Welcome to the December NRL 22 COF and Happy Holidays! We at the NRL22 are excited to bring you the Christmas Course of Fire! Once again, remember that this is a great time of year for kids. Maybe have candy canes, or have your match do its own Ugly Sweater party! We would love to see the pictures. As always, have fun with it and spread the Christmas cheer on Facebook so that we can all participate.

NRL22 shirts are now available for purchase on www.NRL22.org! These should make excellent gifts. Remember, this money goes right back into growing precision rifle.

While purchasing gifts, remember the sponsors! They have been excellent to all of us and now that it is the time of year to spend on others, we encourage you to spend with Victor Company USA, Benchmark Barrels, Short Action Precision, Thunder Beast Arms, Prime Ammo, and the National Rifle League. The prize table has been great, so let’s all do our part and publicly thank them and recommend them to other shooters.

Range requirements: NRL22 target package, 2 cinder blocks, a folding chair, the 6 foot a-frame ladder, 3” NRL22 ugly sweater targets, and target stands for paper targets.

Shooter equipment: Rifle must be chambered in 22 LR. Rifle is encouraged to have a removable magazine. Scopes with adjustable windage, elevation, and a reticle are recommended. Bipods and a rear bag approximately the same size as a volleyball or smaller are also recommended. A sling is a huge aide for positional stages and shooters would benefit greatly from a sling. Special note on equipment, this is a fantastic community; if you are short on equipment, let that be known. The good men and women in this community will fall all over themselves to help you out and lend you theirs.

Match director suggestions: The COF is set up so that every stage can take place at the same time and not overlap targets. Squading will reduce the time it takes to run your shoot. I have been using 3 bricks ($0.30 each at Home Depot) to surround the target hangers for stability in soft dirt. I have also been painting the bricks and targets different colors for the different stages. Example is that Prone #2’s targets are all painted red. On ranges with hard dirt, I bring a cordless drill with a masonry bit and a hammer to get the hangers in the ground.

Safety suggestions: Weed whacker plastic string works very well for Empty Chamber Indicators. Using ECI ensures a rifle is not loaded and especially useful for Ruger 10/22’s. The stages’ starting positions were deliberately set up for safety. Ensure RO’s are very close to new shooters and kids, especially in the positional and barricade stages in case the 180 rule is broken or a transition is made without the action open or safety engaged.
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Paper stage suggestions: Have one of the NRL 22 paper targets present at stage briefing so that all shooters can see what it is before they get behind the rifle. Ensure the shooter number is written very large. Consider having extra targets down range in case a shooter shoots the wrong target. Cross fires will happen, but only 5 shots count per target. If a shooter accidentally shoots another shooter’s target, it benefits the shooter who was shooting at the correct target. However, an RO with a spotting scope ensuring a shooter’s target is clean before they shoot will help minimize this. For scoring, the shot just needs to break the line to get the higher points. So if the 10 circle is just barely nipped, that shot is a 10.

Scoring submissions: Download the NRL22 Scores sheet from the downloads section on NRL22.org, fill out the results, and submit scores sheet to matches@nrl22.org, followed by payment for admin fee. Deadline for submissions is January 2nd at 8:00PM PST.

Keep in mind that only NRL 22 members are eligible for prizes and while we have a 30 day grace period for membership, if the prizes are already distributed, it is the competitor’s loss. The live Facebook show for prizes will happen on January 4th at 4:00PM PST.

Merry Christmas,
The National Rifle League
**STAGE BARRICADE #1: SANTA’S SLEIGH**

**TIME:** 120 SEC  
**ROUND COUNT:** 10

**RANGES AND TARGETS:** 90YDS WITH 3” AND 5” ON A DOUBLE HANGER.

**POINTS:** 10PTS FOR EACH HIT, FOR A TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100.

**EQUIPMENT:** 1 BAG THAT IS APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF A VOLLEY BALL OR SMALLER.

**START POSITION:** RIFLE RESTING ON THE TOP OF THE LEFT CINDER BLOCK, MAGAZINE IN OR LOADED, ACTION OPEN.

| 1. SHOOTER WILL BEGIN WITH THE RIFLE RESTING ON THE TOP OF THE LEFT CINDER BLOCK AND IN POSITION. UPON THE START SIGNAL, SHOOTER WILL ENGAGE THE 90YD 3” TARGET WITH 2 ROUNDS. |
| 2. SHOOTER WILL THEN TRANSITION TO THE TOP OF BACKREST OF THE CHAIR AND ENGAGE THE 90YD 5” TARGET WITH 3 ROUNDS. |
| 3. SHOOTER WILL THEN TRANSITION TO THE SEAT OF THE CHAIR AND ENGAGE THE 90YD 5” TARGET WITH 3 ROUNDS. |
| 4. FINALLY, SHOOTER WILL TRANSITION TO THE RIGHT CINDER BLOCK AND ENGAGE THE 90YD 3” TARGET WITH THE REMAINING 2 ROUNDS. |
STAGE BARRICADE #2:
UP THE LADDER WITH OL’ SAINT NICK

TIME: 120 SEC  ROUND COUNT: 10

RANGES AND TARGETS: 100YDS WITH 4” ON A SINGLE HANGER.

POINTS: 10PTS FOR EACH HIT, FOR A TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100.

EQUIPMENT: 1 BAG THAT IS APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF A VOLLEY BALL OR SMALLER.

START POSITION: RIFLE RESTING ON THE BOTTOM STEP OF THE LADDER, MAGAZINE IN OR LOADED, ACTION OPEN.

1. SHOOTER WILL BEGIN WITH THE RIFLE RESTING ON THE BOTTOM STEP OF THE LADDER AND IN POSITION. UPON THE START SIGNAL, SHOOTER WILL ENGAGE THE 100YD 4” TARGET WITH 2 ROUNDS.

2. SHOOTER WILL THEN TRANSITION TO THE NEXT HIGHEST STEP AND ENGAGE THE 100YD 4” TARGET WITH 2 ROUNDS.

3. SHOOTER WILL CONTINUE ADVANCING UP THE LADDER IN THIS WAY UNTIL ALL ROUNDS ARE FIRED. IF A SHOOTER IS LACKING IN HEIGHT, THEY MAY MOVE UP THE LADDER UNTIL THEY HAVE GONE AS HIGH AS THEY CAN WHILE STANDING FLAT-FOOTED. AT THAT POINT, THE SHOOTER WILL TRANSITION DOWN A STEP, FIRE, AND BACK UP TO THE HIGHEST STEP THEY CAN REACH UNTIL ALL ROUNDS ARE FIRED. ALL SHOOTERS MAY TEST THE HIGHEST STEP THEY CAN USE BEFORE THE STAGE BEGINS AND CONFIRM WITH THE RANGE OFFICER.

NOTE: WHEN THE SHOOTER TRANSITIONS, THEY SHALL LEAVE THE ACTION OPEN IF THE RIFLE IS A BOLT OR OTHER MANUALLY OPERATED ACTION AND SHALL NOT CLOSE THE ACTION UNTIL THE RIFLE IS SUPPORTED AND ON TARGET. WITH SEMI AUTOS, THE SHOOTER SHALL ENGAGE THE SAFETY AND YELL “SAFE” LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD OVER HEARING PROTECTION BEFORE TRANSITIONING TO THE NEXT STEP.
STAGE PRONE #1:
NRL22 CHRISTMAS CARDS
TIME: 120 SEC ROUND COUNT: 10

RANGES AND TARGETS: 100YDS WITH 2.5” ON A SINGLE HANGER, 75YDS WITH 2” TARGET ON A SINGLE HANGER, 50YDS WITH 1” TARGET ON A SINGLE HANGER, 25YDS WITH A .25” KYL STYLE TARGET.

POINTS: 10PTS FOR EACH HIT, FOR A TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100.

EQUIPMENT: 1 BAG THAT IS APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF A VOLLEY BALL OR SMALLER.

START POSITION: RIFLE STAGED ON THE LINE, MAGAZINE IN OR LOADED, ACTION OPEN. SHOOTER STARTS AT THE TABLE

1. UPON THE START SIGNAL, SHOOTER WILL BE AT THE START TABLE AND FLIP OVER THE 4 CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH DISTANCES PRINTED ON THEM. SHOOTER SHALL MEMORIZE THE ORDER OF THE DISTANCES AND THEN MOVE TO THEIR RIFLE AND SHOOT THOSE DISTANCES IN ORDER WITH 2 SHOTS ON EACH TARGET.

2. THE LAST 2 ROUNDS WILL BE FOR ENGAGING THE .25” TARGET AT 25YDS. IF THE SHOOTER FORGETS THEIR SHOOTING ORDER, THEY MAY GO BACK TO THE TABLE AND LOOK AT THE CARDS AT ANY TIME.


SCORE:_________
STAGE PRONE #2:  
SHOOTING KYL’S IS LIKE COAL IN YOUR STOCKING!

TIME: 120 SEC  ROUND COUNT: 10

RANGES AND TARGETS: 65YDS WITH .5”, .75” AND 1” KYL STYLE TARGET AND A 1.5” TARGET ON A SINGLE HANGER

POINTS: 3PTS FOR EACH 1.5” TARGET HIT, 6PTS FOR A 1” TARGET HIT, 9PTS FOR EACH .75” TARGET HIT, AND 12PTS FOR A .5” TARGET HIT, WITH A TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE OF 102 POINTS.

EQUIPMENT: 1 BAG THAT IS APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF A VOLLEY BALL OR SMALLER.

**START POSITION:** PRONE BEHIND RIFLE, MAGAZINE IN OR LOADED, ACTION OPEN.

1. **UPON THE START SIGNAL, SHOOTER WILL ENGAGE THE 1.5” TARGET WITH ONE ROUND.**

2. **IF THE SHOOTER HITS THE TARGET, THEY MAY CHOOSE TO STAY ON THAT TARGET OR ADVANCE TO THE 1” TARGET.**

3. **IF THE SHOOTER HITS THE TARGET, THEY MAY CHOOSE TO STAY ON THEIR CURRENT TARGET OR ADVANCE TO THE NEXT SMALLEST TARGET. IF AT ANY TIME A SHOT IS MISSED, THE SHOOTER MUST MOVE BACK TO THEIR NEXT LARGEST TARGET. IF A MISS OCCURS ON THE 1.5” TARGET, THE SHOOTER WILL CONTINUE TO SHOOT AT THE 1.5” TARGET. THIS PROCESS WILL REPEAT UNTIL ALL ROUNDS ARE FIRED.**
STAGE POSITIONAL #1: UGLY SWEATER PARTY!

TIME: 120 SEC  ROUND COUNT: 10

RANGES AND TARGETS: 25YDS WITH 3” NRL22 UGLY SWEATER TARGET.

POINTS: 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, AND 1 POINTS FOR EACH HIT, WITH A TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100

EQUIPMENT: SLING ONLY.

START POSITION: KNEELING UNSUPPORTED POSITION, MAGAZINE IN OR LOADED, ACTION OPEN.

1. UPON THE START SIGNAL, SHOOTER WILL ENGAGE THE LEFT 3” NRL22 UGLY SWEATER TARGET WITH 5 ROUNDS.

2. SHOOTER WILL THEN TRANSITION TO A SEATED POSITION AND ENGAGE THE RIGHT TARGET WITH 5 ROUNDS.

SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL PICTURES FOR PROPER KNEELING AND SEATED UNSUPPORTED POSITIONS.
SUPPLEMENTAL

FIG. 1: Kneeling Unsupported Position.

FIG. 2: Seated Unsupported Position.