

# Rifle Metallic Silhouette



SSAA Rifle Metallic Silhouette is an air, rimfire, centrefire and black powder rifle shooting discipline where competitors aim to knock down as many animal-shaped metal targets as they can. The sport originated in Mexico in the 1940s and arrived in Australia in the late 1970s.



## Targets and scoring

The targets are metallic cut-outs in the shape of chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. Matches consist of 10 targets of each, set out in two banks of five, totalling 40 shots. The time limit for each bank is between two and five minutes.

In the Centrefire matches, chickens are placed at 200m, pigs at 300m, turkeys at 385m and rams at 500m. In Rimfire the targets and ranges are scaled down to one-fifth and Air Rifle matches one-tenth the size of Centrefire.

## Firearms and classes

There are five main classes within Rifle Metallic Silhouette, plus Service Rifle and Black Powder Cartridge Rifle categories. Each class has specific weight and dimension rules.

Centrefire Silhouette Rifle allows shooters to use custom rifles based on a wide choice of calibres, barrels, triggers and stocks. Centrefire Hunting Rifle allows for more hunting style rifles.

Rimfire Silhouette Rifle and Rimfire Hunting Rifle are identical to their Centrefire equivalents, except being chambered in .22-calibre.

Air Rifle Silhouette is shot with break action and PCP air rifles.

## Lever Action Silhouette Rifle

There are three classes of lever action match: Lever Action Silhouette, Pistol Cartridge Lever Action Silhouette and Smallbore Rifle Silhouette. Calibres range from .22LR up to larger centrefire calibres, including pistol cartridges. In Rifle matches the targets are shot at 50, 100, 150 and 200m, while the half-scale Pistol Cartridge and Smallbore targets are both shot at 40, 50, 75 and 100m.

