



SAPRF
TYPES OF MATCHES
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1. INTRODUCTION

Precision Rifle sport is a practical shooting competition format, where competitors engage steel targets at medium to long ranges (calibre specific) from a variety of conventional and unconventional positions within tight time constraints. As the term 'long range' is calibre specific, the format has different ranges in rimfire and centerfire calibres.

2. CENTREFIRE MATCHES

Centerfire matches in Precision Rifle are broken down into 4 levels of competition, with 3 of them primarily prevalent in South Africa. Below, you'll find more info on these match levels and where you can best fit in.

2.1 CLUB MATCHES are a great place to start shooting Precision Rifle!

There is no perceived pressure, rounds counts are not very high, they often have really generous stage times, and more experienced shooters have more time to assist newcomers.

These matches are primarily geared to Novice shooters that are wanting to have fun and get out and enjoy themselves and their rifles. Targets are above average size, stage times are longer and there are more likely than not less target per stage than Provincial or National matches.

Total Stages	Stage Targets	Target Sizes	Total Rounds	Stage Times	Average Range	Match Duration
6 – 8	6 – 8	2.5 – 3.5 MOA	30 – 60	2 – 3.5 mins	100 – 650m	3-6 Hours

2.2 PROVINCIAL MATCHES are also great place to start shooting Precision Rifle, and are very similar to Club Matches, but have a slightly higher round count usually in excess of 60 rounds.

These matches are aimed at Novice and Intermediate shooters that are wanting a bit more from the sport and are looking for a bit more of a challenge. These matches are still geared towards funs and a new shooter is still going to have good time.

Match Points accrued on these matches count towards earning your place in a Provincial Team and possibly earning Provincial Colours.

Total Stages	Stage Targets	Target Sizes	Total Rounds	Stage Times	Average Range	Match Duration
6 – 10	6 – 10	2 – 3 MOA	60 – 90	1.5 – 3.5 mins	200 – 800m	4-8 Hours

2.3 NATIONAL MATCHES are designed to challenge every aspect of Precision Rifle competition. To be successful in these matches, shooters need to have expert ballistic calculation abilities, know their equipment very well, and be able to solve complex positional shooting challenges under severe time pressures. Winning this style match places you among the top long-range riflemen.

Competitors are able to earn Match Points and compete towards earning one of the coveted places on the South African Team to compete at International Events like Continental Championships and the World Championships.

Total Stages	Stage Targets	Target Sizes	Total Rounds	Stage Times	Average Range	Match Duration
8 – 10	8 – 10	1.5 – 3 MOA	130 – 160	1.5 – 2.5 mins	350 – 1200m	2 Days

2.4 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES are the highest level of matches worldwide and push each country's top marksmen in engaging challenging courses of fire under very tight time constraints. These matches are geared towards shooters that have mastered all the skills in Precision Rifle competition.

To take part in a National Team, and earn National Colours, is the highest honour that a shooter can achieve in their career... short of winning the World Championships.

Total Stages	Stage Targets	Target Sizes	Total Rounds	Stage Times	Average Range	Match Duration
10 – 12	10 – 12	1 – 2.5 MOA	150 – 180	1 – 2.5 mins	350 – 1200m	2 Days

3. PRECISION HUNTER SERIES



The Precision Hunter Series is a collaboration between SAPRF and SA Hunters. This exciting new format takes 12 preset stages that have been designed for the standard SA Hunters 300m ranges, and allows their members to enjoy the sport of Precision Rifle at the SA Hunters branch matches.

Stages are designed with small targets similar to hunting size targets and within acceptable hunting distances. These matches require shooters to shoot off prone and modified positions under a variety of stressors to assist them assessing their hunting skills and providing tools and education to aid them in their favourite pastime.

Total Stages	Stage Targets	Target Sizes	Total Rounds	Stage Times	Average Range	Match Duration
2-3	6 – 8	2 – 3 MOA	16 – 30	1.5 mins	200 – 300m	1/2 Day

4. RIMFIRE MATCHES

PR22 (Precision Rifle 22LR) Matches are exciting short range matches geared towards replicating Precision Rifle Centerfire matches by using the shortened trajectory of the 22LR caliber.

PR22 matches are awesome for the entire family, as well as experienced centerfire competitors. Target Sizes and Distances have been scaled down by a factor of 5 to make wind estimation trajectory similar to that of centerfire, which makes PR22 an inexpensive and ideal training match for all.

With the shortened range, this also makes matches that much more accessible to everyone as match venues are that much more readily available. PR22 matches are also presented in Club, Provincial, National and International levels.