



THE RULES FOR THE SAFARI & OUTDOOR SAJWV TAFELBERG “VELDSKIET”

16 March 2019

1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1. Every competitor shall sign an indemnity before the commencement of the competition.
- 1.2. No competitor will be allowed to compete if under the influence of alcohol or drugs or found consuming alcohol or drugs during the match. A competitor so found will be disqualified from participating any further and will forfeit his entry fee.
- 1.3. There will be 6 ranges. Three (3) gong ranges and three (3) paper target ranges.
- 1.4. **The gong ranges** will be shot at round steel plates measuring 100mm - 200mm at unmarked distances ranging from 100m to 350m, using rests provided. Competitors may use any centre fire rifle, and any riflescope. There will be 4 gongs per range and a total of 12 shots are required. Gongs will score as follows from closest to furthest gong, 10,20,30 and 40 points with a maximum total of 100 points per gong range. Time limit of 120 sec per gong range will apply.
- 1.5. **Three paper target ranges** requiring a total of 13 rounds.
 - **Jakkals**, 3 shots, at +-320m, lying down using rest provided – Time 180 sec. Maximum points = 90
 - **Oryx**, 3 shots, at 120 – 150m, head and neck shots only, from kneeling or sitting position using sticks provided – Time 90 sec. Maximum points = 90
 - **Warthog**, 3 shots at between 40 and 60m. 1 shots to heart lung area within 5 Seconds repeated 3 times for a total of 3 shots. No rest from standing position using only a rifle sling. Maximum points = 90
- 1.6. *There will be no opportunity to site in rifles.*
- 1.7. Rangefinders, binoculars and wind readers are permitted. *No spotting scopes.*
- 1.8. Competitors will only use provided equipment as specified per range.

2. **SCORING**

- 2.1. Gongs will score as follows from closest to furthest gong 10,20,30 and 40 points with a maximum total of 100 points per range.
- 2.2. Competitors are required to fire at gongs in sequence from nr 1 – 4. If a competitor fires at the wrong steel plate no score will be entered for that competitor for the shot fired out of sequence.
- 2.3. All shots fired at gongs before the command to commence shooting or after the command to stop shooting, will be scored as a miss. All shots fired at paper targets before the command to commence shooting or after the lapse of allowed time as signalled by the RO will be penalized with the highest score on his target, per shot so fired.
- 2.4. The range officer's judgment is final except for a dispute regarding the interpretation of the rules of the competition.
- 2.5. A panel of 3 members will act as the dispute committee in case of any dispute regarding the interpretation of the rules of the competition. The Dispute Panel of 3 members will appointed on the day from the senior range officers present coordinated by Deon Erasmus.
- 2.6. In the event that a competitor wishes to appeal the judgment of the range officer in respect of the rules of the competition, the appeal must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of R200, which deposit is only refundable if the appeal is upheld.
- 2.7. Where a bullet hole touches a scoring line the higher score will count except when the shot touches the line between a ZERO scoring area and a penalty area. In such a case the penalty score will apply.
- 2.8. On paper targets all head shots in the scoring area will count as V-Bulls. All V-Bulls will carry a score of 30.1.
- 2.9. In case of a tie of any scores, the competitors with the most V Bulls will be the winner where after if there is still a tie of any scores, the winner will be the competitor who achieved the highest score on Range 1. If Range 1 scores are equal same will apply for Range 2, 3,4, 5 and 6. In the event of equal scores overall, equal nr of V- Bulls and equal scores on all ranges, the competitors will share the prize.
- 2.10. After signature of the score card by the competitor, no adjustments to the score will be allowed.
- 2.11. If found to practise misconduct in any way, a competitor will be disqualified.

3. AT FIRING POINTS

- 3.1. The range officer at every firing point will brief competitors thoroughly before commencing with the event. No competitor will be allowed to repeat an event due to the fact that he/she did not clearly understand what was required.
- 3.2. The range officer will call out the names of the competitors who are next in line to shoot and they will prepare themselves to be ready by the time the competitor preceding them has completed the event (without taking their fire arms from bags or containers).
- 3.3. The standard range officer commands on paper ranges will be:
 - 3.3.1. "next competitor/s move to the firing line";
 - 3.3.2. "the range is now closed"
 - 3.3.3. "you may take your positions and remove rifles from bags, keeping bolt open and indicating to RO that they are safe"
 - 3.3.4. "you may load magazines" (bolts remain open)
 - 3.3.5. "are you ready?" (at which point the competitor must indicate his readiness to start the exercise);
 - 3.3.6. "close bolts and stand by"
 - 3.3.7. the RO will give the "start" signal whereupon a competitor is to, within 120 seconds, fire the required nr of rounds;
 - 3.3.8. A whistle from RO will indicate lapse of time where after no further shots will count and competitor must cease fire.
- 3.4. The standard range officer commands on gong ranges will be:
 - 3.4.1. "next competitor/s move to the firing line";
 - 3.4.2. "the range is now closed"
 - 3.4.3. "you may take your positions and remove rifles from bags, keeping bolt open and indicating to RO that they are safe"
 - 3.4.4. "you may load magazines" (bolts remain open)
 - 3.4.5. "are you ready?" (at which point the competitor must indicate his readiness to start the exercise);

- 3.4.6. "close bolts and stand by"
 - 3.4.7. the RO will give the "start" signal whereupon a competitor is to, fire the required nr of rounds at gongs in sequence from nr 1 to nr 5 within 120 seconds.
 - 3.4.8. A whistle from RO will indicate lapse of time where after no further shots will count and competitor must cease fire.
- 3.5. No coaching will be allowed while a competitor is busy shooting.
 - 3.6. No disturbing comments, remarks or noise are allowed at any shooting point while a competitor is shooting.

4. EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. If a breakage or malfunction occurs during any event, the competitor will ***not be allowed to re-shoot that event***. He will be allowed to complete the rest of the event with another rifle.
- 4.2. Any centre fire rifle may be used provided that ammunition/calibre combination does not damage targets and/or equipment. No tracer or armour piercing ammunition allowed.
- 4.3. **The total event must be completed with one rifle.**
- 4.4. Any person who is not the registered owner of the firearm he/she is using, will be required to be accompanied by the registered owner [without receiving coaching].
- 4.5. Gloves are permitted [that don't support the wrist].
- 4.6. Elbow protectors and shooting or hunting jackets will be allowed, but no jackets will be allowed that supports the rifle.
- 4.7. Rifle slings are permitted but must be attached to the rifle in front and behind the action. Slings may be adjustable.
- 4.8. The triggering mechanism of any rifle should be absolutely safe.
- 4.9. No semi-automatic or pump action rifles are allowed.
- 4.10. There is no limitation on the magnification of scopes.

5. SAFETY

- 5.1. **Rifles will at all times be carried in rifle bags or cases with bolts in open position and only removed at the firing point, under command of the Range Officer (RO).**
- 5.2. Hearing protection and eye protection is mandatory.

- 5.3. Rifle bolts will be opened on completion of an event; chamber inspected by a RO and will then remain open with rifle in bag.
- 5.4. Removing rifles from bags or handling rifles in the parking area or anywhere on the range except at the firing point, under command of a RO, is strictly prohibited.
- 5.5. Any competitor that has an AD (Accidental discharge) due to human error or equipment malfunction will be immediately disqualified, his rifle made safe under control of a RO and he will be prohibited from further participation in the competition.
- 5.6. The RO has complete authority regarding the running of exercises and safety matters. All competitors will at all times respect his authority and follow his commands and instructions at the firing point.
- 5.7. Competitors will only on command of the RO - load ammunition, close bolts, commence firing and cease fire.
- 5.8. Demarcated danger zones and red flags must be observed and nobody will be allowed to enter demarcated areas while the competition is in progress. Competitors take responsibility to ensure that their family members, children and friends adhere to safety rules.
- 5.9. All competitors and visitors will be required to sign the indemnity form.
- 5.10. Any competitor or visitor or spectator exhibiting behaviour, which is in the discretion of the RO or the organizers, unsafe, may be disqualified from further participation and requested to leave the range immediately.
