



BUSHVELD SHOOTING EXERCISE

1. Introduction

The purpose of this exercise is to simulate the hunting of medium sized game in a typical bushveld environment. The scoring areas on the target are relatively large but the shooting positions are commensurately challenging. The requirements placed on the rifle and telescope are fairly low and would, for example, allow a 303 British rifle with 4X magnification telescope to be used very competitively. The skill of the shottist will play a big role in the achievement of higher scores.

An additional objective of the exercise is to level the playing field in terms of accessories and to give the members of SAHGCA the opportunity of using their medium calibre rifles on the shooting range as well.

2. Target

The Blue Wildebeest target or the Zebra target of the SAHGCA will be used. Other targets may be introduced by the Shooting Committee from time to time. The head of the animal may point either to the left or to the right.

3. Universal rules for shooting exercises

See separate document “Universal Rules for Shooting Exercises” – document: J006.34.06E – for description of general (universal) items.

4. Shooting Range Safety Rules and Standard Commands

See “Shooting Range Safety Rules for Participants” and “Standard Commands on the Shooting Range” - document: J006.35.03E – for loading, unloading and safety procedures.

5. Calibre

The minimum calibre is **6.5mm (.264)**. The 25-06 Rem (.257 calibre) does not qualify. To accommodate lighter modern monolithic bullets, minimum bullet weight is not prescribed. Note: Not all bullet weights allowed for this exercise may be appropriate for the species on the target. It is however the responsibility of the hunter to ensure that the ammunition used on a hunt is suitable for the animal being hunted.

6. Sights

Telescopes are restricted to a maximum magnification of 10x for the whole exercise (9 shots) and may not be adjusted to a magnification higher than 10x between shots and/or exercises. This is to ensure that the telescope does not serve as a spotting scope.

7. Exercise (item references refer to the document “Universal Rules for Shooting Exercises”)

- a. From **150m three shots** are fired in **90 seconds** in a kneeling position with shooting sticks, unlimited support (refer to item 18.3.2).
- b. From **100 meters three shots** are fired in **90 seconds** in the standing position with shooting sticks, unlimited support (refer to item 18.4.4).
- c. From **50 meters three shots** are fired in **30 seconds** in the offhand standing position (refer to item 18.4.1).

8. Recognition

Shooting badges are available with cut-off points for bronze, silver and gold at **160, 190 and 220** respectively with a maximum score of 270.



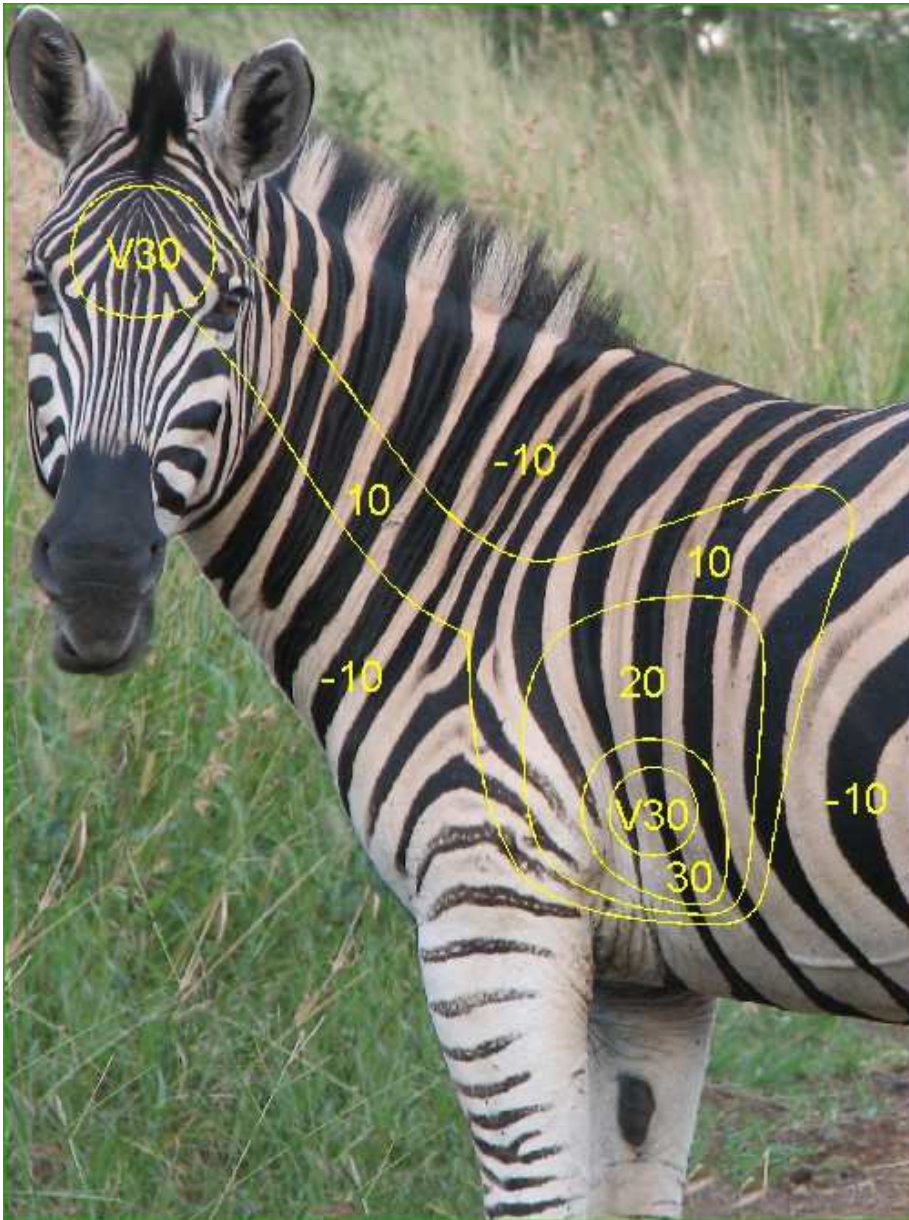
Actual size of target: WxH = 1000 x 750mm

Target areas	W x H mm	Area cm ²	vs Heart
brain/skull	136 x 96	102	80 %
heart	117 x 135	128	--
V-heart	73 dia	42	33%
central heart/lung	210 x 230	440	340 %
larger heart/lung	270 x 310	820	640 %

Neck vertebra: 70mm wide

Scores are printed on the target.

The actual lines on the target are thin red lines which are not visible at a distance.



Actual size of target: WxH = 750 x 1000mm

Target areas	W x H mm	Area cm2	vs Hart
brain/skull	115 x 105	102	80%
heart	117 x 135	128	--
V-heart	73 dia	42	33%
central heart/lung	200 x 250	440	340%
larger heart/lung	270 x 310	820	640%

Neck vertebra: 70mm wide

Scores are printed on the target.

The actual lines on the target are in thin red lines which are not visible at a distance.

The Blue wildebeest and Zebra vital areas are exactly the same size.