

Miami Rifle and Pistol 3 Position Smallbore Rifle

3 position rifle matches will debut this year at the MRPC smallbore range. This is open to .22 LR and .177 air rifles. These are 60 shot matches with 20 slow fire shots each in the kneeling, prone and standing positions. Matches will be on the third Saturday of the month, March through October, except July, to let you attend the National Smallbore matches. Check the MRPC calendar. Signup begins at 8:00, firing at 9:00 AM and should take about 2 hours. Match fees will be \$5.00. Juniors shoot for free.

The matches are not CMP or NRA registered or approved, but CMP rules will be followed. These are club matches to be used for practice and preparation for sanctioned matches, so follow the spirit of the rules as best as you can. Rules are available at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/smallbore>

Here is a basic rundown of the match format and rules. Please visit the CMP website for all the details.

Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI) are REQUIRED for both 22 and air rifle. Eye and ear protection is highly recommended.

The match will be three stages, fired in the following order:

Kneeling - unlimited sighting shots, 20 shots for record, fired in a 30 minute time limit.

Prone - unlimited sighting shots, 20 shots for record, fired in a 20 minute time limit.

Standing - unlimited sighting shots, 20 shots for record, fired in a 40 minute time limit.

Smallbore firing will be done at 50 yards on A23 targets, with 5 shots on each bull.

Air rifle firing will be done at 10 meters on AR5/10 targets with 1 shot on each bull.

There will be a 5 minute adjustment and 3 minute non-firing preparation period before each stage. You may handle and adjust your rifle during the adjustment period with the ECI installed. Observe muzzle direction safety at all times.

Smallbore shooting coat (buttons), trousers, shooting shoes are allowed, but must be used for all 3 positions. If a highpower shooting coat (straps, hardback) is used, you may not use shooting trousers or special shooting shoes.

A kneeling roll is allowed under the rear foot for the kneeling stage only. A second kneeling roll will be allowed between your heel and butt for shooters over 50 or who physically need it. I will have a few extras to loan.

Only one rifle may be used for the entire match, but exchanging butts, sights, cheekrests, risers for different positions is allowed.

Slings are allowed and recommended for kneeling and prone, but may not be used for standing.

Spotting scopes, ammo holders, rest stands are allowed, but may not be used for support during firing.

Iron sights (including match type) or scopes may be used throughout the match. You cannot change from one to the other.

If a position is not physically possible, a shooter may fire that stage from the next higher position.

Sorry, no bench or F class allowed. You have to stand up on your hind legs and hold the rifle.

Come on out and give it a try. If you are a beginner, you can get help and coaching from some of the excellent rifle shooters at MRPC. Everyone is willing to help new shooters. Or if you are experienced, you can hone your skills and get in some good practice for Nationals. Remember, the Tokyo Olympics are less than a year and a half away.

Email any questions to Don Fine smakfine@fuse.net.

See you at the range.