



BUSHVELD SHOOTING EXERCISE: OPEN SIGHTS

1. Introduction

The purpose of this exercise is to simulate the hunting of medium sized game in a typical bushveld environment. It is specifically aimed at “older” type rifles. The shooting exercise is principally the same as the normal bushveld exercise and participants for this exercise may be included in the normal exercise. The scoring areas on the target are relatively large but the open sights and shooting positions will adequately test the shooting skills of the participants.

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

No telescopes are allowed. Only open sights including peep sights and *ghost rings* will be allowed.

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

Since this exercise is deemed to be more difficult to shoot with rifles fitted with open sights than with telescopes, the cut-off points for awards have been reduced by 20 points. Hence the qualifying scores are bronze, silver and gold: 140, 170 and 200 respectively. Maximum score is 270.



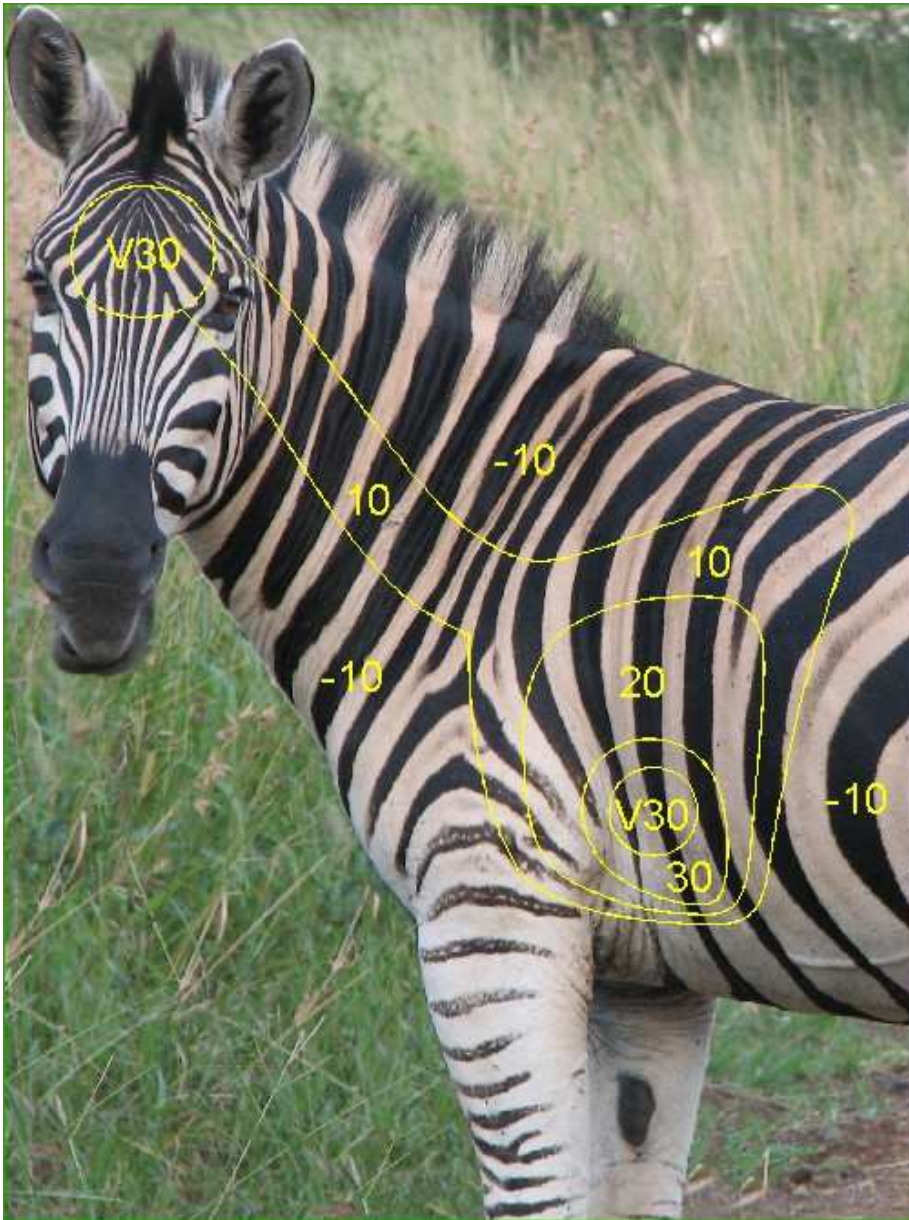
Actual size of target: WxH = 1000 x 750mm

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.