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BUSHVELD SHOOTING EXERCISE.

Introduction.

The purpose of this exercise is to simulate the hunting of larger game in a bushveld environment. The shooting distances vary between 50m and 150m and the target is a blue wildebeest. The scoring areas on the target are relatively large but the shooting positions are rather challenging. Commonly used rifles with small magnification can be used with success. The capability of the shooter will play a big role in the achievement of higher scores.

An additional objective of the exercise is to even the playing fields in terms of accessories and to allow the members of SAHGCA to learn to also use their medium caliber rifles on the shooting range. To that end, calibers are restricted to 6.5mm (.264) and larger with minimum bullet mass of 139gr. Telescopes are restricted to maximum enlargement of 10X.

Rules:

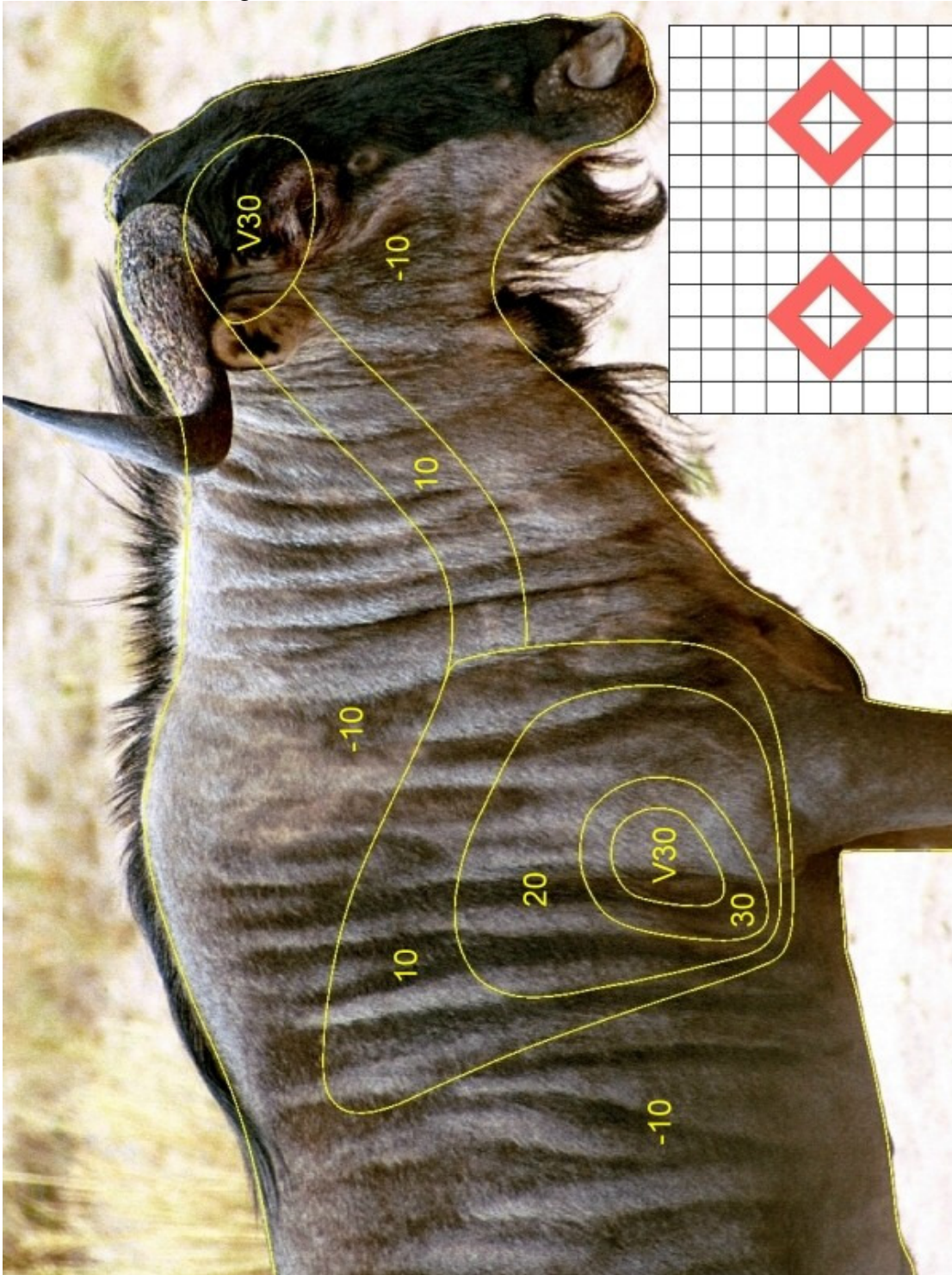
1. These rules do not replace any existing shooting range safety rules but should be applied in addition thereto.
2. The blue wildebeest target was specially developed for SAHGCA.
3. The minimum caliber for the blue wildebeest exercise is 6.5mm (.264). The minimum bullet mass allowed is 139gr (in any of the allowable calibers).
4. Telescopes are restricted to a maximum enlargement of 10X. Adjustable telescopes must be set at 10X or lower.
5. Rifle slings and non-supporting gloves are allowed. Rifle slings must be attached to the firearm on two fixtures – i.e. the rifle must be able to be carried safely over your shoulder.
6. It is recommended that tri-pod shooting sticks are used for safety. Shooting sticks may not be longer than 1,8m or thicker than 25mm. Hooks (rests) may be attached to the shooting sticks, however not more than one may be utilised at any time.
7. The exercise consists of three parts of three shots each. The first exercise is shot from 150m in a kneeling or standing position with long or adjustable shooting sticks for support. (Kneeling implies that the shooters' buttocks do not touch the ground whilst at least one knee touches the ground). Sitting is not allowed.
8. 90 Seconds is allowed for the exercise after all shooters have declared themselves ready. **“Ready”** implies that the rifle magazines have been loaded but the bolt is still open. The bolt may only be closed after the range officer has given the order to start shooting – normally by way of blowing a whistle. In the event of a shot being taken after the allotted 90 seconds, the score will be reduced by the highest achieved on the target.
9. The long shooting sticks may be any portable bi- or tripods. For safety reasons it is recommended that use is made of a tripod to reduce the risk of falling over. 19mm to 25mm “dowel” sticks of 1.8m length works well. Means to ensure safety and stability, such as nails or screws in the end of the legs or strands between the legs of the

shooting stick is recommended. Adjustable shooting sticks are allowed. From 150m you may shoot from a kneeling position over the adjustable stick. The same stick must however also be used on the 100m mark –i.e. only one set of sticks is allowed. Hooks (rests) on the sticks will be allowed. Should the stick have more than one hook (e.g. to cater for kneeling and standing), only one hook may be utilised at any one time. Sticks may not be thicker than 25mm or longer than 1,8m.

10. The second exercise is from 100m. Three shots are fired from the standing position over long sticks for support.
11. 90 seconds is allowed for the exercise after all shooters have declared themselves ready and the range officer has given the order to start shooting. Should a shot be fired after the allotted time, the highest points achieved will be deducted.
12. The last exercise is at 50m. Three shots are taken in the standing position without any support. Rifle slings as previously described may be used.
13. The time allowed for this exercise is 30 seconds after all the shots have declared themselves ready. Should a shot be fired after the allotted time, the highest points will be deducted.
14. Any type of equipment or accessories, techniques or anything else utilised by the shooter which, in the mind of the Shooting Committee, is not within the spirit of the Bushveld Shoot, will be prohibited. If in doubt, clear out with the Shooting Committee beforehand.
15. In the event of a shot touching the line between two positive scoring areas, the higher count will be given. Should the line however be touched between a positive and negative scoring area, the minus score will be counted since the animal has then been wounded. The line only needs to be touched and not necessarily broken, for this rule to apply. In case of doubt, the range officer should push a bullet of the same caliber through the hole to check whether the line was touched.
16. In the event that there are more than 9 shots on the target, the range officer must first determine if there are shots missing on the neighbouring targets. If there are shots missing from neighbouring targets, the range officer should first try to distinguish the shots in relation to the calibers used. Should that not be possible, the additional shots are deducted by alternatively discounting the lowest and highest scores until the “extra” shots are accounted for. The shooters who have “strayed” onto neighbouring targets, lose those scores. The shooter with more than 9 shots on his target may also request to repeat the exercise.
17. In the event that there are more than 9 shots on the target and no shots are missing from neighbouring targets, the score is reduced by deducting the highest scores until only 9 shots remain.
18. Only the first effort of a shooter will be used for score registration purposes.
19. The lowest score for registration purposes is 160 out of 270 (60%).
20. Qualifying scores for awards:

Bronze	160 – 189	(60% - 69%)
Silver	190 – 219	(70% - 80%)
Gold	220 – 270	(81% - 100%)

Bluewildebeest Target:



(actual size: WxH = 1000 x 750mm)

Target Areas	W x H mm	Area cm ²	vs Heart
Brain/skull	140 x 100	112	79%
Heart	127 x 146	142	--
V-heart	76 x 87	51	36%
Central heart/lung	230 x 240	500	250%
Greater heart/lung	300 x 340	960	570%

Neck vertabrae: 60mm wide