

**2009**  
**READE RANGE 1,000 YARD BENCHREST LEAGUE**  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>Match</b>	<b>Date</b>
#1	Sunday, May 31, 2009
#2 & #3	Sunday, June 14, 2009
#4	Sunday, July 19, 2009
#5	Sunday, August 16, 2009
#6 & #7	Sunday, August 30, 2009
#8	Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009
#9 & #10	Sunday, October 4, 2009

**2009 CLUB AND RANGE RULES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES**

- 1.0 It shall be the responsibility of all members to have full knowledge of Club rules and operating procedures. Shooters/members must follow all Western PA Cal. 30 League rules and regulations regarding safety, membership, and range use as well as the rules of the Reade Range 1,000 Yard Benchrest League when competing in their matches.

**SCHEDULED MATCHES & ENTRY FEES:**

- 2.0 The entry fee for scheduled matches for Club members is \$17.00 per match.  
2.1 No entries will be accepted by telephone.  
2.2 Under no circumstances will any accepted entry fees be refunded or returned.  
2.3 Entries will not be accepted without payment attached or enclosed.  
2.4 The entry fee for NON Club members is \$22.00 per match. Shooters are encouraged to apply for membership in accordance with the rules of the Western PA Cal. 30 League.

## **SCHEDULED MATCHES & GENERAL RULES**

- 3.0 For safety reasons, bolts shall be removed from all rifles as soon as rifles have been removed from your vehicle. The range officer will issue a command to install bolts, prior to the start of your relay.
- 3.1 Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind is prohibited on range premises on an 1000 yard benchrest match date.
- 4.0 All scheduled matches will be held at a minimum distance of 1000 yards.
- 5.0 On a Match day, Group and Score Shoot-Offs will occur upon completion of all the regular relays. Shooters eligible for the Group Shoot-Off are all the individual relay winners for Group. Your assigned bench for the Group Shoot-Off coincides with the number of the relay you won for Group. Shooters eligible for the Score Shoot-Off are all the individual relay winners for Score. Your assigned bench for the Score Shoot-Off coincides with the number of the relay you won for Score.
- 6.0 Score Shoot-Off competitors pull targets for the Group Shoot-Off competitors, who shoot first. Then, the Group Shoot-Off competitors pull targets for the Score Shoot-Off competitors, who shoot last.

## **SCHEDULED MATCHES, DETAILED RULES AND PROCEDURES:**

- 7.0 Upon the completion of registration prior to each match, shooters will pull a chip to indicate which relay and bench they will shoot on.
- 7.1 Once a position (relay and bench) is drawn and assigned to a participant, that person may not switch positions with another shooter, or switch to an unoccupied bench.
- 7.2 Once a position (relay and bench) is assigned to a shooter, that shooter must be available to shoot at the firing line when the relay begins and the shooter must fulfill their assigned pit duty.
- 8.0 No shooter may shoot more than once in any class during a scheduled match, even with different rifles.
- 8.1 This rules does not include match Shoot-Offs, or when the Club is holding a special event.
- 8.2 If, early in the sighter period, a new shooter or a new junior shooter is unable to put even one shot on the sighter target, it is permissible for the Coach (reference Rules 10.0, 10.1,10.2) to fire the new person's rifle a sufficient number of times until one shot is spotted on the sighter target. Then the new shooter must resume firing his or her rifle for the remainder of the sighter period.
- 9.0 If any two (or more) competitors using the same rifle qualify for, and intend to participate in a Shoot-Off, it is the responsibility of these competitors to acquire all the equipment necessary to permit them to simultaneously participate in the Shoot-Off with the other Shoot-Off participants.
- 10.0 Coaching is allowed during the sighter period. Coaching is not allowed during the record string with two exceptions, as follows:
  - 10.1 For safety and familiarization purposes, new 1000 yard shooters may be assisted during the record string for no more than two matches, with permission from the person running the range.
  - 10.2 For safety and training purposes, new Junior shooters may be assisted during the record string for a reasonable number of matches, with permission from the person running the range. Determination of a "reasonable" number of matches will be based on the judgment of the range master.

- 10.3 With respect to 10.1 and 10.2, assistance is defined as advice concerning actions of the new shooter that promote safety for spectators, other competitors on the firing line, the coach and the new shooter. Coach may NOT give advice to new shooters that is designed/intended to aid the new shooter in obtaining a smaller group or a higher score (e.g. providing notification of wind or light changes, encouragement to “shoot now” etc.)
- 10.4 Junior shooters under the age of 12 must have adult supervision at all times when on the firing line and in the pit area. It will be the discretion of the range master and pit chairman if junior shooters ages 12 to 17 require adult supervision.
- 11.0 Prior to seating the next relay, everyone must remain behind the “ready line” and are NOT to approach the benches to assist with equipment removal. The range officer will call a ceasefire upon the completion of the relay at which time you may assist the shooter in the removal of his/her equipment.
- 11.1 Upon the completion of firing his/her record string and before the range office calls a ceasefire, only the shooter may remove equipment from the benches.
- 12.0 All shooters will have six minutes to shoot an unlimited number of sighter shots, which will be individually spotted. At the end of this allotted time, at the command of the range officer, all will begin to fire their ten shots for record with a fifteen (15) minutes time limit. If for any reason a period of more than one minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the potential command to commence firing the record string, an additional sighter shot must be allowed. At the command of the range officer “to commence fire”, the allotted times for sighter shots and the record string, in proper sequence, will begin.
- 12.1 Each shooter should fire only ten (10) shots during the record string, and each of these should be fired only at the record target. No sighter shots are permitted during the record string. Firing more than ten (10) shots during the record string will cause the offending shooter to be immediately disqualified. Firing before the range officer’s command to “commence” or after the command to “cease” fire will also result in the shooters immediate disqualification. Accidental firing, for any cause (e.g. firing as a consequence of closing the bolt) will not entitle the shooter to an “extra” (i.e. “make-up”) shot.
- 12.2 It is recognized that the offending shooter who fires more than ten (10) shots during his record string could still have only ten (10) shots appearing on his record target. Means of detecting the offense if this occurs would include, but not be limited to:
- (a) Observation by match participants from behind the firing line,
  - (b) Observations by spectators from behind the firing line,
  - (c) Reports from pit personnel (includes officers OR target pullers) as a result of observing bullet splashes on the front bank or back bank impact areas.
- 13.0 The range officer will stop time to the effected shooter if a target is blown down or there is some delay in the pits. If there is a range equipment failure, the shooter will have the option to have the problem repaired and finish shooting after one sighter shot (if desired) or to shoot over at the end of the relay.
- 14.0 Shooters will not be granted an alibi for any failure of their rifle, ammo, or related shooting equipment. If their equipment can be safely repaired this will be permitted within the remaining time interval. A shooter is permitted to replace malfunctioning items, including rifles, but this also must be accomplished within the remaining time interval.
- 14.1 If a shooter chooses to replace malfunctioning items while firing the record string, no sighter shots will be allowed.
- 15.0 If for any reason a scheduled match cannot be completed in its entirety, all remaining (unshot) relays will be rescheduled by the officers. Relay numbers and benches will be as originally specified.
- 16.0 If an EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE is called, everyone on the firing line shall immediately clear their chambers, stand up, step back from the bench, and await further instructions.
- 17.0 Scores and Group sizes will be posted at a location near the benches as the match progresses, if possible, or immediately following the completion of relays as personnel is available to do the measuring and scoring.

## **PROBLEM RESOLUTION (CROSSFIRES, EXCESSIVE OR INSUFFICIENT SHOTS & PROTESTS):**

- 18.0 If eleven (11) or more shots appear on a target and all the other targets have 10 shots, the shooter with 11 or more shots will be disqualified unless he or she states that they only fired 10 shots, and can support this statement. When the shooter so states and can provide reasonable support to the statement, the shooter will be entitled to shoot over.
- 19.0 If more than 10 shots appear on one target and less than 10 appear on another, the shooter with less than 10 is automatically disqualified.
- 19.1 With respect to the target with more than 10 shots. If the difference in caliber size can be seen, or the group placements are obviously different (e.g. if a shooter with only 9 shots on paper has all 9 shots in the upper right hand corner of the target, and the shooter with 11 shots on paper has 10 shots in the lower left hand corner of his target plus an 11th shot in the upper right hand corner) then the pit chairman has the responsibility to decide if the extra shot or shots can be disregarded.
- 19.1.1 In case the pit chairman cannot identify which specific shot or shots are the “extra” shots, the shooter with excessive shots on his target must first be asked if he fired more than 10 shots at the target. If he says “yes”, he must be disqualified immediately. If he says, “no”, he will then have the choice of accepting the group of excessive shots, or be given the opportunity to shoot over. The shooter must make this choice without being given any information about the size of the group, his numerical score, or the specific location of any shots on his target.
- 19.1.2 If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, he will re-fire before the next scheduled relay begins. If the shooter elects to accept the group with excessive shots, the shot or shots closest to the center of the bull will be eliminated until only 10 shots remain, and group size and score will be determined by using these remaining 10 shots.
- 20.0 There should be 10 verifiable shots on a record target. Where there are less than 10 shots, the target must be reviewed by the pit officer and the target puller(s) before the target is removed from the backer. Their decision regarding number of holes in the target shall be final. The target in question must have the total number of shots noted and be signed on the plotting sheet by the pit officer and target puller(s).
- 21.0 When a target has been scored by the target chairman or assistant, it becomes official.
- 21.1 If a shooter thinks his target was incorrectly scored and to his disadvantage (ie. Not credited with all the shots that hit the paper, or earned a higher score or smaller group than indicated) he may file a PROTEST. The target will be reconsidered by additional officers, providing a \$5.00 protest fee is paid immediately and the contested target is given to an officer. This fee will be refunded if there is a ruling in favor of the shooter.
- 21.1.1 The target in question must be presented for protest and reconsideration prior to the start of the Shoot-Off or reconsideration will be denied.
- 21.1.2 If the target was shot during a Shoot-Off, the protest and reconsideration process must be initiated and completed before the officers leave the range or consideration will be denied.
- 21.2 Review of a scored target by a shooter may cause him to feel that the target was erroneously credited with results better than earned. When this occurs, the shooter may file an ADVISORY at any time by notifying any officer and requesting the target be re-scored. A fee need not be posted. The target will be review by the officers and the target and official records will be corrected where necessary.

## **SCHEDULED MATCHES & PIT DUTY:**

- 22.0 Pit duty assignments will be posted on the bulletin board.
- 22.1 It is the responsibility of the shooter to be in the pits when called.
- 22.2 Roll call will be taken at the beginning of each pit detail.

- 22.3 In addition to being responsible for pit duty for the regular relays, you are also responsible for pit duty for the Shoot-Off if you have won your relay for Group or Score.
- 22.4 If you become eligible to participate in a Shoot-Off, but elect not to shoot, you must still satisfy your Shoot-Off pit duty obligations.
- 22.5 If you do not wish to pull targets, it is your responsibility to provide a qualified person to take your place in the pits.
- 22.6 Although the individual may shoot, anyone not fulfilling their pit duty obligation will be disqualified for score and group for that day's match.
- 22.7 Normally, a shooter, when serving pit duty, pulls the target whose number coincides with the bench on which he/she shoots for that day's match. To improve pit efficiency, pit personnel may be reassigned to pull a different target at the discretion of the pit officer. Pit personnel must accept re-assignment, should it occur.
- 22.8 Pit personnel must stay on their target until the end of the relay.

**SCHEDULED MATCHES & AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 17LB CLASS:**

- 23.0 All ten shots of the record string must be on target to qualify for awards.
- 24.0 When a competitor has the smallest group and also the highest score for his/her relay, he must take the smallest group.
- 25.0 In the case of a tie for any award in any individual relay or match, the following procedures will be used to break ties:
  - 25.1 If there is a tie for smallest group, the highest score of the tied targets will determine the group winner.
  - 25.2 If there is a tie for highest score, the smallest group of the tied targets will determine the score winner.
  - 25.3 If there is a tie for smallest group and the score are tied as well, the target with the bullet hole closest to the center of the bull is the group winner.
  - 25.4 If there is a tie for highest score and the group sizes are tied as well, the target with the bullet hole closest to the center of the bull is the score winner.
- 26.0 All Shoot-Offs will pay a percentage that reflects the number of paid shooters for that match.

**EQUIPMENT RULES APPLICABLE TO THE 17 LB. RESTRICTED CLASS COMPETITION:**

- 27.0 The weight of the rifle, as fired, may not exceed 17 lbs.
- 28.0 Every shooter must weigh their rifle, as shot, upon the completion of firing in their relay.
- 29.0 Club scale will be the official weight. If unsure of your rifle weight, weigh your rifle before competing.
- 30.0 Muzzle brakes are allowed to reduce recoil, provided there is no rearward discharge of gasses. i.e. Holland style brakes are illegal.
- 31.0 Other than a muzzle brake, there should be no device present of any kind that would restrict rearward and/or upward movement of the rifle.
- 32.0 Mechanically adjustable rear rests are not permitted; only a single or a stacked pair of sandbags, the bottom one commonly called a "donut", is permitted. Use of a sheet of rubberized shelf liner material is also allowed. No abrasive or adhesive material is permitted.
- 33.0 A sandbag is a bag with a cover that can be easily flexed by the fingers, the contents of which shall be a finely-divided, granular, non-metallic substance, such as sand, gravel, or grain, each without additive, and packet loosely enough so that the bag with contents can be easily deformed by pressure of the fingers.
- 34.0 EXCEPT for PRONE firing, matches shall be fired using a single sandbag front rest. This may be supported on a pedestal, which may not react with the sandbag to restrain recoil, or form a "return to battery" guiding means.

- 34.1 All sandbags on front pedestals must be a minimum of 1 ½ inches wide by 4 inches long.
- 34.2 Neither the front or rear rest may be attached to the rifle, or to each other, both shall be independent of each other.
- 35.0 Any gunstock or accessories thereon must maintain a minimum of ½ inch from the top of any retainer or container holding the sandbag on which the stock or part thereof rests.
- 35.1 This sandbag upon which the stock or part thereof rests is permitted to wrap upward around the sides of the rifle for no more than ½ inch, maximum.
- 35.2 Rules 35.0 and 35.1 need not apply to any sandbag not supported by a retainer and that permits movement without restraint.
- 36.0 All new rest changes or recoil systems must be shown to and accepted by the officers.
- 37.0 Rifles having a magazine shall be loaded and fired single shot only.
- 38.0 No caliber larger than 40 caliber may be used. Any equipment thought to be unsafe, harmful, destructive, or otherwise unpredictable will not be allowed on the range at any time.
- 39.0 To be eligible to win relays and awards, the shooter's equipment must meet the above described rules and guidelines. Other equipment may be shot (i.e. a heavier rifle) but will not be eligible to win prizes.

#### **EQUIPMENT RULES APPLICABLE TO THE FACTORY CLASS COMPETITION:**

- 40.0 Any factory rifle may be used to compete in this class.
- 41.0 No modification of any type can be made to the factory rifle.
- 42.0 Rifles may be shot from a bipod, prone, or rest system as described in the 17lb rules.
- 43.0 Rifles having a magazine shall be loaded and fired single shot only.
- 44.0 All rules regarding rests and safety described in the 17lb class apply to the factory class.
- 45.0 Factory rifles will shoot 10 shots for score only. Shooters need not have all 10 shots on paper in order to receive a score and win the match.
- 45.1 There will be no shoot-off for the factory class.
- 46.0 Factory class match winner will be determined by the shooter having the highest score.

#### **CONTACTS & INFORMATION**

For more information please visit [www.readerange.org](http://www.readerange.org).

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE RANGE!**