



Royal Rangers

Merit Requirements: Silver-Bordered Merit

BLACK POWDER SHOOTING MERIT

Note: Prior to beginning this merit, you must complete the Firearm Safety Merit and the Black Powder Merit.

1. Range setup

- a. **Gun:** Any safe muzzle-loading rifle may be used. All rifles must use a patched round ball. Flintlock and percussion-type ignitions will be considered equal in stature. Any metallic sight is allowed.
- b. **Ammunition:** Only black powder or Pyrodex may be used.
- c. **Target options:** The B-19 target is to be used at all distances on ranges measured in yards. B-17 target is used at all distances on ranges measured in meters.
- d. **Distances:** Set up two ranges, one of fifty yards and the other of a hundred yards. The shooting line should be the same for both courses. The targets should be offset.
- e. **Rules:** Use the most current NRA or NMLRA rule book.
- f. **Position:** Prone, kneeling, and standing.
- g. **Course of fire:** See the scoring section below.

2. Scoring

Shoot the following scores by position:

- **Prone**—seven shots (score highest five) at a hundred yards or meters
- **Kneeling**—seven shots (score highest five) at fifty yards or meters
- **Standing**—seven shots (score highest five) at fifty yards or meters
- **Standing**—seven shots (score highest five) at a hundred yards or meters (Note: Cross-sticks position may be substituted for standing at a hundred yards.)