

Varmint Bench Rest Silhouette

Kiski Township Sportsmen's Association

KTSA is proud to announce the opening of our 1000 yd. rifle range and commencement of a Varmint Bench Rest Silhouette competition series.

The competition will follow a similar format to other clubs in the region shooting Varmint Bench Rest (VBR). Much like at other venues, the shooter will be presented steel targets in banks of 5 at four distances and they must be hit for score. There are 4 shooting positions for the Bench class and 4 shooting positions for the Tactical class. Each competitor will be assigned a bench or prone position for use in placing their equipment and rifles to engage the targets. As at other venues, a match will consist of 40 shots fired for record, 10 shots at each distance and different steel animal targets. The match winner will be the competitor that hits the greatest number of targets of the combined distances (best of 40). More information will be available via our website: kiskitwpsp.com

The target shapes and distances are as follows:

Groundhog at 850 yards

Bobcat at 900 yards

Turkey at 950 yards

Howling Coyote at 1000 yards

Shoots will be open to Club members and Members guests upon approval of Range Safety Committee

EQUIPMENT

There will be two competition classes at the outset:

Benchrest – shooters utilizing the concrete benches and rests for support.

Maximum equipment weight of 17 lbs. (Rifle/Optic/Bipod if used)

Tactical – shooters shooting from the prone position utilizing a bipod for front support and a rear bag for rear support. Maximum equipment weight of 22 lbs. (Rifle/Optic/Bipod)

Currently we will not be dividing Benchrest shooters guns into weight classes. As the event grows, we will eventually divide into Heavy (max. 17lbs.) and Light (max. 12 lbs.)

Inspection of equipment- Match officials may spot check equipment at their discretion at any match.

Bolts must be removed or open with an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) inserted at all times unless on the firing line and ready to commence firing at your bank of targets.

Magnum calibers are permitted with a bullet diameter no greater than .338. Additionally, KTSA reserves the right to disallow any competitor whose ammunition is found to be damaging the steel targets.

Gun Rest- Must be two separate components not physically connected. No one piece rests or lead sleds are permitted, nor may the rifle be restricted from free recoil by anything other than the shooters shoulder and hands.

Magazines may be used; however, no magazine may be inserted in a rifle until the shooter is on the firing line and the “Load and make Ready” command has been given.

Bipods are permitted for both competition classes.

Muzzle brakes and Suppressors are permitted. NO MUZZLE BRAKES THAT DIRECT GASSES REARWARD BEYOND THE 90 DEGREE PLANE OR ARE SIDE VENT ONLY WILL BE PERMITTED.

CHANGING GUNS OR BARRELS IS NOT PERMITTED. In the case of a verified gun malfunction, a substitute gun may be used to complete the course of fire with approval of Staff on hand.

Competitors are not permitted to place wind flags.

Club members may bring a guest as an additional shooter upon approval of Range Safety Officer

VBR COMPETITOR INFORMATION

Awards will be based on the number of competitors but the current basis is:

Tactical 1st place Benchrest 1st place, 2nd Place and 3rd place

Ties will be broken by reverse animal count in this order: 1 Highest number of Groundhogs, 2 High number of Bobcats, 3 High number of Turkeys, 4 High number of Coyotes. If still tied after this, there will be a shoot-off TBD by the Staff.

Bench Assignment- Your starting animal target will have a corresponding bench. You will rotate through the four bench positions as your relay moves through the different animal targets. Tactical shooters will rotate through the 4 prone bays as their relay cycles through the different targets as well.

Time Limits- 4 minutes will be provided for setup followed by a 1.5 min. for sighters on the sighter plate to the left of your target bank. Then 5 minutes for 10 shots for record.

The targets are in banks of 5. They are swinging targets with electronic lighted indicators. Shooters are to fire 1 round at each target, Left to Right through the rack, then go back to the Left target on the rack and repeat the sequence.

Spotter- a shooter may have one spotter or coach to assist during competition. No others may be on the shooting line or assist in any manner. Spotters and competitors will keep each other's scores throughout the day. Staff will randomly assist, and review as needed.

Gun Malfunctions- Do not fix your gun until the Range Officer has looked at it for verification.

Competitor Conduct- Competitors are responsible for acting in a safe and courteous manner at all times. KTSA reserves the right to remove anyone, at any time, for engaging in unsafe, abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior. This is at the discretion of the Range Officers

COURSE OF FIRE

When your relay is called to the line, you should approach your assigned bench and place your equipment. BOLT MUST BE REMOVED OR AN ECI IN PLACE! MAGAZINE MAY NOT BE INSERTED AT THIS TIME. If you need more time, inform the Range Officer.

The Range Officer will verify that all shooters in the relay are on the line and begin the sequence of commands to begin firing. The sighter plate is to the right of the 900 yd target bank. If you are using a timer, set it to 1.5min

Penalty for shooting before the FIRE command will be loss of score for that bank.
Late shots will be called at the discretion of the Range Officer

The Range Officer will announce the following commands:

Relay #, Load and Make Ready! – Insert your bolt/magazine, remove your ECI. Respond affirmatively to the Range officer if you are ready.

Fire! – you now have 1.5 minutes for as many sighters as you want.

15 Seconds! – indicates the remaining time in the sight in period

Cease Fire! – keep your bolt open, the Range Officer will set the 5 min timer for shots of record.

Relay #, Fire!- You now have 5 minutes for 10 shots for record on your target bank. The targets must be shots in the following sequence Left to Right, one shot each, once through the bank, return to the Left target and reengage the target bank Left to Right one shot each.

15 Seconds!- warns you that the firing period is nearly over

Cease Fire! Make Safe!- Open and/or remove your bolt, insert an ECI, remove magazines if used.

PENALTY FOR SHOOTING BEFORE THE FIRE COMMAND OR AFTER THE CEASE FIRE COMMAND WILL BE LOSS OF SCORE FOR THAT BANK. Late shots to be called at the discretion of the Range Officer

Mark your scorecard correctly before leaving the line. Once your relay has completed their sequence of fire and has stood down, remove your equipment and make the bench available for the next relay.

You progress through the match, engaging targets from nearest to furthest, based on what distance you started the day. When your relay is called to the line you will progress to the bench assigned to the next distance you need to shoot.