

2024 POSTAL BENCHREST LEAGUE

We are again organizing a Postal Benchrest Rifle League which will run from May 1st through September 2ND (Labor Day). It will be open to all club members. Members wishing to participate must register and pay a \$30.00 fee to cover the costs of targets and other supplies. ***Register and pay using the link published in the April club Newsletter.***

We must be focused on safety at all times and must obey all club rules during league shooting.

All of our shooting will be done using a postal match format. This means that you can shoot registered targets any time that the rifle range is open for use by members. This requires sportsmanship and honesty from shooters but gives everyone maximum flexibility on use of their time.

Shooting rifles that are resting on supports provides maximum stability and the opportunity for high scores. Don't be fooled, however, into thinking that benchrests alone will give you perfect scores. There are many other things than you have to compensate for such as wind, lighting, eyesight, mirages, quality of the rifles, scopes and ammunition, etc. Any rest may be used to shoot from the bench. One-piece rests, separate front and rear rests and sandbags may all be used so long as any such device does not result in the barrel being affixed to the bench in an immovable manner.

There are 6 categories of events that members may shoot in. It's your choice as to how many you choose.

1. Unlimited, Rimfire, 22 LR, Maximum weight of rifle and scope 18 lbs., use only mechanical triggers (no electrical or electronic triggers). There are no limits to the magnification of scopes used. Use the 50 yard American Rimfire Association Inc's. targets with 25 scoring bulls. Shoot 1 shot at each of the scoring bulls.
2. Hunter, Rimfire, 22 LR, Maximum weight of rifle 8 lbs., use only mechanical triggers. (No electrical or electronic triggers) Scope magnification cannot

exceed 16X. Metal sights may be used. Use the same 25 scoring bulls target as in "1" above at 50 yards.

3. .17 caliber Rimfire Use the same 25 scoring bulls target as above at 50 yards.
4. Unlimited, Centerfire. Choice of any caliber from .17 to .308, maximum weight of rifle and scope is 18 lbs., There are no limits to the magnification of scopes used. Use the IBS 100 Yard Hunter Target taking 1 shot at each of the 5 scoring bulls.
5. Hunter: Centerfire. Choice of any caliber from .17 to .308, maximum weight of rifle and scope is 8 lbs. Scope magnification cannot exceed 16X. Metal sights may be used. Use the same IBS targets as in 4 above.
6. Best Group, Center Fire: Use the Sinclair International, Inc. target. Shoot 5 shots at the bull using the black square as a sighting aid.

Wind flags may be used but must not interfere with other shooters.

Shooters may use commercial or handloaded centerfire ammo but must remember that handloading requires another level of safety precautions. Any brand of factory loaded .22 or .17 caliber ammo may be used. It must be available for sale over the counter and consist of the unaltered factory cartridge case, powder, and lead projectiles.

After shooting a target, please fill in the form on its reverse side with your name, club membership number, shooting date of the target and shooter's classification. Then deposit it in the plastic league marked tub on the table near the range sign in books. Do not plug your shot targets. This may increase the size of the bullet holes and result in a decrease in your scores. **Remember that transecting any scoring ring results in the lower score (unlike in bullseye shooting).** Since we are using a "ladder" scoring system your best score(s) will be used to rank each category. You therefore only need to turn in targets that have a higher score than your best to date.

Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the league.

I am hoping to hold four rimfire fun shoots during the year. They will be free to all paid league shooters.