

The Highpower Contest

NRA's High Power Rifle competition is the oldest and most heavily contested of the current organized shooting sports. A regulation High Power tournament has four events, called matches, and requires the expenditure of either 50 or 80 rounds of ammunition, giving possible point totals of 500 and 800, respectively. Shooting "across the course" refers to competing in all four matches and posting an aggregate score. There are two main divisions for competition, Match and Service Rifle.

The first match is either 10 or 20 rounds fired from the standing position at 200 yards, one minute per shot time limit. The second is a 10-shot rapid-fire event, with a reload, fired at 200 yards from the sitting position with a time limit of 60 seconds. The shooters begin standing and assume a sitting position and commence fire when the targets are elevated from the target pit area and become visible for shooting.

The third match is a rapid-fire event fired at 300 yards in 70 seconds. (Eighty-shot tournaments have back-to-back rapid-fire strings.) The final event is 20 rounds fired at 600 yards from the prone position, one minute per round time limit.

For more information, write to NRA, Competitions Division, Dept. PFS, 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030.



Left: A fully equipped AR15 is the equal of the M14, but it takes time for the M14 shooter to get used to the rifle. This AR15 shoots sub-MOA 600-yard groups, weighs 13 pounds, has a set of true match sights, and is fitted with an Obermeyer 5R barrel.