

July 18, 2025 NCOWS National Match Long Range Rifle Side Match Rules

SIGN UP: Deadline to add additional calibers is 30 minutes prior to start of a particular caliber relay start time. You may sign up for all calibers at once, but the deadline will be observed. You must be physically present at the beginning of the scheduled start time for each caliber relay you intend to shoot. If you are signed up to shoot "Big Bore Lever at 8 am, be there and ready at 7:45 am. If you show up at a later time and that caliber is finished, you will **NOT** shoot that caliber. A shooter at sign-up will be assigned a position in the relay of shooters. Sign-up will be open at 7:30 am at the Long-Range covered shooting station. A brief safety meeting will begin before each relay, all shooting that relay must attend. A shooter may sign up for all choices then or observe the 30 minutes sign-up deadline.

All shooters must be pre-registered on your entry form; NO WALK UP ALLOWED

CALIBERS – TIMES: (Start times could be later or earlier – we are pushing to be completed by noon)

Big Bore Lever	8:00 – 8:45	100, 200, 300 yds
Big Bore Single (Smokeless)	9:00 – 9:45	100, 200, 300 yds
Big Bore Single (Black Powder)	10:00- 10:45	100, 200, 300 yds
Pistol Caliber	11:00-11:45	75, 100, 200 yds

POSITION: Seated on the ground or seated no higher than 12 inches, off hand or using sticks. So, bring your sticks or borrow your cross sticks. All shooters on the same line and all cross sticks and gun muzzles outside the covered shelter.

QUIET: Things go a lot smoother when we run a quiet firing line. No talking under the shelter. If you need to talk, please exit the shooting area. Respect the shooters!

SHOOT OFFS: If tied at the end of each caliber relay, shooters will be standing off-hand 300 yards.

QUALIFYING HITS: A hit is required at each distance to continue to the next distance. A hit at the wrong target sequence **will not** be scored as a hit. Chain hits **will not** be scored as a hit.

QUALIFYING MATCH: A match consists of 15 scored shots, 5 at each distance. 2 sighter shots at each distance are allowable, if needed, at sighter target only. You must state if you are using the sighter target or for score. Once a shot is accepted for score, the 5 scored shots count. There is a 2 minute time limit for each 5 shot relay.

RICOCHETS: Bullets that mark the target will be scored as a hit. The spotter(s) should inform the shooter if the hit was probably a ricochet.

SPOTTERS: Spotters will indicate hits and misses to the scorekeeper. Hits or misses may be called out verbally.

SCOREKEEPERS: Will keep score for spotters, call shooters to start, and control the 2-minute time limit.

SAFETY FLAG: When flag is out, no firearms are to be touched **SAFETY ALWAYS FIRST!**