

Youth Newsletter

Izaak Walton League of America

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The Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) youth program teaches local youth how to safely handle firearms in a hunting environment. The main focus of the program is safety and education. When the group meets, the practices are lead by coaches who teach in various categories of shooting and hunter safety training. The members of the program practice and train all year to compete in the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC). This competition tests eight different categories including rifle, archery, muzzleloader, shotgun, orienteering, hunter safety exam, hunter safety trail and wildlife identification. The youth athletes better themselves and their communities everyday.



Placing in the rifle event at YHEC is one of the biggest accomplishments anyone can achieve at YHEC, but what is the rifle event?

At rifle event is shot using .22 long rifles with a scope no greater than 9x zoom. Each shooter will shoot at three different animal targets: a squirrel, rabbit and groundhog. A shooter is awarded a point for hitting the target in its vital areas. The targets are set up at different distances and at each distance the shooters can use different positions. The three positions the shooter can choose are standing, sitting, and prone. At the closest target, squirrel, the shooter can only shoot standing, but for the rabbit, medium distance target, the shooter can shoot standing or sitting. For the furthest target the shooter can shoot standing, sitting or prone.

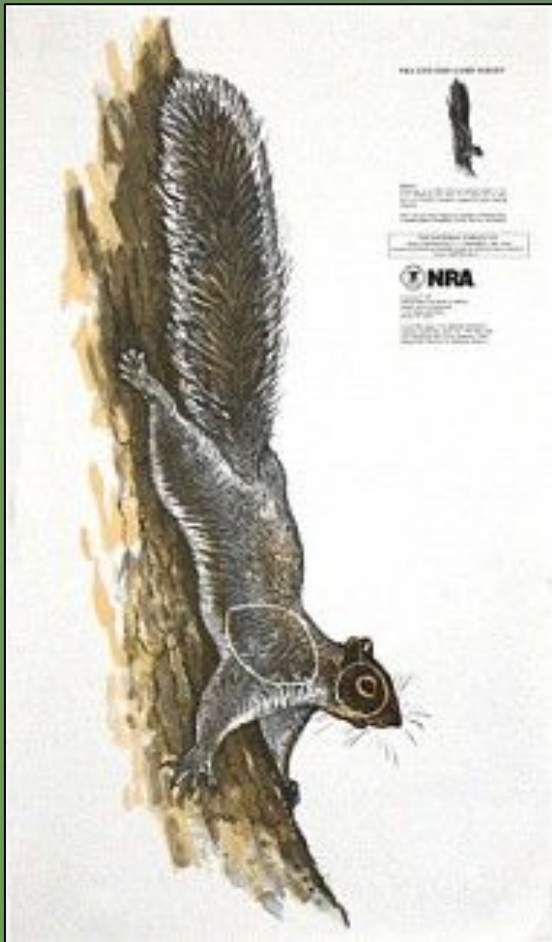
Most shooters choose to shoot the most stable position available. The most stable position is prone, then sitting, and the least stable is standing.

Rifle



Author Notes

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The areas inside the white rings are the vital zones

