

## 2025 Rulebook

The Modern American Rimfire Series (MARS) is an annual cumulative points competition for practical 22LR precision rifle shooters. MARS's goal is to promote the shooting sports and defend the 2nd Amendment. MARS is designed to give back to the firearms community by providing affordable, competitive outlets for practical style rimfire enthusiasts; practice opportunities for precision centerfire competitors; and to be an accessible, beginner friendly option for new and junior shooters.

### I. Safety

#### A. General Rifle Safety

1. Treat all firearms as if they were loaded
2. Always point the firearm in a safe direction
3. Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to fire
4. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to fire
5. Know your target and what is beyond
6. Eye and ear protection are mandatory for participants, spectators, and officials at the event
7. Never use alcohol or cognitive altering drugs (including over the counter or prescription drugs) while shooting
8. Individual club/match/range safety rules may require the MD to modify MARS rules

#### B. Rifle Safety While at a MARS Match

1. MARS competitions are always conducted on cold ranges
2. All rifles are to remain unloaded, with magazines removed and actions open, except when being run through a course of fire, or with the permission of the RO
3. Use of chamber flags/empty chamber indicators (ECI) magazine blocks which are retained by the magazine catch are permitted, one of these devices are required. Chamber flags shall remain in the action until the RO verbally indicates removal is permitted
4. Rifles shall only be loaded, or magazines inserted, when directed by the RO
5. Rifles shall be grounded in a proper rifle rack, or wherever the RO designates as a safe location and direction
6. Rifles with removable magazines are required. Rifles with fixed tubular magazines are prohibited, as they are difficult to make safe
7. When moving between stages, always ensure the rifle is cased or pointed in a safe direction

#### C. Rifle Safety During a Stage

1. Always wait for the RO's command before removing the chamber flag and inserting the magazine
2. Stages usually begin with an empty chamber unless specifically directed by the stage brief

3. Any movement or barricade transition must be performed with the action open and an empty chamber on a bolt action rifle, or with the safety engaged on a semi-automatic rifle. For semi-automatic rifles, the shooter must engage the safety, and yell "SAFE" loud enough for the RO to hear while wearing ear protection
4. During movement, the 180 rule must always be adhered to. The 180 rule dictates that the rifle should only be pointed within 90 degrees to the left and right of straight down range to prevent muzzling. There may be stages when a RO sets the arc to less than 180 degrees, to ensure safety. Always follow the RO instructions and be aware of muzzle direction.

#### D. Safety Violations and Penalties

1. Cold range rule: Violating the cold range rule results in a match disqualification (DQ)
2. 180 rule: Violating the 180 rule with a loaded firearm results in a match DQ
3. Muzzling: Muzzling with a loaded firearm, will result in a match DQ. Muzzling is pointing or sweeping any part of any person's body with the muzzle of a rifle
4. Unsafe transitioning: If a shooter fails to open the action during movement during a stage, such as transitions on a barricade, the RO will first have the shooter correct the situation. The shooter will then be permitted to move back to the previous firing position and continue the course of fire. A second violation will result in a zero on the stage. A third violation will result in a match DQ. The same applies to semi-automatic rifles that move with a closed bolt with the safety engaged, if the shooter does not either engage the safety and/or yell "SAFE"
5. Negligent Discharge: A negligent discharge is defined as any round unintentionally discharged from a firearm during a transition, movement, and/or firearm manipulation; or a round intentionally discharged during a ceasefire period. The competitor shall automatically receive a match DQ.
6. Mechanical Failure: A mechanical failure is defined as any round unintentionally discharged from a firearm due to a mechanical failure. The participant will be removed from the event until he or she can repair the rifle to safe working order. All stages and points will be forfeited during this down time
7. False Starts: Intentional firing before the start signal will result in a zero for the stage
8. Intoxication: If an MD judges a shooter to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during competition, the shooter will receive a match DQ and be removed from competition. The shooter will not be allowed to drive from the competition while still intoxicated
9. MDs will strive to be as fair as possible, and they will rule within the MARS guidelines. MDs' rulings are final

## **II. Responsibilities**

### **A. MARS Responsibilities**

1. MARS will oversee and administer the series and ensure founding principles are maintained
2. MARS will gather and publish match scores from all participating clubs
3. MARS will generate and track series points from the match scores
4. MARS will publish series points for all registered MARS members
5. MARS will generate membership numbers for all registered MARS members
6. MARS will distribute prizes donated to the series
7. MARS will support and assist participating clubs
8. MARS President will establish and oversee a committee comprised of all Board of Directors and Area directors to vote on MARS issues, including rules
9. Each participating Area Director will receive one vote for decision making purposes. A simple majority will carry motions.
10. Once the MARS season starts the MARS Staff member who holds the prescribed position will be authorized to make rulings or decisions that relate to their position.
11. No rules will be amended or changed unless the Rules Committee Chairman feels a fix is needed to allow fairness in competition. If the rules chairman, deems a rule amendment is needed, he may convene the MARS staff for a vote.

### **B. Shooter Responsibilities**

1. Shooters should always treat MDs and ROs with respect. From time to time, disagreements arise between shooters and match officials. This is fine, so long as mutual respect and calm communication occurs. The Match Director(s)'s ruling is always final
2. All participants in MARS matches are looked upon as Safety Officers. Any participant who witnesses an unsafe act should call for a cease fire and stop the unsafe act. The witness should then inform the closest RO of the act
3. It is the shooters responsibility to know the MARS Rulebook prior to a competition
4. Shooters should actively try to move the competition along quickly and smoothly by participating in the stage briefing, helping reset, score or spot during the stage, knowing their position in the shooting order and being ready to shoot when their name is called
5. At the beginning of each stage, participants will be asked by the RO, "Shooter, do you understand the course of fire?". This is the shooter's last opportunity to ask for clarification about the stage or course of fire. After providing an affirmative answer, indicating there are no remaining questions, a shooter may not argue that the instructions were unclear or that they misunderstood the course, positions, order, or targets. Any such

arguments will be considered invalid. Shooter's score will be sorted out by the RO/Spotters and shooter will only earn points for hitting correct targets per COF

6. Shooters should be good squad mates by helping police brass, helping ROs when directed, and providing coaching to other shooters after their stage is complete
7. Volunteering to assist with set up and take down of the match is a big help to the club and MDs, and is greatly appreciated
8. A competitor may not stop themselves during the stage, due to lost targets, disagreement with the RO, etc.
9. The competitor MUST engage targets in the order specified in the stage brief, otherwise the spotter will not be observing the shots on the intended target. Shooting targets out of order is not grounds for a reshoot
10. If the competitor has a choice of engagement order (per the stage brief), the chosen order must be communicated to the RO and Spotter(s) before beginning the course of fire.

C. Match Director (MD) Responsibilities

1. MDs are responsible for the overall operation of a match. They are the person(s) in charge at that event
2. MD's must follow MARS rules during MARS events to provide a fair and consistent experience to all competitors
3. All MD's match rulings are final as related to monthly matches
4. MD's must prepare a course of fire (COF) or stage brief which clearly states the target size, shape, color, distance, etc. AND the stage procedure or description. The intent of the MD for any stage should be unambiguous. During the match briefing or safety brief, any details or last-minute changes to the COF should be explained so that all competitors are provided the same information.
5. MD's must communicate any changes or modifications to the COF to every squad, if a change is made after the first rounds are fired.
6. MD's must verify that their club page on the MARS website is up to date. This includes match dates, physical location, contact information, etc. are up to date.
7. MD's must submit all match dates at least 30 days prior to the event
8. MDs must submit match scores in a timely manner (within 48 hours) in the prescribed format to the MARS Stats Officer

D. Range Officer (RO) Responsibilities

1. ROs are any person assisting the MD with running a competition. They can be the person running a stage, spotter, registration staff, or anyone that the MD acknowledges as working the match
2. ROs should understand all rules and regulations prior to the start of the competition to ensure the safety of all participants. Any RO witnessing unsafe acts must call cease fire and correct the unsafe act as soon as possible

3. ROs that are running a stage shall have complete knowledge of the stage that they are responsible for. They should conduct a stage briefing for all shooters prior to each stage and assist in target location on stages that allow for prior target knowledge. After the stage briefing, the squad will have 5 minutes to prepare before the first shooter is called to the line. Once the stage begins, the RO shall run every shooter through that stage as close to the same as humanly possible. Encouraged commands are as follows. "Do you understand the course of fire?" If no questions are asked, then "Load and make ready". Once the shooter makes his or her rifle ready, "Shooter Ready?" Once an affirmative is obtained, the start tone should follow
4. ROs that are supervising the shooter are responsible for the safety of the shooter, bystanders, and the overall stage. Time keeping and scoring are secondary responsibilities that should not supersede the primary function of stage safety. Ideally, each stage will also have ROs for timing, scoring, and spotting.
5. ROs that are serving as spotters are responsible for calling hits on targets. Utilization of standard calls is encouraged. Standard calls would include IMPACT, RE-ENGAGE, WRONG TARGET, STRAP, or STAND. Spotters should use loud clear voices when calling stages.
6. Calling corrections DURING the stage (coaching) is prohibited. Feedback to the shooter AFTER the stage is complete is encouraged.
7. Assistance to juniors (firearm manipulation, support equipment, spotting, wind calls, shot corrections) is permitted
8. The use of click (shot) counters by spotters is recommended
9. Anytime a RO is unable to settle a grievance presented by a shooter, they shall request the MD to make the final decision
10. Although discouraged, reshoots of stages may be required due to a cease fire being called, prop malfunction, or target breakage. Reshoots are only complete reshoots of the entire stage. The score on the reshoot will be the final score
11. Reshoots may only be authorized by the MD
12. ROs are responsible to ensure that the firearm's chamber is empty prior to inserting their ECI into the rifle. Failure to properly clear a rifle, will result in both the shooter and RO receiving a match DQ

### **III. Details**

#### **A. Rifle Rules**

1. Rifles must be chambered in .22 Long Rifle (LR) only
2. Any rimfire rifle chambered in .22 LR may be used. However, rifles with removable magazines are recommended. Rifles with fixed tubular magazines are prohibited as they are difficult to make safe.

3. Any scope, iron sights, or electronic sights may be used. However, magnified rifle scopes with externally adjustable turrets and reticles designed to assist in holdover and measurement are highly recommended
4. Competitors may only use one rifle for the event. If the competitor's rifle becomes inoperable, they must get permission from the MD to switch rifles and continue the match

#### B. Equipment

1. Bipods are considered a part of the rifle. They can be deployed or extended before starting a stage. They do not need to be removed if a stage brief limits their use but must not be utilized.
2. Support gear:
  - a) Bags, slings, tripods, shooting sticks, monopods, etc.
  - b) A bag is defined as any object larger than .5" x.5" x.5"
 Support gear may be limited by the MD for the COF
3. Accessory gear:
  - a) Grip tape, skid pads, scope levels, scope wraps, barricade stops, dope card holders, etc.
  - b) An accessory is any item that can be mounted or removed from the rifle, that is not already considered Support Gear.
 Accessories **can not** be limited by the MD
4. All equipment must be in hand(s) before starting a stage
5. Any range property such as tables, chairs, stools, etc., may not be used during the stage unless explicitly allowed in the stage brief
6. Any equipment like tripods or the like must be fully collapsed and closed
7. A stage brief may explicitly prohibit or limit the allowed equipment used for a particular stage

#### C. Match Design

1. Stage design and props must accommodate competitors of various heights, physical builds, and right/left dominance
2. No stage should require questionable or unsafe firearm manipulation by a competitor
3. Reasonable modifications to a stage may be made by the MD to accommodate a competitor's physical disability, height, or age
4. Every match will incorporate a tie breaker stage. Time will be used to break all scoring ties
5. The use of electronic shot timers for all stages is recommended. The use of a timer for tie breaker stage is mandatory
6. Any shot occurring within .30 seconds of the ending beep is considered within the time limit of the stage. A shot occurring at xx.31 seconds is overtime and will not be counted
7. In the event a suppressor is in use, every effort must be made to position the timer to record the last shot fired. RO may be required to tap the timer

after the final shot to attempt to get a time. The competitor forfeits any last shot grievance by choosing to run suppressed

8. PractiScore should be used to post notices of upcoming matches, facilitate registration, and collecting scores during the match
9. All match scores will be posted on PractiScore upon match completion, and scores properly submitted to MARS
10. No MARS match will allow the use of a mulligan to reshoot a stage

D. Recognition

1. Divisions
  - a) Bolt Action (BOLT)
  - b) Semi-Automatic Action (SEMI)
  - c) Junior (15 years old and younger on January 1 of season) (JR)
2. Categories
  - a) Senior (55 years old and older on January 1 of season)
  - b) Lady (female)
  - c) MIL/LEO (active duty or currently employed)

E. Series Points

1. Competitors will get a match score for each match. Match scores will be converted to series points, based on the percentage of their match score compared to the overall match winner
2. Series Points = Your Match Score/Match Winner's Score x 100
3. Series Points will be tracked by your MARS membership number
4. A match must have a minimum of 10 competitors to count for series points
5. Shooters must shoot 4 matches in ANY region
6. Shooters will qualify for the MARS Finale based on their end of season points

F. Match Schedule

1. The MARS schedule shall be posted on the MARS website, [www.ModernAmericanRimfireSeries.com](http://www.ModernAmericanRimfireSeries.com)
2. The regular season shall run from 1/1/25 thru 9/7/25
3. The Series Finale Match shall take place on 9/20/25
4. The Series Finale Match location at SPSS located in Summit Point, W.VA
5. The Series Finale Match COF shall be published 72 hours in advance of the match
6. Two weeks before the Finale: any remaining slots will be offered to anyone that would like to attend. These competitors are not eligible for any awards or prizes

G. Series Champion

1. To qualify for the Series Finale, a competitor's top scores from 4 different clubs will added together
2. Invitations to the Finale will be in order of series points standings at the end of the season

3. To become Series Champion, series points earned from the member's highest scores at four (4) different clubs will be added to the points earned at the Finale. The highest total series points will be declared the Champion
4. There will be a Series Champion for each Division

#### H. Awards

1. Monthly matches
  - a) Clubs are encouraged to, but not required to distribute awards at monthly matches
2. Finale Match
  - a) Trophies will be awarded to overall series points winners in each Division for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places
  - b) Prize table will be in order of finish
  - c) There will be separate prize tables for each Division
  - d) There will special recognition awards for top finisher in each Category
  - e) Challenge coins will be awarded by order of finish in each Division
3. Sponsors
  - a) All prizes are the result of the patronage and generosity of the sponsors
  - b) MARS participants are encouraged to:
    - (1) Consider the sponsors when purchasing equipment
    - (2) Contact the sponsors to thank them for their contributions

#### I. Membership

1. Membership is not required to participate in any MARS match
2. To participate in the points series, competitors must become MARS members
3. All registered members will receive a MARS number, which is how your series points will be tracked. Dual membership is required to shoot Bolt and Semi auto division. Each membership will have unique number
4. Dues must be paid for scores to be tracked and posted on the MARS Leaderboard
5. MARS membership must be renewed annually
6. Scores earned prior to joining MARS (paid membership) will not be recorded
7. Registering as a member of MARS means that the member agrees that they have read the current year Rulebook and agrees to abide by all rules

### IV. Attitude

- A. Good Sportsmanship is one of the founding principles of MARS
  1. It helps grow the sport, creates positive role models, and is impressive to the sponsors. It is not something that can be measured, but is easy to recognize by all participants
- B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct



1. Unsportsmanlike conduct is taken very seriously by MARS. Examples of bad sportsmanship include treating participants or range staff with disrespect, abusive behavior, unwarranted complaining, throwing tantrums, or other disruptive behavior
2. Cheating
  - a) MARS defines cheating as: acting dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain a competitive advantage for yourself or someone else
  - b) Examples of cheating are:
    - (1) Sabotaging another shooters equipment or gear
    - (2) Altering or tampering with scoring devices or records
    - (3) Coaching during the COF by providing wind calls or shot corrections (other than to a brand new or junior competitor) will result in a stage DQ for the individual coaching. Second infraction is match DQ.
    - (4) Any other act as deemed unfair/cheating by a RO or MD
3. Penalties for Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Cheating
  - a) A competitor acting in an unsportsmanlike manner at any match will be subject to any penalty that the MD deems appropriate including a verbal warning, stage zero, or a match DQ.
  - b) A competitor repeatedly acting in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be reported to the MARS Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD shall consider the facts and circumstances, and may remove the competitor from the MARS Series
  - c) A competitor determined to be cheating shall be reported to the MARS Board of Directors. The BOD shall consider the facts and circumstances, and may remove the competitor from the MARS Series
  - d) Any competitor who has been removed from the series, may request in writing for reinstatement. Reinstatement is not a guaranteed.

## **V. Indemnification**

### **A. Liability**

1. All MARS participants including associated clubs and facilities understand that firearms and activities surrounding a running of a competition have inherent risks. All participants agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless MARS, facility, Match Director(s), staff and participants of MARS, from and against all claims, leases, injuries, suits or judgments arising from, or in connection with, their presence on the MARS facilities.
2. All MARS participants agree to this indemnification and save harmless for themselves, their successors, assigns, heirs, executors and administrators, and any other person or entities who/which may have a claim based upon my/our personal injuries and/or property damage.

Furthermore, participants agree to abide by the rules and regulations pertaining to participation in MARS and acknowledge receipt of a copy of the same.

3. Participants understand further that they will be held financially responsible for any damage to facilities or equipment which occurs through participation in MARS.
4. All minors aged 17 years or younger must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and that adult is responsible for all actions of the minor.
5. MARS reserves the right to remove any competitor or club/association as it sees fit for any reason.
6. Participants understand that they may be photographed/recorded at MARS events and hereby give MARS, its employees, licenses and authorized representatives, permission to photograph/record them and to use and reproduce those image(s), name and identification for standard purposes including, but not limited to the promotion, publicity, social media, website, archives, research, publications, and other materials and presentations. The permission is irrevocable and royalty-free. Participants waive any right to inspect or approve the image in connection with MARS uses as authorized in this release.

## **VI. Team Series Addendum**

- A. The MARS team series will follow all standard MARS individual series match rules
- B. Team Series additional rules and standards:
  1. All match stages must be in a true team match format. Both shooters must fire a minimum of one or more rounds during the same time period on the clock
  2. The Team Series Coordinator will administer the Series
- C. Scoring
  1. The team's top scores from 3 different clubs will added together
  2. If a club hosts more than one Team match, only the highest score will count
  3. Only approved Team Series match scores will count
  4. There must be a minimum of five teams (10 competitors) shooting the event for the match to count for Team Series points
  5. All teams do not have to be paid Team Series teams
- D. Participation
  1. A person may register and be a part of more than one team
  2. A person can only shoot and score points with only one teammate per match
  3. Upon match registration, the Team number must be provided for scoring purposes
- E. Match Schedule

1. The MARS Team Series schedule shall be posted on the MARS website, [www.ModernAmericanRimfireSeries.com](http://www.ModernAmericanRimfireSeries.com)
  2. All requests to host a Team Series Match must be submitted to the Team Series Coordinator by July 1st
- F. Team Series Championship
1. Match shall take place no later than 8/31/23
  2. Championship Match location will be announced as soon as a contract has been secured
- G. Awards
1. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places
  2. Cash payouts will be based on the number of Team Series participants
    - a) 1st 50% payback
    - b) 2nd 30% payback
    - c) 3rd 20% payback
  3. Prize table will be in order of finish

## VII. **MARS 400/800 Club**

**A. 400 Club** – 4 wins in BOLT or Semi Auto Division, at four different **MARS CORE** clubs listed on website.

**B. 800 Club** – 4 wins in BOLT and 4 Semi Auto Division, at four different **MARS CORE** clubs listed below. A Bolt and Semi win may come from the same club due to using two different platforms.

**List of core clubs can be found on website**

## VIII. **MD Appreciation Awards**

MD appreciation awards will only be awarded to Listed MARS CORE Clubs. Check Website for details.

## IX. **Any Match Counts Scoring model for 2024**

- A. **CLUB Criteria** – Events must be conducted at established shooting facilities. We will not honor scores from (backyard/side yard matches) Club must be registered, carry insurance, and have a facility that is open to all shooters, and the general public to participate in the events.
1. Shooter must have an Active 2024 MARS membership prior to the event.
  2. Top Score taken from 4 different clubs remains in effect.
  3. Match must consist of A minimum of 8 stages of fire. (We will accept matches using the NRL22 monthly COF plus 3 bonus stages)

After the event ask your events MD if they will be submitting match scores to MARS, if they are, then you don't need to do anything. **(Must be submitted within 72 hours of event)** If the MD is not, then all we need is one shooter from the event to submit the results to us.

#### B. Score Submissions

1. Email Subject line : Name and date of the event
2. Email Body: you can send a cut and paste, an image, as well as the events PS score results link so we can verify results.
3. **SCORES MUST** be submitted within 72 hours of the match or they will not count.

We will verify scores for active MARS members and apply your scores.

**FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUBMIT SCORES WILL BE REJECTED.**

### X. Tactical Bench Rest Rules- TBR

#### A. Rifle Rules

1. Rifles must be chambered in .22 Long Rifle (LR) only.
- Any rimfire rifle chambered in .22 LR may be used. However, rifles with removable magazines are recommended. Rifles with fixed tubular magazines are prohibited as they are difficult to make safe.
  - Any scope, iron sights, or electronic sights may be used. However, magnified rifle scopes with externally adjustable turrets and reticles designed to assist in holdover and measurement are highly recommended.
- Competitors may only use one rifle for the event. If the competitor's rifle becomes inoperable, they must get permission from the MD to switch rifles and continue the match.
- **Equipment**
  1. Bipods are considered a part of the rifle. They can be deployed or extended before starting a stage. They do not need to be removed if a stage brief limits their use but must not be utilized.
- **Support gear:**
  1. **The only equipment allowed is a bipod & rear bag OR a front bag & rear bag.** If you are using a bipod, you are only permitted to use one rear bag. If you are not using a bipod, you are permitted to use one front bag and one rear bag only.
    1. Shooters may build a stable position on the bench using any combination of bipod & allowed number of bags per stage COF.

2. **No** mechanical rests may be used (mechanical rests are any rest that allows for the adjustment of the windage or elevation by moving adjustable wheels or knobs built into the rest)

- A bag is defined as any object larger than .5" x.5" x.5"

Support gear may be limited by the MD for the COF

- **Accessory gear:**

1. Grip tape, skid pads, scope levels, scope wraps, barricade stops, dope card holders, etc.
- An accessory is any item that can be mounted or removed from the rifle, that is not already considered Support Gear.

Accessories **cannot** be limited by the MD

- All equipment must be staged on the bench before starting a stage.
- A stage brief may explicitly prohibit or limit the allowed equipment used for a particular stage.
- **Recognition**

### **TBR Champion – End of the year Trophy**

**B. Shooting the stage:** No sight pictures allowed while at the bench preparing to shoot the stage. Make all adjustments while on the clock.

- **Series Points**

1. Competitors will get a match score for each match. Match scores will be converted to series points, based on the percentage of their match score compared to the overall match winner
- Series Points = Your Match Score/Match Winner's Score x 100
  - Series Points will be tracked by your MARS membership number
  - A match must have a **minimum of 5** competitors to count for series points
  - Shooters must shoot 4 matches from at least 2 different clubs

- **Match Schedule**

1. The MARS schedule shall be posted on the MARS website, [www.ModernAmericanRimfireSeries.com](http://www.ModernAmericanRimfireSeries.com)
- The regular season shall run from 1/1/24 thru 9/15/24
- To be considered for the Tactical Bench Rest Champion, a competitor must shoot in a minimum of 4 matches during the season. Shooter must shoot at two different clubs for the 2024 season.
- TBR Championship will be Oct 26, 2024 in Quinton, NJ.

## **XI. ME Series- MARS Expedition Rules**

### **ME Bounties**

ME Bounties are opportunities for all MARS members to benefit from the ME series as well. Every ME qualifier match will have a bounty prize attached to it. Any MARS member can win this bounty by being the highest shooter in the standings. That's right if a MARS member can top the field of ME shooter, you're going home with the bounty. Only one bounty prize per event. So, who's going to be the first to take home one of the bounties? **MUST be a MARS member to earn bounties.**

### **ME Specific Rules**

- Shooter must have an active **MARS** membership for **2024** to participate.
- \$255 **ME** registration fee gets you into the ME series.
- Hosting **MD** is not eligible to compete for points during their **ME** qualifier.
- **ME qualifier** buy in is **\$50** per shooter per event. **100%** of buy in money is paid back at each qualifier event.
- Event payout 1st/2nd/3rd 50/30/20% based off event buy in collected.
- **ME** Qualifier winner will walk away with event qualifier trophy.
- **ME** shooter is not required to buy in at each event. However, no **ME** points or trophy will be awarded unless you bought in for that event.
- **ME** will have a separate scoreboard.
- **ME** points earned from event is based off top shooter in matches score. Must win match to earn 100 points.
- Shooter's top 3 **ME** scores, plus your MARS Finale points will determine your **ME** final placement.
- Top **8** shooters move into the **ME Touchdown Shootout** event.

### **ME Shootout Event**

- **ME Touchdown shootout** will consist of your top 8 **ME** shooters battling it out.
- The top 8 shooters will participate in a phased elimination match on Sunday the day after the MARS Finale. All shooters will start the ME Shootout with zero points.

### **Format:**

**Phase 1** - Top 8 shooters are split into 2 groups based off their ranking and bracket position. Each group will shoot 2 stages, then swap stages and shoot. From the four stages shot each group will lose 2 shooters taking us to the final 4.

**Phase 2** - The final 4 will shoot 2 more stages and we will eliminate 2 more shooters.

**Phase 3** - The Final two shooters will battle it out to see who will become the 2024 MARS ME Champion.