

## **Mid-Range Prone Regional**

# hosted by Panola County Gun Club, Carthage, Texas 27-28 April 2024

**Range Location:** PCGC is located at ~ 5221 FM 2517, Carthage, TX (NOT a mailing address). Google maps will also bring you to the range. Also see website: <a href="http://epcgc.com/?page\_id=25">http://epcgc.com/?page\_id=25</a>

**Range Access:** Entrance gate will be unlocked  $\sim 30$  min prior to match start time. Gate will be locked  $\sim$  when the first competitors go to the pits.

*Daily Start Times:* Squadding will be posted on the PCGC website (www.epcgc.com) prior to each day's matches. Check-in will begin at 7:00 am. Safety Brief is at 7:30 am. Pits are sealed at 7:45 am. The match begins no later than 8:00 am.

*Governing Rules:* Current NRA High Power Rifle and NRA F-Class rules apply. Rulebooks can be obtained at https://competitions.nra.org/competition-resources/rule-books/. The Match Director reserves the right to disqualify any unsafe rifle, ammunition, or competitor.

Course of Fire: Sighters and 20 record shots in 22 minutes Saturday, April 27, 2024

- Match 1: Unlimited sighters, 20 shots for record at 600 yds.
- Match 2: 2 sighters, 20 shots for record at 600 yds.
- Match 3: 2 sighters, 20 shots for record at 600 yds.
- Match 4: Daily Aggregate of Matches 1-3

## Sunday, April 25, 2024

- Match 5: Unlimited sighters, 20 shots for record at 600 yds.
- Match 6: 2 sighters, 20 shots per record at 600 yds.
- Match 7: 2 sighters, 20 shots per record at 600 yds
- Match 8: Daily Aggregate of Matches 5-7
- Match 9: Grand Aggregate, the sum of Matches 4 and 8

*Targets:* MR-1 and MR-1FC bullseye targets will be used.

**Entries:** Entry forms completed/submitted electronically via link here, or complete and mail enclosed form.

- Advanced entries are required. Entry forms **and** fees must be received by **Tuesday**, **April 16**, **2024**. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed for entries received after this date.
- Entry forms may be emailed but will be considered standby entries until payment is received. Completed registrations will be acknowledged by email from the Match Director or Statistician.
- If entry forms are emailed, they **do not** need to be printed and mailed with the entry fees.
- Make check or money order payable to "Panola County Gun Club" and mail to PCGC, 107 Belair St, Carthage, TX 75633. Electronic payments can be accepted via Zelle to Yvonne Roberts at kd4kty@gmail.com.
- The field will be limited to the first 48 paid competitors (3 relays).

Entry Fees: \$85 for the two-day aggregate (\$45 for juniors). As space permits, one day \$55 (\$30 juniors).

**Refunds:** Entry fees will only be refunded if notification is made by 5pm CST, Monday, April 22. "No shows" will not be refunded.

Updated 240301 to 2024 rulebooks

**Practice Firing:** The 600-yard range will NOT be available for sight-in on Friday, 25 April.

**Challenge Fee:** \$2 will be charged for each challenge but will be refunded if challenge is sustained. All scores are tentative until publication of the final bulletin. Notify the Statistical Officer of any apparent errors.

Equipment: In accordance with current NRA rules, allowed rifles are as follows: Service Rifle (3.1), Any Rifle/Any Sights (3.2); Match Rifle (3.3), Palma Rifle (3.3.1), Tactical AR (23 and 3.3.3), F-Class Open (F-O) (FClass 3.1.a and 3.2.a) and F-Class Target Rifle (F/TR) (FClass 3.1.b and 3.2.b). Except for Tactical AR rifles, compensators, suppressors, and muzzle brakes are prohibited (Section 23 paragraph 3.16.1). Empty chamber indicators (ECI) are required (3.21).

**Ammunition:** Competitors are required to furnish their own safe ammunition. Any defective or unsafe ammunition will be removed from the firing line. Any competitor that cannot get/stay on target will be removed from the firing line. No tracers or AP are allowed. No calibers larger than 0.35 may be used at PCGC. <u>All 5.56</u> / .223 ammunition must utilize a 62-grain or heavier bullet at the 600 yard-line.

**Scoring:** Competitors must perform scoring duties.

- Competitors will score using a spotting scope (not scopes on the rifle).
- Signed scorecards are to be turned in by the scorekeepers following the completion of each match.
- Errors on a scorecard should be crossed out and initialed by the scorer. Erasures and/or changes without the scorer's initials could disqualify the individual competitor for that match.

**Challenge Period**: The challenge period will end 15 minutes after the posting of scores and when the competitors in the pits return to the firing line. The statistics officer will resolve all protests.

Pit Service & Requirements: Competitors must perform target pulling/scoring duties in the pits.

- Competitors must ride the trolley to/from the 600-yard line and the pits; no walking back/forth.
- Paid (hired) pullers are not available, but competitors must notify the Match Director if they make their
  own arrangements for a puller. Competitors not physically able to pull targets must provide their own
  qualified target puller and notify the Match Director. Hired pullers may pull on behalf of a competitor at
  the competition. The hired puller will pull when it is the competitor's responsibility to be in the pits. If
  the competitor does not accompany their hired puller to the pits, that competitor must stay behind the
  ready line.
- Hearing and eye protection are required to be worn/used. Also, wearing of a billed hat is highly encouraged.
- Except for match staff, non-competitors are not allowed in the pits unless prior approval & permission is obtained from the Match Director. These individuals must abide by the pit rules.

## Range Amenities:

- Portable toilets are available behind the firing line and in the pits.
- There is no potable water at the range, but bottled water will be available in the pits.
- Shade canopies (personal) are only permitted in the parking area; no shade canopies behind the 600-yard line (area between the concrete and the tree line). Owners assume all risks.
- Catered lunch may possibly be available for purchase. There will be a NEW caterer as Pop's is now operating within Grain & Grind in Carthage.

## Range Rules & Policies:

- On the firing-line, competitors as well as any observers must wear hearing protection. The use and proper wearing of eye protection is highly encouraged.
- Brass must be picked up, even if the competitor does not want to keep it.

- Trash must be placed in a trash bag, where available, or leave with the competitor.
- Speed limit on range roads is 15 mph.
- Chamber Flags: The use of an empty chamber indicator (ECI) is always required even while the rifle is in the case. Only during a preparation period or actual firing may the ECI be removed from the rifle. ECI's may be purchased for \$1.00 each.
- Magazines and loading blocks may only be inserted in the rifle during the preparation period or live firing.
- Level-loading is required. Rifles must be pointed at the impact berm or lower while closing the bolt.
- Mobile Phones: Cell phone use is prohibited when firing, scoring, or performing pit duties. Use of a cell phone to keep time is permitted only when "cellular data" is turned off, i.e., the phone is in airplane mode.

**Results**: Match results will be temporarily posted on the Club home page, <a href="www.epcgc.com">www.epcgc.com</a>, and then archived by year at <a href="http://epcgc.com/?page\_id=123">http://epcgc.com/?page\_id=123</a>. Competitors will be able to download and save and/or print their own results.

#### Awards:

- Daily and grand aggregate place awards, based on the results of Matches 4, 8 and 9, will be presented to the winners by rifle type. If there are not five entries within a particular rifle type, then that rifle type will be deleted and individuals in that rifle type will be moved to another. As an example, Palma and/or Service could be combined with Match Rifle to form a Sling category vice having individual Service, Match, and/or Palma rifle categories. F-Open and F-T/R will not be combined. If there are less than five entries in either F-Open or F-T/R, then only first place will be awarded per rifle type.
- Awards will also be made within classifications by rifle type for the daily and grand aggregate scores if there are a minimum of five competitors within that classification. Classes will be combined upward as required except that the High Master class will not be combined. If less than 5, the High Master classification will fire for place awards only.
- The number of classification awards is determined by the number of competitors within that classification. Second, third, fourth place, etc., awards will be given based on one award for each five (5) competitors, i.e., second 6-10; third 11-15, etc.
- Competitors winning a grand aggregate place award may not receive a Special Category Award.
- Competitors who receive a daily or grand aggregate award will not receive a classification award in that same match (daily or grand aggregate).
- A single "Special Category Award" will be awarded based upon rifle type for the Grand Aggregate (Match 9) scores if there are three (3) or more competitors in that rifle type for that special category. The Special Category Award recipients may receive daily aggregate place awards and/or classification awards for daily or grand aggregate matches.

*NRA Distinguished Rifleman Award:* Steps toward this distinguished award will be reported based on the Grand Aggregate (Match 9) score.

*National Records*: May be set in accordance with Section 17 of the current NRA Highpower rulebook. Competitors must be an NRA member to set a National Record.

- Courses of fire which National Records potentially be established are as follows:
  - o Mid-Range Course of Fire Any Sights (17.5 (w) or (x))
  - o Mid-Range Course of Fire F-Class (17.5 (g))

Recognition for individual scores fired as a special group ("Police", "Service") may also be fired.

*Motels:* are located at the intersection of the east loop around Carthage and FM 699.

• Best Western: (903) 693-6700, \*\*Mention PCGC for discount

Western Twelve Oaks: 903-693-7828Holiday Inn Express: 903-693-8585

• Baymont Inn/Regal Hotel: 903-631-0010

• Super 8 by Wyndham: 903-693-7200

• There are numerous RV parks in the Carthage area.

Area information: See <a href="http://epcgc.com/?page\_id=25">http://epcgc.com/?page\_id=25</a> for local dining, attractions, airport, etc. information.