

Vale .22 Rimfire Benchrest Match

Our .22 Rimfire Benchrest Match is based on the traditional 50/50 format with one additional target card added. The match is fired at **50 yards** from a shooting bench and is designed to be both competitive and welcoming to shooters of all experience levels.

Match Format

- Distance: **50 yards**
- Course of Fire: **25 shots for score** on each target card
- Time Limit: **20 minutes** per card
- Unlimited sighter shots are permitted.
- Approximately **100 rounds** are recommended, depending on the number of sighter shots fired.

If there is more than one relay, shooters will complete their target card, clear their bench as directed, and allow the next relay to shoot. Targets will be scored after each relay.

Shooters may examine their targets and question a score immediately after scoring. Once the next relay or target card begins, all scores become final.

Equipment

Any two-piece front and rear rest may be used.

- The front and rear rests **may not be connected** in any way.
- Any type of front rest is permitted, including bipods.
- The rear rest must be a sand-filled bag.
- Mechanical rear rests are not permitted.

A high-power scope is helpful but is **not required**.

Safety

When a cease fire is called, shooters must:

- Remove the bolt from their rifle or install an Open Bolt Indicator.
- Step away from the firing line while targets are being changed.

Individual wind flags or indicators are permitted, provided they are placed so they do not interfere with other competitors.

Rifle Classes

There are three rifle classes: Factory, Factory Target (Varmint), and Open / Unlimited.

The Match Director will determine the appropriate class for any rifle based on its configuration and any modifications.

Questions regarding rifle classification may be directed to the Match Director at:

info@snakeriversportsmen.com

Rifle Class Definitions

Factory

A factory-produced, non-target rifle with no non-factory parts installed, either permanently or temporarily. The only exceptions are magazines, bipods, and single-shot adapters.

Custom Shop rifles, regardless of production numbers or retail availability, are **not** considered Factory rifles.

Factory Target (Varmint)

Any .22 rifle specifically designed for rimfire competition, as well as factory rifle actions enhanced with non-factory components such as custom barrels or stocks.

Tuners are not permitted in this class.

Open / Unlimited

The rifle must be fired by direct contact with the trigger by the shooter.

Aside from safe operation, there are no additional equipment restrictions.

Note: A shooter may always compete in a higher class but may not compete in a lower class than their equipment qualifies for.

Additional Rules

Course of Fire

- 25 record shots
- Unlimited sighter shots
- 20-minute time limit
- IBS 25-Bull Target

All record shots must be fired within the allotted time.

Rests

All classes must use separate front and rear rests.

The rests may **not** be connected in any manner, including by placing both rests on a single platform or board, as this effectively creates a one-piece rest.

The rear rest must consist of one or more sandbags.

Mechanically adjustable rear rests are not permitted.

Sights

There are no restrictions on the type of sight or the magnification of telescopic sights.

Rule Interpretations

Interpretation of these rules is the responsibility of the **Match Director**.

Reasonable accommodations for competitors with disabilities may be approved at the discretion of the **Match Director**.