

BENCHREST



RIFLE

Rifles are custom built from the finest components with a number of quality gunsmiths working in Australia. The stocks are predominantly carbon fibre with actions and barrels commonly imported from specialist suppliers in USA. There are a number of excellent triggers available from USA and Europe.

AMMUNITION

Centrefire benchrest shooters load their ammunition between targets at the range - this allows for load tuning on the day. Most competitors use the 6mm PPC, which is a target round purpose designed for accuracy. Bullet weights between 62 and 70 grains are popular.

Rimfire competitors use match grade rimfire ammunition, usually selected by testing various makes and batches.

COMPETITIONS

The time allowed to shoot a five-shot target shall be seven minutes, with an extra three minutes for the first target of the yardage. A full match shall consist of five targets at each yardage with aggregates calculated for each yardage and a grand aggregate of both.



SHOOT BENCHREST

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A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Benchrest shooting is a rifle sport where the competitor attempts to score as accurately as possible utilising wind indicators, mirage boards and solid rests to extract the ultimate performance from the equipment. Competitors sit at a solid bench and rifles are fired from rests which

comprise a front rest to support the fore-end of the rifle and a rear sandbag to support the butt. There are a number of classes of rifle and events for both group shooting and score shooting.

THE RANGE

Benchrest is shot from solid benches, usually made of concrete, under a covered firing line. Target frames are set at 50 metres, 100 yards, 200 yards and 300 yards depending upon the competition to be contested. Competitors are free to make and place their own wind indicators and experimentation in this area is encouraged.



CLASSES OF RIFLE

GROUP SHOOTING

Unlimited Class

Ten shot groups with no weight limit on rifle. No restriction on rests.

Heavy Bench Class

Five shot groups with 13lb weight limit. Restricted rests. No scope restrictions.

Light Bench Class

As per Heavy Bench but 10.5lb limit.

Sporter Class

As per Heavy Bench but 9lb limit.

.22LR Rimfire Benchrest Class

Any rifle chambered for the .22LR rimfire, does not exceed 7 lb 12 oz. in weight and has a restriction of scope power to six magnifications. The stock may not exceed 2 1/4" at any point.

Custom .22LR Rimfire Benchrest Rifle

Any rifle chambered for the .22LR rimfire and does not exceed 14 lb in weight, but otherwise meets the requirements of the heavy bench rifle.

SCORE SHOOTING

Centrefire Hunter Class

Any rifle not exceeding 10 lb, a scope power of no more than six magnifications, with a functioning magazine that will hold, feed, chamber and extract two or more cartridges, but otherwise meeting the requirements of the heavy bench class.

Custom Centrefire Hunter Class

As per Heavy Bench but weight limit 14lb.

Rimfire Hunter Class

As for the rimfire benchrest class, but must have a magazine as described for the centrefire hunter rifle.

Custom Rimfire Hunter Class

As for the custom Rimfire benchrest class.

International Rimfire Benchrest

Similar rifles to group rimfire but shot for score on a 25 bull target over 30 minutes – with 3 targets to a match.

Fly Shoot

A 500m event shot with centrefire rifles combining both score and group size in determining overall winner. Two weight classes – light (upto 17lb) and heavy (unlimited). Can also be shot using rimfire rifles at 200 yards.

