



Competitor Questions and Answers for the 2019 Grunt Style Vortex Optics Mammoth Sniper Challenge Presented By Realtree Outdoors

Q: Can a team member be substituted?

A: A team member can be substituted up until the Dec. 1st registration deadline.

Q: Distances for shooting?

A: Pistol out to 50 yards. Primary rifle out to 1100 yards. Secondary rifle out to 800 yards.

Q: Do you have a gear example list?

A: No, the match is in Georgia, in January. Pack accordingly. ...it's a part of the experience...

Q: Can you compete alone in Mammoth?

A: No, this is a team event. If there is a special circumstance after Dec. 1st, the Match Director will get involved and work with the individual to work on a decision based on the situation.

Q: What is the check-in Time on Thursday?

A: Check-in will be from 12 pm - 10 pm.

Q: When will round count be published?

A: Round count will be published Dec. 1st. UPDATE 12/4/18 If a competitor were to engage every target of the match and score on every scoring opportunity on every target it would take 38 pistol rounds and 90 rifle rounds to shoot the match. Very few competitors will engage every target. No competitor will score on every opportunity on every target. A few stages are unlimited pistol or rifle rounds. Some targets are must hit to move on. Some targets are shoot once hit or miss. 60 pistol and 125 rifle might do it. Per team member. How good are you and how much do you want to carry?

Q: When is zero range open?

A: Zero range and dope confirmation is Thursday from 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm.

Q: Can I swap my partner for the competition?

A: A partner swap can be made BEFORE Dec. 1st, any changes after this date are not allowed.

Q: Are optics allowed on pistols?

A: Yes.

Q: Will we be allowed to start a fire at night?

A: Yes. UPDATE 12/13/18 With the size of the field and for safety reasons individual team fires will not be allowed. Instead we will provide either 1) a centrally located fire for teams to cook on and heat around or 2) a centrally located large grill. Either option will be maintained by event staff.

Q: Will we have set times to eat?

A: No, you will carry your food and eat at your own discretion.

Q: Are holsters required to carry the handgun?

A: Holsters will be required to carry handguns during the stages but competitors may choose to pack their handgun in their ruck to travel between stages.

Q: Are we rucking thru any wet areas that would require gortex boots?

A: Only if it rains. There are no intentional rucks thru water.

Q: How many mags would a guy need running a bolt gun Would two 7rd mags work?

A: There are some stages that will require 15 rifle rounds to score maximum points. How many mags you carry is up to you.

Q: Is there any free hand offhand shooting?

A: There is a high likelihood of that.

Q: Are we rucking on dirt roads or blacktop roads?

A: Mostly dirt and gravel roads. There will be some paved sections.

Q: How big of a space on the trailer is there for each man in team or is there one space for both?

A: What trailer?

Q: I was under impression there was a trailer that was going to be wherever we camp we could put a tent on?

A: No, there has never been one of those.

Q: Could we get by with 1 tripod or do ya think each shooter needs their own?

A: You could get by with no tripods. You pick.

Q: So there no stage it would be to advantage?

A: We didn't say that either.

Q: How strictly is this eyepro thing being enforced. I understand steel with pistol but are they expecting us to wear while shoot rifles ?

A: Eyepro will be required while shooting pistols and is recommended while shooting rifles.

Q: Quick question. If you bring baby wipes or paper towels and use them, do you have to carry those with you after it's used?

A: There will be trash along the way for you to dispose of them.

Q: Lol.. thanks. Just making sure since the rules stated that only empty brass will be left behind.

Q: Will we have an opportunity to measure the types of targets that we will be engaging. For range estimation purposes. Thanks.

A: Ranges to targets will be given on some of the stages. Some stages will be unknown distance. A LRF will be the preferred method. If mildot ranging is required then yes, sizes will be given.

Q: How many pistol magazines do I need?

A: At least two. Some pistol stages will require reloads regardless of capacity.

Q: Are weapons mounted lasers allowed?

A: Yes.

Q: Is an LRF needed?

A: There are some unknown distance stages. It is up to you how you figure those distances out.

Q: Do we need to carry a spotting scope?

A: In the past some teams have and some teams have not.

Q: Are spectators allowed?

A: Yes, spectators will be allowed to view four stages. Info on how to do so can be found at www.g3dynamics.com.

Q: Hey I have a question regarding what I need to bring paperwork wise for bringing a suppressor.

A: you will just need your copy of the tax stamp that goes along with your suppressor.

Q: If I do not want to be photographed as a competitor what should I do?

A: Red arm bands will be available at registration. Wearers of the red arm band will not be photographed.

Q: Is there a benefit to rucking faster than the minimum average pace?

A: The benefit to finishing the ruck sooner is that you will choose your position in the shooting order as you arrive at the stage.

Q: Is night vision gear allowed?

A: Yes but it's not necessary.

Q: What is the cooler or box rule for the campsite this year?

A: There is not cooler or box provision. Competitors must pack everything they plan to use during the event.

Q: Hi there. Just read through the newly posted rules of engagement and this part concerns me: "These failed teams may be picked up by a transport vehicle and will have the option to leave the event or to continue shooting stages for score while riding from stage to stage. Teams that fail a ruck will not ruck any more or camp with the Toughman teams going forward" I have been training and trying my best with my partner. The best we have been able to do is 15:47 a mile. We came into this knowing we were not going to be close but felt it would be fun to camp and challenge ourselves. However the above statement removes one of the best elements of this challenge if we fail a ruck. Not being able to camp out would really stink just because we are old and can't finish in 16/min a mile. With 80 teams I can't imagine that we are the only ones stupid enough to give this a shot without a realistic chance for success. I fully expected there to be some awesome young military teams and they would dominate, but I also figured there would be a few that would fall outside of the challenge. What I didn't expect was to be punished by not being able to camp out. Can you please clarify if this is a hard a fast rule? From YouTube I had an understanding that in the past if you failed you just dropped down to the lower division. At this point I can't drop out, but if I can't camp just because I fall short on a ruck it takes away a big part of what we were looking forward to. Appreciate your honest feedback.

A: Mammoth has always been a tough match. This is not shooting match where you get to camp out. This is a shooting match wrapped in physical and mental challenges that must all be completed to finish. This is a match that half the field doesn't complete each year. For those that complete the match it's a bucket list accomplishment and for those that don't it's motivation to come back the next year. The rules, as they're written, have been the rules for years. Never before has a team been allowed to continue rucking with competitors that are still in the fight after they fail a ruck. Never before have teams been allowed to camp with the teams that are still in the fight after they fail a ruck. In the past, teams have been allowed to shoot the stages for score after they drop out but their overall finishing position is primarily a function of when they dropped out of the physical tasks with a secondary consideration for shooting score. Your not being allowed to camp with the remaining competitors is not punishment for falling short on a ruck, it is the consequence of failing the challenge that IS the Mammoth Sniper Challenge. As the event goes on, there will be fewer and fewer teams in the rucks and fewer and fewer teams at the campsite - this is where the recognition of finishing the event comes from. As a five-time competitor I've seen both sides - I've finished in the top three once AND I've failed the first ruck Friday morning once.

Having said that all I understand your question. I'm looking into the possibility of an additional, alternate campsite location for those that have failed a ruck time and dropped in the scoring but would still like to camp on-site. This will save teams that drop the additional expense of needing to find a place to stay while preserving the exclusivity of the teams that are still competing in the match.

Q: The rules state water will be provided at the stage locations. What about while rucking and at the bivy sites? Are we expected to carry/forage for water during those periods?

A: Water will be provided at the stage locations and at the campsite. Some Monster Energy items will be available as well. If you want something to drink while you are rucking you will have to pack that yourself (or take from the previous stage).

Q: Are there trees capable of supporting hammocks at the bivy sites?

A: There are trees surrounding the campsite. Big ones. We assume they would support a hammock but we haven't tried either.

Q: Rules state fires are permitted at the bivy sites... Is wood readily available? Are we permitted to cut stuff down or just gather what is on the ground?

A: We have had to amend the direction on fires. For safety reasons individual team fires will not be permitted. Instead we will be providing and maintaining either 1) a central fire at the campsite for all competitors to use for heat, cooking, coffee etc ... or 2) a very large wood/charcoal grill to be located centrally in the camping area.

Q: Is electricity available anywhere on the course to charge mobile devices?

A: In general electricity is not available along the ruck routes or at the campsite. You may or may not find an outlet in one of the holding buildings at some of the stages. We can't say.

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