

HUNTERS 3-GUN CHALLENGE

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INTRODUCTION

The Hunters' 3-Gun Challenge is set up as one continuous course of fire, timed from start to finish. Your final score is your time to complete the course, with lower time being a better score. During the course of fire, you will employ a rifle, a handgun, and a shotgun in turn to complete separate portions of the course. The entire course should be set up before the timer is started, and you may complete the three portions of the course in any order.

SHOTGUN PORTION

- For the shotgun portion of the course, you must throw and **break 5 regular-size clay pigeons**. Only clays that you break while they're in the air count. This portion of the stage is complete when you break your fifth clay.
- A manual, spring-actuated **clay pigeon thrower** fitted with a foot pedal or lanyard on the release lever is provided. You can use the spring-powered launcher to throw the clays, allowing you to trigger it with your foot, with your shotgun already in a firing position, or you can **throw the clays by hand**, which takes more skill, but tends to save time if you have the skill to pull it off.
- You may use **any civilian-legal shotgun** (single-shot, side-by-side, over-under, pump-action, semi-auto, etc.)
- Your shotgun and its magazine or magazines (if applicable) must be empty when the timer starts: **all loading is done on the clock**.

RIFLE PORTION

- For the rifle portion of the course, you may use **any bolt-action rifle** or single-shot rifle for this portion of the course. Safari-style double-rifles are also allowed.
- Your rifle and its magazine or magazines (if applicable) must be empty when the timer starts: **all loading is done on the clock**.
- The preferred **targets for this portion of the course are 12-oz aluminum beverage cans** that have been refilled with water. Other targets of comparable size may be substituted, if beverage cans are not available.
 - You must engage two targets from a standing position (without use of a rest) at 50 yards.

- You must engage two targets at 100 yards. If you shoot them from a standing position, you are allowed to make use of an improvised rest (such as bracing the rifle against a tree limb). Otherwise, you can use any position (sitting, prone, etc) that does not make use of a rest.
- You must engage two targets at 50 yards from an elevated position, such as a tree stand or shooting from the roof of a vehicle. There are no restrictions on body position (sitting, prone, etc.) when shooting from the elevated location.
- You may engage one bonus target at 300 yards from any position (including a bench rest, if available). If you hit the bonus target, you get a 15-second bonus deducted from your time.
- You may declare this portion of the course complete as soon as you have made at least one hit on each of the six required targets (you are not required to shoot the bonus target).

HANDGUN PORTION

- For the handgun portion of the course, you may use **any handgun that fires a projectile with at least 500 ft-lb of kinetic energy** at the muzzle. Generally, handguns chambered for 44 magnum, 10mm, and 357 magnum will meet this requirement, while guns chambered for 9mm, 45 ACP, 40 S&W, and 38 spl usually will not.
- You **must wear your handgun in a holster** throughout the other portions of the course.
- Your handgun may be loaded with up to 6 rounds when the timer starts, and spare magazines may be loaded to capacity, if applicable.
- The preferred **targets for this portion of the course are gallon jugs** of water. Other targets of similar size may be substituted if gallon jugs are not available.
- You will shoot one target from each of four different locations:
 - The first location must be at least 30 yards from where you are when the timer starts.
 - The second location must be at least 10 yards from the first location.
 - The third location must be at least 10 yards from the second location.
 - The fourth location must be at least 10 yards from the third location.
- The distance to each target from its respective shooting location must be between 5 and 10 yards.
- This portion of the course is complete when you have hit each of the four targets at least once.