

PCGC 2025 Highpower Prone Match Program for Fullbore (FB) and Mid Range (MR) Prone



Attendees Anticipated: (per match) 15

Tournament Dates: Matches are generally held the first Sunday of the first full weekend of the month unless noted in the table below or published otherwise on the Club's website. Deviations from this norm are indicated with an * (not normal schedule) or ^ (pre-registration required and governed by a separate match program). Match dates are as shown in the following table:

7:30 AM start unless noted	MR: 3x600	FB: 3, 5, 600
January	None	5 th (9 AM, Club)
February	2 nd (9AM, Club)	None
March	^22-23 4States, 2Man Tm Ch	None
April	6 th (NRA)	None
May	4 th (NRA)	None
June	None	None
July	*13 th (Club)	None
August	*31 st (NRA)	None
September	None	None
October	^4-5 th MR Prone Reg & Club Ch	None
November	None	None
December	7 th (9 AM, NRA)	None

Host & website: Panola County Gun Club (Carthage, Texas); www.epcgc.com

Match Directors: John Ilzhoffer, Gregg Foster; K. Rusty Hogg; Jerry Iliff (jerryepcgc@gmail.com); or Yvonne Roberts (kd4kty@gmail.com)

Range Location: ~ 5221 FM 2517, Carthage, TX (NOT a mailing address). GPS: 32° - 7' - 4" North / 94° - 9' - 10" West. [Google maps](#) will also bring you to the range.

Range Access: Entrance gate will be unlocked ~ 30 min prior to registration closing time. Close gate behind you. Gate will be locked ~ when the first competitors go to the pits / start of the

first preparation period.

Entries / Registration: NEW for 2025 - Except for the Regional where pre-registration is required, registration is on the day of the match IN THE PIT AREA. Entries close fifteen minutes prior to the match start time (7:15 AM). Note that the January, February, and December matches will start at 9 AM, so these entries close at 8:45.

Entry Limit: The maximum range capacity is 64 (16 firing points x 4 relays) when pulled targets are used. When electronic targets are utilized, the maximum is 20 (5 club e-targets x 4 relays). PCGC has ordered Shotmarker targets. It is anticipated that they will be first used during the July 2025 match.

Match Start Time: NEW for 2025 - Unless noted in the match schedule table, or published otherwise on the Club's website, matches begin at 7:30 AM. Note that the January, February, and December matches will start at 9 AM. No equipment on the firing line (concrete) until the relay is called to the line.

Match Fees: NRA sanctioned \$35 (Juniors \$15); Club matches \$25 (Juniors \$10).

Governing Rules: Matches designated as "Club" will be run in accordance with NRA High Power Rifle or NRA F-Class Rule Books, as applicable to the rifle. For the matches shot at 300, 500, and

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600 yards, these will be fired in accordance with the NRA International Fullbore Prone Rifle rules. Current rulebooks may be found at <https://competitions.nra.org/competition-resources/rule-books/>.

Competitors are responsible for being aware of the Match Program; following all posted safety regulations as well as those announced at the match safety brief; and knowing the contents of the current NRA rule book.

Other Information: No equipment on the firing line (concrete) until the relay is called to the line. Each relay will be called to the line ~ 5 minutes prior to the start of the preparation period.

Competitors will score, work target pits (if necessary) and assist range personnel as required. Competitors are expected to stay and perform pit and scoring duties until all firing is complete. Please do not enter a match if you cannot stay until firing is complete for the day. Paid (hired) pullers are not available, but competitors must notify the Match Director if they make their own arrangements for a puller.

In the pits, hearing and eye protection are required to be worn/used. Also, wearing of a billed hat is highly encouraged. 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.

Competitors must drive or ride to/from the 500 and 600-yard line and the pits; no walking back/forth. Speed limit on range roads is 15 mph.

Trash must be placed in a trash bag, where available, or leave the range with the competitor. Brass must be picked up, even if the competitor does not want to keep it.

There are no lunch breaks; bring whatever you require to sustain yourself through the matches. This includes water as there is no water supply at the range.

The match director reserves the right to modify the course of fire and/or pit rotations based on the number of shooters, weather and range conditions.

Electronic Targets (e-targets): PCGC has ordered Shotmarker targets. It is anticipated that they will be first used during the July 2025 match. Competitors are required to bring their own electronic device to interface with the Shotmarker system. Pulled targets may be used in lieu of e-targets as deemed necessary by the match director. Also, because electronic targets are prone to causing range alibis, it is suggested that competitors bring enough short-range ammo for a couple of extra strings and additional 600 yard ammo. An addendum may be published to this match program to delineate PCGC practices concerning e-targets.

Pit Duty: Every competitor is required to pull targets when electronic targets are not in use. When electronic targets are in use, every person will be required to assist with set up and tear down of electronic targets including refacing the targets.

Course of Fire & Time Allotment:

- **Fullbore:** 15 shots each at 300, 500, and 600 yards (Matches #1, #2, and #3 respectively), string or pair firing. Match #4 is the aggregate of matches #1- #3. Total time string firing is 1 minute per shot, including sighters. For pair firing, the time allowance is 45 seconds per shot. For the first shot, the time starts from the command commence fire. On subsequent shots, the time allowed starts from when the target score has been recorded.

- **Mid Range:** 20 shots each match, string fire. Total time with sighters is 22 minutes.

Match #1: 600 YD SF, Target MR1 or MR1F, unlimited sighting shots, 20 shots for record

Match #2: 600 YD SF, Target MR1 or MR1F, 2 sighting shots, 20 shots for record

Match #3: 600 YD SF, Target MR1 or MR1F, 2 sighting shots, 20 shots for record

Match #4: Aggregate of Matches #1-#3

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Sighters:

- **Fullbore:** Convertible sighters where at the competitor's option they elect to keep either the second sighter or the first and second sighter shots as record shots. If the competitor elects to take the first sighter, he or she must take the second sighter as a record shot. The competitor must make their intention clear to the scorer immediately after the sighters are fired and before any further record shots are fired. Coaching will not be allowed.
- **Mid Range:** There are unlimited sighters for the first string and a maximum of 2 sighters on subsequent strings. Total time with sighting shots is 22 minutes. The competitor must notify the score keeper if they elect to take none or fewer than the allowed sighting shots if The total of the 3 matches will be combined for a grand aggregate.

Targets: 300yds MR-63 / MR63FC; 500yds MR-65/MR-65FC; 600yds MR1/MR-1FC

Challenge Fee: \$1 will be charged for lost challenges. Challenges must be made immediately upon announcement of the score. No challenge will be accepted after the targets have been pasted. Scores may only be challenged prior to awards.

Classifications: NRA Highpower classification will be used. Rule 19.6 "assigned classification" may be used. Unclassified competitors and shooters without proof of classification will compete in the Master Class.

Equipment: The use of compensators or muzzle brakes is prohibited. Sound suppressors are not authorized for use in competition. Rifle types are divided into 3 categories as follows:

- #1: Sling rifle consisting of Service Rifle(HP rule 3.1 a-e); Any/Match Rifle(HP rule 3.2/3.3); and Palma Rifle (HP Rule 3.3.1);
- #2: Tactical Rifle (AR) as defined by HP Rules Section 23 Tactical Rifles on the AR-Platform chambered in either .223 cal/5.56mm or larger than .223/5.56mm up to and including .308 cal. / 7.62mm;
- #3: F-Class which are defined by the F-Class rule book and are either Open (F-O); or F-Class Target Rifle (F/TR). The F-TR competitors may be separated from the F-Open for award purposes if more than 3 people are entered in the F-TR category.

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. All 5.56 / .223 ammunition must utilize a 62-grain or heavier bullet at the 600 yard-line.

Chamber Flags: The use of an empty chamber indicator (ECI) is always required even while the rifle is in the case. The ECI may only be removed from the rifle during a preparation period or when firing. Upon completion of firing, the ECI must be re-inserted.

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.

Coaching: Is only permitted during the unlimited sighting period (HP Rule 9.2) with the primary purpose to assist with getting shots on target. Any competitor that cannot get/stay on target will be removed from the firing line.

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Electronic Devices: All electronic communication and audio devices forward of the ready line are to be silenced and communications disabled (rule 3.22) This prohibition applies when shooting, scoring, and 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. Additionally, for F-Class competitors personal wind devices of all types are prohibited forward of the ready line (F class rule 3.9.1). Further all devices or equipment which may facilitate shooting are forbidden (rule 3.18), this includes chronographs of all types during competition.

Challenge Period: The challenge period will end 15 minutes after the completion of the match, but not before competitors in the pits return to the firing line. The statistics officer will resolve all protests.

Results: Match results will be temporarily posted on the Club home page, www.epcgc.com, and then archived by year at https://epcgc.com/?page_id=4441. Competitors will be able to download and save / print their own results.

Awards: For 2025, a club medallion instead of cash will be awarded to the top-scoring (grand aggregate) F-class competitor (combined F-O and F/TR) unless there are 5 or more F/TR competitors and to the top-scoring (grand aggregate) target (sling) rifle competitor (combined all rifle types) unless there are 5 or more rifle types, e.g. Service rifle, Palma rifle, Match/Any rifle). If a competitor does not want a club medallion, they will be awarded \$5.00. Provided there are 5 or more competitors (per rifle type (combined F-class and combined sling), match winners will receive \$3.00. Class winners will only be recognized if there are 6 or more competitors in a class such that the 1st in class will receive \$3.00. If there are 9 or more competitors in a class, the 2nd in class will receive \$2.00.

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

- Baymont Inn – Carthage (903) 694-9075
 - **Best Western – Carthage (903) 693-6700,
 - Western 12 Oaks - Carthage (903) 693-7828
 - Holiday Inn Express – Carthage (903) 693-8585
 - **Pop’s Place RV Park – 490 County Rd 104, Carthage 903-631-0236
 - Many other RV parks in the Carthage area
- **Mention PCGC for discount

Area information: See http://epcgc.com/?page_id=25 for information and links to local dining, attractions/entertainment, airports, etc.