



PLAINS (BLACK WILDEBEEST) SHOOTING EXERCISE

1. Introduction

The purpose of this exercise is to simulate the hunting of Black wildebeest and other large game over longer distances in open terrain. It provides the shooter the opportunity of taking part competitively at distances of 200m and 300m. The rifle must be accurate and the telescope must be clear with sufficient magnification (preferably 10x and more) to allow for good shot placement. This exercise is specifically aimed at shooters who own accurate rifles in **6.5 (.264) calibre and larger** suitable for plains hunting.

2. Target

The Black Wildebeest 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 to the left or 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 and telescopes

No restrictions on sights and telescopes

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

- a. From **300m three shots** are fired in **120 seconds** in the prone position with limited support in front only (refer to item 18.1.2).
- b. From **200 meters three shots** are fired in **120 seconds** in the prone position without any artificial support. (refer to item 18.1.1)
- c. From **200 meters three shots** are fired in **120 seconds** in the sitting position with limited support in front only {refer to item 18.2.2 (a)}

8. Recognition

Shooting badges are available with cut-off points for bronze, silver and gold at **27, 32 and 36** respectively with a maximum score of **45**.



Actual size of target: 1000x750mm

Target areas	W x H mm	Area cm ²	vs Heart
Heart	100 x 115	93	-
V-heart	54 dia	23	25 %
Brain/scull	112 x 95	85	90 %
Central heart/lung	180 x 190	320	340 %
Larger heart/lung	220 x 260	590	630 %

Neck vertebra : 60mm wide

Scores are printed on the target.

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