

PCGC 2025 Smallbore Prone Match Program



Attendees Anticipated: (per match) 8

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	
January	11 th (9 AM, Club)
February	8 th (9 AM, Club)
March	15 th
April	12 th (NRA)
May	10 th (NRA)
June	None
July	None
August	None
September	13 th
October	11 th (NRA)
November	8 th Club Ch (NRA)
December	20 th (9 AM, Club)

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

Match Directors: Clayton Brakeville or Randy Nash

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 – Registration is on the day of the match IN THE PIT AREA of the 600 yard range. Entries close thirty minutes prior to the match start time (7:00 AM). Note that the January, February, and December matches will start at 9 AM, so these entries close at 8:30.

Entry Limit: The maximum range capacity is 12 firing points (only 1 relay will be squadded).

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 until the relay is called to the line.

Match Fees: NRA sanctioned \$20 (Juniors \$15); Club matches \$15 (Juniors \$10).

Governing Rules: Matches designated as "Club" will be run in accordance with NRA Smallbore Rifle Rule Book. The current rulebook 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 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.

This is a walk and score and place (with push pin) new targets match. All competitors must walk to/from the firing line to the targets and move targets to/from 50 and 100 yard lines. Push pins are provided to place targets on the frame. **No staple guns will be used.** Paid (hired) target handling persons are not available, but competitors must notify the Match Director if they make their own arrangements for a target handling person. Competitors are expected to stay and perform target handling 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.

Speed limit on range roads is 15 mph.

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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 based on the number of shooters, weather and range conditions.

Personal Safety Equipment Requirements: Competitors as well as any observers must wear hearing protection. The use and proper wearing of eye protection is highly encouraged.

Course of Fire/Time Limits: The match consists of 120 record shots with unlimited sighters on each target. The total time limit per target is 20 minutes: 20 record shots and unlimited sighters. Each 20-shot stage is timed separately. The competitor may shoot the record targets in any order, but the targets will be scored as if the competitor fired the targets in the numbered order on the target card.

(NEW for 2025) All F-Class and telescopic or any sight rifles will utilize the metric prone targets and course of fire. Shooters utilizing metallic sights may opt to shoot the metric prone targets but are otherwise permitted to utilize the conventional prone targets and course of fire. New shooters of any age and junior shooters utilizing any type of sights are also permitted to utilize the conventional prone targets and course of fire.

Stage	Conventional Prone (7.2.1)	Metric Prone (7.4, *17.5)
1	40 shots @ 50yd (A-23)	40 shots @ 50yd (A-51)
2	40 shots @ 50yds (A-27; 50m reduced 50yd)	Dewar Course: 20 shots @ 50yd (A-51) AND 20 shots @ 100 (A-33)40 shots @ 50yds (A-51)
3	40 shots @ 100yds (A-25)	40 shots @ 100yds (A-33)
5	Aggregate of stages 1-3	Aggregate of stages 1-3

Targets: sling rifles: A-23, A-25, A-27; F-class rifles A-51, A-33.

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 Smallbore 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: Any .22 caliber rimfire chambered for cartridges commercially catalogued as the .22 Short, .22 Long, or .22 Long Rifle cartridges. Multi-shot rifles may be used but must be loaded one round at a time. Rifle types are divided into 2 categories as follows:

#1 Sling: Rifle per rule 3.1; Any rifle per rule 3.2; Light rifle per rule 3.3, or Junior Rifle per rule 3.4. All of which may utilize sights per rule 3.7 as metallic (a), telescopic (b), or any (c).

#2 F-Class rifle: Thus, for both F-Open (F-O) or F-Class Target Rifle (F-TR) refer to NRA Smallbore Rulebook Section 23 F-Class Smallbore Rules 3.1.1 (rifle), 3.1.2 (rests) and 3.7 (sights) in their entirety. For both F-O and F-TR, the rifle’s overall weight, including all attachments such as sights and bipod, must not exceed 8.25 kilograms (approximately 18.18 pounds).

Ammunition will be furnished by the competitor. Only .22 caliber rimfire chambered for cartridges commercially catalogued as the .22 Short, .22 Long, or .22 Long Rifle cartridges with an overall length not more than 1.1 inches and loaded with a lead or alloy bullet not larger than .23 inch diameter. No hollow point, tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets. Nor .22 magnum, 17 HMR, etc.

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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 not permitted. A competitor who wishes to speak with a coach or leader, must unload and leave their rifle in a safe condition on the firing line and then confer with a coach or leader off the firing line (rule 9.10). Coaching may be allowed for juniors but their scores will not be eligible for national records or national standing (rule 19.4.1)

Electronic Devices: All electronic communication and audio devices forward of the ready line are to be silenced and communications disabled (rule 3.23) This prohibition applies when shooting, scoring, and performing target handling 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. 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 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. iron sight only rifle, Match/Any rifle). If a competitor does not want a club medallion, they will be awarded \$5.00.

Club Championship Awards: For the Club Championship match (November), a Club Champion plaque will be awarded to the winner, one each for F-Class and for target rifle. If there are six or more competitors in F-Class and/or target rifle, a medallion will be awarded to the second place winner. The winners may elect to receive cash instead of the plaque or medallion, if awarded. There will not be classification awards. Only a PCGC member may receive a Club Championship plaque.

Lodging & Area Information: Motels are located at the intersection of the east loop around Carthage and FM 699. See http://epcgc.com/?page_id=25 for information and links to local dining, attractions/entertainment, airports, etc.

- 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

Handy Rule Reference:

Competitor Responsibility (18.15)	Cross-Fires (9.25 and 10.10.4)
Excessive Hits (9.25 and 14.7)	Decisions of Ties (15.7.1)
Hits on the Wrong Target or Bullseye (14.10)	Visible Hits and Close Groups (14.9)