



ZEISS & SAHGCA GONG SHOOTING COMPETITION

1. Introduction

The Zeiss and SAHGCA Gong Shooting Competition is an annual inter branch team shooting competition. Zeiss is the main sponsor of this event, which will be hosted by a SAHGCA branch. The objective of this competition is to present a well-organised, safe, fun-filled and challenging team shooting competition that simulates veld conditions. Standard SAHGCA approved shooting rules will apply. The design of the ranges for this competition focuses on safety (especially in the veld), while maintaining fair and proper unit standards for shooting positions and distances. The competition is structured around teams comprising five shooters each. SA Hunters branches may enter a maximum of three teams per competition.

2. Format

The competition comprises six separate ranges with five 200mm gongs each. Branches compete in teams. A team consists of five shottists, at least three must be members of the same branch. Team registrations have to be approved by branch chairpersons to ensure control. The team with the highest score out of 150 gongs, wins the competition. The organisers design the ranges and the gongs will be spread to a minimum of 150m and a maximum of 400m. Notices on each range will indicate that the closest ghong will not be nearer than “x” and the furthets gong will not be further than “y”

Example:

Gongs range between 160 to 250m – which implies that the closest gong can be at 175m and the furthest gong at 230m.

3. Scoring

Each ghong scores 1 point. The score keeper per range will confirm “hit = 1 point” or “miss = 0 points”. The score keepers call is final, NO disputes will be accepted. A maximum of 25 points per team, per range can be achieved.

If a range or gong is shot out of order, the score is be forfeited.

4. Prizes

All the prizes will be awarded by way of a “Lucky draw” after the competition and the person whose name is drawn have to be present. The prize will be forfeited if the person is not present and the “draw” will be repeated until a person present is drawn.

5. Permitted equipment

Firearms: Centre-fire hunting rifle, maximum 30 caliber
Telescope: Any telescope (excluding laser range finding scopes)
Harris type bipod that is fixed permanently to the rifle – can stay on the rifle, but may not be used
Elbow guards
Knee guards
Non-supportive gloves
Silencers
Shooting mats
Anything else that the organisers make available at the range
Rifle slings may be used on all ranges
Ballistic computers
Loose fitting shooting jackets

6. Prohibited equipment

Laser range finders
Wind meters
Sand bags
Adjustable bench-rest type rifle rest
Muzzle breaks
No other additional equipment other than what the organisers provide at the shooting point

7. Range design

Six ranges with 5 ghongs each for a total of 30 ghongs per shottist.
Artificial support will be provided and must be used. No own and or alternate methods may be used.
Each team has 10 minutes to complete a range.

8. General rules

8.1 This competition takes place according to SAHGCA's standard shooting range commands and shooting range safety rules;
8.2 The exact distances are not provided;
8.3 The people setting up the ranges, may not participate in this competition;
8.4 Distances may be measured by the person responsible for the range layout to ensure that they comply with the prescribed guidelines, but may not be revealed;
8.5 Each range must be completed with the same firearm. Different firearms may be used on different ranges. No firearms may be shared within the team during the shooting of a range;
8.6 The range officer will call a team to the shooting point and the 5 teammembers will enter the indicated area at the shooting point.
8.7 All 5 members will unbag and show clear under supervision of the Range Officer;
8.8 The range officer will explain the shooting exercise as well as the shooting position. The bolts of the firearm must be open and stay open, integral magazines empty (removable magazines may be loaded if they are outside the rifle) until the shooter is in position. (Bolts stay open while team members change positions);

- 8.9 When the team is ready the range officer will start the time and shottist number 1 will take his/her place at the shooting point and only then may shottist number 1 load the firearm and close his/her bolt.
- 8.10 Shottist number 1 shoot gongs number 1 to 5 in sequence whereafter he/she will leave the shooting point and shotist number 2 will start to shoot gongs number 1 to 5 followed by shottists 3,4 and 5 in the same manner until each member of the team has finished shooting;
- 8.11 Gongs have to be shot in sequence from numer 1 to number 5;
- 8.12 If a range or gong is shot out of order, the score is forfeited;
- 8.13 Bolts HAVE to be "open" when positions is taken and when shottist change places;
- 8.14 After a team member is finished shooting he/she must return to the demarkated safety area and wait for the rest of the team to finish shooting – bolts stay open;
- 8.15 Team captains may communicate with their team members and team members may also communicate with one another during the shoot. NO coaching from any outsiders will be allowed;
- 8.16 When a team has finished shooting, the team will declare safe to the range officer and bag their firearms, the range will be declared safe and the team can leave the firing point;
- 8.17 The next team will be called to the firing point, whereafter the range will be closed and the above procedures will be repeated.
- 8.18 Teams not on the shooting point and spectators MUST stay behind the safety line. Only team members busy shooting and range officers are allowed beyond the safety line.
- 8.19 Firearms must at all times be kept bagged or in their cases while moving between ranges;
- 8.20 Under no circumstances are fiddling with or handling of a firearms allowed other than at the demarcated safety areas and on the shooting point. Shooters not adhering to these rules will be disqualified.
- 8.21 In case of equal scores, the teams will be counted out from the furthest gong to the closest gong, notwithstanding the range where the gongs were shot, until a winner can be determined.