

# 2021 SMALLBORE MINI PALMA

## **DATES:**

February 28, 2021  
April 25, 2021  
May 30, 2021  
July 3, 2021  
August 8, 2021  
September 5, 2021

**Match Director:** Charles Bonham

**PLACE:** TCSA High Power Range

**SCHEDULE:** The range opens at 8:00 AM. Shooters should arrive by 8:15 AM for target setup and check in. Firing starts at 9:00 AM. Firing will take place in two relays, one relay will shoot all three stages while the other pulls and marks targets. Then the relays will switch positions.

**RULES:** All shooting is single shot, slow fire, approximately one shot per minute. All firing will be from 100 yards.

**EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATOR (ECI):** An Empty Chamber Indicator is required to be in your rifle at all times except during the preparation period and the firing of your relay. Please have an ECI in your rifle when you arrive at the range to check in. If you do not have an ECI, please arrive at the range with your rifle unloaded and the action open. Let the Match Director know you do not have an ECI and one will be provided.

**HANDLING OF FIREARMS:** Handling firearms behind the firing line is not permitted. The handling of firearms is defined as anything a competitor does to operate the mechanism, shoulder, aim, put a sling on, load, practice loading, insert a clip or magazine, or otherwise perform any action that would prepare the competitor to fire the firearm.

Adjusting or blackening sights, adjusting slings without placing them on the arm or making minor adjustments to the firearm in the ready area or behind the firing line is not regarded as handling the firearm, and is permitted as long as an ECI remains inserted.

Competitors may load clips or removable magazines in the ready area (so long as they are not inserted in the firearm). After competitors are instructed to carry their rifles and equipment to the firing line, they are permitted to handle their rifles on the firing line as long as the muzzle remains pointed up or downrange and an ECI remains inserted.

After arrival at the firing line and prior to the start of the preparation period, competitors may put a sling on and assume position with the rifle. Competitors may not remove the ECI, close the action or dry fire until the Range Officer announces the start of the preparation period.

## COURSE OF FIRE

Stage 1. 18 minutes for prep time, 5 optional sighters, and 15 record shots

- **Mini-Palma 800-yard target reduced for 100 yards**
  - 3 minutes of preparation time
  - 5 minutes for 5 (not convertible) sighter shots and 15 shots of record fire
- Stage 2. 15 minutes for 15 record shots
- **Mini-Palma 900-yard target reduced for 100 yards**
  - 15 minutes for 2 sighter shots and 15 shots of record fire
- Stage 3. 15 minutes for 15 record shots
- **Mini-Palma 1000-yard target reduced for 100 yards**
  - 15 minutes for 2 sighter shots 15 shots of record fire

## SHOOTER CATEGORIES

**PALMA CLASS:** Palma Class rifles in .22 caliber LR (Long Rifle) rim-fire. Shooter is required to utilize the prone sling position as described in the NRA Rules for Smallbore competition. Iron sights only: Open sights or aperture (peep) sights. No rifle support is allowed.

**F-CLASS T/R:** Rifles and Equipment as stated in the NRA F-Class T/R rules, except ammunition must be .22 caliber LR (rim-fire). Rifle may have iron sights or scope installed, a bi-pod may be attached to the rifle for support, and a rear support bag is authorized. Bi-pods are the ONLY allowed front support in F-Class T/R.

**F-CLASS OPEN:** Rifles and Equipment as stated in the NRA F-Class Open rules, except ammunition must be .22 caliber LR (rim-fire). Rifle may have iron sights or scope installed. Shooters may use any front and/or rear rifle supporting device not attached to the rifle. Bi-pods are not allowed. A rear support bag is authorized. Spotting scopes are authorized for all categories.

**TARGET:** The targets come in pairs. The shooter will alternate fire from left-to- right so as not to hit the marker from the previous shot. LRS Mini-PALMA targets will be used, purchased from; <http://www.pistoleer.com/targets/highpower/>. Target dimensions are:

**BENCHES:** Shooters may shoot from either prone or bench positions ONLY for F- Class. Open and FClass T/R. Shooters must bring their own shooting table/bench and chairs.

**AMMUNITION:** Competitors furnish their own ammunition. It must be .22 caliber LR (Long Rifle) rim fire (any type and grade the competitor chooses). The match requires 45 shots for record, plus up to 9 sighter shots.

**FEES & AWARDS:** Entry fee is \$10.00 for adults. Juniors (age 18 and under), active duty military, reservists, and their dependents with ID cards shoot for free. No cash prizes will be awarded.

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**TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

1. Arrive with a rifle sighted in for 100 yards.
2. Use sub-sonic ammunition (under 1140 feet per second velocity).
3. Bring a shooting mat to lie down on.
4. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions.
5. Bring water. The range is dry.

The Match director reserves the right to cancel the shoot for safety reasons including high winds, heavy rain, and any other condition that the director deems unsafe. Entry fee will be refunded if the shoot is cancelled.