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PLAINS (SPRINGBUCK) SHOOTING EXERCISE

Introduction

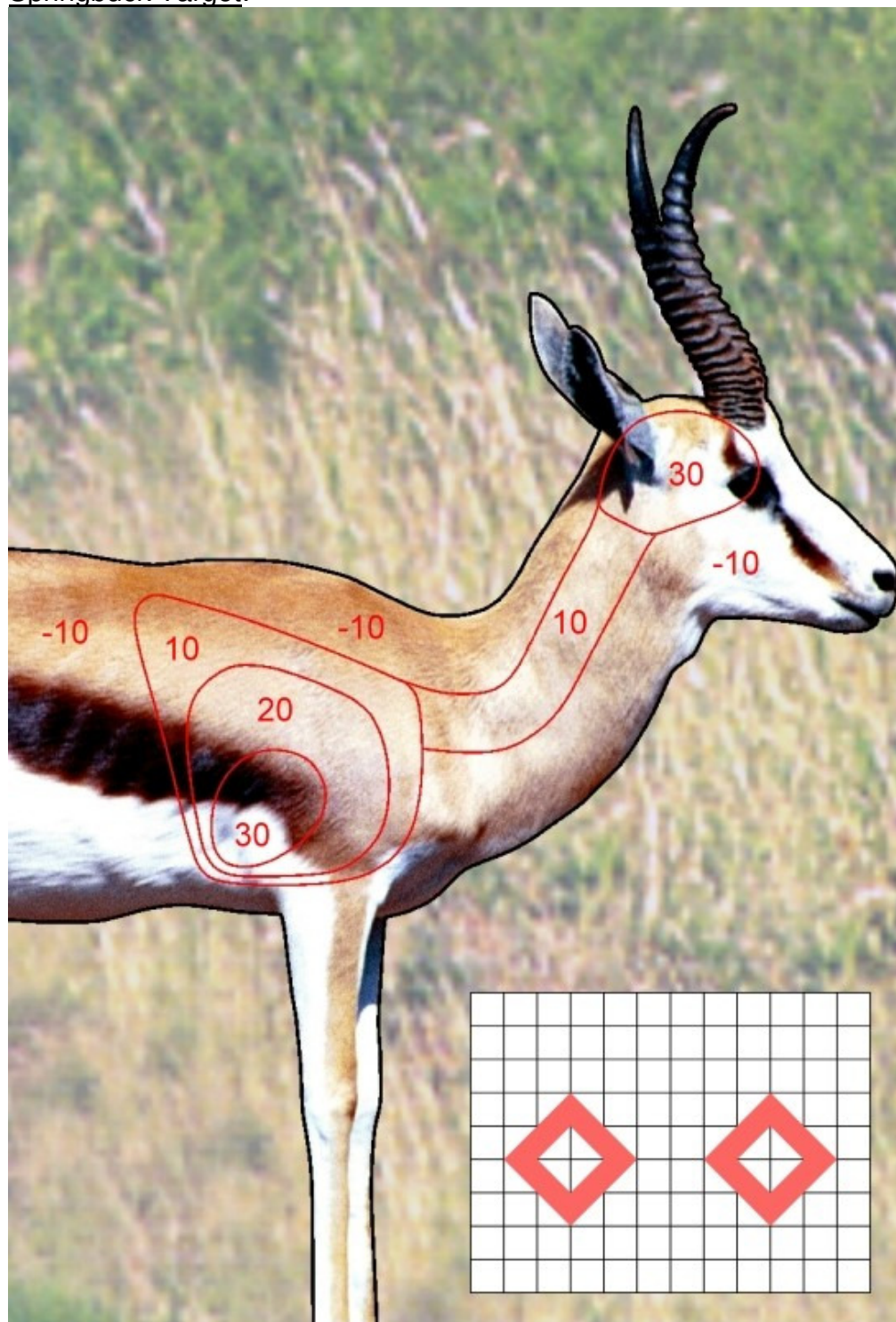
This exercise aims at simulating the hunting of springbuck over longer distances and in open terrain. It provides the shottist the opportunity to take part competitively where the target is relatively small at distances of 200m and 300m. The rifle must be accurate and the telescope must be clear with sufficient magnification (preferably 10x and more) which will allow for good shot placement. This exercise is specifically aimed at shooters who own accurate small calibre rifles and who are looking for the opportunity to utilize these.

Rules

1. These rules do not replace any standing shooting range safety rules but must be used in conjunction with them.
2. The target is a springbuck which has been specially designed for the SAHGCA exercises.
3. Any centre fire calibre may be used.
4. Any telescope is acceptable.
5. From 300m (or yards, if a yard range) three shots will be fired from a prone position with the aid of a rest. If the shooter has a medical problem which will hamper him or her from lying down when shooting the person may sit and shoot using the same type of rest that is specified for the 200m sitting exercise.
6. The rest may be any light fold-up portable bipod or tripod rest which will support the rifle in front of the action. The emphasis is that it must be light and portable (practical). The rest must be firm and preferably assembled with bolts and nuts. The type which is assembled with an elastic band is unacceptable as it can easily collapse. Adaptations such as strings between the legs of a three legged shooting stick and nails in the ends. to improve the stability of the support are acceptable as long as the rest remains light and transportable. 19mm to 25mm wooden dowels work well. An integral bi-pod will be allowed
7. No sand bags, bricks, camera tripods, bench rest tripods or any other equipment which is not in keeping with the spirit of the exercise is allowed.
8. From the prone position the supporting hand may touch the ground. No part of the rifle butt may touch the ground. Care must be taken at all times to ensure that the barrel is projecting above the built up shooting point.
9. Shooting mats or groundsheets and elbow pads may be used for the plains shooting exercise, but no supporting gloves are allowed.

10. A time limit of 120 seconds is allowed for the three shots once the shooters have indicated they are ready. "READY" is the same for all the exercises i.e. the rifle magazine is loaded, but the bolt is still open. The bolt is closed once the whistle / command is given. This time limit is applicable for all three of the plains shooting exercises. Should a shot be fired after the time limit the shooter will forfeit the highest scoring point on the target.
11. From the 200m point, six shots are fired at the target. The first three shots are fired from the prone position with the aid of a rest and/or rifle sling. The rest may only support the rifle in front of the action. Should the competitor have a medical problem which will hamper him / her from lying down when shooting the person may sit and shoot with a rest.
12. Rifle slings which attach to two places on the rifle may be used. The sling must be of such a nature that the rifle can be safely carried over the competitors shoulder.
13. The second exercise from 200m is fired from a sitting position with the aid of a rest. Should the shooter have a medical problem which will hamper him / her from sitting, the person may kneel or stand and shoot with the aid of a rest. The rest may be any light portable bipod or tripod that supports the rifle in front of the action only. Adaptations as indicated in rule 6 will be accepted.
14. Any special type of equipment or flags for measuring wind is not allowed. Only the compulsory standard safety flags on the shooting range may be used by the competitors. Wind meters may not be used anywhere on the shooting range.
15. Any type of equipment which the shooting committee feels is not in keeping within the spirit of the plains shooting table will be prohibited. If in doubt the matter should be discussed with the committee before the shoot takes place.
16. Should a shot cut the line between two scoring areas the competitor will get the advantage of the higher score. Should the line between a minus and a zero be cut, the minus will count as the buck has been wounded. The line needs only to be touched and not completely broken. Should there be any doubt the range officer will push a cartridge of the same calibre through the hole to see whether the line has been cut.
17. In the event that there are more than 9 shots on the target the range officer must first check whether there are shots missing on the neighbouring shottists' targets. If there are, an attempt must first be made to distinguish between the calibres. If this is not possible firstly the lowest score is subtracted, then the highest and then the lowest until all the excess shots have been accounted for. Should the competitor feel that he has been prejudiced he can request to repeat the exercise. The person who has shot on the wrong target forfeits the shots.
18. Should there be too many shots on the target and none of the neighbouring shottists' are missing any shots and the size of the calibre cannot be distinguished, then the highest scoring shots will be subtracted until the correct no of shots remain.
19. Only the first attempt of the shottist may be used for registration purposes.
20. The pass mark for the exercise is 160 points out of 270 (60%)
21. Awards
 - Bronze: 160 - 189 points (59% - 69%)
 - Silver: 190 – 219 points (70% - 80%)
 - Gold: 220 - 270 points (81% - 100%)

Springbuck Target:



(Actual size WxH: 1000 x 680mm)

Target Areas	W x H mm	Area cm ²	vs Heart
Brain/skull:	120 x 86	83	140%
Heart:	86 x 88	58	--
Central heart/lung:	150 x 154	204	350%
Larger heart/lung:	195 x 195	350	600%

Neck vertebrae: 45mm wide

The actual lines on the animal are drawn in thin red and cannot be seen from a distance.
The scores are not printed on the target.