

Black Powder Muzzle Loading Rifle Match

1. Rules and Regulations:

This match will be run under the rules of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and in compliance with Chatuge Gun Club requirements.

2. Firearms and Ammunition:

The match will be limited to original or reproduction black powder rifles and muskets. Modern inline pistols are prohibited. Both percussion and flintlock firearms will be permitted, but no cartridge firearms. Both black powder and black powder substitutes will be permitted, but no smokeless powder. Rifles and muskets are limited to patched round ball. No conical bullets of any type will be permitted in any firearm. Firearms of all calibers are acceptable.

3. Accessories:

- A. Spotting scopes are permitted, but must be placed so they don't interfere with other shooters.
- B. **Shooting glasses are mandatory. No one will be permitted to participate without acceptable safety or shooting glasses.**

4. Classifications:

There will be no individual Classifications.

5. Scoring:

All bullseye targets will be paper targets limited to either NMLRA or NRA official targets, placed at 25 and 50 yards. Scoring will be based on official NMLRA rules. The center of the shot hole decides the credit for the shot. If the shot center is touching the ring, the shooter receives credit for the next ring. As an example, if the center of the shot hole is touching the line between 6 and 7, the shooter receives credit for the 7 ring. Please note that NMLRA rules for scoring differ from NRA scoring rules.

We may shoot some novelty targets as well depending on time and interest of the participants.

Practice targets may be posted simultaneously with targets for scoring, but must be plainly marked as 'PRACTICE'. The first relay will be for practice only.

Targets may be shot in any order. Each relay will consist of 30 minutes maximum.

First, Second and Third place shooters will be identified.

7. Safety:

This match will be run under the control of an NMLRA and/or NRA certified Range Safety Officer. All instructions from the RSO must be obeyed. Safety will be paramount at this match. No dangerous actions will be permitted. Smoking is not permitted on the concrete area. As previously mentioned, **safety glasses are mandatory**. Shooters firing flintlocks will be located on the right end of the firing line for right hand flintlocks and on the left end for any left hand flintlocks. There may be some shooters that have limited experience with muzzle loading firearms. Shooters with limited experience should notify the Range Safety Officer. If there is any question, please ask for assistance. There will be several people present that are qualified to provide assistance.

Shooting black powder and muzzle loading firearms is great fun. We welcome any and all shooters to the match. Anyone interested in shooting this match that doesn't have an acceptable firearm should contact Gary Caines at 706-896-7369 or by e-mail at glcaines@yahoo.com ahead of time as there will be a limited number of acceptable black powder firearms available as loaners.