

# VBR Competitor Information

Your starting animal target will have a corresponding bench. There are 24 concrete benches on the line. You will remain at that bench throughout the competition although you may have to remove your equipment to make the bench available for another competitor on the next relay. A match consists of 40 shots fired for record, ten at each animal/distance.

## 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 in the bunkers, the range officer will verify the relay on the line and begin the sequence of commands to begin firing. The sighter gongs are to the left of your assigned bank of targets. They are 6" in diameter for your reference. If you are using a timer set it for 2min. 15 seconds.

The range officer will announce: ( in red)

**“relay (#), for your 2 minute sight in period, READY”** (you now have 15 seconds to install your bolt, load and find your target) **“FIRE”** (you now have 2 min to fire as many shots at the gongs as you want) **“15 seconds”** (will warn you the sight in period is close to ending) **“CEASE FIRE”** (no shots must be fired after the cease fire command!) The range officer will reset his timer for 3min 45 seconds. The next command will be:

**“relay (#) for your first bank of five, READY.** (You now have 15 seconds to load your rifle and acquire your target) **“FIRE”** (you have 3min 30 seconds to fire five shots, and only five shots, for record. One shot at each target from left to right. If you miss, you move to the next target to the right.

If you hit the wrong target IT IS A MISS! You will always get 5 shots for record. In case of a blow down you may target a standing silhouette a second time by notifying your spotter. **“15 seconds”** (warns you that time is ending)

**“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 commands for your next five shots on the same animal/target will be identical to above MINUS the sighter period. Only 5 shots are fired on the second bank and all count for score, no sighters. Mark your score cards correctly before leaving the line. A silhouette/target must be shot in order from left to right and must be knocked over to be scored as a hit. After your 10<sup>th</sup> shot for score you will make your bench available to the next relay.

You progress through the match engaging targets from nearest to farthest according to where you started. 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 950 yd bob cat target. You fire your ten shots in banks of five and move off the line. When your Relay is recalled you will be on bank 3 at the 1000 yd coyote target. Next you will be on bank 3 at the 800 yd crow and bank 3 at the 850 yd ground hog after that, all from the same bench and finishing the match. Always ask if unsure about which target you should be engaging. All place winners are determined by greatest number of targets knocked over. First time shooters will shoot in an “unclassified” group.

After your first match you will be classified for your next participation in our VBR match.

A Class – 0 to 10

AA Class – 11 to 20

AAA Class – 21 to 30

Master Class – 31 to 40

Your scores will be recorded and saved by the Ridgway Rifle Club. You will move up in class after firing three scores in a higher class. There are two gun categories you may compete in, 12 lb. class and 17 lb. class. Awards are given in both.

ENJOY! This shooting format has proven to be very challenging but a lot of fun.

