

ISRA's - Second Annual - Battle Rifle Belly Match
Saturday, August 22, 2009

The latest addition to our irregular rifle matches is the Battle Rifle Belly Match. You might call this a three gun, three hundred. It will be entirely slow-fire from the prone position from the 300 yard firing line. The MR-63 target will be used which is the standard high power slow-fire prone target for this distance – the 600 yard target reduced for firing at 300 yards. The course of fire will be three twenty shot matches. Each match will be preceded by a three minute non-firing preparation period. Firing time for each match will be twenty minutes. Competitors may fire up to five sighting shots before firing the twenty shots for record, but all firing must be completed in the twenty minute time period.

The match is generally open to “service rifles”, broadly defined, but **no safe rifle will be turned away**. (A safe rifle will not be of a caliber over 8mm, except for cartridges originally designed for black powder, will be in safe operating condition and will not have a muzzle brake.) Our definition of Service Rifle will be generally the same as per the Civilian Marksmanship Program’s rulebook Section 6.1. It is not limited to “as-issued” rifles as in the John C. Garand Match or Springfield Rifle Match, so M1, M14 or M16 –type rifles as described in Sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2 & 6.2.3 will be in competition, as well as Other U.S. Military Rifles and Foreign Military Rifles as described in Sections 6.3.4 & 6.3.6. The as-issued limitations of Sections 6.3.4 & 6.3.6 will not apply, the rifles described in those sections will be allowed modifications in keeping with the spirit of those allowed for the Sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2 & 6.2.3 rifles.

For those of you who are not used to the “legalese” of the competition rulebooks, what we are saying is that any military rifle of any country may be used so long it is not chambered for a smokeless powder cartridge over 8 mm caliber and is not equipped with a muzzle brake (not to be confused with a flash hider – which is allowed). The rifle may have glass bedding, a replacement barrel of the same contour outside of the handguards as the military barrel, changes to the size of the aperture in standard peep sights, etc. It may not have match sights in place of the military sights and the external dimensions must be generally the same as the original military configuration.

Competitors may use a different rifle in each of the three matches if they wish.

Match winner designation will go to the shooters with the highest scores shot with an AR-15, with any other service rifle other than an AR-15 which has windage adjustable sights and with any service rifle without windage adjustable sights.

Check in time is 8:00 am for all relays. All unclassified shooters must attend the Match and Range Safety Orientation at 8:15. All participants will wear eye and ear protection. Match entry fee is \$25 through August 15. Mail entries – name, address, telephone and a check for \$25 made to ISRA – to ISRA P.O. Box 637 Chatsworth, IL 60921. Late entries will be accepted on the day of the match, up to range capacity. Late registration fee is \$5. Cancellations made by August 15 will receive refunds, less a \$5 cancellation fee.

The ISRA Range is located west of Kankakee, 1½ miles north of Route 17 on Warner Bridge Road. For a map, visit <http://www.isra.org/range/rangedirections.shtml> For further information, contact Claude Heale c/o Precise at (815) 553-0591.