WISCONSIN MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION, INC.

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SANCTIONEDPROGRAM INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR SANCTIONED MATCHES

The host club must be a WMLA member club and can arrange for a sanctioned match through written notification at least one month in advance of any sanctioned match date. This notification must be sent to the Chairperson of Shooting Standards and Safety for the WMLA. All applicable fees and targets shall be forwarded to the Chairperson of Shooting Standards and Safety within two weeks after the Shoot. **Fees should be made payable to the WMLA.** The Rifle Program, Shotgun (Trap and/or Skeet) Program, Chunk Gun Program, and Hunter Program each may be offered as a standalone sanctioned match or can be offered in any combination. All matches can be on a re-entry basis at the discretion of the host club. Adherence to each sanctioned match program rules is required.

FEES FOR SANCTIONED MATCHES

Program Fee

Rifle matches Programs "A", "B", Chunk Gun, or Hunter shall cost $15.00 regardless of program shot. That fee will cover all individual matches held in a program "A" or "B".

The Shotgun Program shall cost $15.00 which covers all matches shot at that event.

For example: should a club host a Rifle program and a Shotgun program the total fee would be $30.00.

Shooter Fee

Clubs holding a Sanctioned match shall collect a $2.00 fee from each WMLA member participating in the shoot. This fee is for the discretionary use of the WMLA.

TARGET RETURN FOR OFFICAL SCORING AND STATE PLACEMENT

Return the top five placing WMLA member targets (or score sheets for trap and skeet) for each individual sanctioned match shot along with the Sanctioned Match Results Form(at http://wiscmla.org/) . The form should list member name, target score, and member number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place WMLA shooters. Each competitors name and WMLA membership number should be listed on the lower right hand corner of their target. Targets and Sanctioned Match Results Form along with the match and shooter's fees should be sent to the Chairperson for Shooting Standards and Safety within two weeks of the shoot for final review. **Shooting Standards and Safety scoring is final.**

STANDARD RULES FOR ALL SHOOTING PROGRAMS

1. Any eye glasses used for eye protection may be used.
2. Hearing protection is recommended but not required.
3. Spotting scopes may be used in all rifle programs.

SANCTIONED RIFLE PROGRAM

The sanctioned rifle program is offered in two program forms as follows:

Program "A"—Consists of all sanctioned matches M-1 thru M-13 with M-9 being a club optional match.

Program "B"—Consists of match M-1 along with at least 2 matches of your choice for a total of not less than 3 matches to be offered.

Description of Equipment

Rifle: For match M-1, M-2, M-3, M-4, M-6, M-8, M-10, M-12, and M-13 the rifle must be any traditionally styled muzzle-loading rifle with an open hammer(As per NMLRA rule #5620). The rifle must have **OPEN SIGHTS** as per NMLRA rule#5010.1 & 5010.2 with the exception that the rear sight may be adjustable. Match 9 & 11 are exceptions to this and do allow for any muzzle-loading rifle as well as any sights except *no scopes* and do allow for shades.

Pistol: For match M-5 any muzzle-loading pistol or revolver may be used. Said pistol or revolver shall be loaded with no more than a single round at a time. The firearm shall be held with one hand only be supported by the same arm only. Sights must be open and may be adjustable.

Smoothbore: For match M-7 any smoothbore long gun with a fixed **front sight only** and open side hammer ignition system may be used. **No set triggers allowed.**

Ammunition: For matches M-1 thru M-13, (excluding Match M-9 and M-11), the projectile must be a patched round ball and the propellant must be Black Powder or any acceptable substitute recognized by the NMLRA. A WMLA exception is that pistols and revolvers may use an un-patched round ball or conical bullet. Match M-9 allows for the use of a patched round ball or a naked conical bullet or sabot. Match M-11 allows for the use of a patched round ball or naked conical bullet but no sabots.

Equipment:

- The use of any type of sling **will not be permitted**
- Cross sticks when permitted will be constructed and used per NMLRA rules #5310, 5320, and 5330.

Scoring:

Any scoring and breaking of ties will be done as per NMLRA rules #10500 thru 10790. A shot takes the value indicated by the **CENTER** of the hole. If the center touches one of the scoring rings of the target then that shot is credited with the value of that ring. Ties shall be broken in the following order or manner.

- The score that has the greatest number of X's shall win.
- The target with the widest shot shall lose; the target with the second widest shot shall lose and so on.
- Using a string measurement which is the total distance from the center of the X ring to the center of each bullet hole. The shortest distance to be the winner.

Description of Targets & Program

All targets to be official NMLRA targets.[1]

M-1 **6 Bull** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black. 25 yd offhand – 5 shots. Top left bull to be practice bull.

M-2 **100 yd Single Bull** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black. 50 yd offhand – 5 shots.

M-3 **Double Bull Buffalo** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black. 50 yd Cross Stick – 5 shots (2 on one and 3 on other)

[1] Targets and rule books can be obtained at www.NMLRA.org

M-4 **100 yd Single Bull** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black**. Flintlock Only** - 25 yd offhand – 5 shots.

M-5 **Pistol target** with X, 10, and 9 ring black. 25 yd Pistol or Revolver- single hand – 10 shots.

M-6 **100 yd Single Bull** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black**. Ladies Match** – 25 yd offhand – 5 shots.

M-7 **Pistol target** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black**. Smoothbore Only** – 25 yd offhand – 5 shots.

M-8 **100 yd Single Bull** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black. **Junior Match** – 25 yd-5 shots. *Competitor to be 14 years or younger* and may opt for any safe firing position.

M-9 **5 Bull Buffalo** with X, 10, and 9 ring black. **Prone Match** – 50yd – 5 shots. Any Rifle, any sights except scopes. Shades allowed. Patched round ball, naked conical, sabots allowed.

M-10 **Double Bull Buffalo** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black**. Ladies Bench Match**- 50 yd- 5 shots(2 shots on one and 3 on other).

M-11 **6 Bull** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black. **Bench Match** – 50 yd- 5 shots. Top left bull to be practice bull. Any muzzleloader with any metallic sights, shades allowed, patched round ball or conical allowed. No sabots. Only one target to be posted per relay. Rifle front to be rested on sand bags and rear to be shoulder support only. Non-trigger hand may be used for support.

M-12 **Double Bull Buffalo** with X, 10, 9, and 8 ring black**. Intermediate Youth Match, (18 yrs or younger)**25 yd offhand – 5 shots(2 on one and 3 on other).

M-13 **Haffner #202 Squirrel target, (must be posted horizontally). Squirrel Gun Match- 40 cal. or less.** 25 yd offhand – 5 shots.

CHUNK GUN PROGRAM CGM2

The Chunk Gun match program will consist of an over the log or from a "chunk of wood" style match which will be 10 shots total at 60 yds.

Description of Equipment

The rifle will be any traditionally styled rifle of any weight or caliber and have an open side hammer (under hammers are accepted). No inline actions or sealed ignitions may be used. Ignition system can be either flint or percussion. False muzzles cannot be used. The rifle must have open sights (As per NMLRA rules 5010.1 & 5010.2), however the rear sight may be adjustable. The use of shades both one and two piece is allowed.

Ammunition

Cloth patched round ball only. No Teflon impregnated patching is allowed. The propellant must be Black Powder or any acceptable substitute recognized by the NMLRA.

WMLA Rules

1. The rifle to be used in the match must be presented for inspection and tagging at the registration table prior to the start of any match being fired.

2. Shooter may provide his own "chunk" and the use of sandbags on the "chunk" is allowed.

3. Canting bars that are properly mounted will be allowed.

4. The placing of spotters of any size or color on the target to be used as a sighting aid is allowed.

5. Matches must be shot from the prone position and over the "chunk". Kneeling

or sitting behind the "chunk" is not allowed.

6. No sight adjustments may be made once a match has started.

Scoring

Score to be determined by string measurement using a **dial caliper only**. Any shot whose center is out of the black 4" circle will be scored as 2.5 inches automatically with no exception. The total length of the shot string will determine the shooters scoring position with the shortest being the first place. All scoring is to be by NMLRA rule #5450.

Description of Target

The target is to be a standard "Chunk Gun" target. The target is to be a 4" black circle with a centered X on each. A match consists of 10 individual targets shot, one shot each.

HUNTER PROGRAM

The Hunter March Program will consist of matches **HM1 thru HM4 in aggregate.** Each grouping,(HM1-HM4) shall constitute one entry/reentry**. Entries may not be separated to obtain best possible aggregate score.**

Description of Equipment

Any muzzleloading rifle or smooth bore that is legal for hunting in Wisconsin may be used.

Ammunition

Any acceptable hunting bullet, cloth patched round ball, naked conical, or conical with sabots are allowed. The propellant is to be Black Powder or any acceptable substitute recognized by the NMLRA.

Program Rules

1. Slings and shooting sticks may be used. A legal shooting stick is defined as having a single point of contact with the ground. The contact point must be blunt and no larger than 1 ¼" in diameter. The contact end of the stick must rest on the surface of the ground and may not be pushed or driven into the ground. The shooting stick may not be attached to the firearm in any way.

2. Shooting positions will be standing, sitting, kneeling, or above positions with stick support. Shooters may shoot from a seated position using a seat that has no back or arm rests. No cross-sticks, bench, prone or prone supported position will be allowed.

3. Hunter match must be shot with a single rifle only.

4. Targets are to be posted as the target was printed; i.e., target information at bottom.

Scoring

At the scorer's discretion targets may be turned into the scorer upon completion of each single target for ease of scoring rather than in sets. Scorers are to maintain the targets in sets, not as single targets. Targets are be numbered and given out in sets only, i.e. "Set 1"," Set 2", etc. Targets are to be forwarded to the Shooting Standards and Safety Chairperson as sets, not as single targets. Any scoring and breaking of ties will be done as per NMLRA rules #10500 thru 10790. Ties shall be broken in the following order or manner and the M100, Standing Buffalo Target shall be the tie breaking target.

1. The Score that has the greatest number of X's.

2. The target with the widest shot shall lose. The target with the second widest shot shall lose and so on.

3. Using a string measurement which is the total distance from the center of the X to the center of each bullet hole. The shortest distance to be the winner.

Description of Targets

M202 – Running Squirrel - Black silhouette with X and 10 thru 5 scoring. **HM1 shot at 25 yds, 5 shots.**

M701 – Running Fox – black silhouette with X and 10 thru 5 scoring. **HM2 shot at 25 yds, 5 shots.**

M100 – Standing Buffalo – black silhouette with X and 10 thru 1 scoring. **HM3 shot at 50 yds, 5 shots.**

M711 – Standing Bear – black silhouette with X and 10 thru 2 scoring**. HM4 shot at 50 yds, 5 shots.**

POSTAL MATCH

The Postal match consists of **4 targets** published in the Badger State magazine. **One is posted each quarter**. The **first target** for the year will be in the **Winter addition** and the **last** will be in the **Fall** edition so that the 4 targets can be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Postal Rules

1. All targets to be shot at 25 yds offhand, 5 shots.
2. **All targets turned in for scoring must be the originals from Badger State pages, no copies.** You may make copies to use as *practice* targets if you wish.
3. An **entry fee of $2.00** must be sent with **each target** submitted for scoring.
4. **All targets must be received by the Shooting Standards and Safety Chairperson by the 31st of December.** They may be sent one at a time or all at once or however the shooter wants but all targets and entry fee must be in before the deadline.
5. Any rifle that meets the requirements for use in matches M-1 thru M-4 of the Sanctioned Rifle Program may be used.

Scoring

Scoring and breaking of ties will be done as per NMLRA rules #10500 thru 10790. A shot takes the value indicated by the **CENTER** of the hole. If the center touches one of the scoring rings then that shot is credited with the value of that ring. Ties shall be broken in the following manner.

- The aggregate score with the greatest number of X's.
- The Shooting and Safety chairperson shall select one of the 4 targets to be used to break ties.

SHOTGUN PROGRAM

The sanctioned shotgun program has five matches and in sanctioned shooting are offered as follows: MS-1 must always be offered along with either MS-2 or MS-3 for a total of no less than 2 matches. MS-4 and MS-5 which are skeet will remain as optional matches and may be offered as a stand alone match.

The WMLA trap program shall consist of the following two classes.

1. Class A: Traditional styled muzzleloading shotguns of single or double barrel, either original or reproduction that uses percussion or flint ignition and load from the muzzle. In-line actions, sealed ignitions, and removable chokes are not allowed.
2. Class AA: Any style muzzleloading shotgun of single or double barrel. In-line actions, sealed ignitions, and removable chokes are allowed for this class.

Ammunition

Ammunition shall consist of black powder or any acceptable substitute recognized by NMLRA. Plastic wads and shot sleeves are **NOT** permitted.

Firearm Position

Both matches may be shot with the firearm in the shoulder position when calling for a bird.

Range

The range for a Class A or Class AA sanctioned match must be set up in accordance with A.T.A. specifications.

Distance

- **MS-1**: **Class A** will be 15 birds from 10 yds., with 3 birds shot from each position.

- **MS-2: Class AA** will be 20 birds from 16 yds., with 4 birds shot from each position.

- **MS-3**: **Flintlock Only** Shall be 15 birds from 10 yds., with 3 birds shot from each position**. .**

- **MS-4: Skeet** match shall be 16 birds, 1 high house, 1 low house, not thrown simultaneously. Shot from stations 1 thru 8. Class A and AA single barrel guns may be used, flint or percussion ignition. Skeet matches must be shot on a regulation field.

- **MS-5 Skeet** match shall be 24 birds, 1 high house and 1 low house, not thrown simultaneously. Shot from stations 1 thru 8. Also a double from stations 1,2,6, and 7, thrown from the high house and low house simultaneously. All station shall be shot completely, in sequence. Class A and AA double barrel guns may be used, flint or percussion ignition. Skeet matches must be shot on a regulation field.

Scoring

All scoring shall be per NMLRA rules #8130 thru 8190.

Note: when ties cannot be broken at the end of the year using NMLRA rules, then a tie shall be declared and duplicate medals will be awarded. Any type of malfunction or misfire will not result in a lost bird and the shooter can call for a second bird with no penalty. Any shooter that experiences two consecutive malfunctions, where the weapon did not discharge, will be asked to leave the firing line with assistance from the Range Officer. The weapon is to be cleared of fouling and inspected before returning it to the firing line.

Perfect Score

In the event that there is a perfect score shot the shooter will continue shooting until they miss. (To facilitate tie breaking for the state recognition)

Score Sheets

All score sheets are to be returned with each competitor listed with WMLA member number, score, and placing. The host club and shoot date must be indicated on the score sheet.