

Mini Rattle Battle Team Match

The Mini Rattle Battle is a 100 yard reduced course match of the National Trophy Infantry Team Match.

1 Team Composition

The team consists of two members who fire for the team's score and a spotter. Spotters may be a firing member of another team.

2 Course of Fire

The Mini Rattle Battle Course of Fire (Table below) is used for each team of firing members.

- For firing at 100 and 80 yards, six reduced Army "E" silhouette targets are posted two to a backer, one above and one below with a minimum of 18 inches separating them. For firing at 100 and 65 yards, six Army "F" silhouette targets are posted two to a backer, in the above configuration. **Only three targets in a horizontal set are engaged at each stage.** Targets are replaced after each relay.
- Teams take their positions on the 100-yard firing line as directed by the Match Director. Only the firing members, spotter and safety officer are permitted on the firing line. A three-minute preparation period is given at the 100-yard firing line only. After the preparation period ends, the command **LOAD AND BE READY** is given and the buzzer sounds between 10 seconds and no later than 40 seconds after this command. Shooters may start firing at the lower set of three targets when the buzzer sounds. The Match Director must vary the start command within these standards so that the timing of the **LOAD AND BE READY** command is not predictable. Between the first and second stages and then between the third and fourth stages, each team moves forward abreast before engaging the second, upper, set of three targets. Rifles must be unloaded, with magazines removed, bolts open and empty chamber indicators in place, with muzzles elevated and pointed down range. The firing procedures at each stage are the same. Each relay must complete two stages before the next relay is called.

Stage	Distance / Target	Firing Position	Time Limit
First	100 yd / E Target	Prone	50 sec.
Second	80 yd / E Target	Prone, Sitting or Kneeling	50 sec.
Third	100 yd / F Target	Sitting or Kneeling	50 sec.
Fourth	65 yd / F Target	Standing	50 sec.

3 Competition Conditions

- **Slings.** Slings may be configured with arm loops and used for support in the prone, sitting or kneeling positions. In the 65-yard standing position stage, the sling may only be used as a hasty sling, without an arm loop.
- **Ammunition.** Each team is permitted a total of 100 rounds of ammunition. The firing members may divide it among themselves and determine how many may be loaded in the clips or magazines.
- **Targets.** Each team is assigned a block of three target backers. Gaps in the target line separate one team's targets from those of another.
- **Coaching.** During the Mini Rattle Battle, the spotter may coach and talk directly with the shooters and may touch the shooters' rifles. (To make sight adjustments, assist with malfunctions, etc.)
- **Malfunctions.** No alibis are accepted for misfires, disabled firearms or other failures of range or team equipment.
- **Score Recording.** A safety officer is assigned to each team to enforce safety regulations and score the team's targets. The safety officer may be a firing member of another team.

4 Scoring

- All scores are recorded at the end of each relay.
- Hits outside the silhouettes are not scored or marked.
- Hits on the silhouettes count 4 points on "E" target at 100 yards, 3 points on "E" Target at 80 yards, 2 points on "F" Target at 100 yards and 1 point on "F" Target at 65 yards.
- A bonus for distribution is calculated at each range. The bonus is determined by counting the number of silhouette targets that contain six or more hits each. The number of targets with six or more hits is cubed and that result is added to the total hit score for that range to produce the total score for that range.
- Ties are broken according to the highest team score at "E" 100 yards, then at "E" 80 yards, then at "F" 100 yards, and finally, "F" at 65 yards.

5 Telescopes and Field Glasses

In the Mini Rattle Battle, the spotter is permitted to use binoculars that do not exceed 10x50 in power and objective lens diameter. Telescopes may only be used behind the ready line and before the preparation period starts. Telescopes and field glasses may be used as follows:

- Telescopes may be used during sighting in, before the match begins.
- The spotter may use a telescope behind the assembly line for the purpose of reading the wind before the start of their team's relay. These telescopes may not be used for coaching or reading wind after the preparation period starts.
- After the preparation period starts, the spotter may use binoculars that do not exceed 10x50 in power and objective lens diameter.