



## Steel Silhouette Target Shooting at Marathon Trap & Sportsmen Club 142122 County Road N, Marathon WI 54448

**Handgun/Rifle Shooting: Evenings 4:30 PM until sunset-Thursdays, April 25<sup>th</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturdays, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (call ahead). Match firearm and cartridge rules apply. Steel Silhouette and defensive practice (up to 50'). Eye and hearing protection is required while shooting or spotting. (\$5 guest fee if not a member)**

### Cartridges Allowed

- 1. Big Bore Cartridges (targets at 50, 100, 150, 200 m)**
  - a. Bottleneck and straight-wall center-fire cartridges. No Steel or steel-jacketed bullets.
  - b. Bullets not to exceed 2300 fps.
- 2. Small Bore Cartridges (targets at 25, 50, 75, 100 yds)**
  - a. Only .22 LR Rim-fire ammunition (standard or high velocity) fired as manufactured.
- 3. Field Pistol Cartridges (targets at 25, 50, 75, 100 yds)**
  - a. Straight-wall, center fire pistol cartridges of standard manufacture with a maximum case length of 1.29 inches, as specified for that cartridge.
  - b. The .32-20 with a length of 1.32 inches, .270 REN, .22 Hornet, 25-20.
  - c. 22LR and .22WMR Rim-fire fired as manufactured.

	Big Bore (White Targets)	Small Bore & Field Pistol (White or Black Targets)
Chickens	50 M / Yd.	25 M / Yd.
Pigs	100 M / Yd.	50 M / Yd.
Turkeys	150 M / Yd.	75 M / Yd.
Rams	200 M / Yd.	100 M / Yd.

### 2026 Silhouette Match Dates:

**Saturdays: May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> (Shooting times 9 AM to 4 PM)**

### Match Courses of Fire:

Sanctioned IHMSA (\$6)– Big Bore, Big Bore Half Size, Field Pistol, Small Bore, Small Bore Runts  
Non-sanctioned IHMSA (\$5) 40 rds same as sanctioned IHMSA  
Non-sanctioned Defensive Gun Shoot (\$3) 20 rds, Barrel length not to exceed 5 inches.  
Non-sanctioned Fun Shoot (\$3) 20 rds, 4 stages - your choice with allowed firearms and cartridges.

### Course of Fire: (for IHMSA sanctioned and non-sanctioned shoots)

At each stage of 5 targets, shooters have 30 sec to load once the “Load” command is given. Two (2) minutes are allowed for five (5) shots on five (5) targets. Targets must be shot left to right in sequence. Missed, or out of sequence, targets are counted as misses. At the “Cease fire” command, all guns are unload, grounded with the action open. The stage is then repeated. After the second stage, shooters move to the next position. Targets are shot in order, chickens, pig, turkeys and rams. Eye and hearing protection is required while shooting or spotting.

### Fun Shoot Criteria:

Since these are non-sanctioned events, a \$3 charge will be assessed per course (20 targets). Any competition that exists is primarily with yourself and not with others. Besides having good safe fun, these events are great preparation for big and small game hunting. All firearms and ammunition will be checked by the range master before shooting on the line. Event times and commands are the same as above.

### Youth participation, with parental supervision, is welcomed and encouraged.

- 22 LR Rifles on the Small Bore range. Cartridges limited to high and standard velocity cartridges – **no hypervelocity cartridges**. Any safe position may be used for shooting.
- Hunter Pistol may be shot from any safe position using Field Pistol Cartridges, with or without support.
- Center-fire Rifles on the Big Bore range. Bullets from cartridges must not exceed 2300 fps. Good examples of factory cartridges are 357 Mag, 44 Mag, 45 Long Colt, 44-40, 30-30, 32 Spl, 38-55. Modern center-fire cartridges may be downloaded and cast bullets are great for this purpose. Stages may be shot with or without support.
- Small Bore Precision Rifle (22 LR)

\*\*\*\*\*Instruction and Sighting in Assistance is always provided.\*\*\*\*\*

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## Procedures and Precautions for Shooting Steel Targets

Two types of targets are available. Hard Steel (T1) and Very Hard Steel (AR500)

Hard Steel, which have been cut into animal shapes, are intended for bullets coming out of handguns.

Very Hard Steel, which have been cut into round disks, squares, diamonds, etc, are capable of handling most center-fire rifle cartridges. Exceptions would be the heavy or super fast magnums and some very fast 22 cal to 6.5 mm cartridges pushed to high velocities. Absolutely no steel core or steel jacketed bullets may be shot on this range. (Test with a magnet.) Obviously, no 50 Cal BMG, 416 BMG, 338 Lapua, etc may be used on this range unless there are extra precautions and procedures in place. If in doubt about causing target damage, please consult Fred Yulga or Dave Wilharms.

On all ranges: hearing and eye protection are required of all shooters and observers. Do not stand or observe forward of the established firing line or benches. Actions should be open when not shooting. Muzzles should be pointed down range. No drawing or shooting from the holster unless under the direct supervision of an instructor. Shooting from a ready position is allowed and encouraged.

### Western-most Range – closest to Skeet Range (Field Pistol)

The animal shaped targets (white and black) are hard steel and should used with straight-wall handgun cartridges. Examples: 327 Mag, 380 ACP, 9mm, 38 Spl., 357 Mag, 40 S&W, 10 mm Auto, 44 Spl., 44 Mag, 45 ACP, 45 Long Colt, and 22 Hornet and 32-20 shot from handguns. This range is not intended for rim-fire cartridges. The targets are heavy and will react poorly to rim-fire ammo and splash back may occur more frequently.

**\*At 100 m or 110 yds, there is a hard steel white round gong on the left and a rack of hard round steel gongs on the right. These targets may be shot with rifles and handguns, as noted in the first paragraph.**

### Middle Range - under the canopy (Small-bore)

At the animal targets (black and white), only the following rim-fire cartridges are allowed on this range: .22 Short or Long Rifle loaded as Standard or High Velocity may be shot from either handguns or rifles. No Hyper-velocity cartridges (Stingers, Velocitors, etc) , No 22 Magnum or .17 caliber cartridges. The ranges distances are chickens at 25 yds, pigs at 50 yds, turkey at 75, yds and Rams at 100 yds.

The firing line is under the canopy however a shooting bench is located on the east side of the canopy.

**\*At each distance, there is a very hard round white disk. Any rimfire cartridge many be shot at these disks. Do not shoot any center-fire firearms on the Middle Range.**

### Eastern-most Long Range (Big Bore)

The animal-shaped targets (black and white) are intended for center-fire handgun cartridges only. Some rifle cartridges shot from handguns are acceptable provided prior approval is obtained.

Rifles shooting handgun cartridges such as 32-20, 38-40, 44-40, 45 Long Colt, 38 Spl, 357 Mag, 44 Spl, 44 Mag may also be used. **NO** 223/5.56mm factory or military rated ammo may be shot at these targets with either rifles or handguns on the this range.

The firing line is the front edge of the raised matted area. The target distances are 50 m, 100, 150 m, and 215 yds.

**\*At 100 m, 150 m, and 215 yds there are very hard round disks which may be shot with firearms allowed in the first paragraph. Do not shoot at any targets at the 50 m distance with rifles other than noted above for the animal-shaped targets. Splash-back would be dangerous and target damage is sure to occur.**

### Practical Handgun Range (next to the trees on the East side of the range)

This is a 50 foot range intended for handguns shot with handgun cartridges. The shooting line is the raised matted platform immediately behind the long bench. Do not shoot heavy Magnum loads on this short range. The smaller Eastmost targets a better for 22 LR but will handle center-fire handguns.

