

**HPHMS Official Rulebook**  
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## HPHMS Introduction

Nothing has hit the handgun world like metallic handgun silhouette competition which started back in the late 1970's and expanded to over 40,000 competitors in the late 1980's to early 1990's. Those numbers have diminished over the years as a result of aging competitors, cost of competition guns, ammunition and the availability of suitable ranges. Nothing is more exciting for a new shooter to impact a distant target, hear a loud clang and see the target disappear.

This is an effort to correct some of the issues that are within our control, like allowing the Red-Dot sight to be shot in the Production class. Also, allowing the Ruger Charger to compete in Small-Bore Production which can be shot in every Small-Bore classification except against revolvers. The Ruger Charger, with a Red-Dot sight, is a low cost, over-the-counter, 22 caliber, competitively accurate gun that can be used in at least a half dozen small-bore classes.

**UNLIMITED** - Unlimited guns, both big-bore and small-bore, are allowed to have certain modifications so long as they meet the overall length and weight requirements. Classes include Red-Dot sights, scopes and open sights.

**PRODUCTION** – Production guns, both big-bore and small-bore, are basically guns, including revolvers, that you buy over-the-counter and are limited to certain approved modifications.

Red-Dot sights are now allowed in Production Class.



**FIELD PISTOL** – Field pistol guns are shot in standing position using Red-Dot sights, open sights or scopes.

**PRACTICAL HUNTER** – Practical hunter classifications include PHShort, PHLong, PH22RimFire and PHRevolver. PHRevolver, PHShort and PHLong may be shot with centerfire ammo. All Practical Hunter classifications may use Red-Dot sights, open sights and scopes that are limited to 6X power. Variable power scopes are allowed if they are reduced down to 6X power.

**PHShort, PH22RimFire and PHRevolver** - Targets are chickens at 25 yards, pigs at 50 yards, turkeys at 75 yards and big-horn rams at 100 yards.

**PHLong** - Targets are chickens at 50 meters, pigs at 100 meters, turkeys at 150 meters and big-horn rams at 200 meters.

**500 METER** – This discipline is shot with center-fire guns under the same rules as unlimited guns. Targets are chickens at 200 meters, pigs at 300 meters, turkeys at 385 meters and big-horn rams at 500 meters.

**Small-Bore** - Targets are chickens at 25 yards, pigs at 50 yards, turkeys at 75 yards and big-horn rams at 100 yards.

**Big-Bore** - Targets are chickens at 50 meters, pigs at 100 meters, turkeys at 150 meters and big-horn rams at 200 meters.

**To Join HPHMS Call** Jan Meyers at 405-464-9897

Membership is \$35.00 Per Year

Join After June 30<sup>th</sup>, Membership good for Next 18 Months



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## **HPHMS Official Rules**

### **A. Unlimited:**

1. Any handgun meeting the provisions of this section shall be allowed for the unlimited categories.
2. Barrel length and sight radius shall not exceed 15 inches.
3. Maximum length of a sighting apparatus including hoods, sunshades, red dot sights, extensions or other devices shall not exceed 18”.
4. Weight shall not exceed the following:
  - A. Open-sight categories: 6 lbs. 8 oz. unloaded with magazine.
  - B. Unlimited Standing, Unlimited Any Sight BB-SB, Unlimited Any Sight Half Scale & Fifth Scale Categories, 7 lbs, 8 oz. including optical equipment, unloaded, with magazine.
5. Overall length shall not exceed 25 inches.
6. Scopes & optical devices must be removed from handguns that are used in open sight categories; red dot sights are allowed on open sight unlimited guns with power no greater than 2X, however, it is permissible to leave scope mounts attached, provided they are not used for any other reason.



7. All .22 caliber UIT Free pistols are classified as Unlimited handguns, provided they comply with other HPHMS handgun rules.
8. By definition, any Production Gun qualifies to be used in unlimited categories.
9. Revolvers & handguns with magazines may be loaded & fired single shot.
10. Custom stocks & fore-ends have no restrictions other than rules set forth by the ATF regulations for a handgun fore-end.
  - A. Designs that allow grasping the fore-end at an angle greater than 60 degrees from the bore line are not allowed.
  - B. Adjustable fore-ends allowed, provided the adjusted configuration meets all HPHMS rules.

### **B. Handgun Measurements:**

1. Barrel length for single shot or bolt action handguns shall be measured from the breach/bolt face in the firing position to the highest point of the muzzle crown. Muzzle brakes, suppressors, etc. shall not be included in the overall barrel length.
2. Barrel length for revolvers shall be measured from the back of the forcing cone to the highest point of the muzzle crown.
3. Sight radius shall be measured from the back of the front sight blade post or aperture insert to the rear



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surface of the rear sight leaf, blade, peephole or aperture.

4. Overall length shall be measured from the extremities of the handgun square and parallel to the barrel.

### **C. Subject: Ram Ringers:**

If the impact mark on small-bore & FP rams are 2 inches above belly line, count hits. If the impact mark on 200-500 meter rams are 4 inches above belly line, count hits. One exception, if you so choose to shoot Practical Hunter short with .22 rimfire, bullet must impact HORN area to be counted as a hit. BELOW THESE DIMENSIONS ARE A MISS. Use the honor system & be honest with yourself.

### **D. No Fault of Your Own Rule:**

If you encounter a mechanical problem during a match, you have 30 minutes to correct the problem & return to the firing line & continue in the same bank of targets & string of fire.

### **E. Violations:**

If for any reason a shooter is in violation of any HPHMS rules, proper action will be taken.



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### A. Production:

1. Any handgun meeting the provisions of this section shall be allowed for the production Category.
2. A pistol or revolver that is or was a manufacturers catalog product & is or was readily available to the general public.
3. Barrel length shall not exceed 12 “. A sight radius that does not exceed 13 inches.
4. Overall length shall not exceed 20 inches.
5. Weight shall not exceed the following:
  - A. Open sight categories: 5 pounds unloaded, including magazine, or for Air Pistols, including any CO2 or other propellant containers.
  - B. Field Pistol Any Sight category: 5 pounds 8 ounces including optical equipment.
  - C. Red Dot Sights either tube or reflex with power not to exceed 2X are allowed on all production open sight handguns.
  - D. Triggers in production may be fine-tuned to lighter weight so long as they are a safe trigger.
  - E. The Ruger Charger either with AR grips or wooden stock is a legal SB production gun. Grip modification are





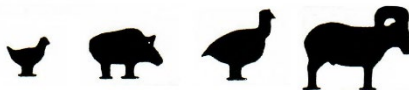
allowed on either. After market triggers are allowed on this handgun.

### **B. PH Revolver:**

1. This new discipline is to be shot on the Field Pistol course of fire, 25, 50, 75 & 100 yards.
2. Open sights including Red Dot both tube or reflex are allowed
3. Barrel length no shorter than 6 inches & not to exceed 10  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length.
4. Caliber no larger than .429. If shot in the flop position, leather, unpadded glove is allowed. Blast shields a must in the Creedmoor position.

### **C. Practical Hunter:**

1. Fore-ends & grips come under the same guidelines set forth for unlimited guns with the exception of the shorter overall length of 21 inches not including muzzle breaks.
2. Optics not to exceed 6X power. Variable power scopes are allowed provided they are cranked down to 6X power. Weight limit same as UAS guns, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
3. Practical Hunter calibers on the short course basically are standard FP straight wall cartridges with the exception of the .22 Hornet, 270 Ren, 25-20 & 32-20. The Practical Hunter long course may be shot with bottle neck standard cartridges.



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**D. Air Pistols:**

1. Same rules as production & unlimited guns.
2. Change on the suggested production MSRP from \$375 to \$475.

**E. Juniors:**

Juniors up to & including 14 years of age may use an artificial rest, bi-pod, sand bag, etc. Over that age group may not rest grip or fore-end on firing line surface or any other artificial rest.



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