

# Quail Creek Air Gun Club

## Competition Range Rules and Procedures

1. **Safety – Refer to Range Safety Rules, Procedures & Courtesies.** Competitors are required to read all rules and meet information before the match. Additionally, the following are to be observed during competitions:
  - a. **Safety Meeting** - Before each match there will be a mandatory safety meeting conducted by the range master or his/her designee. Failure to attend the safety meeting will bar the shooter from competing in the match. **There will be no exceptions.** The range master will control all activity on the range. This is the range master's only job. The maximum caliber that may be shot at all matches is .22.
2. **Classes** - Sanctioned competitive classes (based on USARB Guidelines):
  - Varmint Class: Guns shooting up to 20 FPE
  - Open Class: Guns shooting up to 35 FPE
  - Unlimited Class: Guns shooting over 35 FPE
  - Sportsman Class: Guns costing no more than \$1200 current retail price
  - Piston-Springer-Break Barrel Class: Guns powered by either springs or pistons

A class with one shooter may shoot in the event but will not receive a medal or JMT points. A class with two shooters will be awarded only a first-place medal and first place points. A class with three or more shooters will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals and points. Shooters in a class with only one or two competitors may ask to participate in the next higher class. This would allow both shooters the opportunity to compete for medals and points. No shooter may voluntarily move up a class unless there are three or more competitors in that higher class.

### 3. Procedures

**In addition to the Range Safety Rules, Procedures & Courtesies the following will be observed during competitions:**

- a. When the range is "**HOT**" a red flag will be placed in the middle of the firing line. You may start firing only at the range master's or range safety officer's command.
- b. When all competitors are back behind the red line, the range master or range safety officer will call the range "**HOT**" for any air gun maintenance such as cleaning the air gun or filling PCP tanks. No one should be down range. Return behind the red line when maintenance is finished. The range master or range safety officer will then start the match.
- c. Tethering of air tanks to guns is not allowed under any circumstances. No external electronic control devices of any kind are allowed. No one-piece bench rests are allowed – the front rest and back rest must be separate rests. Air guns are not allowed to be "locked" into rests. The

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Board member in charge of the match or a person designated by the Board must be able to lift the rifle from the rest.

- d. A range master or range safety officer will be at the range at every match and will be responsible for maintaining range safety and protocol. During practice and competition, the range master or range safety officer will be solely responsible for calling the range “**HOT**” or “**COLD**”, and how long these periods will last.
- e. Shooters will be responsible for placing and removing paper targets and setting up silhouettes. A stapler is required for paper targets. Practice paper targets will be provided.
- f. Flags must be stand-alone, only in the shooters lane and not attached to the bench or the target stand. They shall be no higher than the bottom horizontal bar of the target stand (if a flag goes down in the wind, it is down for that target) the range master or range safety officer shall not call a cease fire to reset a flag.

4. **Scoring** – Competition consists of several events listed below. Each event has a scoring criterion.

- A. **25-meter paper target** - Each target has twenty-five bullseyes with a possible score of 250. Twenty minutes is allowed per target. The maximum allowed caliber shall be .22.
- B. To equalize the scoring, all calibers are scored to .22 caliber scoring plug. The Orion Scoring system does this automatically.
- C. A scoring plug with a .22 caliber flange and a probe that fits .177 to .22 caliber without tearing the paper shall be used when scoring is done manually.
- D. **50-meter paper target** – Shall be shot using fifty-meter targets at 50 meters or 50 yards
- E. **75-yard paper target** - Each official QCAGC 75-yard target has ten bullseyes for a total of 500 points. The target will be shot in 2 rounds of 20 minutes each with a break between rounds. Springers will shoot 75-yard targets at the 60-yard position.
- F. **100-yard paper target** - Each official QCAGC 100-yard target has six bullseyes for a total of 300 points. The target will be shot in 2 rounds of 20 minutes each with a break between rounds.
- G. **Silhouettes** – Four sets of four silhouettes with a ram, turkey, pig and chicken in each set shall be used. One set is placed at each distance: 40, 50, 60 and 70 yards (Springers are 30, 40, 50 & 60 yards). Sixteen pellets are allowed for each round, and each round shall last fifteen minutes. Tiles must be clean (no sand or small rocks), and placed in the middle of the tile with equal spacing. Silhouettes must be knocked down or knocked off the tile to score a hit. In case of ties, a shoot off with four chickens at 70 yards in 2 minutes time will determine the winner. If tied again, another

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shoot-off of one minute or flip of a coin, depending upon shooter's wishes, will determine the winner. Each subsequent tie breaker's allotted time will decrease by one half.

- H. **X's** - X's will have NO BLACK showing (i.e. white all the way around the hole when plugged).
  - I. **Protests** will be filed with the QCAGC Board member in charge and can only be filed on manually scored targets. Orion Scoring System scored targets are not eligible for protests. A protest fee of \$5 for Hot Dog Shoots and \$20 for the Saguaro Classic will be paid for each protest. This fee will be returned if the protest is successful. After scoring the scheduled (i.e.: 10,25,50,75 yard) events the group of targets are returned to each shooter for audit. This starts a 15-minute period to raise protests. Ideally this period will coincide with lunch. If a competitor plugs their own target, no challenges will be allowed. All protests will be decided by the QCAGC Board member in charge or the head scorer and their decision will be final.
  - J. **Scoring** must be done by someone other than the shooter. The silhouette competition is the exception. The shooter may mark their own hits by crossing out the corresponding animal on their score card, but it must be verified and initialed by a range safety officer or scoring assistant before turning in the score sheet.
5. **Pistol matches** are held primarily for the enjoyment of the QCAGC membership; however, they are scored and are conducted under the same rules as rifle rules above unless noted in this section. There is no limit on the amount of magnification.
- A. There are two classes of pistol which shall be 1) scope and 2) red dot or open sights. Scope class is designated by the use of any magnification.
  - B. Only a three-point hold may be used. Light under the hands shall be visible.
  - C. The Board member in charge or a person designated by the Board must be able to lift the pistol from the rest.
  - D. 10-yard event is shot using the QCAGC standard 50-meter target (i.e. the same target that is used at 50-yards for rifle events).
  - E. 20-yard match is shot using the QCAGC approved target which is a modified for pistol 75-yard rifle target.
  - F. Silhouettes are set at four positions between ten and twenty yards.
  - G. In the event a scorer is not present, targets may be scored by the shooter at the bench to the right of each competitor.

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