

*Old Military Rifles Rule*  
*Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club*

**History:**

The Mauser Match was conceived and implemented in 1997. The purpose was to give our sportsmen the opportunity to compete with high power military rifles at a relatively low cost. Mauser rifles as well as many other military bolt action rifles were available at reasonable prices. Military surplus ammunition was also widely available. The rules were partially a collaboration with our sister club in Treubenbrietzen, Germany's Ordonnanzgewehr matches. They were devised to be quite simple.

**Today:**

The tradition continues. We compete once per month in a friendly, low key event that attracts many collectors and sport rifle shooters. Please go to the Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club calendar for the dates of these matches. We share the common interest of the shooting sports, rifle history, food, and fellowship following our matches.

**Rules:**

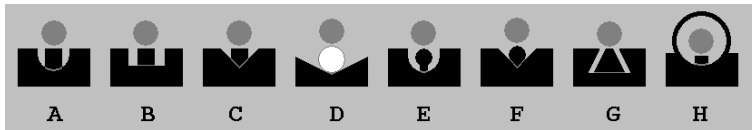
The following is a summary of the Mauser Match Rules: As you can see, they are simple and meant to be fun for our participants.

**Qualifying Rifle Types:**

- 1) Mauser Match Rifle – any centerfire rifle with open sights (no scopes or peep sights)
- 2) Ordonnanzgewehr – un-improved pre-1964 military center-fire repeaters (no scopes, sniper rifles or match rifles)

**The Rules**

- **Open Sights**
- **Center Fire**
- **20 Shots Fired Off Hand – Re-Entry**
- **\$3.50 Per Entry, \$12.00 For Four**
- **Eye And Ear Protection Required**
- **Hood On Front Sight Optional**
- **Service Grade M1 Garands And Carbines Qualify**



## The Targets



### Some commonly used rifles:

- **Mausers of all types – world wide**
- **Russian Mosin Nagants of all types**
- **1903 Springfields – all types**
- **British Enfields – all types**
- **SKS rifles of all types (Russian, Chinese, etc.)**
- **Japanese type 38 and 99 Arisaka**
- **AK-47 and all of their clones**

- Etc., etc., etc., -- we are not too particular – some have even used Winchester Lever Guns if they meet the rules
- Service Grade M1 Garands And Carbines



**Mauser**



**Enfield**



**Mosin Nagant**



**K-31 Swiss**



**SKS Carbine**



**1903 Springfield**



### **Challenge Matches:**

**Every month our participants are invited to “Lay down the gauntlet” for a special challenge match. These have been for everything from German, Russian, Japanese, unique rifle types, special ammunition, or some special theme matches. Come and join the fun.**

**Some recent examples:**

**Unique Rifle Match**

**Vietnam Match**

**Gas Operated Rifle Match**

**Mosin Rifle Match**

**WWII Rifle Match**

**Enfield Rifle Match**

**7.62X39 Ammunition Match**

**WWI Commemoration Match**

**Enemy At The Gates (Stalingrad) Match**

### **Rifleman Of The Year:**

**We also conduct a “Rifleman Of The Year” competition. A shooter’s total handicap score for every month is added to determine the winner. So, the key is performance and participation. Our current champion is Don Filkins. (three years in a row).**





**Here are some photos:**



**Mauser Match T-Shirts**



**Black Powder Rounds**



**German Rifle Challenge Complete With WWII Re-Enactors**



**WWI Commemoration Match  
After 100 Years We Have Buried The Hatchet**





**This Old Styer Rifle Is Older Than Dennis Rainville**

**We shoot all year round, so be prepared for all kinds of weather.**



**New Year's Day 2018**





**October King Shoot Challenge  
The King And His Court**

**For the schedule and times of the Mauser Matches, please see the calendar section of the Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club monthly newsletter at [chillisportsmen.org](http://chillisportsmen.org). We would welcome your participation.**

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