

High Power Rifle Competition



Getting Started

Rhode Island Revolver & Rifle Association High Power Rifle League

High power rifle shooting was originally based on courses of fire for military instruction. Today's courses still include both slow and rapid fire stages and involve shooting from various positions at fixed targets of standard dimensions at several standard known distances. No experience is necessary to join the league we will help you to learn the skills needed to develop into a first rate shot in competition, the hunting field or on the field of combat. We have various clubs in our region looking to help new shooters get involved in this great sport. It is open to both men and women and also junior shooters.

Basic courses of fire:

1. Slow Fire, standing - 10 rounds at 200 yards in 10 minutes
2. Rapid Fire, sitting or kneeling - 10 rounds at 200 yards in 60 seconds.
3. Rapid Fire, 10 rounds prone - 300 yards in 70 seconds.
4. Slow Fire, 10 rounds prone - 500 or 600 yards in 10 minutes.

Basic Equipment:

Sling: Helpful in steadying the positions and controlling recoil
Spotting Scope: Important for scoring and observing the placement of shot spotters on the target.
Shooting Coat: With elbow, shoulder and sling pads which contribute to the shooter's comfort.
Ammunition: Training in reloading for accuracy is available.

Rifles:

Rifles to be used in High Power Rifle competition should be equipped with metallic sights or any sights. The type of sights you choose on your rifle will determine the division of the rifle. Tournament programs often group competitions into two divisions, Service Rifle and Match Rifle. The rifles currently defined as "Service Rifles" include the M1, M14, M16 and their commercial equivalents. Winchester and Remington have made their Model 70 and Model 40X rifles in "match" versions and custom gunsmiths have made up match rifles on many military and commercial actions. 1903 and 1903-A3 Springfield, 1917 Enfields and pre-war Winchester Model 70 sporters in .30-06 are all equipped with clip slots for rapid reloading. Keep in mind that most vintage military and foreign military service rifles will be ineligible for the service rifle category. However, they would be eligible to compete in the "Match Rifle" category, please reference our High Power Rule Book. Whether you choose a match or service rifle, the most suitable rear sights are aperture or "peep" with reliable, repeatable 1/2 minute (or finer) adjustments. Front sights should be of either the post or aperture type. Whichever rifle division you decide, the magazine should be capable of holding at least 5 rounds of ammunition and should be adapted to rapid reloading, if you plan on competing in across the course matches.

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