



Send IT 2-Mile Challenge Rules & Procedures

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1. **INTERPRETATION**

Unless the context otherwise requires, words denoting the singular shall include the plural and words denoting the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and vice versa.

Unless indicated otherwise or inconsistent with the context, the following words shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1. "CONSTITUTION" refers to this founding document.
- 1.2. "SEND IT - EXTREME LONG RANGE SHOOTING" refers to this organisation – hereinafter referred to as "SI-ELR";
- 1.3. "NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION" refers to this organisation with a sporting activity and established for non-profit purposes;
- 1.4. "MATCH PARTICIPANTS" refers to all individuals entering a SEND IT - EXTREME LONG RANGE SHOOTING hosted event;
- 1.5. "NON-MATCH PARTICIPANTS" refers to all individuals not entered to compete in a SEND IT - EXTREME LONG RANGE SHOOTING hosted event, but present on the range during the event i.e. visitors, spectators and assistants;
- 1.6. "MATCH DIRECTOR" refers to the individual assigned by the committee to direct a particular SEND IT - EXTREME LONG RANGE SHOOTING hosted event;
- 1.7. "RANGE OFFICER" refers to the individual or match participant assigned to assist in orderly proceedings of a SEND IT - EXTREME LONG RANGE SHOOTING hosted event and will act as the responsible person on a particular course.
- 1.8. "SOUTH AFRICAN FIREARMS CONTROL ACT" refers to Act 60 of 2000 (as revised from time to time) and the relevant Regulations thereto.
- 1.9. "JUNIOR SHOOTER" refers to any person younger than 17 (seventeen) years old on 1 January of the current year of a hosted event.

2. **INTRODUCTION**

SI-ELR was formed by a group of like-minded friends that enjoy various sport shooting disciplines. The participation in local long range shooting competitions identified the need for a match format with extended target ranges.

SI-ELR is a non-profit organisation. Income derived from the hosting of sport shooting events will be utilised to promote and host extreme long range shooting activities in South Africa.

3. **OBJECTIVE**

- 3.1. The objective of SI-ELR is to host extreme long range (also known as ELR) sport shooting competitions.
- 3.2. SI-ELR will implement and enforce match rules and procedures that promote a safe, fair and challenging sport shooting event for all match participants.
- 3.3. SI-ELR will endeavour to co-operate with, and provide support to any other sport shooting or associated matters of mutual interest to achieve any of this organisation's

objectives, nonetheless, ensuring that such co-operation will not infringe in any way upon the independence of SI-ELR.

4. GENERAL RULES

- 4.1. This is an individual competition with the assistance of a nominated spotter.
- 4.2. Medals, or any other available prizes, will be allocated to the top 3 (three) performing individuals.
- 4.3. The shooting order will be allocated in a fair and reasonable manner as prescribed by the by the match director.
- 4.4. Target locations and ranges will be provided on the day of the competition. The match director will endeavour to ensure accuracy of the provided ranges, but the final range estimation remain the responsibility of match participants.
- 4.5. The ranges determined by the match director will be used for scoring purposes.
- 4.6. Only a person who (in terms of the South African Firearms Control Act and any other applicable legislation) is authorised to own a firearm, may bring such firearm onto a sanctioned SI-ELR competition. The match director or any member of the committee may at any time request a match participant to produce a licence for his firearm.
- 4.7. Match participants who reside outside the borders of South Africa and who wish to participate in any SI-ELR match, must ensure that they are in possession of a valid firearms licence or permit in their country of origin. In addition, the match participant must adhere to the relevant regulations as stipulated in terms of the South African Firearms Control Act and any other relevant legislation.
- 4.8. Juniors, as well as individuals who will be utilising a third party's rifle, who intend to enter a SI-ELR competition, but do not have a valid firearms license, must adhere to the rules and regulations as stipulated in terms of the South African Firearms Control Act. It is the match participant's responsibility to communicate such occurrence to the match director upon entering the competition.
- 4.9. The "Failure to do right" rule is in effect for this competition. The match director may disqualify any competitor for attempting to stretch the letter of the rules or gaming in order to gain an unfair advantage. Such practise is against the spirit of the competition.

5. SAFETY RULES

Safety at any SI-ELR sanctioned shooting competition is of paramount concern. The match di-rector of any SI-ELR shooting competition, alternatively his designated range officer, has the responsibility and authority (as prescribed by this constitution) to ensure the safe conduct of the match.

The match director shall have the authority to disqualify any shooter for unsafe conduct or to remove any piece of equipment that has been determined to be unsafe for participation in the shooting competition.

The following rules to the safety of any SI-ELR shooting competition apply:

- 5.1. No loaded firearm may be brought onto the firing range.

- 5.2. No firearm, of any nature, shall at any time, or under any circumstances be pointed at any other person on the shooting range.
- 5.3. No person (match participant and non- match participant) may participate in any shooting activities, unless he has signed the attendance register and indemnity form.
- 5.4. No firearm may be discharged on the shooting range unless the match director has given the order to do so. Once all match participants are at the firing line at the start of a match, a signal will be given, and match participants will start the shooting sequence.
- 5.5. Firearm handling to and from the shooting platforms.
 - It will be mandatory for match participants to make use of a suitably designed rifle bag or a visible and appropriately designed empty chamber indicator when moving firearms to and from the shooting platforms.
 - A suitably designed rifle bag must cover the trigger mechanism and bolt action of a firearm and prohibit access to the trigger mechanism of the firearm.
 - A suitably designed empty chamber indicator must be visible to all match participants and spectators, fit into the chamber of the firearm and remain inserted within the chamber of the firearm when moved from and to the shooting platform.
 - All firearms will be stored away in a rifle bag and must have the action open at all times. It is preferred that an empty chamber indicator is used in combination with a suitably designed rifle bag to ensure safety at all times.
 - Firearms can only be removed from the rifle bag at the shooting platform and will always be placed in such a manner that the muzzle points down range.
 - Alternatively – should a match participant not make use of a suitably designed rifle bag a visible and appropriately designed empty chamber indicator must be inserted into the chamber of the rifle and the firearm declared safe and un-loaded before being moved to and from the firing line, with the muzzle point-ed in a safe direction.
 - Match participants making use of an empty chamber indicator (and not a suitably designed rifle bag) must store firearms in a secure environment that is not accessible by fellow match participants or spectators and under their direct supervision at all times.
 - Match participants are not allowed to remove an empty chamber indicator from the rifle (chamber) until the rifle is on the shooting platform and the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction.
- 5.6. No live ammunition may be left in the rifle after the match participant has completed his relay.
- 5.7. No tracer ammunition shall be used.
- 5.8. No additional shots may be taken at any type of targets which includes rocks, gongs, trees, live animals or birds, etc.
- 5.9. Junior match participants may participate in the competition if they adhere to the age requirements.

- 5.10. Match Participants making use of a third party's rifle as well as Junior match participants must always be under the direct supervision (this means within arm's length) of the authorised license holder of the specific rifle when moving around on the shooting range.
- 5.11. Eye and ear protection is deemed compulsory for match participants and non-match participants.
- 5.12. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed on the range during a SI-ELR sanctioned shooting competition. Violation of this rule by a competitor shall result in his disqualification.
- 5.13. Any competitor of a sanctioned SI-ELR shooting competition who is determined to be under the influence of any drug, shall be disqualified.

6. EQUIPMENT RULES

- 6.1. Any rifle under 22.6796 kilogram (50 pound) is allowed.
- 6.2. No rifle larger than .50 caliber is allowed.
- 6.3. Rifle weight is determined by its "Ready to fire" configuration excluding ammunition but including the weight of the attached bipod.
- 6.4. There is no prohibition on using any other shooting equipment, provided that the match participant is able to carry all equipment on his person from the starting point and in between all ranges.
- 6.5. Bench rest type front rests are not allowed.
 - The bipod can only be attached to the rifle at a single point.
 - The bipod may only have two points of contact with the ground.
 - Nothing can be placed on top of the bipod or rifle to add additional weight or support. Common examples of these are sandbags and stakes.
- 6.6. The rear of the rifle may be supported by a bag or pad of any kind, a monopod or the match participant, but not an adjustable style rest that is not attached to the rifle.
- 6.7. Any rifle optics and spotting scope systems are allowed.
- 6.8. No gun will be permitted to be used by more than one match participant.

7. PROCEDURAL RULES

- 7.1. Competitors meeting: The competitors meeting will signal the start of the shooting competition. The match director shall hold a competitors meeting prior to the start of the competition – applicable to each day of the duration of the competition. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that competitors are aware of the day's procedures and provide updates regarding safety information.
- 7.2. Attendance at the brief meeting is mandatory for all persons who are registered to shoot in the competition, unless excused by the match director. Failure to attend the meeting may result in the disqualification of the competitor by the match director.

- 7.3. Sequence of Fire: Targets will be engaged in sequence from closest to furthest. If match participants shoot targets out of sequence, the relevant match participant will lose the points for that target. All match participants will engage TARGET 1 (closest target) before moving to TARGET 2, TARGET 3, and numerically to the furthest target.
- 7.4. The total number of targets to be engaged will be announced with the event invitation or through other acceptable forms of communication.
- 7.5. The shooting order will be determined by the match director and will be provided to all match participants ahead of the match.
- 7.6. A match participant will be allocated 4 (four) minutes to engage a target with a total of 5 (five) shots. The first shooter will be allowed additional time, at the discretion of the match director, to prepare to engage the target. Shooter number 2/3/4 will start their preparation as shooter number 1 commence firing at the target.

8. **TARGETS AND SCORING**

- 8.1. Targets will be engaged by the match participant at known distances, from 1500 meters to 3500 meters.
- 8.2. For all practical purposes, the range builders will endeavour to have 1.5 to 2 MOA targets at each range.

8.3. Scoring:

If the match participant hits the target with his first / second / third / fourth / fifth shot,

- 1) he will receive 2.00 points multiplied by the distance of the target in meters,
- 2) he will receive 1.75 points multiplied by the distance of the target in meters,
- 3) he will receive 1.50 points multiplied by the distance of the target in meters,
- 4) he will receive 1.25 points multiplied by the distance of the target in meters,
- 5) he will receive 1.00 points multiplied by the distance of the target in meters,

If the match participant does not hit the target with any of the five shots, he will receive "0" (nil).

- 8.4. A target is deemed hit when it is the first thing that the bullet strikes after leaving the barrel. Frame, strap and ground strikes (ricochet) that may cause the target to move are considered missed.
- 8.5. Targets will be fitted with electronic hit indicators and a camera system (if practically allowed). A target will be deemed to be hit when the electronic indicator signals a hit. The camera system will provide additional confirmation of a hit or in the event of a malfunction. In the event that the hit indicators fail or stop working, a target will be deemed to be hit when confirmed by the camera system and / if a clear "gong" is emitted from the steel target and there is a visual indication that the gong has been hit.
- 8.6. The range officer will have the final say in adjudicating a hit or miss.
- 8.7. A hit will be marked by an "X" and a miss will be marked by an "0" on the score card.
- 8.8. Any shots taken after the command "Stop Firing" has been given, shall be scored as zero.

- 8.9. Shooters must check and ensure that their score is correct, and initial next to his score for each course, before they leave the designated shooting area and proceed to the next course.
- 8.10. Courses will be clearly numbered and will be coloured for identification purposes.
- 8.11. Should there be a target failure of any kind and the target is found to be irreparable by the match director, the target in question will first be replaced with a spare target. If the spare target has already been used to replace a previous faulty target, the target in question will be pulled from the competition and all match participants will lose / gain the score on the specific target. The competition's total score will also be adjusted accordingly.
- 8.12. In the case of a tie at the end of the shooting competition between match participants who qualify for prizes, the winner will be determined by means of shootout at approximately 300 (three hundred) meters on a paper target. Match participants will take 1 (one) shot at their specific target and the match participants will be positioned according to the bullet hole closest to the centre of the bull. Should a match participant decline to participate in the shootout match or not have enough ammunition to compete in the shoot-out match, such match participant will automatically lose the shoot-out match.

9. PARTICIPANTS – COMPETITORS AND MATCH OFFICIALS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 9.1. Any match participant who participates in a SI-ELR sanctioned shooting competition shall be responsible to the match director, to conduct himself safely, and in accordance with SI-ELR match rules.
- 9.2. The match director shall appoint a designated range officer, consisting of one or more match participants, for each group of shooters stationed at each shooting platform.
- 9.3. The range officer shall be responsible to maintain safety standards, address safety concerns and report safety breaches to the match director.
- 9.4. The range officer shall be responsible to ensure that all rules, as contained in the latest version of SI-ELR's constitution is adhered to by match participants and report any breaches or irregularities to the match director.
- 9.5. Any match participant who refuses to comply with the stipulated SI-ELR match rules, or the decision of the match director, after being instructed to do so, can be disqualified from the shooting competition.
- 9.6. All match participants are responsible to register and sign the indemnity form with the match director, immediately upon arrival at the shooting range to participate in an SI-ELR sanctioned shooting competition.
- 9.7. All match participants are responsible for signing a waiver of responsibility, a release of liability statement, as well as signing a statement indicating they are familiar with the rules of the competition they are participating in before the match participant will be allowed to compete in any SI-ELR sanctioned shooting competition. The waiver of responsibility, the release of liability statement form and the form acknowledging the match participant is familiar with the rules of competition, shall be provided by the match director.