

HOTSA VBRS Competitor Information

Your starting animal target will have a corresponding bench. There are designated spaces on the firing line that are marked as to "Critter" & Bank assignment; this will be your starting animal position. We normally will plan on shooting 3 shooters/critter @ the same time; this will be 12 shooters on the line @ a time. When you arrive & set up your stuff, you will remain at that bench/spot throughout the competition although you may have to remove your equipment to make the bench available for another competitor on the next relay (if required). A match consists of 60 shots fired for record, ten at each animal/distance as follows:

- Prairie Dog (1 MOA) @ 200 meters
- Armadillo (1 MOA) @ 300 meters
- Coyote (1MOA) @ 385 meters
- Hog (1 MOA) @ 500 meters
- Prairie Chicken (2 MOA) @ 600 yds
- Pig (2 MOA) @ 750 yds

You will be allowed unlimited "Sighters" if you desire @ the cycle of each animal relay. You will have 10 minutes 30 seconds to complete **10 rounds for score**. During this period you can take as many sighters as you want but once you start firing for score, you cannot go back for any "Sighters". For planning purposes, plan on bringing around 100 rds (60 score & sighters).

Obey the Range Commands!

When your relay is called to the line you should approach your assigned bench and place your equipment. No bolt is allowed to be in a gun at this time. If you need more time, make your situation known to the range officer. When all target setters report back that they are safe behind the Firing Line, the Range Officer will verify the relay on the line and begin the sequence of commands to begin firing. The sighter gongs will be identified @ the Shooters Meeting & will be @/near the Animals for "Score". You are entitled to have a "Spotter"/coach/communicate/discuss during your string of fire. He may also act as your "Scorer" if desired. If you do not have a "Spotter" the next shooter in line will be required to "Score" your Relay.

The range officer will announce: (in bold)

"relay (#), for your 10 minute 30 second firing period,"READY" (you now have 30 seconds to install your bolt, load and find your target) **"FIRE"** you now have 10 minutes to complete your 10 rounds for score. If a round is fired before the command **"Fire"** is given, it will count as a **"Miss"**. When the **"CEASE FIRE"** is given (no shots can be fired after the cease fire command!) The next command will be **"Are there any Alibi's?"** If so, the Alibi shooters will be addressed by the Range Officer. Once there aren't any alibi issues, the next command will be **"Make your Rifles safe, remove the Bolts & make the line safe"**.

The Range officer will now confirm the line is safe & instruct the Target Sitters to go downrange & reset Targets for the next relay. During this period the next Relay can make ready their position and

ready to fire the next relay. When target sitters return & the task is completed, the Range Officer will call the next Relay to the line to assemble their equipment & make ready for their Relay.

Once you move to shoot for score, you must shoot your Targets from Left to Right sequentially. If you hit the wrong target IT IS A MISS! If you fire a round before the command **"Fire"** is given, it will count as a **"Miss" for Score**. **"CEASE FIRE"** (it really means cease fire! Any shot that goes off after the cease fire command begins will be scored as a miss and may lead to a competitor being removed from the match if repeated!) **"REMOVE ALL BOLTS, MAKE THE LINE SAFE"** (Your gun may remain on the bench with the bolt removed but you cannot make contact with it while the target setters are out on the range.

The Scorecard will be marked as follows: **X=Hit and 0=Miss**.

You progress through the match engaging targets from nearest to farthest according to where you started: sequence is (1)= Prairie Dog (2) = Armadillo (3) = Coyote and (4) = Hog. When the 1st four "Critters are completed, we will call a short "Cease Fire" to enable competitors to clean, change rifle etc before starting on the last 2 "Critters" as follows: (5) = Chicken and (6) Pig . When your relay is recalled to the line you will be on the same bench, line up on the same bank number but on the next farthest target. Example: you started on bank 3 at the 300 meter Coyote target, your next Relay you will shoot the 500 meter Hog on Bank 3. Always ask if unsure about which target you should be engaging. After your first match you will be classified for your next participation in our VBR match.

Once the first 4 "Critters" (Prairie Dog, Armadillo, Coyote & Hog) have been completed, the Range Officer will call for a "Cease Fire" & then there will be approximately a 30 minute delay for the Competitors to make ready for the next 2 "Critters" (Chicken 600 yds & Pig 750 yds). It is OK to change rifles for these 2 Critters or clean or eat lunch etc. Competitors will remain in place @ their current position and we will shoot @ 4 Chickens & 4 Pigs @ a time until all competitors have shot both animals. The match @ that point will be completed.

Currently we do not have different categories but @ some point, if needed because of volume of shooters & desires of the shooters, we can establish categories that are similar to what the Ridgeway Rifle Club VBRS has done; which currently is: 12#, 17# and Unlimited Classes.

"Safety" is paramount @ all times & all Competitors are Range Officers when Range Safety is Concerned!!