have the right to request a change anytime afterwards. Administrative change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/21: Revised Article II. (Match Overview) – Item 3 to emphasize monthly prize money over Season Championship with the change from Divisional Season Championships to a single Match Season Championship, as approved by the Match Competitor vote on 10/02/21. Minor change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/21: Revised Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Item 9 to direct Competitors to see Range Master or individual running the Relay if there is an issue instead of the Match Director. Administrative change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/21: Revised Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Item 10 to denote that the ARA plug is the official plug the Match is using for scoring targets and to add reference to where they may be purchased. Minor change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/21: Revised Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Item 11 to add recommendation that a lighted 10X Jewelers Magnifier is highly recommended.

12/30/21: Revised Article V. (Equipment) – Item 3(d) to clarify the intent of the Match Rules is that a benchrest rear style bag “must” be used and that sand bags are available if needed to be used. Minor change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/21: Revised Article V. (Equipment) – Item 3(e), 3(f) & 3(g) to change “rear rest” to “rear bag” for consistency within the rules. Administrative change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/21: Revised Article V. (Equipment) – Item 5(a) by bolding the text to emphasize the need to talk to the rules committee about equipment modification. Also, removed the word major as it is subjective to each individual Competitor. Administrative change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/21: Revised Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2(a) threshold from 225 to 227 for the Marksman Division as approved by the Match Competitor vote on 10/02/21.

12/30/21: Revised Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2(b) threshold from 235 to 237 for the Sharp Shooter Division as approved by the Match Competitor vote on 10/02/21.

12/30/21: Deleted Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2(c) about Division Championships. Not required with the change from Divisional to single Match Season Championship, as approved by the Match Competitor vote on 10/02/21.

12/30/21: Added Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 7 to clarify that any Season end summary of scores will be based upon the Division in which a Competitor is assigned for the December Match. Administrative change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/31: Revised Article VII. (Season Championship) – Items 2 & 3 to remove all reference to the Divisional Season Championships and replace them with a single Match Season Championship, as approved by the Match Competitor vote on 10/02/21. All minor grammatical changes required were approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

12/30/21: Revised the definition of safety in Attachment C – 4th bullet to read..... Open the rifle bolt, remove the magazine, and insert a chamber flag. Minor change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

11/10/22: Revised the allowed ammunition definition from “.22 caliber rimfire” to “.22LR caliber rimfire” in Article II. (Match Overview) – Item 1 and in Article V. (Equipment) – Items 1a & 4. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

11/10/22: Inserted a new Item 5 into Article III. (Match Operational Details) that addresses the acceptable modifications that can be made to the Match provided targets for wet and windy conditions. Also, included a description on how additional sighters may be added to the Match targets. Reviewed twice by the Competitors with no major issues or concerns raised. Approved unanimously by the Rules Committee for incorporation.

11/10/22: Renumbered Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Items 5 thru 18 to Items 6 thru 19 in support of the new Item 5 added addressing target modifications. Format change.

11/10/22: Revised Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Item 6 to change the estimated duration of a Relay from 2 ½ hours to 2 hours. Administrative change unanimously approved by Rules Committee.

11/10/22 Revised Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Item 14 to change the “No talking rule” from being in affect till the end of the Match to being in affect till “all Competitors have completed shooting their Relay”. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

11/10/22 Revised Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Item 15 to add that cleanup will begin when “directed by the Range Master”. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

11/10/22 Changed the word “Match” to “Relay” for consistency and clarification in Article III. (Match Operational Details) – Items 15 & 16 and in the Safety Briefing. Administrative change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

11/10/22 Updated the revision date of the safety briefing to November 2022 in order to reflect the above change. Administrative change approved unanimously by Rules Committee.

11/10/22 Revised Article V. (Equipment) – Item 3d to clarify the definition of a benchrest style rear sand bag and to restrict the mechanically squeezing of the rear sand bag to restrict the movement of the stock. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

11/10/22 Added Item 3e to Article V. (Equipment) that the rifle may not be attached to the rear sand bag. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

11/10/22 Renumbered Article V. (Equipment) - Items 3e thru 3g to Items 3f thru 3h in support of the new Item 3e added addressing attaching the rifle to the rear sand bag. Format change.

11/10/22 Added Item 5d to Article V. (Equipment) that the Match will provide the wind flags for all Competitors to use. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Fixed miscellaneous grammatical and typographical errors within the Document. Administrative Change.

12/06/23 Global name change from Kenmore to either WCW Shooting Sports or WCW throughout the Document. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Revised Article II. (Match Overview) – Item 2 to change the number of Divisions from three to four as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in October 2023.

12/06/23 Revised Article III. (Match Operational Details) - Item 4, Item 5, and Items 5 (a – c) to reflect usage of the Match provided target boards as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in July 2023. The original Item 5(a) was deleted as it dealt with hanging targets with staples. Items 5 (b & c) were renumbered to Items 5 (a & b).

12/06/23 Revised Article V. (Equipment) – Item 5 (c) to allow usage of two Match provided target boards to hang the targets as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in July 2023. Instructions for operational usage of the target boards was added in Item 5 (c) sub bullet points (i) & (ii).

12/06/23 Revised Article V. (Equipment) - Item 2(a) to replace the 9X scope requirement with a scope only requirement and a recommendation of 32X or higher magnification. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Revised Article V. (Equipment) - Item 3(c) to add sub bullet (i) to clarify that if weights are hung or attached to the bipod, they may not touch the bench as this would impede the moment of the bipod.

12/06/23 Revised Article VI. (Divisions) – Item 1 to reflect the change from three to four Divisions as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in October 2023. Added the new fourth Division name of “Rifleman” as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in November 2023.

12/06/23 Revised Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2 to reflect the addition of the Rifleman Division as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in October 2023 which required the addition of a new sub bullet (c).

12/06/23 Revised Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2(a) to reflect the new Rifleman Division with a threshold of equal to or greater than 221 as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in October 2023.

12/06/23 Revised Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2(b) to reflect the Marksman Division with a threshold of equal to or greater than 231 as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in October 2023.

12/06/23 Added Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 2(c) to reflect the Sharp Shooter Division with a threshold of equal to or greater than 231 as approved by the Match Competitors via an e-mail vote in October 2023.

12/06/23 Revised Article VI. (Divisions) - Item 3 to document the process that the Match Director will follow when placing a new Competitor. It also includes options that the Competitor has if they disagree with the Match Director’s assessment. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Revised Article VI. (Divisions) to revise the numbering of Items (4 - 7) to Items (5 – 8) to support the addition of a new Item 4. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Revised Article VI. (Divisions) by inserting a new Item 4 which details the process the Match Director will use to determine if a Division Change is required if a Competitor changes their rifle. It also includes options that the Competitor has if they disagree with the Match Director assessment. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Revised Article VI. (Divisions) by inserting a new Item 9 which adds the requirement for the Rules Committee to review Competitor Division assignments to ensure accurate placement of all Competitors prior to the start of the next season. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Revised Article VII. (Entry Fee & Prize Money) Item 7 by rewriting it to make it easier to understand the different options available to Competitors to shoot a second rifle in a different Relay, shooting for score only, and practicing with a Match compliant rifle and setup. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Added Article VII. (Entry Fee & Prize Money) Item 8 to outline how a Match Competitor could practice with a non-compliant rifle and setup. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Revised Article IX. (Rules Update and Dispute Resolution) - Item 3(f) by adding the requirement that Competitors will be notified by e-mail when there is an open position on the Rules Committee, and they have 14 days to self-nominate themselves. Administrative change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Revised Article IX. (Rules Update and Dispute Resolution) - Item 3 to revise the sub bullet numbering by changing Item 3(g) to Item 3(i) to support the addition of the new Items 3 (g & h). Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Added Article IX. (Rules Update and Dispute Resolution) - Items 3(g & h) to address how to handle the situation if only 1 person or nobody applies for an open Rules Committee position. Administrative change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Added Article IX. (Rules Update and Dispute Resolution) - Items 10 which requires the Rules Committee to perform a year end audit of the rules to determine if any changes are required. Administrative change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/06/23 Added Article XI. (Guidelines for Range Members Shooting concurrent with the Match) to provide guidance for how the Match can be in compliance with Range rules that allow Range Members to shoot concurrent with a Match on a space available basis. These guidelines were reviewed and approved by the Rifle Committee Chairman on 11/15/2023.

12/06/23 Reformatted the Rimfire Benchrest Rules Document, in multiple locations, to accommodate the 12/06/23 updates. Administrative Change.

12/20/24 Deleted Article VII. (Entry Fee & Prize Money) – Item 7(c) to remove guidelines for Competitors practicing during a Relay other than which they competed. This change was needed to bring the Match rules in compliance with WCW rules for shooting on Range 1. Administrative change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/20/24 Revised Article VII. (Entry Fee & Prize Money) – Item 8 to clearly state a Match Competitor may **NOT** practice on Range 1 during a Match unless they are a WCW Club Member with a Rifle Special Use Qualification as outlined in Article XI. This change was needed to bring the Match rules in compliance with WCW rules for shooting on Range 1. Administrative change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/20/24 Revised Article IX. (Rules Update and Dispute Resolution) – Item 3 (a) to change the Rules Committee Member election date from the December to March Match. Minor change approved unanimously by the Rules Committee.

12/20/24 Reformatted the Rimfire Benchrest Rules Document, in multiple locations, to accommodate the 12/06/23 updates. Administrative Change.

12/31/25 Added Item 2 (d) to Article VI. (Divisions) that provided clarification to address time gaps between four consecutive targets.

12/31/25 Added Item 3 (l) to Article X. (Match Director Responsibilities) stating that the Match Director has the responsibility to ensure USBR targets are available for the Match.

12/31/25 Updated Appendix C (Safety Briefing) to include statement that Competitors are responsible for reporting cross fires to the Relay Range Master per Article III. (Match Operational Details) Item 10. Also, included the statement that a Competitor should notify the Range Master if they shoot their targets out of sequence.