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Definitions, Rules and Procedures for the Wyoming Schuetzen Union “Election Day Challenge” and the “William Hayes” Matches



Match Description-

The Wyoming Schuetzen Union “Election Day Challenge” match is an Any Sight, Offhand, 100-shot match shot with the goal of breaking the record score set by **Dr. W.G. Hudson of 2301/2500**. The “William Hayes Match” is an Iron Sight, Offhand, 100-shot match shot with the goal of breaking the record score set by **William Hayes of 2216/2500**. Competitors wishing to shoot these two matches simultaneously under the same entry fee may do so as long as Iron Sights are used exclusively in competition. Telescopic sights are allowed for the “Election Day Challenge” match but will disqualify a competitor from the “William Hayes” match. Any competitor breaking the 2301/2500 “Election Day Challenge” score with Iron Sights will win the total amount of money in the prize account. Competitors breaking the 2211/2500 “William Hayes” score are entitled only to that prize money in the account specific to that match.

Entry-

Entry will be \$20.00 per shooter. Entry is unlimited. Competitors will present the Schuetzenmeister with the entry fee before shooting the match; it is the responsibility of the Schuetzenmeister to forward the entries to the Wyoming Schuetzen Union to be deposited in the “Election Day Challenge” prize account. Competitors electing to not finish the match of 100 shots in one day will not be refunded their entry fee. Competitors wishing to re-enter the match on the same day must pay another \$20.00 entry.

Certification of Targets-

Shooting and targets must be witnessed by five individuals, one of which must be a club Schuetzenmeister or range officer. Targets will be the German Ring consisting of 1 1/2-inch 25-ring and 3/4-inch scoring rings and may extend out to the 1ring. Targets that are sent in to the Wyoming Schuetzen Union for recording or prize-claiming must be signed by all five witnesses. Witness addresses and phone numbers must be provided to the Wyoming Schuetzen Union by the Schuetzenmeister. Targets sent to the Wyoming Schuetzen Union will be inspected and verified for authenticity by the Schuetzen Board before any prize money is released from the prize account. The Wyoming Schuetzen Union will be responsible for determining that the competitor and witnesses understood and followed the rules of the match. Any departure from these stated rules for competition or certification will render submitted scores null and void.



Rules for Competition-

The official rules for competition in the “Election Day Challenge” match and the “William Hayes” match will be the Wyoming Schuetzen Union rules for Offhand competition in the Traditional Class. Additional rules specific to these particular matches are

1. The “William Hayes” match is an Iron Sight Offhand match.
2. The “Election Day Challenge” match is an Any Sight match.
3. There will be only 100 consecutive shots fired for score in one day’s shooting specific to one entry. Competitors may fire more than one 100-shot score in a given day.
4. A competitor may sight-in prior to the firing of his record shots but not from the same position on the firing line or Schuetzen house that he uses to fire his record score. The first shot fired from the position that is to be used for the firing of the match will be the first record shot for score.
5. Ten shots will be fired on each of ten targets. Targets with more than ten shots will be disqualified.
6. A competitor may commence firing for score at first available shooting light as determined by the Schuetzenmeister. He may continue to shoot until last available shooting light as determined by the Schuetzenmeister. Scores may not be shot with the use of artificial light.
7. There will be no coaching, spotting, or calling of conditions by any outside party.
8. The Schuetzenmeister is charged with determining that the competitor fires his rifle at the target 100 times for record. Any shot fired after the rifle is brought to the shoulder will be counted as record shots. Charges fired in competition without bullets will be counted as record shots.
9. Competitors attempting to deceive the Schuetzenmeister and/or witnesses, or falsify targets in any way, will forfeit all entry fees and will be banned from any further competition in the Wyoming Schuetzen Union.
10. A copy of these Definitions, Rules and Procedures signed by the shooter, certifying they have read and understood the rules must be returned along with the score targets to be entered.

Signed: _____ Date Score was Shot: _____

Printed Name of Shooter:

April 26, 2005



THE WYOMING SCHUETZEN UNION - RULES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DEFINITIONS

TRADITIONAL CLASS RULES-

1. Any single shot rifle, foreign or domestic, manufactured prior to 1917. Reproductions of pre-1917 patents are allowed. Examples of traditional actions include, but are not limited to, the Ballard, Remington, Sharps, Stevens, Bullard, Maynard, Sharps-Borchardt, Remington-Hepburn, Winchester, Farrow, and Wesson. Action types that do not meet the pre-1917 requirement include, but are not limited to, the Ruger, Peregrine, Miller, Falling Block Works, Hall, and Thompson/Center. Rifles must be pre-approved by the Schuetzenmeister or Shooter's Jury to qualify for Traditional class. Rifles that do not meet the Traditional Class requirements will be eligible for competition in open Class.
2. Technology cutoff of circa-1917 as regards patents, sights, cartridges, loading techniques, and general configuration of the Schuetzen rifle. No modern block-style or flared-bottom forearms. Old-style muzzle rest "feet" are allowed, but must be attached to the barrel. No modern Olympic-style sights, diopters, adjustable buttplates, plastic sight inserts, or "Bloop tubes". Machine rests of traditional design such as the Pope, as well as double rests (barrel supported in two places) are legal for benchrest matches unless specifically mentioned in match format.
3. Bullets must be plain base; cast or swaged lead bullets of grease groove or paper patch type. No metal gas checks, plastic, or metal wads allowed. Ammunition may be checked randomly by the Shooter's Jury.
4. Any pre-1917 externally adjusted telescopic sight or faithful reproductions thereof. Lyman, Unertl, Fecker, and Litchert scopes are specifically allowed by name. Click adjustment allowed only on those iron sights having this feature prior to 1917, or faithful reproductions of those sights. (An example of a click-adjustable iron sight available prior to 1917 is the Lyman 103, marketed in 1915)
5. Slings, straps, or clothing that is specifically designed and/or worn to support or aid the shooter will not be allowed. This includes tight jackets, vests, or multiple layers of clothing not worn for weather conditions. Competitors may not place the buttstock under any vest, coat, or item of clothing.
6. The Traditional Class competitor is not restricted to the use of one rifle for offhand and benchrest portions of sanctioned or registered Wyoming Schuetzen Union competitions, nor is he restricted as to weight of rifles used in competition.



7. A three-man Shooter's Jury will be randomly drawn from the competitor ranks to decide upon questionable equipment or practices; they will also certify rifles for the Traditional Class when required by the Schuetzenmeister or when requested by the competitor. It is the responsibility of the Shooter's Jury to enforce and interpret the Traditional Class rules and to make common-sense evaluations of equipment that is not obviously of a traditional nature. The decision of the Shooter's Jury is final and cannot be reversed by the Schuetzenmeister. Competitors will be expected to provide documentation on controversial equipment or methods.

The success of the Traditional Class depends upon the shooters themselves. Radical, fringe interpretations of the rules will not be productive towards preserving our Schuetzen heritage. Traditionally- minded shooters have a common sense grasp of what was typical and/or appropriate for the pre-1917 competitor. Competition in this class is to encourage modern day riflemen to match or exceed the records set by first-generation Schuetzen competitors using equipment available during the era and shooting under similar restrictions. To this end, the Shooter's Jury will be expected to provide discretion and guidance during the match concerning questionable equipment or practices.

OPEN CLASS RULES

1. Any single-shot rifle, any sight-telescopic or iron- as required by specific matches, any plain-base lead bullet, and any cartridge.
2. No restriction on rests for benchrest classes unless specifically mentioned in a match format.
3. Any article of clothing may be worn for offhand matches including shooting coats and shooting shoes.
4. No shooting aid, device, or clothing that directly connects the rifle to the ground may be used in offhand matches.

It is the intention of the Open Class rules to provide the competitor with a format having the least amount of restriction, fostering the goal of accurate plain-base lead bullet shooting using a single-shot rifle. Open Class welcomes those shooters wanting to utilize modern developments to promote the accuracy and performance of the single-shot rifle firing a lead, plain-base bullet. Shooters using equipment not meeting the requirements for Traditional Class may compete in Open Class following these few simple rules.



TARGETS AND SCORING GUIDELINES

The Wyoming Schuetzen Union recognizes in its record keeping the German Ring target and the Standard American target for regular sanctioned competition. The German Ring target will consist of the traditional 1 1/2 inch center counting 25 points, with corresponding 3/4 inch rings out to a 1 ring. On those targets printed only to specific rings, shots outside the rings will count as misses. German ring targets adjusted in size to correspond to 100 yards, 50 yards, and 50 feet will also be recognized and records kept for those specific distances.

The Standard American target for offhand shooting will be the 10-ring target, for benchrest shooting it will be the 12-ring target. There is no mandatory target color required by the Wyoming Schuetzen Union. Targets must be shot on the printed side and may not be altered by the competitor. Offhand targets will be scored to closest lead edge to the highest ring; benchrest targets will be scored to the bullet's center requiring that the bullet hole's center at least be on the edge of the ring to score the higher ring. Rim fire specific matches will be scored to lead edge in both offhand and benchrest matches. Targets displaying claimed cross-fired shots must have those shots initialed by the Schuetzenmeister who has determined their origin. Extra bullet holes in a target belong to the competitor unless initialed by the Schuetzenmeister. Competitors under no circumstances shall be allowed to remove their fired targets from the backer, score their own targets, or remove their targets from the range before the end of the day's competition.

Scored targets will be posted and open to inspection by all competitors for the day's shooting. Competitors may file a protest concerning any target, for a fee of \$10.00, with the Schuetzenmeister. In the event of a contested decision, the Schuetzenmeister may convene a Shooter's Jury comprised of three competing shooters to render a final decision. Shooter's Jury decisions concerning scoring or questionable procedures are final and may not be appealed. Protest fees will be submitted to the prize committee.

Competitors attempting to falsify scores or not comply with the rules governing competitions will be expelled from said match with no reimbursement of entry fees. At the discretion of both the Schuetzenmeister and the Shooter's Jury such individuals may be banned from all future Wyoming Schuetzen Union sanctioned matches.

Scores submitted to the Wyoming Schuetzen Union for the purpose of establishing records must be shot in a Wyoming Schuetzen Union sanctioned match and at an affiliated club; it also must be accompanied by the original target signed by the Schuetzenmeister and no fewer than three participating competitors. The Wyoming Schuetzen Union will contact those individuals to confirm legitimacy of the score and only then will the score be entered in the records.



SHOOTING PROCEDURES

In Wyoming Schuetzen Union sanctioned matches, sighter targets are allowed at the discretion of the Schuetzenmeister for both offhand and benchrest competition. A sight-in period of no more than ten minutes per relay is allowed in sanctioned matches. Competitors may not fire on their sighter target after firing their first record shot. In the event that a record shot misses the target completely, that shot is to be scored as a miss. Competitors are allowed up to 4 minutes per record shot in sanctioned matches.

SCHUETZENMEISTER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Schuetzenmeister is charged with the orderly and responsible running of the match in accordance with the rules of the Wyoming Schuetzen Union for sanctioned competitions. The Schuetzenmeister may, at his discretion, solicit the help of competitors or individuals to aid him in running the competition. Decisions made by the Schuetzenmeister concerning interpretations of rules, target scoring, or behavior infractions can only be overridden by the Shooter's Jury; the Shooter's Jury shall be selected from the ranks of the competitors by the Schuetzenmeister. In issues of range safety the Schuetzenmeister's word is final; competitors not complying with the Schuetzenmeister's requirements for safe handling of firearms may be expelled from the range at the pleasure of the Schuetzenmeister.

SCHUETZEN BOARD

The charter members of the Wyoming Schuetzen Union will elect from its ranks a Schuetzen Board. The Schuetzen Board will be comprised of ten charter members who will enjoy a term of two years with no limit on the number of terms a member may be elected to. The Schuetzen Board will deal with issues concerning competition and rules applying to competition, their amendment or changes.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

In the event that changes to previously stated rules are desired by a significant number of affiliated clubs those clubs may petition the Schuetzen Board to amend the rules. An amendment to the rules requires a 2/3-majority vote in favor of the change by the Schuetzen Board members. Changes or amendments will take effect on Jan.1 of the following year.