

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

SUWANNEE VALLEY JUNIOR SHARPSHOOTERS

I. Overview/Description of Discipline

A. The SUWANNEE VALLEY JUNIOR SHARPSHOOTERS is affiliated with the State of Florida FWC in the YHEC PROGRAM (Youth Hunter Education Challenge, and the NRA (National Rifle Assoc.) under whose rules and regulations we will follow in addition to the range rules and bylaws of the FWGC (Fort White Gun Club)

II. Equipment Required

A. Guns & Firearms

- 1. Archery:** Any type of Bow from a Stick bow to a Compound Bow
- 2. Black Powder Rifle** of 45 through 54 caliber
- 3. Rifle:** Any Hunting style Rifle of 22 long rifle caliber
- 4. Shotgun:** Any shotgun, of 12 or 20 Gauge, capable of shooting multiple rounds. It can be Pump Action, Break Action (Double barrel- side by side or over or under), or Semi auto loader

B. Ammunition

- 1.** BLACK POWDER may be any black powder or black powder substitute, with patched round ball.
- 2.** 22 ammunition will be 22 LR caliber only.
- 3.** Shotgun loads will be #6 lead shot or smaller.

C. Targets

- 1.** Paper Targets to be used on the Rifle Range (22 or Black powder) at various distances. They can be circular and/or animal silhouettes targets for scoring.
- 2.** Clay birds will be used for shotgun targets.
- 3.** Archery Targets may be circular targets and/or 3D animal for scoring.

D. Eye and Ear Protection

- 1.** Eye and Ear protection must be worn at all times when

shooting is in progress.

E. Clothing/Costuming

1. Comfortable suitable range clothes may be worn during practice but on contests or matches Uniforms shall be worn.

III. National Affiliate Organization

- A. National Rifle Association (NRA)**

IV. Rules Observed in Addition to Fort White Gun Club

- A.** The NRA and the FWC have published specific rules, regulations, and general guidelines have all been carefully considered in developing safe and appropriate guidelines for the **SUWANNEE VALLEY JUNIOR SHARPSHOOTERS** practice and competitions at the Fort White Gun Club.

V. Special Local Rules

- A.** A rifle round fired over the berm is a match disqualification (if the shooting was intentional immediate removal from the range)

VI. Overall Safety Rules

A. Firearm Handling

1. The entire range is COLD only when posting targets or giving instructions otherwise the range is HOT on the firing line. A COLD range means NO handling of firearms until it is time for the competitor to called to the firing line. All firearms are to be unloaded at all times, including when being removed from the shooter's vehicle. Rifles will be "action open" at all times until loaded. All guns will be carried "muzzle up" when transported to and from vehicles and to the shooting position. On the firing line, movement with the firearms will be within a 170° cone related to the placement of the targets and the berm.

B. Firearm Storage

1. Transport of arms from vehicle to range firing line shall

be in gun or bow cases and all firearms are to be unloaded.

C. Loading Areas

1. There is a designated “Loading Table” for Black Powder on each range where the shooter will be supervised while loading before it is his/her turn to shoot.

D. “Safe Area”

1. There will be a designated area where any gun malfunction or repair may be dealt with safely. This is the only location where firearms may be manipulated.

VII. Special Procedures for Specific Firearms

A. Rifles

1. Rifles will be handled as per normal FWGC rules.

B. Shotguns

1. Shotguns may be loaded with up to TWO rounds in the magazine at the FIRING LINE. All other rules pertaining to handling long guns apply.

VIII. Match Information

A. Match Director

1. The Match Director is in charge and has the final word regarding issues of safety and competition.

B. Shooting Categories

1. Junior competitors from 9years through 14years of age.
2. Senior competitors from 15 years through 18years of age.

C. Starting Position

1. Determined by the Match Director instructions.

D. Firing Position

1. Determined by the Match Director instructions.

E. Scoring Procedures

1. Rifle Targets and Black powder will be will scored as marked (best edge). Targets as described in Item II C 1.

Competitors will shoot at a variety of targets at varying distances from the four basic positions (standing, kneeling, sitting, and prone). Scoring will be per target and done by coaches.

2. Shotgun one shooter at a time and will be scored per clay target in singles or pairs as hit or no hit. Limited to 25 shots per shooter.
3. Archery targets as describe Previously in article II C 3 will be shot in 5 positions by rotation 3 arrows per target and scoring will be done at the end of each volley by the coaches. Circular targets scored as best edge and 3d targets will be scored as 10 points in the kill zone and 5 points heart and 2 points body shot, with legs no score

V. Safety Violations

1. Any person exhibiting erratic behavior or suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other substances will be asked to leave the club property immediately.
2. **Minor Safety Violations**
 - a. Minor safety violations (MSV) will incur a ten-point penalty subtracted from the shooter's total score.
3. **Incident Reports**
 - a. Incident Reports will be prepared and filed for all Match Disqualifications.
 - b. Incident Reports will be filled out on forms provided by the Fort White Gun Club.

IX. Fees and Registration

A. Fees

1. **Fees will be \$15.00 per month per member**

B. Registration

1. Shooters may register for SUWANNEE VALLEY JUNIOR SHARPSHOOTERS competitions either prior to or just before the regular match, at the discretion of the Match Director.
2. Each shooter will receive a score sheet and will sign a waiver of responsibility.

X. Emergency Procedures

A. Emergency Access

1. The entry/exit road shall remain clear and both the main and range gates shall remain open on match days to allow access by emergency vehicles. At least one lane of vehicular access to the shooting area must remain open on match days.

B. Telephone

1. The telephone in target building and can be used to activate the 911 emergency response system when necessary.

C. First Aid Kit

1. A first aid kit shall be maintained in the target building.

D. In the event of an emergency...

1. The Match Director or Assistant Match Director will designate someone to stand at the main gate to direct emergency vehicles down to the range.
2. Incident Reports will be completed and filed for all injuries.

XI. Practice

- A. Independent shooting practice on the range will be limited to FWGC members who have completed FWC Hunter Safety Course and Coaches.

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