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# INTERNATIONAL STYLE PISTOL RULES



Official Rules and Regulations  
to govern the conduct of all International Style  
Pistol Shooting Competitions

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## SAFETY IS SHOOTING'S MOST IMPORTANT RULE

These Rules provide for the efficient and orderly operation of a tournament. But *that's not all*. Many local range regulations exist for one reason alone - SAFETY. Others serve a dual purpose, smooth range operation and SAFETY.

It's your responsibility as a competitor or as a tournament official to be familiar with the Rules and to know the meaning behind those which are safety oriented.

The fundamental NRA rules for safe gun handling are:

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

When using or storing a gun, always follow these NRA rules:

- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to safely use the gun.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

To learn more about gun safety, enroll in an NRA safety training or basic marksmanship course, NRA hunter clinic or state hunter education class.

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### Shooters Read:

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## APPROVED AND REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS

### NRA Sanctioned Tournaments-See Rule 1.6

Application forms for both types of Sanctioned Tournaments may be obtained from the NRA. Official application for approval to conduct an NRA Approved or Registered Tournament must be made to the Competitions Division. The deadline, in advance of firing date for receipt of the completed application forms and programs, is 30 days for Approved, and 45 days for Registered Tournaments. In order to obtain publicity in *SHOOTING SPORTS USA*, dates must be received and authorized by NRA by at least 90 days prior to the firing date. (See General Regulations for *SHOOTING SPORTS USA* deadlines.)

A Registered Tournament is the more formal of the 2 types. Differences between the 2 types of competitive tournaments are:

	Approved	Registered	Rule
Scores used for classification	Yes	Yes	19.4
Scores used for National Records	No	Yes	17.5
NRA registration fee per competitor (remitted after the tournament is fired). This is explained in sponsor's packet	Yes	Yes	Gen'1 Reg. A7,B7
Competitors must be NRA Members	No	Yes	1.6g
Minimum number of shots required	No	No A6,B6	Gen'1 Reg.
NRA classification or category system must be used	Optional	Yes A5,B5	Gen'1 Reg.

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NRA membership number is required for classification purposes in all NRA Sanctioned Tournaments. Competitors not NRA members, will be assigned a special number which allow scores to be entered into the computer.

Fixed award schedule	No	Yes	Gen'1 Reg A6,B6
Tournament officials competing	Only supervisor cannot compete	No tournament officials may compete	Gen'1 Reg. A9, B9
Official Referee may be assigned by NRA	No, Sponsor selects supervisor	Yes with the Sponsor exception that a 3 - member Jury will be assigned by the tournament Sponsor for tournaments below State Championship level	11.2.1
Sponsor required to furnish each competitor with Official Bulletin	No	Yes	Gen'1 Reg. B12
Program prepared and distributed by Sponsor	Yes	Yes	21 & Gen'1 Reg. A2,B2

# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL PISTOL MATCHES

These rules establish uniform standards for NRA Sanctioned International Pistol Competition. Where alternatives are shown, the least restrictive conditions apply unless the tournament program sets forth limitations. They apply only to International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) type competition. They supersede the January 1, 2007, NRA International Pistol Rules. These rules will remain in effect until specifically superseded.

Tournament sponsors may not alter these rules. If sponsors require additional rules for special conditions, the addition must be fully set in the program for the competition concerned. Forward such proposed special rules to the NRA with tournament application.

The arrangement and rule numbering systems are such that corresponding rules for other types of NRA competition are correspondingly located and numbered in the rule books for those competitions. Gaps in the sequence of rule numbers result from there being a rule in one or more of the other rule books which does not apply in this book.

**Anyone wishing to submit recommendations for rule changes may forward those recommendations to the International Competitions Committee in care of the National Rifle Association.**

*Note: Rules in which major changes have been made since publication of the previous Rule Book are marked thus: (\*1.1).*

The following rules have been changed for 2015:

Rules 2.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.6, 3.11, 3.21, 3.22, 3.22.1, 4.1,6.2.1, 6.8.1, 6.8.2, 6.8.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.10, 9.12.1, 9.12.5, 9.14,9.30, 10.3.1, 10.9, 10.10.1, 10.9, 10.10.1, 10.10.2, 10.10.3, 10.10.4, 10.10.5, 10.10.6, 10.10.7, 10.12, 10.15, 14.5, 14.18.2, 15.4, 16.1.2, 19.4. 1

## 1. NRA COMPETITION

**1.0 NRA Competition** - is competition which is authorized in advance of firing by the NRA. The program, range facilities and officials must comply with standards established by the NRA. The types of tournaments which are sanctioned are listed in Rule 1.6.

**1.1 Sanctioned Tournament** - A series of matches covered by an Official Program. Such matches may be all individual matches, all team matches, or a combination of both which must be conducted by an NRA Affiliated Club or organization. They may be all fired matches or a combination of fired and aggregate matches. A tournament may be conducted on one day, on successive days, or may provide intervening days between portions of the tournament, such as tournaments programmed to be conducted over more than one weekend.

**1.2 Authorization** - Before being publicized in programs or otherwise, the sponsoring organization of each type of competition mentioned in Rule 1.6 shall have agreed to comply with the current regulations for such competition and shall have received notice from the NRA that the competition applied for has been authorized.

**1.3 Rules** - The local sponsor of each type of competition must agree to conduct the authorized competition according to NRA Rules, except as these rules have been modified by the NRA in the General Regulations, for that type of competition.

**1.4 General Regulations** - The local sponsor of each type of competition must agree to comply with the General Regulations published by the NRA for the competition concerned. See Appendix in back of this rule book.

**1.5 Refusal or Withdrawal of NRA Authorization** - The NRA may

refuse to authorize or may withdraw its authorization for any competition which cannot, or does not comply, with the requirements for that competition.

• **1.6 Types of Tournaments** - The types of tournaments listed below are those which are Sanctioned by NRA in its Competitive Shooting Program.

- (a) **BLANK.**
- (b) **BLANK.**
- (c) **BLANK.**
- (d) *National International Championships*-Organized by the NRA . The officials thereof are appointed by the NRA. These tournaments will be registered.
- (e) *Sectional Championships*-Arranged between the NRA and a local sponsoring organization.
- (f) *State Championships*-Annual tournaments authorized and/or conducted by State Rifle and/or Pistol Associations affiliated with the NRA. Such State Association may, if desired, authorize local organizations to sponsor and conduct State Championships. In states where there is no NRA affiliated State Association the NRA may authorize a local organization to sponsor and conduct the State Championship. State Championships will be Registered Tournaments.
- (g) *Registered Tournaments* - May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the sponsoring organization. Application forms are available from NRA on request. National records may only be established in Registered Tournaments. (See Rule 17.1).
- (h) *Approved Tournaments*-May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the local organization that will act as the sponsor. Application forms are available from NRA on request. Match Sponsors may require all competitors to be NRA members if specified in the program.
- (i) *Sanctioned Leagues-(shoulder-to-shoulder or postal)*-May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the local group or organization. Application forms are available from NRA on request. Sanctioned League scores are used for classification. A league need not be operated by an affiliated club or organization.
- (j) *Special Tournaments*-May be sanctioned by the NRA for types of shooting not otherwise a part of the NRA program.
- (k) *State and Senior Games*-Tournament which are part of the State and Senior Game Program. Such tournaments are not charged fees, nor will any scores fired be used for classification. A simplified sanctioning procedure may be used, and they will be listed in Coming Events with the only contact being the State Coordinator.
- (l) *Postal Matches*-Organized by the NRA and publicized to groups concerned through the Shooting Sports U.S.A., announcements and/or special mailings.

### **1.7 Types of Matches -**

(a) *Match*-A complete event as indicated in the program for the awarding of certain specific prizes. A match may consist of one or of several stages. It may, in the case of aggregate matches, include the scores fired in several subsidiary matches.

(b) *Stage*-A portion of a match which consists of one or more strings fired in one position, distance, time allowance (slow or rapid fire, for example), or target.

(c) *Open Match*-A match open to anyone, except that if so stated in the program an open match may be limited to one or any combination of the following: (a) United States citizens; (b) members of the National Rifle Association of America; and/or (c) with respect to non-U.S. citizens, persons who are members in good standing of their respective National Shooting Federations or Associations. (Rule 2.2.1)

(d) *Restricted Match*-A match in which competition is limited to specified groups, i.e., juniors, women, police, civilians, veterans, etc.; or to specified classes, i.e., Masters, Experts, Sharpshooters, Marksmen, etc.

(e) *Classified Match*-A match in which awards are given to the winners and to the highest competitors in several specified classes such as Masters, Experts, Sharpshooters, Marksmen. The classification of competitors may be accomplished by the National Classification System (Sec. 19) or by other means. The program for classified matches must specify the groups or classes in which awards will be made.

(f) *Invitational Match*-A match in which participation is limited to those who have been invited to compete.

(g) *Squadded Individual Match*-A match in which each competitor is assigned a definite relay and target by the Statistical Office. Failure to report on the proper relay or firing point forfeits the right to fire. All entries must be made before firing commences in that match, except when otherwise stated in the tournament program.

(h) *Unsquadded Individual Match*-A match in which the competitor is not assigned a definite relay and target by the Statistical Office. The competitor reports to the Range Officer within the time limits specified in the program and is then assigned to a target and a relay in which to fire.

(i) *Re-Entry Match*-A match in which the competitor is permitted to fire more than one score for record; one or more of the highest scores being considered to determine the relative rank of competitors. The number of scores which may be fired and the number of high scores to be considered in deciding the relative rank of competitors must be specified in the program. Scores fired in these matches shall not be used for classification purposes. 3

(j) *Squadded Team Match*-A match in which the teams are assigned a definite time to fire. Teams may be assigned one or more adjacent targets. All entries must be made before firing commences in that match. The entire team must report and fire as a unit.

(k) *Unsquadded Team Match*-A match in which the teams may report at the firing line at any time within the limits specified in the program, targets being assigned by the Range Officer. The entire team must report and fire as a unit, unless the program provides otherwise.

(l) *Aggregate Match*-An aggregate of scores from two or more matches. This may be an aggregate of match stages, individual matches, team matches or any combination, provided the tournament program clearly states the matches which will comprise the aggregate. Entries in aggregate matches must be made before the competitor commences firing in any of the matches making up the aggregate match.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

All tournament sponsors are urged to give special consideration to the needs of news media personnel in order to achieve maximum publicity for the competition. Public news media personnel representing print and/or broadcast should be given every consideration and cooperation in keeping with the proper conduct of the competition.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITORS

*Eligibility of Competitors - The conditions of a match shall prescribe the eligibility of competitors, team or individuals, in accordance with Rule 1.6 and/or the definitions contained in Section 2. Any limitation of eligibility to compete must be stated in the Match Program.*

### INDIVIDUALS

**2.1 Members of the National Rifle Association** - Any individual member including Benefactors, Patrons, Endowment, Life, Annual, Associate, Non-Resident and Junior Members.

**2.1.1 Non-U.S. Citizens** - Non-U.S. Citizens may compete in any NRA Sanctioned Tournament, unless further restrictions are imposed by conditions stated in the program.

**2.2 Civilian** - Any civilian including members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC, NROTC and AFROTC), personnel of the State Security Forces (e.g., State Guard organizations having no federal recognition), retired members of each of the several services comprising the Armed Forces of the United States and members and former members entitled to receive pay, retirement pay, retainer pay or equivalent pay, are classified as civilians except as noted in the example below. All competitors who are enrolled as undergraduates of any of the service academies will be considered as civilians and may compete in collegiate and ROTC categories.

4 Individuals of any Reserve or National Guard component who, during the present calendar year, have not competed as National Guard (2.5) or Regular Service (2.6) or Reserve component (2.7) and have not been provided Service support for competition in the form of firearms, ammunition, payment of travel or other expenses, wholly or in part, may fire as civilians. The provisions of firearms and ammunition for a specific competition (i.e., National Matches or CMP Regional Leg Matches), when such is available to both military and civilian competitors, is not considered Service support under this rule.

Unless specifically authorized to do so by the tournament program, members of the regular Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, members of the reserve components on active duty, retired personnel of the several services comprising the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or police (2.4) are not permitted to compete as civilians.

**2.2.1 Senior** - A person may compete as a senior beginning on January 1 of the calendar year in which the 60th birthday occurs.

• **2.2.2 Grand Senior** - A person may compete as a Grand Senior beginning on January 1, of the calendar year in which his or her 70th birthday occurs.

**2.3 Junior** - A person may also compete as a Junior until December 31 of the calendar year in which the twentieth birthday occurs. Individuals who have National Guard, Reserve or active duty status and received support (as defined in Rule 2.2) may not compete as juniors.

**2.3.1 Intermediate Junior (J - 2)** - A junior may also compete as an Intermediate Junior from January 1 of the calendar year in which the fifteenth birthday occurs through December 31 of the calendar year in which the seventeenth birthday occurs.

**2.3.2 Sub - Junior (J - 3)** - A junior may also compete as Sub-Junior through December 31 of the calendar year in which the fourteenth birthday occurs.

### 2.4 Police

- (a) Regular full time Law Enforcement Officers of a regularly constituted law enforcement agency of a municipal, county, state or federal government. "Full Time" Police Firearms Instructors in Law Enforcement or Police Academies are eligible to compete in the police category. Official current identification from the agency employing a civilian full time police firearms instructor will be required.



- (b) Full time salaried Railroad Police; Penal Institution Guards; Industrial Police Including Bank Guards, and Armored & Express Company Guards.
- (c) Officers of a regularly organized Reserve or Auxiliary named in (a) above provided that when on duty they are required to perform the same law enforcement functions and/or duties as the Agency to which they are in reserve and are authorized to be armed by the appointing authority.
- (d) Officers who qualify under sections (a) and (b) may after retirement, and if receiving retirement benefits, enter competition covered by these rules. Such retirees who are employed after retirement in any Agency which qualifies for entry in NRA sanctioned competition may not compete as a retired officer, but may compete as a member of the organization in which he is presently serving.
- (e) Military Police: Members of the Armed Forces of the United States, regular or reserve, private detectives, private bodyguards, honorary police, or sheriffs, consultants or any other persons who are members of a body organized for ceremonial purposes may not compete as Police in NRA sanctioned tournaments regardless of the titles given such members.
- (f) Persons employed as Industrial Police by private industry on a part-time basis, or where such employment is not the sole occupation of such person, may not compete in the police category in NRA sanctioned tournaments.

**2.5 National Guard** - Federally recognized officers or enlisted of the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, or the Naval Militia of the several states, territories, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, who are not on extended active duty, are eligible to compete as Juniors and/or Collegiate if otherwise qualified.

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**2.6 Regular Service** - Officers or enlisted of the Regular United States, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and members of reserve components thereof, who are on extended active duty; provided the term "reserve components" shall include Army National Guard and Air National Guard called into federal service and while in such status, are eligible to compete as Juniors and/or Collegiate if otherwise qualified.

• **2.6.1 Military Veteran** - Former military personnel, other than active duty or reserve, in possession of any one of the following documents; Form DD-214, retired military identification card or membership in a veteran's organization are eligible to compete.

**2.7 Reserve Components** - Officers and enlisted of any reserve components of the Armed Forces, exclusive of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the United States, not on extended active duty, are eligible to compete as Juniors and/or Collegiate if otherwise qualified.

**2.8 College** - Regularly enrolled undergraduate students who carry 12 or more semester hours or the equivalent in an accredited two or four year collegiate level institution and who have not received a Bachelor's Degree. Eligibility to compete as a collegian shall extend for a maximum of four years within a five year period beginning when a student first attends any class as a full-time (12 or more credit hours) student. The five year period may only be interrupted by extended military service. (60 consecutive days or more), service with a recognized foreign aid agency of the U.S. Government or certified missionary service.

**2.9 School** - Regularly enrolled undergraduate students of any primary or secondary school, who comply with the eligibility rules of their institution.

## TEAMS

All teams except Collegiate will be three member teams, Collegiate Teams will be four member teams to be eligible for National Records.

**2.10 Team Representation** - No competitor may fire on more than one team in any one match.

*Note: Entries will not be accepted from Pickup teams (teams whose members are selected without regard to club or other organizational affiliation) unless the program specifically provides for such eligibility. Pickup teams are not eligible for National Records.*

**2.11 Club Teams** - All team members, including team captain and coach, must have been active fully-paid members of the club which the team represents for a period of at least 30 days immediately prior to the competition. The club may be Affiliated with NRA. As specifically allowed by conditions of the program, a person who is not a club member may serve as a non firing coach of such a team. There are two types of teams allowed in this Rule:

- (a) Local Club Teams-Local Club Teams must be composed of members who reside within the same state, territory or province or residents of other states who live within 50 miles of the local club
- (b) Open Club Teams-Open Club Teams must be composed of club members all of whom are not necessarily legal residents in the same state, territory or province. This definition is intended to include members of Military Veterans Teams. (A single club could have more than one team, one of which could be a Local Club and another an Open Club Team).

NOTE: The Internet website “MapQuest” will be used to determine the distance between the local club’s NRA address of record and the competitor’s NRA address of record.

**2.12 State Association Teams** - Members of State Association Teams must be residents of the state represented. Members of such teams must be individual members of the State Rifle and/or Pistol Association represented, if such State Association provides for individual membership or be members of a rifle and/or pistol club which is affiliated and in good standing with the State Association concerned at the time of the competition. State Association Teams permitted to enter the competition concerned by the tournament program conditions must be authorized and accredited by the State Association for that tournament. Authorization shall be signed by the State Association President, Vice President or Secretary. Such State Association must be affiliated and in good standing with the NRA at the time of the competition. If specifically allowed by conditions of the program, a person not a State Association member may serve as the coach of a State Association Team but may not be a firing member.

*Note: Teams representing State Associations, Leagues and other associations (composed of more than one club) are not club teams. Such teams may enter NRA Sanctioned Matches only when the program specifically authorizes such entry.*

**2.13 Regular Service, National Guard or Armed Forces Reserve Teams** - Members of such teams must have been commissioned or enlisted members of their respective service for a continuous period of at least thirty days immediately preceding the day of the competition. Army National Guard, Air National Guard and Naval Militia personnel may be combined into a single team.

• **2.13.1 Military Veterans Teams** - Former military personnel, including Team Captains and firing Coach, other than active duty or reserve, in possession of any one of the following documents, DD-214, retired military identification card or membership in a veterans’ organization are allowed to form a legal team and compete.

**2.14 Police Teams** - Firing members of such teams must have been regular full time members of their respective organization and in active service for a continuous period of at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of the competition.

**2.15 Civilian Club Teams** - Members of such teams must comply with Rules 2.2 and 2.11.

**2.16 College Teams** - Members of such teams must comply with Rules

2.8 and 2.11.

**2.17 School Teams** - Members of such teams must comply with Rules 2.9 and 2.11.

**2.18 Junior Club Teams** - Member of such teams must comply with Rules 2.3 and 2.11. *Junior men and women may be on the same Junior Club Team.*

**2.20 Residence** - In those matches which are limited to residents of any specified geographical area a "resident" is defined as:

- (a) A person who presents a photo identification issued by a government entity, which shows a residential address within the specified geographical area.
- (b) Military Personnel: The place of residence of members of the Military on active duty is defined as the place at which they are stationed by reason of official orders, provided they have been so stationed within the specified area for a period of at least 30 days immediately prior to the day of the match. In the case of retired, Reserve or National Guard personnel not on active duty, the provisions of paragraph (a) will apply. Naval personnel assigned on sea duty qualify for a residence in the area which is the usual base or home port of the unit to which attached.
- (c) Federal and State Law Enforcement Officers: The provisions of paragraph (b) will apply.

### **3. FIREARMS, EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION**

#### **3.1 Applicable to All Pistol Events -**

- (a) This section defines authorized equipment. Where alternative types of equipment are shown, the least restrictive conditions apply, unless the tournament program sets forth limitations. 7
- (b) Only open sights are allowed. Optics, mirror, telescopic, laser beam, electronically projected dots, etc. are prohibited. Any aiming device programmed to activate the firing mechanism is prohibited. No protective covering is permitted on front or rear open sights.
- (c) Corrective lenses and/or filters may not be attached to the firearm, but may be worn by the competitor. The shooter may use a telescope or binoculars to observe his/her shot holes.
- (d) The grip or any part of the firearm may not be extended or constructed in any way which would give any support beyond the hand. The wrist must remain absolutely free and visible when the pistol is held in the normal firing position.
- (e) Adjustable grips are permitted, providing when adjusted to the shooter's hand they conform to the rules of the event. The adjustment must not be changed after the Equipment Control checks in any way that would conflict with the ISSF rules.
- (f) All projectiles used must be made of lead or similar soft material. Jacketed projectiles are not permitted.

#### **3.2 Specific Regulations Applicable to All 25 Meter Events -**

- (a) The overall size of the pistol is limited to those dimensions which will permit the pistol to be enclosed completely in a rectangular box having maximum inside measurements of 300mm x 150mm x 50mm. A manufacturing tolerance of +0.5mm-0.0mm in the dimensions of the box will be permitted. (For Rapid Fire Pistols, see Rule 3.3(e).
- (b) The central line of the bore must pass above the web (between thumb and forefinger) of the hand when in the normal firing position.
- (c) The barrel length is measured:

Pistol: From the muzzle to the breech face (barrel plus chamber).

Revolver: Barrel only (excluding cylinder).

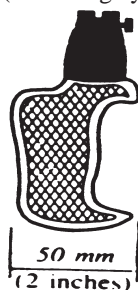


Figure 1. Grip projections

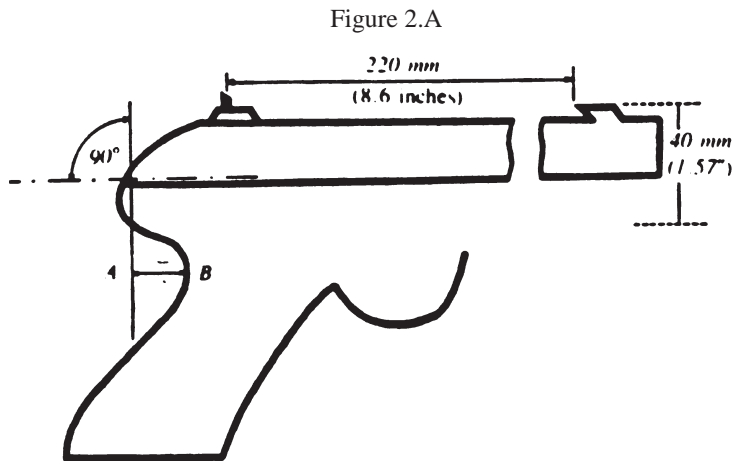
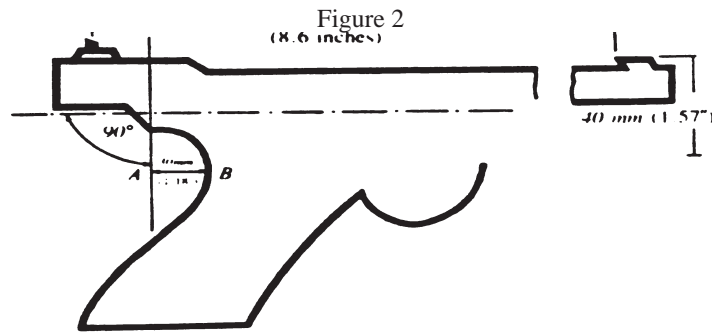
• **3.3 Rapid Fire Pistol** - Any type of 5.6mm (.22 cal.) pistol or revolver, chambered for long rifle cartridges, may be used which complies with Rules 3.1 and 3.2 and the following specifications:

- (a) The weight of the pistol with all accessories (including balancing weights and unloaded magazines) shall not exceed 1,260 grams (2.8 lbs.).
  - (b) The height of the barrel including foresight and all accessories (from the breech face to the end of the muzzle, with the exception of the trigger and trigger guard) must not exceed 40mm (1.6 in.) (see Figure 2 and 2a).
  - (c) Ammunition: Any 5.6 mm (.22 cal.) rimfire long rifle cartridge is allowed (see Rule 3.1 (f)).
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- (d) No part of the grip or accessories may encircle the hand. The heel rest must extend at a right angle to the grip only. Upward curvature of the heel and thumb rest and downward curvature of the side opposite the thumb is prohibited. (See Figure 1.) The rear part of the pistol frame or grip which on top of the hand between the thumb and the forefinger must not be longer than 30mm (1.18 in.). This distance is measured at a right angle to the prolonged center line of the barrel between points A and B of Figures 2 & 2a.
  - (e) The overall size of the pistol is limited to those dimensions which will permit the pistol to be enclosed completely in a rectangular box having maximum inside measurements of 300mm (11.8 in.) x 150mm (5.9 in.) x 50mm (1.97 in.). A tolerance of up to 5% in ONE DIMENSION ONLY in height, width, length of the pistol or the height of the barrel is acceptable. A manufacturing tolerance of +0.5mm-0.0mm in the dimensions of the box will be permitted.
  - (f) NRA Conventional Rule 3.4 will be permitted in all sanctioned tournaments as long as they are equipped with metallic sights.

**3.4 Center Fire Pistol** - Any center fire pistol or revolver (with the exception of single-shot pistols), caliber 7.62mm-9.65mm (including British and American caliber, .30, .32, .35, .357, .38 Spl., and .380) which complies with Rules 3.1 and 3.2 and the following specifications may be used:

- (a) The weight of the pistol with all accessories (including balancing weights and unloaded magazine) must not exceed 1,400 grams (3.09 lbs.).
- (b) The length of the barrel must not exceed 153mm (6 inches). (See Rule 3.2c).
- (c) Muzzle brakes or any device(s) functioning in a similar manner are not allowed.

- (d) The distance between front and rear sights must not exceed 220mm (8.6 in.). (See Figures 2 and 2a.)
- (e) The trigger pull must be at least 1,360 grams (3 lbs.) measured with the barrel vertical. (See Figure 3.)



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Figures 2 and 2.A. Distance between sights and other pistol measurements

- (f) No part of the grip or accessories may encircle the hand. The heel rest must extend at a right angle to the grip only. Upward curvature of the heel and thumb rest and downward curvature of the side opposite the thumb is prohibited. (See Figure 1.) The rear part of the pistol frame or grip which rests on the top of the hand between the thumb and the forefinger must not be longer than 30mm (1.18 in.). This distance is measured at a right angle to the prolonged centerline of the barrel between points A and B of Figures 2 and 2a.
- (g) Ammunition: Any 7.62 - 9.65mm center fire cartridge is allowed. (See 3.1h). (For safety reasons, "Magnum Class" ammunition is not allowed.)
- (h) NRA Conventional Rule 3.2 will be permitted in all sanctioned tournaments as long as the pistols or revolvers are equipped with metallic sights with calibers between .32 and .38.

• **3.5 Standard Pistol and Sport Pistol** - Any 5.6mm (.22 cal.) rim-fire pistol or revolver which complies with Rules 3.1 and 3.2 and the following specifications may be used:

- (a) The weight of the pistol including balancing weights and unloaded magazine must not exceed 1,400 grams (3.09 lbs.). Pistols weighing 52 oz. (3.25 lbs.) are allowed for U.S. competitions.
- (b) The length of the barrel must not exceed 153mm (6 inches). (See Rule 3.2c.)

- (c) The distance between front and rear sights must not exceed 220mm (8.6 in.). (See Figure 2a.)
- (d) Muzzle brakes or any device(s) functioning in a similar manner are not allowed.
- (e) The trigger pull must be at least 1000 grams (2.2 lbs.), measured with the barrel vertical. (See Figure 3.)
- (f) No part of the grip or accessories may encircle the hand. The heel rest may extend at a right angle to the grip only. Upward curvature of the heel and thumb rest and downward curvature of other grip projections are prohibited. (See Figure 1.) The rear part of the pistol frame or grip which rests on the top of the hand between the thumb and forefinger must not be longer than 30mm (1.18 in.). This distance is measured at a right angle to the prolonged centerline of the barrel between points A and B of Figures 2 and 2a.
- (g) Ammunition: Any 5.6mm (.22 cal.) rimfire, long rifle cartridge may be used. (See Rule 3.1f.)
- (h) NRA Conventional rule 3.4 will be permitted in all sanctioned tournaments long as they are equipped with metallic sights

• **3.6 Free Pistol** - Any 5.6mm (.22 cal.) rimfire pistol or revolver which complies with Rule 3.1 and the following specifications may be used:

- (a) There are no weight restrictions; however, the pistol must be capable of being held in one hand in the shooting position without support.
- (b) The caliber may not exceed 5.6mm using ammunition of internationally recognized specification .22 caliber rimfire long rifle. Bullets must be of lead or similar soft material.
- (c) The trigger pull is free and must be released by a finger of the hand in which the gun is held and that finger must make physical contact with the trigger.
- (d) In NRA sanctioned competitions a pistol equipped with a magazine may be used but it may only be loaded with one cartridge at a time.

**3.7 Air Pistol** - Any 4.5mm (.177 cal.) type of compressed air or CO<sup>2</sup> pistol or revolver which complies with Rule 3.1 and the following specifications may be used:

- (a) The weight of the pistol or revolver with all accessories must not exceed 1,500 grams (3.3 lbs.).
- (b) The trigger pull must be at least 500 grams (17.6 oz.), measured with the barrel vertical. (See Figure 3.)
- (c) No part of the grip or accessories may encircle the hand. The heel rest must extend at a right angle not less than 90 degrees to the grip. Any upward curvature of the heel and/or thumb rests and/or downward curvature of the side opposite the thumb is prohibited. (See Figure 1.) The thumb support must allow free upward movement of the thumb. However, curved surfaces on the grips or frame, including the heel and/or thumb rest in the longitudinal direction of the pistol are permitted.
- (d) The overall size of the pistol is limited to those dimensions that will permit the pistol to be enclosed completely in a rectangular box having maximum inside dimensions of 420mm X 200mm X 50mm. A manufacturing tolerance of +0.5mm - 0.00mm in the dimensions of the box will be permitted. In the case of semiautomatic air pistol, the magazine need not be fitted for the box test.
- (e) The pistol used in the air pistol event may be loaded with one (1) pellet only.
- (f) Ported barrels and perforated attachments for air pistols are allowed, providing pistols comply with all other requirements, including dimensions.

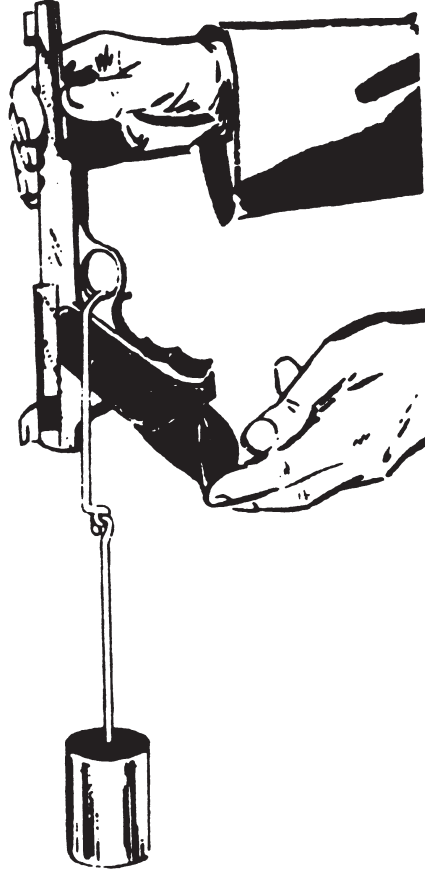
(e) Ammunition: Any 4.5mm (.177 cal.) pellets may be used. (See Rule 3.1(f)).

**3.8 Spotting Scopes** - The use of a telescope with the necessary stand to visually locate shot holes on a target is permitted.

**3.9 Shooting Kits** - A shooting kit is allowed for the purpose of carrying the gun and accessories; however, the kit may not be so constructed or placed in or on the firing position in such a manner that it provides the shooter any advantage while firing a shot.

• **3.11 Clothing** - The use of any special shooting devices, means or garments, that support or immobilize the shooter's body, arms, wrist, legs or ankles are not allowed. Only low sided shoes that do not cover the ankle bone are permitted. Gloves are not allowed.

**3.16 Release Triggers** - Triggers which function on release are prohibited.



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Figure 3. Measuring the “trigger pull”

**3.18 General** - All devices or equipment which may facilitate shooting and which are not mentioned in these rules and which are contrary to the spirit of these rules and regulations, are forbidden.

Each competitor must have firearms officially examined and approved prior to the competition. Examining times are fixed by the competition officials. Only firearms which have been approved for the competition concerned may be used (see Rule 9.8 and 9.30(h).)

**3.19 Eye Protection** - All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the range complex are urged to wear eye protection devices.

**3.20 Ear Protection** - All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the range complex are urged to wear hearing protection devices. Only sound reducing devices may be worn. Radios, tape recorders or any

type of sound producing or communication system is prohibited forward of the ready line after the preparation period has started.

**3.20.1 Communications Equipment** - The use of mobile telephones, walkie talkies or similar devices by competitors, coaches and team officials while within the competition area is prohibited. All mobile telephones must be switched off.

• **3.21 Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI)** - An ECI is required in all NRA Sanctioned Pistol competitions to indicate the slide is open and the chamber is empty. The ECI, when inserted into the revolver or pistol must extend into the empty chamber or cylinder and must be externally visible.

• **3.22 Cell Phones and other shooting aids** - Shooters are responsible to ensure all devices in their possession forward of the ready line are silenced and communication disabled (e.g.: mute all sound producing devices & airplane mode for cell phones).

• **3.22.1 Communications Equipment** - The use of mobile telephones, walkie talkies or similar devices for communication by competitors, coaches and team officials while within the competition area is prohibited.

## 4. TARGETS

• **4.1 Official Targets** - As an alternative to using the official paper targets outlined above, the use of electronic scoring targets that utilize the dimensions listed in this chapter is authorized for all NRA International Pistol competitions. Any electronic targets used should be commercially manufactured to close tolerances and a high degree of reliability so that the scoring using these targets accurately duplicates, or exceeds, the scoring accuracy that would be achieved using paper targets. Companies currently (October 2012) producing such targets includes, but is not limited to: Megalink, Meyton, Polytronic and Sius Ascor.

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- (a) Target B-11, International 50 foot slow fire target, reduced 50 meter target for firing the Free Pistol course at 50 feet. The scoring rings 7 through 10 are black. Inner 10 ring is .15 inch.

10 ring.....	.45 inches
9 ring.....	1.05 inches
8 ring.....	1.65 inches
7 ring.....	2.25 inches
6 ring.....	2.85 inches
5 ring.....	3.45 inches
4 ring.....	4.05 inches
3 ring.....	4.65 inches
2 ring.....	5.25 inches
1 ring.....	5.85 inches

- (b) Target B-17, For the 50 Meter Free Pistol and 25 Meter Standard Pistol events and the precision stage of Center Fire and Sport Pistol events. Inner Ten ring is 25mm. Scoring rings 7 through 10 are black.

10 ring.....	50 mm
9 ring.....	100 mm
8 ring.....	150 mm
7 ring.....	200 mm
6 ring.....	250 mm
5 ring.....	300 mm
4 ring.....	350 mm
3 ring.....	400 mm
2 ring.....	450 mm
1 ring.....	500 mm

Ring thickness: 0.2 mm to 0.5 mm.



- (c) Target B-19, International slow fire target, reduces the 50 meter target for firing the free pistol course at 50 yards, the Standard Pistol, Sport Pistol and the Center Fire pistol, precision stage, at 25 yards. The scoring rings 7 through 10 are black. Inner 10 ring is .88 inch.

10 ring.....	1.78 inches
9 ring.....	3.58 inches
8 ring.....	5.38 inches
7 ring.....	7.18 inches
6 ring.....	8.98 inches
5 ring.....	10.78 inches
4 ring.....	12.58 inches
3 ring.....	14.38 inches
2 ring.....	16.18 inches
1 ring.....	17.98 inches

- (d) Target B-33, International standard pistol target, reduced for firing the standard pistol, sport pistol course and center fire pistol course at 50 feet. The scoring rings 7 through 10 are black.

10 ring.....	1.10 inches
9 ring.....	2.30 inches
8 ring.....	3.50 inches
7 ring.....	4.70 inches
6 ring.....	5.90 inches
5 ring.....	7.10 inches
4 ring.....	8.30 inches
3 ring.....	9.50 inches
2 ring.....	10.70 inches
1 ring.....	11.90 inches

- (e) Target B-35, International 25 yard slow fire target, reduces the 50 meter target for firing the free pistol course at 25 yards.

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10 ring.....	0.78 inches
9 ring.....	1.68 inches
8 ring.....	2.58 inches
7 ring.....	3.48 inches
6 ring.....	4.38 inches
5 ring.....	5.28 inches
4 ring.....	6.18 inches
3 ring.....	7.08 inches
2 ring.....	7.98 inches
1 ring.....	8.88 inches

- (f) Target B-37, For the Rapid Fire Pistol and the Rapid Fire stage of the Center Fire and Sport Pistol events. Inner 10 ring is 50 mm. Scoring rings 5 through 10 are black. Targets utilizing a sighting bar at the 3 and 9 o'clock positions may also be used.

10 ring.....	100 mm
9 ring.....	180 mm
8 ring.....	260 mm
7 ring.....	340 mm
6 ring.....	420 mm
5 ring.....	500 mm

Ring Thickness: 0.5 mm to 1.0 mm.

The numbers shall be approximately 10 mm high and 1 mm thick.

- (g) Target B-38 25 Yard Sport Pistol, Center Fire Pistol and Rapid Fire Pistol.

- (h) Target B-39 50 foot Sport Pistol, Center Fire Pistol and Rapid Fire Pistol.
- (i) Target B-40, International 10 meter air pistol target, for firing the air pistol course at 10 meters (33 feet). The scoring rings 7 through 10 are black.

Inner 10 ring .....	5.0 mm
10 ring.....	11.5 mm
9 ring.....	27.5 mm
8 ring.....	43.5 mm
7 ring.....	59.5 mm
6 ring.....	75.5 mm
5 ring.....	91.5 mm
4 ring.....	107.5 mm
3 ring.....	123.5 mm
2 ring.....	139.5 mm
1 ring.....	155.5 mm

Ring Thickness: 0.1 mm to 0.2 mm.

- (j) The dimensions of all scoring rings are measured from the outside edges (outside diameter) of the scoring rings.

## 5. POSITIONS

**Positions** - The positions for use in a match shall be stated in the program under conditions of the match and shall be in accord with the definitions of positions prescribed in this section.

**5.1 The Ground** - All references to “the ground” in the following position rules are to be construed as applying to surface of the firing point, floor and such shooting platforms as are customarily used on shooting ranges.

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**5.2 Artificial Support** - Any supporting surface except the ground not specifically authorized for use in the rules for the position prescribed. Use of artificial support is prohibited except as individually authorized for a physically disabled shooter.

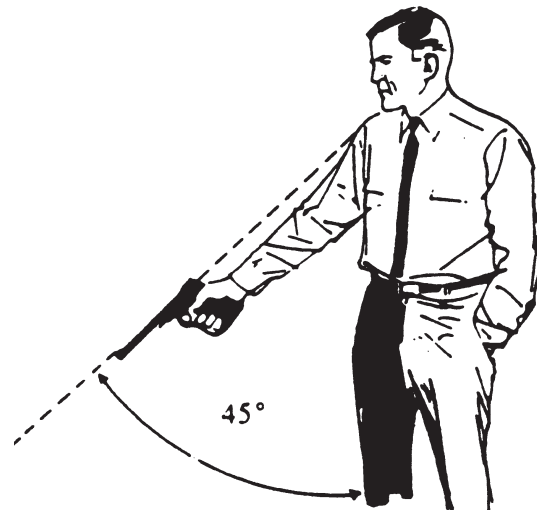
### 5.3 Ready Position -

- (a) The shooter must stand free, without support, completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support
- (b) Before and during the series, including while chambering a cartridge, or checking or cocking a pistol or revolver, the pistol must always be kept pointing down range and within the target backstop area before returning to the READY position for the next shot, or while awaiting the command UNLOAD.
- (c) In all 25m Rapid Fire Events (Rapid Fire Pistol Event, Sport Pistol and Center Fire Pistol Rapid Fire Stages and Standard Pistol 20 sec and 10 sec series) shooting must start from the “READY” position. In the “READY” position, the shooter’s arm must point downward at an angle of not greater than 45 degrees from the vertical, but must not be pointed at the ground within the forward edge of the firing point. The arm must be stationary in this position while waiting for the appearance of the target (see Fig. 4) or, when electronic scoring targets are used, for the green lights to come on.
- (d) Rapid Fire Pistol Event (Rapid Fire Pistol, 25m Pistol and Center Fire Pistol Rapid Fire Stages and the 10 second and 20 second of the Standard Pistol Event) - The pistol must not be rested on the bench or shooting table, during the series. If the shooter raises his arm too soon, or does not lower it sufficiently he must be warned by a Jury Member, and the series must be recorded and repeated. The shooter must be credited with the five (5) lowest value hits in the two series

(or three or four series if a malfunction is involved). If the fault is repeated in the same stage of thirty (30) shots in the Rapid Fire Pistol Event, or in the Rapid Fire Stage of the 25m Pistol or Center Fire Pistol Event, or in the combined 20 seconds and 10 seconds stages of the Standard Pistol match, the same procedure must be applied and the shooter must be penalized by a deduction of two (2) points from his score. If a third infraction of this rule occurs the shooter must be disqualified.

**5.4 to 5.11 - Blank**

**5.12 Firing Position** - The shooter must stand free, without support, completely within the firing point. The complete firearm must be held and fired with one hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support. Bracelets, wrist watches, wrist bands or similar items which might provide support are prohibited on the hand and arm which hold the firearm. (See Rule 3.11).



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Figure 4 (Correct Firing Position)

**6. RANGE STANDARDS**

**6.1 Firing Line** - The range for pistol competitions shall have a line of targets and a firing line. The firing line shall be parallel to the line of targets. The shooting distances shall be measured from the face of the competition target to the firing line (that point beyond which the competitor may not place any part of the forward foot). In the case of marking pit operated targets, the distance shall be measured from the front target which is always the competition target.

**6.2 Firing Point** - The shooting station (firing point) is centered on the target corresponding to that station (point). (In the case of rapid fire targets, to the center target of the group of five). The line from the center of the target to the center of the shooting station (firing point) must not deviate by more than 75 cms. (25 cms. in the Air Pistol Match) on either side from an angle of 90 degrees.

- (a) The shooting platform (firing point) shall be flat, horizontal in all directions and of firm construction. It must not permit any vibration.
- (b) On this platform (firing point) the competitor must have a space of:

1.	Rapid Fire	1.50m	x	1.50m (59 in x 59 in)
2.	Center Fire	1.00m	x	1.50m
	Sport Pistol Match	1.00m	x	1.50m
	Standard Pistol	1.00m	x	1.50m
	Air Pistol	1.00m	x	1.00m

Free Pistol 1.25m x 1.00m

- (c) Behind the rear line of the firing positions there must be sufficient clear space for the Range Officers and Jury.
- (d) There may be space provided for the spectators. The spectator's area must be separated from the competitors and officials by a suitable barrier located at least 5 meters (16 ft. 5 in) behind the back edge of the firing line. (Optional)

• **6.2.1 Equipment for the Shooting Stations** - Each firing point shall be provided with the following equipment:

- (a) A loading bench or table approximately 50 cms. (20 in) X 60 cms. (24 in) in size and 70 cms. - 100 cms. (27in. to 39 in.) high, adjustable or removable.
- (b) One chair for the competitor.
- (c) A desk and chair (optional) for the scorer placed in such a location that the competitor is not disturbed.
- (d) A small scoreboard or large score card approximately 50 cms. x 50 cms.(20 x 20 in.) for the scorer to post unofficial scores for the benefit of the spectators (optional).
- (e) A spotting telescope for the scorer in the Free Pistol and in the Air Pistol Matches (optional).
- (f) A signaling system between the scorer and the pit operator in the Free Pistol Match (if pit operated targets are used).
- (g) An electronic display indicating the position and value of each shot (if electronic targets are used).

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**6.3 Shelter** - Roofs and screens of the competition range shall provide the competitor with adequate shelter from wind, rain and sun.

- (a) The shooting stations shall be roofed at a minimum height of 2.20 meters above the level of the shooting station platform.
- (b) The shooting stations (firing points) shall be separated by screens. (Optional for Free Pistol and Air Pistol ranges).

The screens shall be:

1. Extended at least 50 cms. (20 in) forward of the front edge of the firing line.
  2. A minimum of 1.5m (59 in) wide and 1.7m (67 in) high, with the top edge at least 2 meters (79 in) above the firing platform.
  3. If the screen does not reach the ground, the bottom edge may not be more than 70 cms. (27 in) above the firing line on which the competitor stands.
- (c) The shooting stations (firing points) shall be so constructed that they do not obstruct or disturb the competitor's shooting or obstruct the activities of the Range Officers.

**6.4 Distance** - The shooting distances must be strictly adhered to. **At Registered Competitions the following distances are required:**

- (a) Rapid Fire Match, Standard Pistol Match, Center Fire Match and Sport Pistol Match: Precise distance - 25m/yd. Variation allowable  $\pm 0.10\text{m}$  (4 in.). Precise distance - 50 ft. variation  $\pm 2.4$  in.
- (b) Free Pistol Match: Precise distance - 50m/yd. variation allowable  $\pm 0.2\text{m}$  (8 in.). Precise distance - 25 yd. variation allowable  $\pm .1\text{m}$  (4

in.). Precise distance - 50 ft. variation  $\pm 2$  in.

- (c) Air Pistol Match: Precise distance - 10 meters. Variation allowable  $\pm 0.05$ (2 in.).

**6.5 Illumination** - Artificial illumination for indoor ranges must provide the necessary level of even light without glare or distracting shadows on the targets or firing positions. The entire range area should be evenly illuminated. The background area behind the targets shall be of nonglaring light color.

**6.6 Target Numbers** - The target frames and the corresponding firing points shall be marked by numbers that:

- (a) Are large enough to be easily seen under normal shooting conditions with normal vision at the appropriate distance.
- (b) Shall be of alternating and contrasting colors.
- (c) Shall be clearly visible throughout the competition whether the targets are exposed or concealed.

**6.7 Backing Targets** - Backing targets are desirable and are beneficial in solving scoring problems. Backing target frames should be placed at the same distance center to center as the competition targets and should be carefully fixed to ensure uniform spacing between record and backing targets. The distance between competition target and backing target shall be at least 1 meter and not more than 2 meters. The backing targets shall be made of cardboard or strong paper and must be of sufficient size to register all bullets fired from the corresponding firing point. Backing targets shall be changed or patched after every series. Backing targets shall have the same identification numbers as the corresponding competition targets.

**6.8 Target Equipment** - The targets (within a group or range) shall all be placed at the same height, each target corresponding to one firing point (except in the Rapid Fire Match). The target system must ensure the necessary degree of safety, accurate control of timing, the efficient scoring and changing of the targets. The targets shall be fixed in such a manner that, even in high winds, their visible movement is not distracting to the competitors.

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**• 6.8.1 Target Equipment for 25m and for 25 yard & 50 Feet -**

- (a) The height of the target center (center of the 10 point ring) measured from the level of the shooting platform, shall be 140 cms. (55 in)  $\pm$  10 cms. (8 in).

In case plywood or other similar solid backing boards are used for the targets, the area corresponding to the eight (8) ring shall be cut out from the backing to facilitate the accurate measurement of any skid shot. In the case of such solid backing boards being, the target or the center portion of the target backing boards shall be made of cardboard.

- (b) The targets are placed in groups as follows:
  - (1) Rapid Fire Match-Groups of five (5) all at the same height  $\pm 5$  mm, all functioning simultaneously and corresponding to one firing point, which is centered on the middle target of the group. The distance between target centers, axis to axis in a group of five, will be 75 cms. (29.5 in)  $\pm 10$  mm.

When the Rapid Fire Match is fired at 50 feet on the B-39 target, the distance between targets centers will be 45.7 cm (18 in.).

- (2) Center Fire Match, Sport Pistol Match and the Standard Pistol match.

The targets will be placed in groups of 3 or 4, (1, 3, 5 or 1, 2, 4, 5 of a Rapid Fire group) functioning simultaneously and each target corresponding to one firing point.

The distance between target centers, axis to axis, in a group shall be at least 75 cms. (29.5 in.).

- (c) The range may be divided into sections, each composed of two groups of targets and separated from each other section by a protective wall. A Range Officer will be in charge of each section.
- (d) The targets shall be equipped with a rotating mechanism and shall be mounted so as to permit their turning through 90 degrees ( $\pm 10$  degrees) on their vertical axis. (In the precision course, stationary target frames may be used.)

When the targets are brought to rest, either facing or edge on, there must be no visible vibration that might distract the competitor.

When viewed from the firing line, the targets will turn in a clockwise direction to the facing position and in a counterclockwise direction to the edge on position. (See Figure 5.)



Figure 5 ( Turning Target Scheme)

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- (e) Time for turning must not exceed 0.3 sec.
- (f) Accuracy of the rotation period and the “facing” period shall be checked before and during the competition by one of the following methods:
  1. By placing the starting button of the stopwatch against the edge of the target, thus letting the target itself start and stop the timing process.
  2. By means of three hand-operated stop watches, the middle reading to be accepted.
  3. By other means approved by the National Rifle Association.
- (g) Timing shall be started at the moment the targets begin to face and shall stop at the moment they begin to turn away.

The turning of the targets will be controlled by the Target Operator who is located behind the firing line. The position must not be disturbing to the competitor, but it must be within control (sight and hearing distance) of the Range Officer. The targets may also be operated by the Range Officer, by means of a suitable remote control system.

- (h) Rules to be used when using electronic targets for either the Rapid Fire Pistol, Standard Pistol, Center Fire Pistol or Sport Pistol Matches.
  1. In all 25m, 25yd or 50ft events, timing must start at the moment the green lights come on and stop when the red lights come on.
    - a) When electronic scoring targets are used the timing equipment will be set to give the nominal exposure times plus 0.1 seconds.
    - b) An “after-time” (the period which is to ensure that shots which would have been valid “skid-shots” on conventional targets, are also scored on the electronic targets) will be added at +0.2 seconds. (Total=0.3 seconds)

2. The switching of lights may be controlled by a Target Operator who is located behind the firing line. His position must not disturb the shooter, but it must be within the sight and hearing of the Range Officer. The targets may also be operated by the Range Officer by means of remote control system.

3. After the command "Attention" or "Start" the green lights must come on after a delay of three (3) seconds ( $\pm 1.0$  second). The time delay should remain constant throughout the competition. During each series the shooter should fire five (5) shots. Pistols may be raised at the moment the green lights come on.

**• 6.8.2 Target Equipment for Free Pistol 50m - 50 yards and 50 feet.**

- (a) Any target system is permitted as long as it guarantees the necessary degree of safety and the accurate and rapid scoring of the shot holes on the competition targets.
- (b) The height of the center of the target (50m ten ring) measured from the level of the floor of the firing point, shall be 0.75m (75cm) (29 in.) A variation of  $\pm 0.50$ m. (50cm) (20 in.) from this optimum height is permitted. (When the Free Pistol match is fired at other distances, the target height will be adjusted to a reasonable and safe height.) All target centers within a group of targets or range must be the same height  $\pm 1$  cm.
- (c) The distance between target centers, axis to axis, shall be the same as the width of the shooting station (See Rule 6.2(b)2).
- (d) There shall be a signaling system between the scorer and the marker which enables the marker to be informed, when a sighting target or a competition target is required. A telephone-type communication system must similarly be provided between the scorer and the Range Officers and the Target Officers and Target Markers. 19
- (e) In case of automatic target carriers or changers being used, the competitors may control the changing of their own targets, or the competitor may leave this to the scorer.
- (f) Electronic scoring targets are authorized for use as an alternative to paper targets.

**• 6.8.3 Target Equipment for Air Pistol 10m.**

- (a) The target system used must permit the rapid changing of the targets during the competition.
- (b) The changing of the targets is normally carried out by the competitors themselves, under the supervision of the Range Officers.
- (c) The distance between target centers, axis to axis, shall be the same as the width of the shooting station.
- (d) The height of the center of the target, measured from the level of the shooting platform shall be 140 cms. (55 in.)  $\pm 10$  cms. (8 in.).
- (e) The target background should be of a medium neutral color and have no reflections.
- (f) Electronic scoring targets are authorized for use as an alternative to paper targets.

**6.9 Wind Flags -**

- (a) A wind flag is a strip of cloth affixed to the top of a stake which is at approximately target height. Personal wind flags or gauges or instru-

ments are prohibited. Wind flags will be placed as close to the path of the bullet's flight as practical without interfering with the bullet's flight or the shooter's view of the target while he aims. Dual color and striped wind flags are permitted

- (b) 10 Meters/33 Feet: On outdoor ranges, wind flags will be erected between the firing lanes of at least every fourth position and made of a cotton material 5 cms (1.97 inches) x 40 cms (15.7 inches) weighing approximately 150 g (5.3 oz) per square meter.
- (c) 50 Meters/50 Yards: Wind flags will be erected between the firing lanes of each position at approximately 10 m and 30 m on the shooter's side of any baffled support. The flags will be approximately 5 cms (1.97 inches) x 40 cms (15.7 inches) and made of a cotton material weighing approximately 150 g (5.3 oz) per square meter that will indicate all air movements anticipated on the range. These wind flags do not eliminate local requirements for range safety flags.

**6.10 Communications** - A voice communication system (phone) must be provided between the Range Officers and Target Officers (except in Air Pistol and events fired at 50 ft.).

**6.11 Range Clock** - The range should be equipped with a large clock which can be clearly seen by the competitors and the Range Officers.

## 7. COURSES OF FIRE

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• **7.2 Center Fire Pistol Match, and Sport Pistol Match** - These competitions are divided into:

- (a) Precision Course - 30 shots on the International Precision target. The competition consists of 6 series each of 5 shots. The time limit for each series is Five (5) minutes. Before the course begins a series of 5 sighting shots may be fired within a time limit of Five (5) minutes. Preparation Time : Five (5) minutes.
- (b) Rapid Fire Course - 30 shots on the International Rapid Fire target. The course consists of 6 series each of 5 shots. During each series the target appears five times, each time for 3 seconds, with a 7-second pause between each appearance. One shot will be fired during each appearance. Before the program of 30 shots begins, the competitor may shoot a sighting series of Five (5) shots in the rapid fire course. The precision course must be completed by all competitors before the rapid fire course can begin. Preparation Time : Three (3) minutes
- (c) If using electronic scoring targets, the firing period starts when the green lights come on and stops when the red lights come on.

• **7.3 Standard Pistol Match**

- (a) Competitions are conducted in 3 consecutive courses of 20 shots each. Each course consists of four 5-shot series fired on the International Precision target.
  1. 4 x 5 shots in 150 seconds per 5-shot series.



2. 4 x 5 shots in 20 seconds per 5-shot series.
3. 4 x 5 shots in 10 seconds per 5-shot series.

Before the competition begins, a series of 5 sighting shots may be fired within a time limit of 150 seconds. Preparation Time : Five (5) minutes

- (b) When it is necessary to conduct the competition in two parts, a sighting series shall be fired before each part. The parts consist of:
  1. 2 x 5 shots in 150 seconds per 5-shot series.
  2. 2 x 5 shots in 20 seconds per 5-shot series.
  3. 2 x 5 shots in 10 seconds per 5-shot series.
- (c) If using electronic scoring targets, the firing period starts when the green lights come on and stops when the red lights come on.

#### • 7.4 Free Pistol Match

- (a) Shooting program - 60 shots Standing. Preparation Time : Ten (10) minutes.
- (b) Sighting shots (unlimited in number) may only be fired before the beginning of each match. Once the first match shot has been fired, no further sighting shots are allowed unless permitted by the Jury/Referee. Two sighting targets are allowed.
- (c) Target - International Precision Target
- (d) If the competition is divided into two parts, then each part shall consist of 30 competition shots.
- (e) Total allowable shooting time including sighting shots: Full Course-2.0 hours; Half Course-1 hour, 15 minutes; Minimum preparation time before official start (the command, "Fire")-10 minutes.
- (f) Tournament sponsors may allow a minimum of 1½ minutes per record shot. Time allowances where less than maximum must be specified in the program.

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*The following rules will be used when firing Free Pistol on fixed frames:*

- (g) The course will be divided into seven (7) - 17 minute stages, the first stage for unlimited sighters - the next 6 stages for 10 record shots each.
- (h) Score and repair after sighter shots and each 10 shot record string.
- (i) If using electronic scoring targets, the targets will be activated for the entire shooting period and will start in the sighter mode. The shooter will change the target from the sighter mode to the match mode at a time of the shooter's choosing, but the shooter may not change the target back to the sighter mode after the first record shot is fired.

#### • 7.5 Air Pistol Match, 10 Meters

- (a) Shooting Program - 60 shots for all men, and those women choosing to fire as "open" competitors (in all categories- open, service, civilian, junior or collegiate). The 40 shot course is only for women, junior women and collegiate women.
- (b) Sighting shots (unlimited in number) may only be fired before the beginning of each match. Once the first match shot has been fired,

no further sighting shots are allowed unless permitted by the Jury/Referee. Four sighting targets are allowed.

- (c) Target-Air Pistol target for 10 meters.
- (d) The placing of targets shall normally be done by the shooter under supervision of Range Officials.
- (e) The total maximum (see 7.5(f) for minimum) allowable shooting time, including sighting shots, is 1 hour, 45 minutes (105 minutes) for the 60 shot event and 1 hour, 15 minutes (75 minutes) for the 40 shot event. A minimum preparation time of 10 minutes must be allowed before the official start command.
- (f) Tournament sponsors may allow a minimum of 1½ minutes per record shot. Time allowances where less than maximum must be specified in the program.

*The following rules, (g) and (h) will be used when firing Air Pistol on fixed frames four (4) bull targets:*

- (g) The course will be divided into six (6) 17½ minute stages, the first is for unlimited sighters - the next five (5) stages for twelve (12) record shots each (3 per bull).
- (h) Score and replace after the sighter shots and each twelve (12) shot string.
- (i) If using electronic scoring targets, the targets will be activated for the entire shooting period and will start in the sighter mode. The shooter will change the target from the sighter mode to match mode at a time of the shooter's choosing, but the shooter may not change the target back to the sighter mode after the first record shot is fired.

## 22 7.6 Electronic scoring targets are authorized for all events

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### 7.10 Finals Procedure-

- (a) Finalists in each event: Air Pistol, Sport Pistol, Rapid Fire Pistol 8 competitors, except Rapid Fire Pistol which has six (6) members. Ties among two or more shooters have to be judged as places 4th through 10th according to the rules for that discipline. When in Rapid Fire Pistol there are more than six (6) eligible competitors because of tied scores, the ties will be broken by shoot-off.
- (b) Reporting to the Range for Finals: must be printed in the official shooting program. Any delay must be announced and posted on the Final Range.
- (c) Any finalist who is not in the assigned position at the beginning of the preparation period is automatically given the last place in the Finals results and he/she is not allowed to participate in the Final.
- (d) Preparation Times:
  - 1. Three (3) minutes preparation time for 10 meter and 50 meter events.
  - 2. Two (2) minutes preparation time for 25 meter Pistol Events.
- (e) 1. Sighting Time - 10m and 50m events  
At the end of the preparation time the Range officer will announce "SIGHTING TIME START". Seven minutes of sighting time for unlimited sighters. Thirty seconds before the end of the seven (7) minutes the Range officer will announce THIRTY (30) SECONDS. At the end of the seven (7) minutes the Range officer will announce "STOP" followed by a thirty second pause.

2. Sighting Time - Rapid Fire Pistol  
 One sighting series of five (5) shots in four (4) seconds

3. One sighting series of five (5) shots in three second exposures.

(f) Start Time: The starting time for each Final event should be printed in the official shooting program or announced by Match Directors Bulletin. NOTE: The starting time begins with the command "LOAD" for the first competition shot or series for each final event. Any delay must be announced and posted on the Final Range.

(g) Start Positions: The shooters who qualified for the Finals will have the following start positions according to their qualifications rank:

(1) 10 meter and 50 meter events:

Firing Point: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Start Position: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

(2) 25 meter Rapid Fire Pistol

	Section A	Section B
Range	1 2	3 4
Start Position	1 2	3 4

- or -

Range	1	2
1st series	7th	8th
2nd series	5th	6th
3rd series	3rd	4th
4th series	1st	2nd

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(3) 25 meter Sport Pistol

	Group A	Group B
Target	1 2 (3) 4 5	1 2 (3) 4 5
Start Position	1 2 - 3 4	5 6 - 7 8

(h) Number of Sighting Targets and Shots per Target:

(1) Number of sighting targets:

10 meter events - 4 targets in each event

50 meter Free Pistol event - 1 target in each event

25 meter Sport Pistol event - 1 target

25 meter Rapid Fire Pistol event - one sighting series of 5 shots in 4 seconds

(2) Number of competition shots per target:

10 meter and 50 meter events: One (1) shot per target.

25 meter Sport Pistol Precision: One (1) shot per target.

25 meter Rapid Fire Pistol Event: One shot is fired on each of five (5) rapid fire targets in the specified time limit for a 5 shot series. The targets must be scored and patched after every 5 shot series. New targets must be provided for each shooter for each stage (5 + 30 shots)

(i) Air Pistol - Juniors

(j) Final results: In all events the results of the Finals competition will

be added to the individual results of the qualification round. Results of the Finals will be printed in the results bulletin.

- (1) Finals Scoring: In all events the Final scores of the series or shots will be made immediately in the target pit or at the firing line of the final competition. Any challenge will be decided immediately.
- (2) The scoring of the Finals will be conducted, if technically possible, with target reading machines or manual devices must be used which classify each ring in ten sections (such as 8.1, 8.2, etc., up to the maximum of 10.9). Shots on paper targets which cannot be classified by target reading machines will be scored by hand, by Jury Members with ISSF/NRA approved instruments.

(k) Finals Events Program:

Air Pistol (60 shots)

Air Pistol (40 shots)

Free Pistol

- (1) Seven (7) minutes unlimited sighting shots. (Range officer gives warning signal 30 seconds before end of sighting time.)
- (2) One (1) minute pause.
- (3) The Final consists of 10 shots and will be conducted single shot-for-shot with the following commands for each shot.

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**LOAD!** - After this command the shooter loads the firearm. The gun **MUST NOT** be loaded before this command is given.

**ATTENTION - 3 - 2 - 1 - START!** - The shooter has 75 seconds for one shot. The shooting time starts when the command "START" has been given. This command with the count-down should give the shooter sufficient time to take their shooting position.

Each shot fired before the command "START" will be counted as a miss (Zero).

**STOP!** - This command is given after the last shooter has fired or immediately after termination of the shooting time. The last second must correspond with the command "STOP". **CHANGE TARGETS** - for pit or carrier operated systems after the command "STOP"

- (4) If a shooter fires more than one shot for this final shot(s) will be scored as zero(s).
- (5) After scoring the shot, the procedure indicated in (3) will be repeated until all shooters have fired their 10 shots.
- (6) If carrier operated target systems are used the targets must only be brought back to the firing line after the commands "STOP" and "CHANGE TARGETS" to avoid disturbing neighboring shooters.
- 7) AIMING EXERCISES ARE ALLOWED ONLY IN 10 METER AND 50 METER PISTOL EVENTS. Between the commands "STOP" and the following command "LOAD", but only with the bolt open on pistols or with an uncocked air pistol. DRY FIRING IN ANY FORM IS PROHIBITED.

(l) Rapid Fire Pistol Final -

- (1) One sighting series 5 shots in 4 seconds, preparation time, two (2) minutes.
- (2) Two (2) competition series of 5 shots each in 4 sec.
- (3) All finalists will fire the sighting series as well as the competition series at the same time and under the same command:

**FOR THE SIGHTING SERIES - LOAD!**

All shooters load within a time of one minute.

**THE FIRST/NEXT FOR COMPETITION SERIES -LOAD!**

All shooters load within a time of one minute.

**ATTENTION!**

The targets will be turned to the edge-on position.

**3 - 2 - 1 - START!**

The Command "START" is the Signal to face the targets (All shooters must be in "READY"- position at the end of the count- down-"1").

(m) Sport Pistol -25m Pistol

- (1) One sighting series 5 shots in rapid fire course in three (3) second exposures.
- (2) Four (4) competition series of 5 shots each in rapid fire course in three (3) second exposures.
- (3) All finalists will fire the sighting series as well as the competition series at the same time and on the same commands:

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**FOR THE SIGHTING SERIES - LOAD!**

All shooters load within a time of one minute.

**THE FIRST/NEXT FOR COMPETITION SERIES -LOAD!**

All shooters load within a time of one minute.

**ATTENTION!**

The targets will be turned to the edge-on position. After a delay of seven seconds ( $\pm 1.00$  second) the target will be turned to face the shooter

**3 - 2 - 1 - START!**

The Command "START" is the Signal to face the targets (All shooters must be in "READY"- position at the end of the count- down-"1").

- (4) Before each shot the shooter must lower his arm and adopt the READY position. His arm must be motionless before the target appears. The pistol must not be rested on the bench or shooting table, during the series.

(n) Decisions in the event of tied scores 10 meter and 50 meter events:

- (1) The scores of the "Qualifications Round" and of the Finals series are added.
- (2) In case of tied scores after the Final ties will be broken by a shot-for-shot shoot off.
- (3) All shooters must remain on the firing line after the last shots have been scored and until the final results are announced.

- (a) Shooters who are tied must remain at their firing points.
  - (b) All other shooters place their firearms in a safe position and leave the firing line immediately after the scoring of their final results have been made. When several shooters are tied for more than one ranking place, i.e. two shooters tied for second place (places 2 and 3) and two shooters tied for fifth place (places 5 and 6), the tie for the lowest ranking position will be broken first followed by the next ranking position until all ties are broken..
  - (c) The Finals will be continued as fast as possible and without additional sighting shots according to the procedure in (j) (3).
  - (d) After immediate and final scoring of the shot the procedure indicated in (j) (3) will be repeated until the ties are broken.
- (o) 25 meter Rapid Fire Pistol events - and Sport Pistol events:
- (1) Tied shooters will fire one (1) series of five (5) shots in the same times and conditions as in the Finals para 7.10 (j).
  - (2) All shooters not tied will remove their equipment from the firing line after final scoring has been completed.
  - (3) The Finals will be continued as fast as possible and without additional sighting shots.
  - (4) Shooters with tied scores are allocated new firing points by drawing of lots under the direction of the Jury. If more than two shooters have equal scores after the Final Series the firing sequence will also be determined by the drawing of lots.
- 26 (5) When several shooters are tied for more than one ranking place, i.e. two shooters tied for second place (places 2 and 3) and two shooters tied for fifth place (places 5 and 6), the tie for the lowest ranking position will be broken first followed by the next ranking position until all ties are broken.

(p) Electronic Target Use in Finals

Target Failure 10m, 25m, 50m Events

- 1) If a failure of all Finals targets occurs, the following procedure must be used:

(a) The shots/series that were completed by all shooters will be scored as a sub-total.

(b) If the failure cannot be corrected to permit continuation of the Finals within one (1) hour, the recorded scores completed (by all shooters not eliminated) will be scored as the Finals Total of the competition and awards made on that basis.

(c) When the failure is rectified and if it is possible to continue the Finals within one (1) hour, the following procedure will apply:

(1) 10m and 50m Events

The remaining shots will be completed. Five (5) minutes unlimited sighting shots will be permitted after the shooters are in their positions.

(2) 25m Events

The remaining shots/series will be completed. One (1) sighting series will be allowed in the 25m Pistol events.

- 2) If a single target fails to function:

(a) 10m and 50m Events

(1) The shooter will be moved to a reserved target. On the shooter's request he will be permitted an additional two (2) minutes for sighting shots before he repeats the unrecorded previous competition shot(s).

(b) 25m Events

(1) 25m Pistol Event: The shooter in the 25m Pistol Event will be moved or the target will be replaced. On the shooter's request an additional sighting series is permitted before he completes the missed previous competition shot(s).

(2) 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Event: If one (1) or more targets of a group of five (5) targets fail to function, in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Event, the target(s) will be replaced, and the series where the failure occurred will be re-fired. On request, one (1) sighting series will be allowed for all shooters in the competition before the series is re-fired.

*NOTE: Scores fired in finals will be reported to the NRA and will not be used for classification. (See Rule 7.10)*

## 8. TIME LIMITS

**8.1 Computing Time** - When rotating targets are used, time shall be started when targets begin to face and shall stop at the moment the targets begin to turn away. In all precision courses and events shooting on stationary targets the signal to commence firing may be given orally, by whistle, appropriate lights, or by having the targets turn.

**8.1.1** If the 10 or 50 m shooting range is not provided with a clock in accordance with the General Technical Rules, the Chief Range Officer must inform the shooters of the time remaining by loud speaker at ten (10) and five (5) minutes before the end of the shooting time. 27

### **8.2 Time Allowance - See Section 7**

### **8.4 Passage of Time -**

- (a) Shots which are fired after the end of the official shooting time, or which are not shot at all, shall be registered as misses, unless the Jury, Referee, or the Range Officers have authorized the shooter extra time.
- (b) Any extension of time which is allowed by the Jury, Referee, or Range Officers will be clearly marked on the record keeper's (scorer's) card with the reason stated and on a larger card or chalkboard clearly visible to the shooter involved. If there is no record keeper or scorer the Range Officer will record the additional time allowed and the reason and will inform the shooter involved.

## 9. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

**9.1 Changing Pistols** - The competitor must use the same pistol in all series throughout the competition, unless the firearm should become disabled. The Jury/Referee may grant the competitor permission to continue with another firearm of the same type (pistol or revolver) and the same caliber which must also comply with the regulations for the event. (See Rule 9.5)

**9.1.1 Changing of compressed air or CO<sup>2</sup> cylinders** - for any reason must be done behind the line.

**9.2 Sighting Shots** - See rules for specific courses of fire in Section 10.

**9.3 Blank.**

**9.4 Defective Cartridge** - A defective cartridge is one:

- (a) which has such evident structural defect as to cause a misfire or to cause a pistol to fail to function.
- (b) which does not fire.
- (c) from which the bullet has not left the barrel. (No claim for a defective cartridge shall be allowed if bullet has left the barrel.)

**9.5 Disabled Pistol** - Should a firearm break down or cease to operate the shooter may be allowed:

- (a) In the case of a malfunction, a shooter will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to repair or replace a pistol in order to resume the competition.
- (b) Continue to fire with another firearm of the same type (semi-automatic, single shot, or revolver) and of the same caliber.

The replacement firearm must also have been inspected and approved by the Equipment Control Section.

- (c) In the above mentioned cases (9.5(a) or 9.5(b)), five (5) extra sighting shots will be allowed. For Air Pistol and Free Pistol extra time and sighting shots may be granted according to rules 9.12 (a) & (b), if the malfunction of the firearm is not the fault of the shooter. The maximum time allowed for Air Pistol and Free Pistol is fifteen (15) minutes.

**9.6 Malfunction** - Failure of the pistol to function properly due to mechanical defects or defective ammunition. Functional failures due to improper manual operation are not to be considered as malfunctions. If a shooter wishes to claim a malfunction, he must hold his pistol pointing down range, retain his grip, and immediately inform the Range Officer by raising his free hand. He must not disturb the other shooters.

A shooter may try to correct a malfunction and continue the series, but after attempting any correction, he may not claim an allowable malfunction unless the firing pin has broken, or any other part of the pistol is damaged sufficiently to prevent the pistol from functioning.

- (a) It is considered an “allowable malfunction” when:

1. a bullet has stuck in the barrel.
2. the trigger mechanism has failed to operate.
3. there is an undischarged cartridge in the chamber, although the trigger mechanism has been released and operated.
4. the cartridge case has not been extracted or ejected.
5. the cartridge, magazine, cylinder or other part of the firearm mechanism has “jammed” and thus caused the malfunction.
6. the firing pin has broken or any other part of the firearm is damaged sufficiently to prevent the firearm from functioning.
7. the pistol fires automatically without the trigger being released. The shooter must stop firing immediately and must not continue to use such a pistol without the permission of the Range Officer or a Jury Member. Should the automatically fired shot(s) hit the target, the hits found highest up on the target shall be disregarded. After any repeat series all the shot(s), except those that were disregarded on the one target concerned, must be included to establish the score.

- (b) It is considered a “non-allowable malfunction” when:



1. the competitor has touched the breech, the mechanism, the safety catch or the firearm has been touched by another person before being inspected by the Range Officer or Jury Member.
2. the safety catch has not been released.
3. the competitor has not loaded the firearm before signifying ready.
4. the competitor loaded less cartridges than prescribed.
5. the competitor did not release the trigger far enough after the previous shot.
6. the firearm was loaded with the wrong ammunition.
7. the magazine was not inserted correctly or had fallen out during shooting (unless this is due to damage to the mechanism).
8. the malfunction is due to any cause that could have reasonably been controlled by the competitor.

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**9.8 Examination of Firearms** - The shooter is responsible for using equipment that complies with these rules. The tournament officials may spot-check a shooter's equipment at any time. The shooter is responsible for submitting questionable equipment to tournament officials prior to the start of competition. Questionable equipment should be examined between positions so that the shooter is not disturbed while shooting.

### 9.9 Blank

**9.10 Coaching Prohibited** - During competition, all kinds of coaching, advice or assistance is forbidden, while the competitor is on the firing line. As long as the competitor is in the shooting station (firing point) conversation may be only with range officials. 29

- (a) If a competitor wishes to speak with the team leader or any other person, the fire arm must be unloaded, and left in a safe condition on the line (on the firing bench) and leave the firing line after notifying the Range Officer and without disturbing other competitors.
- (b) If a team official wishes to speak with a team member, permission must be obtained from the Range Officer or Jury member, who will call the competitor off the firing line. Team officials will not talk to team members on the firing line.
- (c) If a team official or shooter violates the rules concerning coaching, a warning must be issued the first time. In repeated cases (2) points must be deducted from the shooter's score and the team official must leave the vicinity of the firing line.

**9.11 Matches Not Complete** - When a match is not completed by all competitors in accordance with the tournament schedule, the match may be rescheduled or canceled. Any stage which has been completed by all competitors will not be refired. Only scores of a match which has been completed will be included in an aggregate event or for National Record purposes, and a match is not completed unless all competitors have fired.

**9.12 Interrupted Fire** - If for any reason of safety or technical faults the shooting is interrupted through no fault of the competitor:

- (a) If a shooter is interrupted for more than three (3) consecutive minutes due to no fault of his own, he must be given extra time equal to the time lost. The shooter must be given either the actual time or the time remaining plus one minute.
- (b) If a shooter is interrupted for more than fifteen (15) consecutive

minutes, the jury must allow 5 extra sighting shots or one sighting series in Rapid Fire pistol.

- (c) In the case of the Rapid Fire Match and Timed Fire events or courses, the interrupted series will be annulled and repeated. The repeated series will be recorded and credited to the competitor.

• **9.12.1 Improper Timing of Commands** - If a shooter considers that the time elapsed between the command specified in the Rules and the green lights coming on or the facing of the targets was too fast or too slow, and therefore not according to the time specified in the Rules, he must hold his pistol pointing down range and immediately inform a Range Officer or Jury Member by raising his free hand. He must not disturb other shooters.

- (a) If it is found that the claim is justified, the shooter may begin again.
- (b) If the shooter's claim is found not justified, the shooter may fire the series, but a two-point penalty will be deducted from the score of that series.
- (c) Once the competitor has fired the first shot in the series, such a claim will not be accepted. If the competitor has fired the first shot and then stops and makes a claim, the shot fired will be recorded and credited to the competitor. The series may not be repeated. The shot(s) that have not been fired will be recorded as a miss or misses.

**9.12.2 Insufficient Time** - If a competitor considers that the duration of the series was too short, the Range Officer will be informed immediately after finishing the series.

- (a) If it is confirmed that there has been an error, the series will be annulled and repeated.
- (b) The Range Officer and/or Jury must verify the timing of the mechanism and act accordingly.
- (c) If the claim is considered not justified, the result of the series will be credited to the competitor, and recorded.

**9.12.3 Improper Range Commands** - If the Range Officer's commands and/or action have been made incorrectly or if there has been a misunderstanding due to the above reasons so that the competitor is not ready to fire when the command or signal to fire is given or when the targets appear, the competitor may put down the firearm and immediately after the series report the matter to the Range Officer or Jury member.

- (a) If the claim is considered justified the competitor will be allowed to fire the series.
- (b) If the claim is considered not justified, the competitor may fire the series, but will be penalized by the deduction of two points from the score of that series.
- (c) If the competitor has fired the first shot in the series a protest of this nature will not be accepted as justified.

**9.12.4 Slow Target Operation** - If, in the Free Pistol Match, the competitor considers that the marking is extremely slow, the action may be reported to the Range Officer to rectify this situation if the competitor or the Jury considers the claim justified. If there is no improvement, the competitor or the team leader has the right to appeal to the Jury. If the claim is considered justified, the Jury may grant an extension of time up to a maximum of 10 minutes. A claim of slow target operation may not be made in the last 30 minutes of the competition except in unusual circumstances.

• **9.12.5 Disturbance of Competitor** - Should a competitor consider that a disturbance occurred while firing a shot or a series in the timed fire events

or courses, the competitor must hold his pistol pointing down range and immediately inform the Range Officer or Jury member by raising his free hand. He must not disturb the other shooters:

- (a) If the claim is considered justified the shot or series (50m Pistol, Air Pistol, Center Fire, 25m Pistol, Rapid Fire Pistol, Standard Pistol) must be annulled and the shooter may repeat the shot or series.
- (b) If the claim is considered not justified and if the competitor has finished the series, the shot or series will be credited to the competitor.
- (c) If the claim is considered not justified and the competitor has not finished the series due to a claimed disturbance, the competitor may repeat or complete the series.
  1. In the Rapid Fire Match, the score will be recorded as the total of the lowest valued hits on each target.
  2. In the Center Fire Match, Sport Pistol Match and Standard Pistol Match, the score will be recorded as the total of the five lowest valued hits on the target.
  3. Two penalty points will also be deducted from the score of the repeated series.
  4. In any repeat series all five shots must be fired at the target. Any shot not fired or not hitting the target will be scored as a miss.
- (d) If the claim is considered not justified in the Free Pistol Match and in the Air Pistol Match, the shot will be recorded and credited to the competitor; no penalty is applied

**9.12.6 Permanent Turning Target Malfunction or Unavailability** - If a competition requires turning targets and a turning target mechanism is not able to function as prescribed in rule 6.8.1 then alternate range commands and procedures as listed in rule 10.16 will be used.

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**9.13 Interference** - With the exception of competitors actually firing and such range personnel as may be necessary, the firing points and line will be kept clear at all times. Loud or disturbing noise or talk is not permitted near the shooting stations. Range Officials, Jury Members, Team Officials and competitors shall limit their conversation to official business when they are near the competitors. The Range Officer shall also ensure that the noise of the spectators is kept at a minimum level. (see Rule 9.12.5)

**9.13.1 Interference with Targets** - Competitors will not be permitted to interfere with the handling of targets by range personnel. Competitors shall not touch their own targets after they have been fired until final score determination on the target has been made (except as provided in Rule 10.1.9). Final score determination is not reached until all challenges have been settled.

• **9.14 Refiring** - Repeating or completing a series due to a malfunction will be permitted;

- (a) Twice in each 30-shot course of the Rapid Fire Match, Center Fire Match and Sport Pistol Match.
- (b) Twice in the 150-second course and twice in the combined twenty (20) second and ten (10) second courses of the Standard Pistol Match.

If a further malfunction occurs after 2 previous malfunctions within a 30-shot course of the Rapid Fire, Center Fire and Sport Pistol Match or in the 150 second course or the combined 20 second and 10 second courses in the Standard Pistol only the shots actually fired will be credited to the competitor. The series may not be repeated and the shots not fired will be counted as zero (misses). The competitor may continue to shoot the remainder of the competition.

**9.15 Loading, Number of Cartridges**-In all 25m events, the firearms must not be loaded with more than 5 (five) cartridges. In the Free Pistol Match, the

firearm may not be loaded with more than one (1) cartridge continue to shoot the remainder of the competition.

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**9.23 Aliases** - No competitor may fire under an assumed name nor substitute for another in a match; register, enter or fire in the name of another.

**9.24 Score and Classification Falsification** - No competitor will falsify score or classification, nor that of any other competitor, nor be an accessory thereto.

**9.25 Cross-Fire and Excessive Hits** - No competitor will deliberately fire on the wrong target nor fire more than the required number of shots, including hits on some other competitor's target and misses. (See Rule 14.7 and 14.10)

- (a) In 25m events, if a shooter fires a sighting shot on the sighting target of another shooter, he must not be allowed to repeat the shot but will not be penalized. If it cannot be established clearly and quickly which hit(s) belong to whom, the shooter who is not at fault has the right to repeat the sighting shot(s).
- (b) In 10m Air Pistol and 50m Free Pistol events, if a shooter fires a sighting shot on the target of another shooter, he must be penalized by the deduction of two (2) points from his own score. If there are more hits on a shooter's competition target than are provided for in the program, and if it is impossible to confirm that another shooter fired the shots the hits of the highest value must be annulled.
- (c) Crossfires of competition shots must be scored as misses.
- (d) If a shooter receives a confirmed crossfire shot and it is impossible to determine which shot is his, he must be credited with the value of the highest scoring shot.

32 **9.26 Bribery** - No person will offer a bribe of any kind to any of the range or statistical personnel or others nor be an accessory thereto.

**9.27 Disorderly Conduct** - Disorderly conduct or intoxication is strictly prohibited on the range and anyone guilty of same will be expelled from the range. Expelled competitors will be disqualified from the competition with no return of entry fees.

**9.27.1 Willful Destruction of Range Equipment** - No competitor shall cause any range equipment to become damaged through a deliberate act, and anyone guilty of same will be expelled, without warning, from the range. Expelled competitors will be disqualified from the competition with no return of entry fees.

**9.28 Refusal to Obey** - No person will refuse to obey instructions of the Match Director, Official Referee, Jury, Supervisor, Range Officers or any other officer of the tournament, if instructions are given in the proper conduct of the office.

**9.29 Evasion of Rules** - No competitor will evade nor attempt to evade nor be an accessory to the evasion of any of the conditions of a match as prescribed in the program or in these rules. Refusal of a competitor or tournament official to give testimony regarding facts known concerning violations or attempted violations of these rules will constitute being an accessory to the violation or attempted violation.

**•9.30 Penalties/Disqualification** - The Official Referee, Jury, Supervisor or Match Director upon proper presentation of evidence may disqualify or order the expulsion of any competitor from the range for violations of rules or for other conduct considered discreditable or unsafe. In the event of a disagreement between Match Officials, the Official Referee or Jury shall prevail at the match with recourse only to the Protest Committee. The following penalties may be imposed upon the competitor by the Referee or Jury:

## Warning

Deduction of points from the score

Disqualification - a disqualification may only be given by a decision of a majority of the jury

In case of infringement of the regulations:

- (a) A warning may be given so that the competitor may have the opportunity to correct the fault. In case of a serious violation of safety regulations, the Jury or Referee has the authority to impose immediate disqualification.
  - (b) If the competitor does not correct the fault within the stipulated time, two points shall be deducted from the score.
  - (c) For repeated infringements, the competitor may be disqualified.
  - (d) A warning to the competitor, whenever it is possible, should be given so as not to be disturbing while firing a shot, or a series, unless the infringement concerns safety, in which case the competitor shall be warned immediately.
  - (e) If a competitor continues to handle the firearm in a dangerous manner, or continues to violate any of the safety regulations, the competitor may be disqualified.
  - (f) A warning to the competitor must be expressed in such terms so as to leave no doubt that it is an official warning.
  - (g) If the competitor loads a firearm with more than 5 cartridges or, in the Free Pistol with more than one, a penalty of two points will be deducted from the score in that same series.
  - (h) Penalty for firing with equipment that does not comply with these regulations - Any record shots that have been fired with equipment that does not meet these regulations shall be penalized two points.
  - (i) If the Referee or Jury is of the opinion that the competitor has attempted to cheat or disturb other competitors in an unsportsmanlike manner the competitor may be penalized by the deduction of two points or may be disqualified.
  - (j) If the Range Officer, Referee or Jury considers that the competitor is holding up the procedure unnecessarily, with the intention of gaining unfair advantage, a warning may be given. For every similar fault thereafter, two points may be deducted from the score.
  - (k) If, in the timed fire events (Rapid Fire Match, Rapid Fire course of the Center Fire Match, Sport Pistol Match and the 20 second and 10 second courses of the Standard Pistol Match), the competitor raises the shooting arm too soon, or does not lower it sufficiently (See Rule 5.3) a warning by the Range Officer or jury members shall be given and the series shall be recorded and repeated. The competitor will be credited with the lower score of the two series. If the fault is repeated in the same course of 30 shots in the rapid Fire Match or in the Rapid Fire course of Center Fire Match, the Sport Pistol Match or in the 20 second or 10 second courses of the Standard Pistol Match, the same procedure will be applied, but the competitor will also be penalized by a deduction of two points from the score. If a third infringement of this rule occurs, the competitor will be disqualified.
1. All irregularities, penalties, misses, malfunctions, extra time allowed, repeated shots or repeated series, annulment of shots, etc., must be clearly marked and recorded in the Range Register and on the target and on the score card by the Target Control Office or when scoring on the target frames by the responsible official on the range.

2. Deductions from the score shall always be affected in the series in which the contravention has occurred. If general deductions are involved, the score shall be affected in the first series.

• **9.31 Suspension** - For violations of these rules deemed so to justify, any competitor may be suspended and/or expelled from the National Rifle Association upon presentation of evidence and conduct of a hearing as prescribed in the Bylaws.

## **Shooting Drug Control Policy**

NRA will no longer monitor USOC or ISSF banned substances since NRA is no longer the National Governing Body. Shooters who wish to pursue ISSF involvement and feel that they may have a problem are urged to contact the USOC Drug Hotline at 800-233-0393. Remember! The athlete is ultimately responsible for compliance with this policy.

## **10. RANGE, COMMANDS, CONTROL AND OPERATIONS**

**10.1 Discipline** - The safety of competitors, range personnel and spectators requires continuous attention by all to the careful handling of firearms and caution in moving about the range. Self-discipline is necessary on the part of all. Where such self-discipline is lacking it is the duty of the range personnel to enforce discipline and the duty of competitors to assist in such enforcement. *Under no circumstances shall firing commence or continue on a range where an unsafe condition exists.*

**10.1.1 Actions Open** - Unless pistols are holstered or cased, cylinders must be open or slides back until the preparation period starts or the command "LOAD" is given.

- 34 (a) During the competition the firearm may be laid down only after the cartridge(s) and magazine are removed.

**10.1.2 Pistols Unloaded** - Pistols will not be loaded until the competitor has taken position at the firing point, the pistol pointed toward the targets and the command "LOAD" has been given.

- (a) During the competition the firearm may be laid down only after the cartridge(s) and/or magazine are removed.

**10.1.3 Loaded Pistols** - A pistol or revolver that has a cartridge in the cylinder or in a magazine which has been inserted shall be considered as being loaded. No pistols will be loaded until competitors have taken their places at the firing points and command "LOAD" has been given by the Range Officer. Loaded pistols shall be pointed in the direction of the targets at all times.

**10.1.4 Cease Firing** - All pistols will be unloaded and detachable magazines, if any, removed and placed on the shooting bench immediately upon the command "CEASE FIRING." Actions will remain open.

In all events, after the series or course has been completed, the command "UNLOAD" will be given. In any case, immediately upon completing a series, or in a case of interruption, the competitor must unload.

**10.1.5 Not Ready** - It is the duty of competitors to notify the Range Officer if not ready to fire at the time the Chief Range Officer asks, "ARE YOU READY?" See Rules 10.11, 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, 10.15, for specific course of fire in Section 10 for procedures.

### **10.1.9 Target Mounting** -

- (a) When a range is equipped with a carrier system permitting the changing of targets from the firing line without suspending firing, competitors may be issued the targets necessary to complete the match. Competitors will be responsible for hanging their target properly in

the target carrier and may, if provided for in the tournament program, remove the fired target under supervision of the range officials. Fired targets will be gathered by the Range Officer as soon as each stage is completed.

- (b) When targets are framed (mounted) by persons other than the competitors framing their own targets, competitors must be given the opportunity to observe their assigned target and verify it is clean and of the correct type before the command to load is given.

**10.2 Loud Language** - Loud or abuse language will not be permitted. (See Rules 9.12.5 & 9.13.)

**10.3 Delaying a Match** - No competitor may delay the start of a match through tardiness in reporting or undue delay in preparing to fire (See Rule 18.7).

• **10.3.1 Preparation Period** -

- (a) In the Free Pistol Match and Air Pistol Match, the competitor is permitted to occupy the shooting station for the purpose of arranging the equipment ten (10) minutes prior to the commencement of the competition. In the Standard Pistol Match and in the precision courses of the Center Fire Match and the Sport Pistol Match, the competitor is permitted to occupy the shooting station for the purpose of arranging the equipment five (5) minutes prior to the commencement of the competition. During this time, the sighting targets shall be visible and dry firing will be permitted.
- (b) In the Rapid Fire Match and in the rapid fire courses of the Center Fire Match and Sport Pistol Match, the competitors shall be allowed three (3) minutes for preparation, with the targets facing. Dry firing will be permitted during this period. After the 3 minutes have expired, the Range Officer will give the command to “LOAD”.

**10.3.2 Dry Firing** - Means the release of the cocked trigger of an unloaded pistol or the release of the trigger mechanism of an air or gas pistol fitted with a device which enables the trigger to be operated without releasing the propelling charge (air or gas). 35

**10.4 Policing Range** - It is the duty of the competitors to police their firing points when directed by the Range Officer.

**10.5 Competitors Will Score** - Competitors will act as scorers when requested to do so by the Match Director or Chief Range Officer, except that competitors will not score their own targets.

**10.6 Repeating Commands** - A Range Officer will repeat the Chief Range Officer's commands only when those commands cannot be clearly heard by competitors under the Range Officer's supervision.

**10.7 Firing Line Procedures and Commands** - When ready to start the firing of a match the Range Officer commands “RELAY NO. 1 MATCH NO. (or naming the match), ON THE FIRING LINE”. The competitors in that relay immediately take their assigned places at their firing points and prepare to fire but do not load. The Range Officer then states “THE PREPARATION PERIOD STARTS NOW”. Range Officers check the location of each competitor as to correct firing point by comparing the number of each competitor's firing point with the relay and target number on the competitor's score card or on the range assignment card. At the end of the preparation period the Range Officer states “THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED”.

*Note: In Free Pistol and Air Pistol Matches where “infiltration squadding” is allowed, whenever a target becomes vacant the competitor next squadded to fire on that target may take a place on the proper firing point and on command of the Range Officer may commence firing. The Assistant Range Officer in charge of the target concerned will see that no competitor exceeds the time limit. The time each competitor is commanded to commence firing will be noted on the competitor's score card, and on the score board if one is used.*

The command “LOAD” is permission for the competitor to load the number of rounds authorized for a specific event and to prepare to fire. “COMMENCE FIRING” means to start firing without delay as timing of the string is started with this command. “Commence Firing” may be signaled verbally, by a short sharp blast on a whistle or by moving the targets into view.

“CEASE FIRING” is the command given by the Range Officer at the end of time limit for each string or at any other time all firing is to cease. Firing must cease immediately. Even if a competitor is about to let off a carefully aimed shot the action of the gun must be opened. Failure to immediately obey this command is one of the worst infractions of range discipline. On this command guns shall be made safe and all guns placed on the shooting stand and not handled until the next command of the Range Officer. “Cease firing” may be signaled verbally, by a short sharp blast on a whistle or by moving the targets out of view.

When the command to cease firing is given at the end of a string the command is “CEASE FIRING-UNLOAD”. On this command all Assistant Range Officers and scorers check their competitors to make sure each one obeys the command before signaling the Range Officer that their portion of the firing line is clear. When all Assistant Range Officers and scorers have given a signal that the range is safe the Range Officer commands “SCORE TARGETS”.

Other commands used less frequently are:

“POLICE FIRING POINTS” means pick up fired cartridge cases, empty cartridge cartons and “tidy up” the firing line.

“AS YOU WERE” means disregard the command just given. For example, if the commands were given “ARE YOU READY?” FOLLOWED BY “AS YOU WERE” it would mean someone was not ready.

“CARRY ON” means proceed with whatever was being done before some interruption occurred.

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Range Officer will immediately command “CEASE FIRING” if any incident occurs which indicates possible injury to some living thing should firing continue. In all other cases commands will originate with the Chief Range Officer.

Should a target come out of the frame or otherwise become unserviceable, the Range Officer will report the condition immediately to the Chief Range Officer who will issue such commands and directions as seem appropriate.

#### **10.8 - Blank.**

• **10.9 Procedure in Case of Defective Cartridge, Disabled Pistol or Malfunction** - If a shot has not been fired due to a malfunction and if the competitor wishes to claim a malfunction, the competitor must lower the firearm immediately, hold it in the “READY” position or keep it pointing towards the targets and inform the Range Officer of the problem by raising the free hand or by another safe signal without disturbing the other competitors. However, in the Precision Course of the Center Fire Match, Women’s Sport Pistol Match and in the 150 second course of the Standard Pistol Match, a competitor may try to correct malfunctions and continue the series. The competitor may not claim a malfunction after attempting the correction unless the malfunction is due to cause as specified in 9.6.a(6)

When determining the cause of a malfunction, if the external appearance of the firearm does not show an obvious reason for the malfunction, and the shooter does not claim there is a bullet stuck in the barrel, the Range Officer must pick up the pistol without interfering or touching the mechanism, point the pistol in a safe direction and pull the trigger one time only to determine whether the trigger mechanism has been released. If the pistol does not discharge, the Range Officer must complete the examination of the pistol to determine the cause of the malfunction and to decide whether or not the malfunction is allowable.

- (a) If a malfunction occurs in the sighting series, it will not be counted in the competition as a malfunction. The sighting series may not be



repeated. The competitor; however, may complete the sighting series by shooting at a stationary target or targets, which will be faced for this purpose for a maximum of two (2) minutes.

- (b) If the Range Officer decides, after inspection of the firearm, that the competitor has an “allowable malfunction”:
1. In the Rapid Fire Match, the number of shots is recorded and the series will be repeated. The score will be recorded as the total of the lowest valued hit on each target in the two series, or in the three series should a second allowable malfunction occur in the repeat series. If due to a further malfunction, the competitor is unable to complete a full series in the permitted two refires, the competitor will be credited only with as many of the lowest valued hits as the highest number of shots that has been fired in the series or on the repeat series.
  2. In the Standard Pistol Match and in the precision courses of the Center Fire Match and the Sport Pistol Match, the number of hits is recorded and the series will be repeated. The score will be recorded as the total of the five lowest valued hits on the target. The competitor must fire all 5 shots at the target in the repeat series. Any shot(s) not fired or not hitting the target in the refire will be recorded as a miss. If due to a further malfunction the competitor is unable to complete a full series in the permitted two refires, the competitor will be credited only with as many of the lowest valued hits as the highest number of shots fired in the series or in the repeat series. (See Rule 9.14).
  3. In the rapid fire course of the Center Fire Match and the Sport Pistol Match, the number of shots is recorded and the series will be completed. Shots to complete the series must be fired in the immediately following series (in the precision Stage a maximum time of one (1) minute will be allowed for each shot to be fired or exposures (Rapid Fire Stage). The five-shot series will be scored in the normal manner.
- (c) If the Range Officer decides, after inspection of the firearm, that the competitor has a “non-allowable malfunction,” the same procedure as for an allowable malfunction will be followed, but the shot that was not fired due to the “non-allowable malfunction” will be scored as zero.
1. In the Rapid Fire Match, the number of shots are recorded and the series will be repeated. The score will be recorded as the total of the lowest valued hit on each target in the two (or three) series. Only the target(s) where the “non-allowable malfunction(s)” occurred, will be scored as zero.
  2. In the Standard Pistol Match, and the Precision Course of the Center Fire Match and Sport Pistol Match, the number of hits are recorded and the series will be repeated. The score will be the total of the four lowest valued hits in the two series or the three lowest valued hits in the three series.
  3. In the Rapid Fire Course of the Center Fire Match and the Sport Pistol Match, the number of shots will be recorded, the shot where the “non-allowable malfunction” occurred will be recorded as a miss and the remaining shots in the series will be completed.
- (d) The competitor must fire all five shots at the target(s) in any repeat series. Any shot(s) not fired or not hitting the target in the “refire” will be recorded as a miss.

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**10.10** Electronic scoring targets are authorized for all events

**• 10.10.1 Target Officer - Electronic Scoring Targets**

- (a) Target Officers must ensure that there are no shot holes on the white surface of the target, and that any shot marks on the frame

are clearly indicated, patch the Backing Targets and the Backing Cards and change the Control Sheets.

- (b) The Backing Cards and control Control Sheets must not be patched or changed until after all scoring is completed.

• **10.10.2 Technical Officers - Electronic Scoring Targets**

- (a) Technical Officers may be appointed to operate and maintain the Electronic Scoring Target equipment; they may offer advice to Range Officers and Jury Members but must not make any decisions.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of each relay of an event, a Jury Member must inspect the Electronic Scoring Targets to confirm the following:
  - 1) There are no shot holes on the white surface of the target.
  - 2) Any shot marks on the frame are indicated clearly.
  - 3) Backing Cards are free of shot holes.
  - 4) Control Sheets are renewed.

• **10.10.3 Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets following a Score Challenge, Complaint, No Indication etc.**

- (a) A Jury Member collects the following items (and the number of the firing point and the orientation of the card, sheet or target, the relay and series and the time of collection must be noted on each):
  - 1.) Control Sheet. If the location of any shot hole is out of the area of the Control Sheet, the geometric relation between the shot holes on the Control Sheet and the Backing Card must be made before the Control Sheet is removed.
  - 2.) Black Paper Strip (10 meters) 50 feet
  - 3.) Black Rubber Band (50 meters/yards)
  - 4.) Accident Report
  - 5.) LOG - Print
  - 6.) Data record from the electronic scoring target computer (if necessary)
- (b) A Jury Member must examine the face of the electronic scoring target, and the frame, and record the location of any shots outside the black aiming mark.
- (c) No CLEAR LOG must be made before the Jury has given permission.
- (d) The number of shot holes must be counted and their location taken into account. The Jury Members must examine the items above and then make independent assessments before a formal Jury decision is made.
- (e) A Jury Member must supervise any manual intervention of the control computer results (e.g, introduction of penalties, corrected scores after malfunctions etc.)

• **10.10.4 Cross- Fires**

- (a) Cross-fires of competition shots must be scored as misses.

If a shooter fires a sighting shot on the competition target of another shooter, he must be penalized by deduction of two (2) points from his own score deducted from the first series.
- (b) If a shooter fires a sighting shot on the sighting target of another shooter no penalty is incurred.
- (c) If a shooter receives a confirmed cross-fire shot and it is impossible to determine which shot is his, he must be credited with the value of the highest undetermined shot.
- (d) If there are more hits on a shooter's competition target than are

provided for in the program, and if it is impossible to confirm that another shooter(s) fired the shot(s), the hit(s) of the highest value must be nullified.

- (e) If a shooter wishes to disclaim a shot on his target, he must report this immediately to a Range Officer.
- (f) If the Range Officer confirms that the shooter did not fire the disputed shot(s), he must make the necessary entry on an Accident Report and the shot must be annulled.
- (g) If the Range Officer cannot confirm beyond all reasonable doubt that the shooter did not fire the disputed shot(s), the shot(s) must be credited to the shooter and must be so recorded.
- (h) The following must be considered as reasons to justify the annulment of a shot:
  - 1) If the Range Officer confirms by his observation of the shooter and the target that the shooter did not fire the shot.
  - 2) If a missed shot is reported by another shooter or Range Officer at approximately the same time, and from within the neighboring two or three firing points.

• **10.10.5 Failure of Electronic Scoring Target Systems**

- (a) In the event of a failure of ALL the targets on a range:
  - 1) The time of failure and the expired shooting time must be recorded by the Chief Range Officer and the Jury.
  - 2) All completed competition shots of each shooter must be counted and recorded. In the event of a range power supply failure, this may involve waiting until the power supply is restored to enable the number of shots registered by the target, not necessarily on the firing point monitor, to be established.
- (b) After the failure is rectified and the full range is in operation, an additional five (5) minutes will be added to competition time remaining. The time for recommencing is to be announced over the loudspeaker system at least five (5) minutes beforehand. Shooters must be allowed to resume their position in the five (5) minutes before the competition restarts. Unlimited sighting shots must be allowed during the remaining shooting time, but only before competition shots are resumed.
- (c) Procedure of the failure of a single target.
  - 1) If the electronic scoring target cannot be repaired within five (5) minutes, the shooter will be moved to a reserve position and when he is ready to shoot, an additional five (5) minutes will be added to the competition time remaining. He will be permitted unlimited sighting shots.
- (d) Complaint concerning failure to register or display a shot on the monitor of an Electronic Scoring Target system.
  - 1) The shooter must immediately inform the nearest Range Official of the failure. A range official must make a written note of the time of the complaint. One or more Jury Members(s) must go to the firing position.
  - 2) The shooter will be directed to fire one more aimed shot at his target.

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If the value and location of this shot is registered and displayed on the monitor, the shooter will be directed to continue the competition. The value, location and time of firing of this extra shot must be recorded, its shot-number (having included the missing shot) and its value and its shot-location, and the firing point number must be given to the Jury in writing and an Accident Report.

After the end of that relay of competition the Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets will be applied. Using this information and the time of the extra shot and its location, the Jury will determine whether all shots, including the extra shot are recorded on the computer record.

If all the shots are recorded correctly, then the questioned shot will be counted in the score of the shooter, as well as the shot fired immediately after (as the "extra" shot), but the last shot fired (extra to the competition) will be annulled.

If the questioned shot has not been located applying the Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets nor elsewhere, then only those correctly recorded shots excluding the last shot fired ( extra to the competition) are to be counted in the score of the shooter.

If the questioned shot has not been located in the computer memory, but is located elsewhere, the Jury will determine the validity and score-value of the shot.

- 3) If the extra shot fired as directed does not register or display and the Electronic Scoring Target cannot be repaired within five (5) minutes, the shooter will be moved to a reserve position and when he is ready to shoot, an additional five (5) minutes will be added to the competition time remaining. He will be permitted unlimited sighting shots.
- 4) The shooter will repeat the two (2) competition shots which did not register nor display on the previous target used.
- 5) The shooter will be credited with the score of all the shots which were displayed on the monitor of the first target plus the score of all the properly fired competition shots which were displayed on the second target used. If the two (2) extra shots were later found in the computer record of the previous target they will be annulled.

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If a shooter complains during sighting shots about the correct recording or evaluation of the shot(s), the Jury may offer to move him to another firing point. The shooter is given appropriate extra time. The Jury examines the sighting shot(s) as soon as possible applying the Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets on the original firing point.

If this subsequent examination shows that the target on the original firing point provided correct results, the shooter will be penalized with the DEDUCTION of two (2) points from the lowest value shot of the first competition series.

- (e) Failure of the paper or rubber band

If Jury decides that the problem is because of the failure of the paper or rubber band to advance, the shooter will be moved to a reserve position. He will be permitted unlimited sighting shots to be taken within the time remaining for the competition plus any additional time granted. Then he will repeat the number of competition shots determined by the Jury. The shooter will be credited with the score of all the shots which were correctly displayed on the monitor of the first target plus the score of all the necessary competition shots fired on the second target to complete the course of fire. After the relay the Jury will decide which shots are to be counted from each target.

- (f) Challenge concerning the shot value Electronic Scoring Targets

- 1) After the relay, the detailed printer results (LOG-Print) must be generated by the Technical or Range Officers for all firing lanes on which complaints or protests have been made, and for the immediately adjacent lanes, before the equipments are reset for the next relay.
- 2) After the completion of the relay, the Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets will be applied. Any non-indicated shot must be scored by the Jury.

• **10.10.6 Standards for 25m/25yd Electronic Scoring Target Systems**

- (a) When electronic scoring targets are used the timing equipment will be set to give the nominal exposure times plus 0.1 seconds.
- (b) An “after-time” (the period which is to ensure that shots which would have been valid “skid-shots” on conventional targets, are also scored on the electronic targets) will be added at +0.2 seconds. (Total = 0.3 seconds)

• **10.10.7 Failure of 25m/25yd Electronic Scoring Target Systems**

- (a) After the target is repaired and the full range, or Range Section, is in operation, an additional sighting series and a one (1) minute pause will be given before the start of the completion of the series in accordance with the rules below.

- (b) Sport Pistol and Center Fire Pistol Events

- 1) The shooter will complete the series of five shots in the same way as for an Allowable Malfunction. The shooter should fire the number of shots that had not been recorded by the target when the failure occurred.

- (c) Standard Pistol and Rapid Fire Events

- 1) If the series was not completed and recorded, it will be annulled and repeated. If the five (5) shots were recorded for any shooter, the series score will be recorded and no repetition will be permitted by that shooter.

- (d) Failure of a Single Target

- 1) If there is a failure of a single target or a group of five targets (Rapid Fire Pistol Event) the shooter will be moved to another firing position in the same, or if necessary, a following relay. After the problem is resolved, a separate sighting series and a one (1) minute pause will be given before the firing of the next series in accordance with the rule above.

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- (e) Complaint concerning failure to register or display a shot on the monitor(s) of 25m/25yd Electronic Scoring Target systems, or it shows a zero that was not expected.

- 1) In the Precision Stages of Sport Pistol and Center Fire Pistol Events and in the 150 seconds series of the Standard Pistol Event, the shooter must immediately (before the next shot) inform the nearest range official of the failure.

The shooter will then be directed to complete the series in a time decided by the Jury.

- 2) In the Rapid Fire Stages of Sport Pistol and Center Fire Pistol Events and in the Rapid Fire Stages of the Standard Pistol Event, the shooter must continue the five (5) shot series and must inform the nearest range official of the failure immediately after the end of the series.

There will be no repeated series. The score will be determined by the Classification Jury.

- 3) After the series has been completed, the Procedure for Examination for Electronic Scoring Targets will be applied.

**10.11 Specific Rules for Control of the Rapid Fire Match** - The Rapid Fire Match is 60 competition shots, on the International Rapid Fire target, divided into two courses of 30 shots.

- (a) Each course is subdivided into six (6) series of 5 shots each, two in 8 seconds, two in 6 seconds and two in 4 seconds. In each series, one shot is fired on each of the five targets in the specified time limit for the series.

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- (b) Before the beginning of each course, the competitor may fire one sighting series of five shots in 8 seconds.
  - (c) The first course of 30 shots must be completed by all competitors before the second course may commence.
  - (d) Both shooters (in the Left and Right stations) will shoot simultaneously. Malfunctions will be shot immediately.
  - (e) Before the Range Officer gives the command "LOAD", the series must be called (such as 8 sec. series) or the series time must be indicated in some manner such as using a numbered sign of sufficient size to be visible to the shooter. After the command "LOAD", the shooter must be prepared for the series in about one minute.
  - (f) After the allotted preparation time for the series, the Range Officer will conduct the series using the following commands:
    - "LOAD" - Both shooters load within a time of one minute.
    - "ATTENTION" - The targets will be turned to the edge-on position.
    - "3-2-1- START" - The command "START" is the signal to face the targets (both shooters must be in the "READY" position at the end of the countdown - "1").Before each series the shooter must adopt the READY position. His arm must be motionless before the green lights come on, or the targets appear.
  - (g) If the targets appear too soon (less than 2 seconds) or too late (more than 4 seconds) and no shot has been fired, the competitor may ask for the series to be repeated. If the competitor has fired, the series may not be repeated.
  - (h) If a competitor claims that the time delay has been too short or too long and has not fired a shot and if the Range Officer and Jury (Referee) considers the claim not valid, the competitor may begin again, but two points will be deducted from the score in that series.
  - (i) A new set of targets will be provided for each competitor for each 30 shot course.
  - (j) Targets may be scored and repaired after each 5-shot series or after each 10 shot double series.
  - (k) If the turning target mechanism is not operable as per rule 6.8.1 then the alternate commands listed in rule 10.16 shall be used.

• **10.12 Specific Rules for Control of the Center Fire Match and Sport Pistol Match** - The program is 60 competition shots, divided into two courses of 30 shots each, the Precision Course and the Rapid Fire Course.

- (a) Precision Course
  1. The precision course is shot on the International Precision Target.
  2. The precision course consists of 30 competition shots, fired in six series of 5 shots each series.
  3. The time limit for each series is five (5) minutes.
  4. Before each stage begins, a series of 5 sighting shots may be fired with a time limit of five (5) minutes.
  5. The Range Officer must announce the series. After the command LOAD the shooters must prepare themselves within one (1) minute with the designated number of cartridges. Firing will begin on the appropriate command or signal.
  6. The precision course must be completed by all competitors before the rapid fire course may begin.

7. Targets may be scored and repaired after each 5- shot series or after each 10 shot “double series.”
- (b) Rapid Fire Course
1. The rapid fire course is shot on the International Rapid Fire Target.
  2. The rapid fire course consists of 30 competition shots, fired in 6 series of 5 shots each series.
  3. During each series the target is shown, or electronic targets activated with the green lights turned on, 5 times, each time for 3 seconds (+ 0.2 seconds - 0.0 seconds). The time between each target appearance, or the activation of the green lights, shall be 7 seconds (+ or - 1 second). One shot only will be fired during each appearance.
  4. Before the course begins, the series of 5 sighting shots may be fired according to the above described procedure.
  5. After the command to “LOAD” has been given by the Range Officer the shooter(s) must prepare themselves within one (1) minute. When one (1) minute has expired the Range Officer will give the command:  
  
ATTENTION: the red lights will come on or the target will be turned away to the edge-on position. After a seven (7 + or -1) second delay the green lights will come on or the target will be turned to face the shooter.
  6. Before each shot the shooter must lower his arm to the READY position. His arm must remain motionless before the green light comes on or the target appears. The pistol must not be rested on the bench, or shooting table, during the series.
  7. A series is considered as having started from the moment when the red light comes on or the targets are turned away from the competitors the first time after the command ATTENTION. Every shot fired after this will be counted in the competition. 43
  8. A new target center shall be provided for each competitor and after the first three competition series. The targets shall be scored and repaired after every 5 shot series, or after each 10 shot “double series.”
- (c) If the turning target mechanism is not operable as per rule 6.8.1 then the alternate commands listed in rule 10.16 shall be used.

**10.13 Specific Rules for Control of the Standard Pistol Match** - The Standard Pistol Match is 60 competition shots on the International Precision Target, divided into 3 courses of 20 shots each.

- (a) Each course consists of 4 series of 5 shots.
  1. The first course consists of 4 series of 5 shots with a time limit of 150 seconds per series (+0.2 seconds - 0.0 seconds).
  2. The second course consists of 4 series of 5 shots with a time limit of 20 seconds per series (+0.2 seconds - 0.0 seconds).
  3. The third course consists of 4 series of 5 shots with a time limit of 10 seconds per series (+0.2 seconds - 0.0 seconds).
- (b) Before the competition begins, a series of 5 sighting shots may be fired within a time limit of 150 seconds.
- (c) After the command to “LOAD” has been given by the Range Officer the shooter(s) must prepare themselves within one (1) minute. When one (1) minute has expired the Range Officer will give the command:  
  
ATTENTION: the red lights will come on or the target will be turned away to the edge-on position. After a seven (7) second delay the green light or the target will be turned to face the shooter.

Before each series, except in the 150 second series, the shooter must lower his arm to the READY position. His arm must remain motionless before the green light comes on or the target appears. The pistol must not be rested on the bench, or shooting table, during the series.

- (d) A series is considered as having started from the moment the red light is switched on, or the targets are turned away from the competitors after the command ATTENTION. Every shot fired after that will be counted in the competition.
- (e) Targets may be scored and repaired after each 5 shot series or after 10 shot "double series."
- (f) When it is necessary to conduct the competition in two parts, each part will consist of:
  - 1. Two series of 5 shots with a time limit of 150 seconds.
  - 2. Two series of 5 shots with a time limit of 20 seconds.
  - 3. Two series of 5 shots with a time limit of 10 seconds.

A series of 5 sighting shots may be fired with a time limit of 150 seconds before beginning each part.

**10.14 Specific Rules for the Free Pistol Match** - The Free Pistol Match is shot on the International Precision Target.

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- (a) The pistol used may be equipped with a magazine; however, it may be loaded with no more than one cartridge.
- (b) The program is 60 competition shots, consisting of and scored as 6 series of ten shots.
- (c) The total time limit, including the sighting shots, is no more than two hours. Half course 1 Hour and 15 Minutes, minimum. Preparation time before official start (the command "FIRE")- 10 minutes.
- (d) Unlimited sighting shots may be fired:
  - 1. The sighting shots may be fired only before the beginning of the competition.
  - 2. Sighting targets shall be provided at the request of the competitor.
  - 3. Sighting targets must be clearly marked by means of a broad black stripe applied diagonally across the upper right hand corner which can be clearly seen with the naked eye at the appropriate distance.
  - 4. Sighting targets must have the same identification sequence numbers as the competition targets.
- (e) Only 10 shots may be fired per competition target.
- (f) The competitors will be allowed a preparation time of ten minutes at their allocated firing points, before the beginning of the competition. The sighting targets shall be visible during this time.
- (g) The competition is considered as having started from the moment the command "FIRE" is given by the Range Officer. Every shot fired after this will be counted in the competition.
- (h) Shots which are fired after the end of the official shooting time will be registered as misses, unless the Range Officer or Jury has authorized extra time. If a late shot cannot be identified, such shot(s) will be nullified by deducting the highest valued shot(s) from that target.
- (i) If a competition is divided into two parts, then each part shall consist of 30 competition shots. The total time limit will be 1 hour and 20 minutes per half course. (Sponsors may reduce time; however, the minimum time allowed per record shot is 1½ minutes.)
- (j) When targets are mounted on conventional NRA-type fixed or turning frames:



1. Sighting targets will be fired only at the beginning of the competition before the first competition target, or, if the competition is divided into two parts, before each half course. Sponsors may allow up to 30 minutes for sighting shots before the 60 shot course or up to 20 minutes for sighting shots before a half course.
2. When only one target is displayed, target will be scored and repaired after 5 or 10 shots at the option of the sponsor. The sponsor may allow not more than 20 minutes for a 10 shot series and not more than 10 minutes for a 5 shot series.
3. To facilitate range operation, the sponsor may elect to display multiple targets. Time limits will be as in (2) above multiplied by the number of targets displayed. Sighting targets will not be displayed simultaneously with competition targets.

• **10.15 Specific Rules for the Air Pistol Match** - The Air Pistol Match is 60 competition shots on the International Air Pistol Target fired and scored as 6 series of 10 shots each.

- (a) The total allowable shooting time, including sighting shots, is 1 hour and forty-five minutes for (60 shots) and one hour and fifteen minutes for (40 shots). Minimum preparation time before the official start (the Command "FIRE") - 10 minutes.
- (b) Unlimited sighting shots may be fired.
  1. Sighting shots may only be fired before the beginning of the competition.
  2. Sighting targets must be clearly marked by means of a broad black stripe applied diagonally across the upper right corner, which can be clearly seen with the naked eye at the appropriate distance.
  3. Sighting targets must have the same identification numbers as the competition targets.
- (c) The Women's (Open, Collegiate, and Junior) match is 40 competition shots in 4 series of 10 shots each in maximum time of 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- (d) Only one shot may be fired per competition target. To facilitate range operation, the sponsor may elect to display multiple targets. Time limits will be as in (a) above, multiplied by the number of targets displayed. Sighting targets will not be displayed simultaneously with competition targets. In Registered Competition, the sponsor may specify multiple shots per target but not over 5 and it must be stated in the match program and scores will not be allowed for National Records. When 5 shots per target are specified, Rule 14.9 "Visible Hits and Close Groups" shall apply.
- (e) The competitors shall be allowed a minimum preparation time of ten minutes at their allocated firing points before the beginning of the competition. The sighting targets shall be visible during this time. No shots may be fired during this preparation time but dry firing is permitted.
- (f) The competition is considered as having started from the moment the command "FIRE" is given by the Range Officer. Every shot fired after this will be counted in the competition.
- (g) Shots which are fired after the end of the official shooting time will be registered as misses, unless the Range Officer or Jury has authorized extra time.
- (h) Any release of the propelling charge, after the first competition target is in place, without the pellet hitting the target, whether a pellet has been loaded or not, will be scored as a miss.

**10.16 Alternate Range Commands and Procedures to Be Used When**

### **Turning Targets Are Required but not available -**

- (a) All targets will be faced and the commands will be the same as listed elsewhere except:
  - 1. Where the rules call for the targets to be edged before or during the firing of a series the command "EDGE" will be used instead.
  - 2. Where the rules call for the targets to be faced at the beginning or during a series the command "FIRE" will be used instead.
  - 3. Where the rules call for targets to be edged to conclude a series the command "CEASE FIRING" will be used.
- (b) The spoken commands will be made as accurately as possible by the use of the appropriate timing device by the Chief Range Officer. It is desirable, but not required, to have one or more additional individuals check the timing of the commands to assure that no significant errors are inadvertently made.
- (c) Since timing is a critical factor where turning targets are normally used it is important to accurately assess if a competitor has fired all the shots within the required time. If voice commands are used instead of turning targets there shall be a Jury of three individuals present during all such firing and a majority vote of such jury shall decide whether any competitor fired either early or late shots.

## **11. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

**Tournament Officials** - Officials will be thoroughly familiar with conditions of the program and with NRA Rules. The Match Director or Deputy Match Director, Chief Range Officer, Chief Statistical Officer and Official Referee may not compete in any Registered tournament where they are officiating. In 46 Approved Tournaments, the Supervisor is the only official who may not compete.

**11.1 Match Director** - The Match Director is directly responsible for the efficient conduct of the entire Tournament. The Match Director may change the match and firing conditions as shown by the program, provided an official notice is posted for the information of all competitors and that such changes are not contrary to current NRA Rules. The Match Director is directly responsible for the efficient operation of the range and of the Statistical Office and for the safety and proper discipline of all tournament operating personnel, competitors and spectators. Instructions from the Match Director for the operation of the tournament will be complied with by all persons on the range. The Match Director will use the best judgement and behavior at all times and decisions must be characterized by absolute impartiality, firmness, courtesy and consistent vigilance. In the application of these rules the Match Director will confer with the NRA Official Referee, Jury or Supervisor on any doubtful point and will be guided by the Official Referee's, Jury's or Supervisor's decision. The Match Director may disqualify a competitor(s) under provisions of Rule 9.30.

**11.1.1 Deputy Match Director** - The Deputy Match Director, when appointed, is responsible to the Match Director for the efficient conduct of the entire tournament and acts for the Match Director in all matters listed in Rule 11.1. A Deputy Match Director is appointed at the discretion of the sponsor.

**11.2 Official Referee** - An NRA Official Referee is required at all NRA sanctioned State, Sectional, and Regional tournaments. Assignments are made from the Headquarters of the National Rifle Association. The NRA Official Referee is not an administrative or operating official and is not responsible for the behavior or efficiency of either range or statistical office personnel. It is the responsibility of the Referee to see that all National Rifle Association Rules are properly interpreted and applied. Decisions will be final in the interpretation and application of these rules and in scoring of challenged targets except when scoring is in the pit and at the National Championships. The Referee will not score except when called on to rule on challenges. (Rule 16.1.2). It is the duty of the Referee to rule on all protests and challenges when challenges cannot be resolved by the Range Officer or Match Director. Except in an emergency involving the safety of personnel or property, the Referee will not give instructions directly to tournament operating personnel, but will give

all such instruction through the Match Director. In the event of a disagreement between Match Officials, the Official Referee shall prevail at the match with recourse only to the Protest Committee. The NRA Official Referee may not change the NRA Rules as printed herein and as officially amended. It is the duty of the Referee to render a complete report to the National Rifle Association covering all phases of the tournament. The Referee may disqualify all or any part of the score if, in the Referees opinion, the conditions warrant such action. A report will be submitted on any Tournament Official who refuses to accept proper instructions given by the Official Referee. After a full hearing is held by the Protest Committee on such a report, the Association may:

- (a) Warn, suspend or bar anyone from serving or competing in NRA competitions.
- (b) Warn, suspend or cancel Certificate of the Official Referee.
- (c) Refuse to accept for registration or approval any further tournaments conducted on the same range or by the same organization until the unsatisfactory condition reported by the Official Referee has been corrected.

Official Referees may not compete in any match fired in conjunction with any tournament where they are officiating. The Official Referee assigned to a Registered Tournament may disqualify a competitor(s) under provisions of Rule 9.30.

#### **11.2.1 Jury -**

- (a) In all Registered Tournaments where no Official Referee is assigned, a 3-member Jury will be formed by the Match Director to perform the functions of the Official Referee as described in Rule 11.2. The Chairman of the Jury must be a member of the sponsoring organization, and complete the reports required by NRA. The members of the Jury may or may not be competitors in that tournament. Under no circumstances may any Match Official (Rules 11.1, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6 and 11.7) be a member of the Jury. The Jury Chairman may disqualify a competitor(s), as directed by the Jury, under the provisions of Rule 9.35.
- (b) When appropriate, an Appeals Jury and a Classification Jury shall be appointed by the Match Director and each shall be comprised of a minimum of three members. The Appeals Jury shall have no administrative or operating functions. It shall be the responsibility of the Appeals Jury to see that all NRA rules are properly interpreted and to rule on all appeals. Decisions of the Appeals jury are final. The Appeals Jury may not change NRA official rules or the official program.
- (c) At Registered Tournaments, Jury members shall exempt themselves from ruling on a matter in which they are personally involved. The Match Director will name a replacement for that Jury member while ruling on that action.

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**11.3 Supervisor** - A Supervisor is required at all NRA Approved Tournaments. The Supervisor may be an NRA Official Referee, or an officer of an NRA Club, League or State Association who is familiar with NRA Competition Rules and match procedure. The Supervisor may also act as Match Director. The Supervisor is responsible for seeing that all NRA Rules are properly interpreted and applied. Decisions will be final in scoring of all challenged targets, except when targets are scored in the pit. It is the Supervisor's duty to rule on all challenges and protests when challenges cannot be remedied by the Range Officer or Match Director. The Supervisor may not change the NRA Rules. The Supervisor will make a complete report to the NRA on the Approved Tournament where served. It is the duty of the supervisor to report the facts concerning any competitor or tournament official who refuses to comply with proper instructions given. A Supervisor may not compete in any match fired in conjunction with any tournament where the Supervisor is officiating. The Supervisor may disqualify a competitor(s) under provisions of Rule 9.35.

**11.4 Range Director** - When appointed, the Range Director and Deputy Range Director are responsible to the Match Director, and have supervisory responsibility for the Chief Range Officers and for the efficient and safe operation of the ranges. Appointment of a Range Director and Deputy Range Director is authorized when multiple ranges are in operation.

**11.4.1 Chief Range Officer** - Will have full charge of the range and will conduct the matches on the schedule approved by the Match Director and is also responsible for range safety and for enforcing all rules.

**11.5 Range Officers** - Each Range Officer is an assistant to the Chief Range Officer; competitors may be assigned this duty. The Range Officer is responsible for the safety and discipline of range personnel, competitors and spectators in the sector of the range to which assignment has been given:

- (a) checks the number of competitors and their names to ensure that they conform with the scoring schedule and register.
- (b) is responsible for the accurate recording of shots.
- (c) calls the competitors.
- (d) gives necessary commands.
- (e) supervises the correct working of the targets.
- (f) checks the competitor's shooting positions.
- (g) checks that firearms and equipment of the shooters have been examined.
- (h) is responsible for maintaining order on the range, with particular attention to safety.
- (i) receives protests and decides on them or passes them on to the Chief Range Officer.
- (j) The Range Officer is directly responsible to the Chief Range Officer for the section of the competition entrusted and will cooperate with the Referee/Jury.

**11.6 Statistical Officer** - The Statistical Officer is in charge of all statistical work in connection with the match except the actual recording of scores when this is done on the range. The Statistical Officer is directly responsible to the Match Director and is assisted by such Assistant Statistical Officers as may be required.

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- (a) The Statistical Officer shall ensure that all plugged shots are initially examined by two scorers and shall designate an appropriate number of scoring supervisors to evaluate plugged shots in case of disagreement between the initial two scorers as provided in Rules 14.3.1(b), 14.3.1(c).
  - (b) When appropriate, the Chief Statistical Officer shall designate an appropriate number of challenge officers. No challenge officer shall make a challenge decision on any shot which may have been previously evaluated by a scorer or by a scoring supervisor. No member of the Appeals Jury shall serve as a challenge officer. (See Rule 16.1.2.)

**11.6.1 Duties of Office** - It is the duty of the Statistical Office to:

- (a) Register competitors, check their eligibility and classification.
- (b) Accept match entries.
- (c) Prepare, post and keep current a list of competitors showing name, number and classification.
- (d) Squad competitors and prepare range assignment cards where such cards are used.
- (e) Prepare official score cards.
- (f) Check addition on score cards and correct totals.
- (g) Tabulate scores on order of merit.
- (h) Prepare Preliminary and Official Bulletins.
- (i) Maintain an Official Bulletin Board.
- (j) Determine winners and distribute awards.
- (k) Report to Match Director, NRA Official Referee, Jury Chairman or

Supervisor for appropriate disciplinary action any irregularities in firing or scoring which may be indicated by squadding records or score cards.

- (l) Make required reports to NRA within specified time.

**11.6.2 Retention of Records** - The Statistical Office will retain in good order all completed official score cards for 30 days and all fired targets (except those scored on frames) until the expiration of the time allowed for challenges and protests.

**11.6.3 Preliminary Bulletins** - Preliminary Bulletins on all matches will be posted promptly on the Official Bulletin Board and remain a reasonable length of time to allow competitors to notify the Statistical Office of apparent errors. The challenge closing time will be stated on each bulletin. However, where a bulletin board is used and all scores of competitors are copied thereon, such will be accepted in lieu of the above, provided a notice appears as to the close of challenge time.

**11.6.4 Official Bulletins** - Official Bulletins will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board. However, in the procedure outlined in Rule 13.3 for bulletin boards, such scores shall be acceptable and become final after the elapse of the challenge time period and shall act as an Official Bulletin.

**11.6.5 Correction of Bulletin Errors** - The Statistical Office will correct errors which come to the attention of the office prior to publication of the Official Bulletin.

**11.6.6 Changing Official Bulletins** - No Official Bulletin shall be changed except on authority of the Match Director, Official Referee, Jury or Supervisor granted before the time has expired for challenging the last of the Preliminary Bulletins required to cover all the scheduled events. Subsequent changes from the Match Director, Official Referee, Jury or Supervisor are limited to correction of:

- (a) Typographical errors.
- (b) Aggregate bulletins on which total score does not agree with scores shown on the Official Bulletins for the matches constituting the aggregate.
- (c) Where an error has been made by not following the program schedule of awards.
- (d) Errors in classification of competitors, the competitor having been previously advised of such errors and of correct classification.
- (e) Disqualification of competitors as provided by Rule 9.30.

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**11.6.7 Squadding** - Where advance entries are received, squadding for all matches may be made in advance. Competitors may be squadded so they move to a predetermined number of firing points along the firing line after each match.

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**11.6.10 Range Assignment Cards** - When used, range assignment cards are prepared by the Statistical Office and delivered to the Range Officer prior to each match. Range Officers check competitors on the firing line to ascertain that each is on the proper firing point as indicated by the range assignment card. Should any reassignment of competitors be necessary on the firing line Range Officers will carefully note such reassignments in the space provided on the range assignment card. These cards will be turned in to the Statistical Office immediately upon the conclusion of each relay.

**11.7 Target and Pit Officers** - The targets and frames are under the command of the Chief Target Officer and assistant Target Officers as may be required. Target Officers are under the command of the Chief Range Officer. The Target Officer is responsible for the safety and discipline of personnel engaged in the handling of targets and is responsible for the maintenance of

targets in proper operating condition and for efficient mounting and dismounting of paper targets during the progress of the match. When targets are framed by the competitor, it is the competitor's responsibility that the correct target for the range being fired is framed. When targets are operated from pits, the number of Pit Officers should correspond to the number of Range Officers. They are responsible for their assigned group of targets to ensure that targets are rapidly pulled, scored, marked, changed as necessary and raised for the shooter's next shot. If a shot hole cannot be located on a target, the pit officer is responsible for determining whether the shot hole is on a neighboring target and in consultation with the Jury and Range Officers, resolving the situation according to Rule 14.10.

**11.8 National Championship Protest Committee** - A National Championship Protest Committee may be appointed by the Match Director of any NRA National Championship (see Rule 16.2.1). No member of the National Protest Committee may be a competitor in that tournament. When such a Championship Protest Committee is appointed, decisions on Protest by that Committee at that Championship are final, without appeal to the NRA Protest Committee. When possible cases of suspension from competition arise from an incident or incidents in a Championship, the Championship Protest Committee may not act, but must forward a recommendation to the NRA Protest Committee for action.

Time frames for the submission of Protests listed in Rule 16.3(c), (d) and (e) may be modified during National Championships at the discretion of the Match Director, provided that notice is published either by means of the Championship Program, or by Match Director's Bulletin.

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## **12. TEAM OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

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- (a) Be familiar with the program.
- (b) Make proper entries.
- (c) Have team members report at proper firing points at the right time with approved equipment and attire, ready to fire.
- (d) Check scores and make challenges and protests.
- (e) Check preliminary and official bulletins and official announcements.

**12.2 All Coaching is Prohibited. See Rule 9.10**

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**12.4 Substitution of Alternates** - If alternates are allowed and have been named on the entry form, the Team Captain may substitute an alternate for a firing member at any time before the firing member concerned has fired the first shot of the match (sighting or record), notifying the Scorer and a Range Officer accordingly.

## **13. PHYSICALLY DISABLED SHOOTERS**

**13.1 Physically Disabled Shooters** - A shooter who because of physical disability cannot fire from one or more of the prescribed shooting positions outlined in these rules, or who must use special equipment when firing is privileged to petition the NRA Protest Committee for permission to assume a special position or to use modified equipment or both. This petition will be in the form of a written request from the person concerned to the Committee outlining in detail the reasons why the special position must be assumed or the special equipment must be used. The petition will be accompanied by pictures of the shooter in the position desiring approval and, if special equipment is

required, the picture will show how this equipment is used. The petition and all pictures must be furnished in exact duplicate. The petition must be accompanied by a medical doctor's statement if the physical disability is not completely evident in the picture submitted.

- (a) Each petition will be reviewed by the NRA Protest Committee. The Committee may require additional or supplementary statements, medical information or pictures. If approved the NRA Secretary will issue a special authorization certificate to individual concerned. Such certificates will have necessary pictures attached.
- (b) Shooters who have received special authorization certificates will be required to carry them when competing in competition governed by NRA International Rules and to present the certificate when requested by officials of the competition or by NRA Official Referees or Supervisors.
- (c) In the event of a protest involving the position or the equipment used by such a shooter, the Official Referee or Supervisor will compare the questioned position or equipment with the certificate and photographs presented by the shooter. If the shooter's position or equipment does not, in the opinion of the officials, conform to that authorized by the NRA Protest Committee (or if the shooter has no authorized certificate or pictures), the protest shall be allowed and the shooter will be required to change immediately to the position or equipment which has been approved or to an otherwise legal position or equipment.
- (d) Should a protest be carried beyond the Official Referee or Supervisor, the original protest will be endorsed by the Referee or Supervisor to show the action taken and will be forwarded to the NRA.
- (e) National Records may not be established by use of scores fired in special positions or with special equipment as may be authorized according to this rule.
- (f) Two types of authorizations are issued; temporary and permanent. Permanent authorizations are issued to competitors who are permanently disabled

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**13.1.1** Neither the arm or the hand of a competitor may be supported.

## 14. SCORING AND MARKING

**14.1 When to Score** - Targets are scored after each 5 shot series or each 10 shot double series as provided in the match program.

**14.2 Where to Score** - Targets may be scored on the target frames, at the firing line or in the Statistical Office as provided in the match program. The scorer must be at the target when scoring. In the events which are scored on the range and where backing targets are used to identify doubtful shot holes or crossfires etc. The result of any identification or clarification must be clearly marked on the competition targets. If any doubt exists which cannot be resolved quickly on the range regarding the Standard Pistol or the Sport Pistol or Center Fire Pistol Events, the Target Officer must send the target and THE CORRESPONDING backing target to the Classification Office by secure means for decision.

**14.2.1 Targets as Score Cards** - Targets constitute the score cards when scored in the Statistical Office and therefore must be retained in good order until the time allowed for filing challenges and protests has expired.

**14.3 How to Score** - A shot hole, the edge of which comes in contact with the outside of the bullseye or scoring rings of a target, is given the higher value. If a competitor fails to hit any target (shot(s) outside the scoring ring) that shot will be scored as a miss (zero). A scoring gauge will be used to determine the value of close shots.

- (a) Inside scoring is done as follows: The higher value will be allowed in those cases where the flange on the gauge touches the scoring ring. (See figure 6).

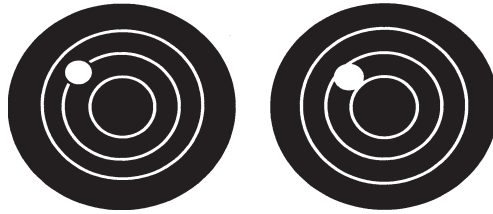


Figure 6 The Correct Method of Scoring

The Shot on the left bullseye counts nine, the one on the right, ten.

No scoring gauge will be used unless the diameter of the scoring flange is within these limits:

Air Pistol, .177" - .179" (4.5 - 4.55mm)

.22 caliber, .2225" - .2240"

Center Fire, .380" - .382" (9.65 - 9.70mm)

(When the centerfire course is fired at fifty feet, the NRA plug gauge with flange corresponding to bullet diameter shall be used. .32 caliber, .310 - .314; .38 caliber, .355 - .359 .) When using the above gauges all shot holes that touch (are tangent to) a higher scoring ring will receive the higher value (See figure 6).

(b) Outward scoring is done in the following manner:

For 10m air pistol targets the outward gauge (scoring away from center) may be used to determine the value of close shots. Outward gauge must be within the following limits:

Air Pistol, .451" - .453" (11.45 - 11.5mm)

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When scoring using outside scoring gauges, all shot holes receive the higher value where the outside edge of the flange is lying within (tangent to) the lower scoring ring. (See Figure 7). The "A" illustration depicts a doubtful shot hole with the "OUTWARD" scoring gauge in place. The outside edge of the flange is within the 9 ring therefore the shot is scored a 10.

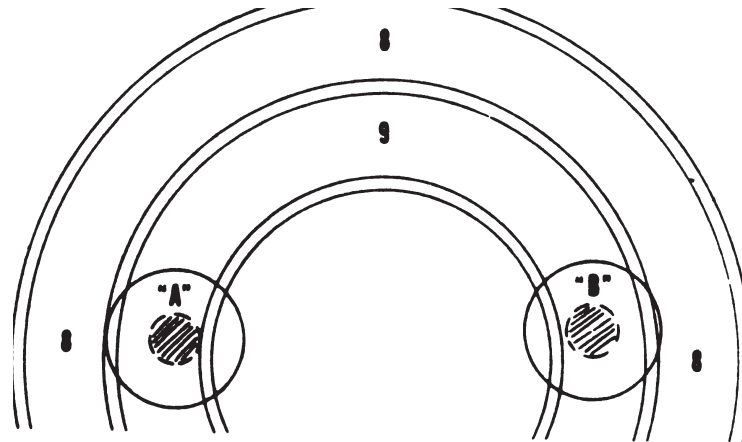


Figure 7

The "B" illustration depicts a doubtful shot hole to the scorer. The "OUTWARD" scoring gauge shows the outside edge of the flange lying over the 9 ring line and into the 8 ring thereby giving a result of 9 for shot hole "B".

(c) When the accurate use of the plug gauge is made difficult by the close proximity of another bullet hole, the shot value shall be determined



by means of an engraved gauge of some flat, transparent material, to aid in reconstructing the position of a scoring ring or number or bullet holes which may overlap.

**14.3.1 Use of Plug Type Scoring Gauges** - Shots in dispute shall be scored with the aid of a “plug” type gauge or other instrument.

- (a) The plug gauge may be inserted only once in any bullet hole. For this reason, the use of a plug gauge shall be marked on the target by the Scoring Officials, together with their signatures.
- (b) If two Scoring Officials, do not agree on the value of a shot, a decision from the Jury/Referee shall be requested immediately.
- (c) No challenge may be made against a shot value which has been decided by means of a gauge, except that, if assigned, the Classification Jury, in the process of checking the top daily and championship aggregate scores, may regauge and reevaluate any previously plugged shots. All changes must be made prior to the expiration of the challenge period.
- (d) In Air Pistol competitions where three member scoring teams are not used to evaluate plugged shots, the competitor may challenge the score on a plugged shot and have it replugged and the challenge resolved by the Official Referee, the competition Jury or Supervisor.

#### **14.3.2 Skid Shots -**

- (a) Shots fired while the target is in motion will not be scored as hits unless the greatest horizontal dimension of the bullet hole measures not more than 7mm in the rimfire (5.6mm) events or 11mm in the Center Fire event.
  1. The horizontally elongated bullet hole in the target face will be measured with the “skid gauge.”
  2. The measurements of the gauges are made between the inside edges of the engraved lines.
  3. When using the plastic skid gauge and the inside edge of the engraved line touches a scoring ring, the score will count to the higher value of the two zones, provided the bullet hole is within the permitted measurements of the 7mm or the 11mm dimensions respectively, thus qualifying it as a scoring shot.
- (b) The “Skid Gauge” is a flat, transparent plastic plate with two parallel lines engraved on one side.
  1. For the 5.6mm (.22 cal.) rimfire events the lines are 7mm (+0.05mm - 0.0mm) apart, measured between their inside edges.
  2. For the Center Fire Match, the lines are 11mm (+0.05mm - 0.0mm) apart, measured between their inside edges.

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**14.3.3 Electronic Scoring** - Electronic scoring machines are authorized as follows:

- (a) 10 meter Air Pistol
- (b) 50 meter events
- (c) 25 meter events, including Rapid Fire Pistol.

**14.4 Misses** - Shots which do not hit the scoring rings of the shooter’s own target must be scored as misses (zero).

• **14.5 Early or Late Shots** - If any shots are fired before the starting signal

to commence fire or after the signal to cease fire (See Rule 10.7) the shots of highest value equal to the number fired in error will be scored as misses.

Any shots fired after the command “LOAD” has been given, but before the beginning of a competition series, shall not be counted in the competition and a penalty of two points deduction from the following series will be imposed. This penalty will not apply in the sighting series.

The beginning of a series is considered to be:

- (a) The command “FIRE” or signal in precision shooting on stationary targets (Free Pistol, Air Pistol, Center Fire Match and Sport Pistol Match).
- (b) The first disappearance of the target in the timed fire courses (Rapid Fire course of Center Fire Match and Sport Pistol Match and all stages of the Standard Pistol Match). (Rules 10.9(b) 7, 10.10(d))
- (c) Each shot fired after the beginning of a series will be counted in the competition.
- (d) No shot may be fired before the start of the event, or before the shooter is scheduled to fire, without the permission of the Range Officer.

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**14.7 Hits on Wrong Target**

- (a) If a competitor fires a sighting shot on the sighting target of another competitor, the shot shall not be repeated but the competitor shall not be penalized.
  - (b) If a competitor fires a sighting shot on a competitor’s record target, there shall be a two point penalty.
  - (c) If a competitor fires a competition shot on the sighting target or competition target of another competitor, the shot will be scored as a miss (zero).
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**14.8 Ricochets** - A hole made by a ricochet bullet does not count as a hit and will be scored as a miss. It must be noted that a bullet which keyholes is not necessarily a ricochet.

**14.9 Visible Hits and Close Groups. Targets where Multiple Shots are Fired -**

*(This Rule will apply only in Air Pistol competition when the sponsor has specified that 5 shots are to be fired on each record target) (Rule 10.12d).*

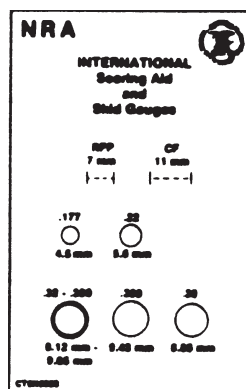


Figure 8

As a general rule only those hits which are visible will be scored. An exception will be made in the case where the grouping of 3 or more shots is so close that it is possible for a required shot or shots to have gone through the enlarged hole without leaving a mark and there has been no evidence that

a shot or shots have gone elsewhere than through the assigned target. In such case, the shooters will be given the benefit of the doubt, and scored hits for the nonvisible shots, on the assumption they passed through the enlarged hole. If such assumption could place a nonvisible hit either of 2 scoring rings, it shall be scored in the higher valued ring.

#### 14.10 Excessive or Too Few Hits

- (a) In the 25 Meter events, if a competitor fires more competition shots on a target than the program calls for or more than one shot at one appearance of the target in the rapid fire course, the highest valued shot or shots will be deducted from the score of that target and counted as a miss. Two points will also be deducted from the score of that series for each extra shot fired in the series or at a single appearance of the target.
- (b) In the Free Pistol Match and Air Pistol Match if a competitor fires more shots on the competition target than are provided for in the program the competitor shall not be penalized for the first two such occurrences. For the third and all succeeding such shots the competitor shall be penalized by the deduction of two points each time. The competitor must fire a correspondingly fewer number of shots at a succeeding target. This should be the next target.
  - (1) The scoring process in this situation requires the transfer of the value of excessive shot(s) to targets with less than the originally programmed number of shots, thus bringing each target to the full number of shots designated in the program and the Rules.
  - (2) If the actual shot(s) to be transferred cannot be established clearly through the notes of the Statistical Officer, the shot(s) with the lowest value must be transferred forward to the next target(s) or the shot(s) with the highest value must be transferred back to the previous target(s) so that the shooter will gain no advantage in a count back situation.
- (c) If a competitor fires more Hits in the competition than are provided for in the program, the extra shot or shots will be annulled. If the shot or shots cannot be identified, the highest valued shot or shots will be annulled on the target in question. In either case the competitor will also be penalized by the deduction of two points for each excessive shot fired from the score of the first series.
- (d) If a competitor fires more sighting shots than provided for in the program, or approved by the Range Officer or Jury, the competitor shall be penalized by the deduction of two points from the competition score from the first series for each excessive sighting shot fired.
- (e) If a competitor wishes to disclaim a bullet hole on a target, it must be reported immediately to the Range Officer.

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If the Range Officer confirms that the competitor did not fire the disputed shot, the Range Officer will make the necessary entry on the Range Register and the shot will be annulled.

If the Range Officer can not confirm beyond all reasonable doubt that the competitor did not fire the disputed shot the shot will be credited to the competitor and will be so recorded. The following shall be considered sufficient to justify the annulment of a shot:

- (1) If the Scorer confirms by observation of the competitor and the target that the competitor did not fire the shot.
- (2) If a "missed shot" is reported by another competitor or Scorer at approximately the same time and from within the neighboring two or three shooting stations.
- (f) In the case of shooting in the timed firing events where target patches are used and there is more hits on the target than the competitor fired, the Range Officer shall attempt to establish which is the earlier bullet

hole that had not been patched or which had come uncovered. If this is not possible, the competitor has the option of accepting the lower valued shot or may repeat the series. The competitor may not be credited with more than the five highest valued or less than the five lowest valued hits on the target(s).

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**14.15 Score Cards** - Score cards will be prepared by the Statistical Office and delivered to the Range Officers who will check the target assignments of each competitor as the competitor reports to the firing point, then give the score card to the scorer. At the conclusion of each relay Range Officers will take up the score cards and deliver them to the Statistical Office.

**14.16 Erasures on Score Cards** - Erasures on score cards are not permitted. If correction is necessary, it must be made and initialed by the Scorer or Range Officer. To make correction, the Scorer or Range Officer draws a line, or lines, through the incorrect score and places the correct score above.

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**14.18.1 Systems for Scoring Targets in Free Pistol Match** - Scoring in the Free Pistol Match may be carried out by three general methods:

- (a) Where pit service is not provided, competitors may walk down to the line of targets and score adjacent targets or observe the scoring of their own targets.
- (b) Targets may be collected and brought to a central location for scoring.
- (c) When pit service is provided and official scoring is done in a central scoring area, as soon as the pit operator receives the signal to change the target, the target shall be lowered, the fired target removed and replaced with a new competition or sighting target in accordance with the signal from the firing line.

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#### **• 14.18.2 Systems for Marking, Signaling and Recording of Scores in 25 meter events. -**

- (a) As soon as a series is finished and the range is clear, the targets will be faced to the shooter. The competitor will observe the scorer as the scorer decides the value of the shot hole. Competitors may score competitors. Targets may be plugged only by designated officials.
- (b) After the targets have been scored, they will be changed or prepared for the following series.
- (c) Rapid Fire Pistol: The position and value of the shots fired in the Rapid Fire Pistol event will be signaled by means of colored plugging disks. These disks shall have a diameter of about 3 to 5cms (1.2 to 2.0 inches). They are red on one side and white on the other. There is a spindle of about 5mms (0.2 inches) diameter in the center of the disk. After every 5-shot series the disk is placed into the bullet holes by the scorer.
- (d) Standard Pistol, Center Fire and Sport Pistol Match events: In these events the position and value of the shots will be signaled to the competitors and spectators by means of a marking disk. A 10 will be indicated by placing the red side, all other values by placing the white side toward the firing line over the bullet hole. The marking disk has the following dimensions:

A 10 will be indicated by a red disk and all other values by white. After the hits have been indicated in this way, the total result of the series shall be indicated at the target line and recorded. If there is any doubt about the value of a hit, i.e., if the value can only be determined by means of a gauge, the disk must not be pinned into the bullet hole before the value of the shot has been determined.

At the option of the tournament sponsor, competitors may walk down to the line of targets and score adjacent targets or observe the scoring of their own targets. When this procedure is followed, the use of plugging disks is not required.

- (d) **Standard Pistol, Center Fire and Women's Sport Pistol Match Events:** In these events the position and value of the shots will be signaled to the competitors and spectators by means of a marking disk. A 10 will be indicated by placing the red side, all other values by placing the white side toward the firing line over the bullet hole. The marking disk has the following dimensions:

Diameter of the disk 5cms (2.0 inches), with a hole of 7mms (0.28 inches) in its center. The handle is approximately 40cms (15.8 inches) long.

At the option of the tournament sponsor, competitors may walk down to the line of targets and score adjacent targets or observe the scoring of their own targets. When this procedure is followed use of the marking disk is not required.

- (e) **Sighting Shots:** Sighting shots are indicated and recorded, but never counted in the result of the competition.

**14.18.3 Scoring the Air Pistol Match** - In the Air Pistol Match the changing of the targets will normally be done by the competitor under the supervision of the Range Officials. The targets will then be collected for official scoring at a central scoring office.

**14.18.4 Scoring Multiple Target Cards** - Each target shall be scored individually. If a challenge occurs only the challenged target will be restored.

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**14.25 Position on Score Card of Refired Scores** - Scores (including refired strings) will be placed on the score card in the order they are fired. 57

## **15. DECISION OF TIES**

*Note: All tie (same numerical score) ranking Rules shall be applied in the order listed below. In all cases where Olympic Finals are used, refer to Rule 7.10 for breaking ties.*

**15.1 Match** - The term "Match" as used in this section refers to all individual, team and aggregate matches.

**15.2 Ties** - Ties will not be broken if two or more shooters have perfect scores in the same event.

**15.3 Free and Air Pistol Individual Ties** - tie scores for the first ten places will be broken in the following order:

- (a) By the highest score of the last 10 shots fired, working forward by 10 shot strings until the tie is broken.
- (b) By the highest number of 10, 9, 8, etc.
- (c) By the highest number of inner tens.
- (d) All ties for places below the last award may be listed with equal rank in alphabetical order using the competitor's family name. An appropriate number of spaces and numbers will be left vacant after each such listing, before the next ranking is numbered.

- **15.4 25 Meter Events** - In the event of tied scores for the first three places, the order of ranking shall be determined by:

- (a) Rapid Fire Match: A “shoot-off” consisting of three 4 second series. Before the beginning of the shoot-off, the competitor may choose to fire five sighting shots in 8, 6 or 4 seconds.
- (b) Center Fire Match and Sport Pistol Match: A “shoot-off” consisting of three five shot series in the rapid fire course. Before the beginning of the shoot-off the competitors may fire one five shot rapid fire series for sighting.
- (c) Standard Pistol Match: A “shoot-off” consisting of three five-shot 10 second series. Before the beginning of the shoot-off, the competitors may fire five sighting shots in the 150 second course.
- (d) Ties from the 4th place to the end of awards in the 25 meter events shall be decided by:
  - 1. The highest score of the last ten shots fired, working forward by ten shot series until the tie is broken.
  - 2. By the highest number of 10’s, 9’s, 8’s, etc. in the match.
  - 3. The highest number of inner tens.
  - 4. If the tie still cannot be broken in this manner the competitors will be listed with equal rank in alphabetical order using the competitor’s family name. An appropriate number of spaces and numbers will be left vacant after each such listing before the next ranking is numbered.

**15.5 Aggregate Matches** - The breaking of multiple course aggregate ties will be by comparison of each course score, beginning with the last course score and working forward until the tie is broken. Should a tie still exist a comparison of the last 10 shot strings fired in each course score, then a comparison of the next to the last 10 shots of each course score, proceeding forward by 10 shot strings in each course score until the tie is broken.

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**15.7 Team Matches**

- (a) Free and Air Pistol
  - 1. Ties in team events will be decided by totaling the results of all team members and following the procedures for the individual Rules above.
  - 2. Ties for places below the last award will be listed in equal rank in alphabetical order by team.
- (b) 25 Meters Events-Ties for 1st through 3rd places will be decided by totaling the results of all team members and following the procedures described in Rule 15.4(d).

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**15.9 League Ties** - In league type competitions in which standing of teams is determined by number of matches won and lost ties will be decided by a shoot-off over the same course of fire as used during the league season.

**16. CHALLENGES AND PROTESTS**

**16.1 Challenges** - When a competitor feels that a shot fired has been improperly evaluated or scored, the scoring may be challenged. A minimum challenge fee of \$1.00 with a maximum fee of \$3.00 may be charged to all competitors making challenge. The fee will be collected before making the first recheck of the challenged score. If the competitor’s challenge is sustained at any point along the line of rechecks, the challenge fee will be returned. If the challenge is lost, the challenge fee will be included in the general revenue of the tournament. The decision of the Official Referee, Jury or Supervisor

will be final.

Such a challenge must be made within the challenge time (see Rule 11.6.3). It shall be the challenging competitor's privilege to inspect the target during or following the recheck except when targets are scored in the target pit. Decisions on the value of shot holes made by means of gauges are final and cannot be appealed, except in air pistol, Rule 14.3.1(d). Appeals may only be made if the shot value has not been determined by means of a gauge or in cases of wrong addition or inaccurate entries in the result list.

When targets are scored in Statistical Office or on display racks, the recheck will be made by the Chief Statistical Officer (provided the target has not been previously scored or rechecked) and the Official Referee.

If the challenge concerns shots which were scored in the Target Control Office (Statistical Office), the challenge must be submitted in writing.

When targets are scored on frames and scoring of a shot is challenged, the Range Officer will immediately call the Official Referee or Supervisor who will score the target. If necessary to avoid delaying match the challenged target will be replaced with a clean target and the match will proceed. Official Referee or Supervisor will score the target as soon as possible and notify the competitor.

When targets are scored in the target pit and a competitor desires to challenge a shot, the competitor must call the Range Officer and pay the fee. It is the duty of the Range Officer to accept the challenge without comment and direct that no further shot be fired by the competitor until the challenge has been decided, personally contact and inform the Chief Pit Officer that there is a challenge and give the target number. The first recheck of the challenged shot will be made by the Chief Pit Officer. If a further recheck is required, it will be made by the Official Referee or Supervisor. If necessary to avoid delaying the match, the challenged target will be replaced on the frame with a clean target and the match will proceed. The Official Referee in such cases will score the target as soon as possible and notify the competitor. If the competitor's challenge is sustained, the challenge fee will be returned immediately; otherwise, it is forfeited and turned into the Statistical Office. In no case will a challenge be permitted nor the value of a hit be changed after the next shot has been fired.

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The Match Director may recheck any competitor's target by an administrative challenge. Such challenge must be made within the posted challenge period and checked by the Referee. For further information on the Statistical Office operation. See Rules 13.1 through 13.8 inclusive.

#### • 16.1.2 Scoring Challenge

- (a) Targets scored in Statistical Office-The Match Director may require challenges be made in writing. For all scoring challenges except those relating to the values of shot holes, the first re-check will be made by the Chief Statistical Officer, provided the Officer is not involved in the original scoring decision. (If the Chief Statistical Officer was involved in the original decision, the challenge will go directly to the Jury/Official Referee or to a designated Challenge Officer. If after a re-check by the Statistical Officer, the competitor is still dissatisfied, the challenge will go to the Jury/Official Referee or to a Challenge Officer. The decision of the Jury/Official Referee or Challenge Officer settles the challenge and may not be appealed. When the value of a previously unplugged shot hole is challenged, the Chief Statistical Officer will turn the target over to a pair of scorers who will plug the shot, following procedures in 14.3.1 (a), (b), (c). If it is not feasible on the challenge to use a plug, the scores will follow the same procedures using an engraved overlay. Challenges accepted on previously plugged shots, under 14.3.1(d) will be reevaluated by the Jury/Official Referee or by a Challenge Officer. Decisions of the Jury/Official Referee or Challenge Officer settles the challenge and may not be appealed. Notwithstanding the resolution of challenges by Challenge Officers, the Classification Jury may change scores during verification. The Appeals Jury shall not rule on challenges. (See Rule 11.2.1(b))

- (b) Targets scored on frames. Competitors must immediately challenge the scoring of any shot on which they disagree. It is the duty of the Range Officer to accept the challenge the fee, without comment.
- (c) Electronic scoring targets-
  - 1) If a shooter contests the value of a shot, a challenge will only be accepted when made before the next shot, or before the next series in 25m events (except for failure of the paper or rubber band to advance or other target failures; see section 10.10.5) or if it is the last shot, within three (3) minutes.
  - 2) If a challenge is made concerning the value of a shot, the shooter will be requested to fire another shot at the end of the competition, so that this extra shot may be counted if the protest is upheld and the correct value of the disputed shot cannot be determined.
  - 3) If the challenge concerning a shot value, other than zero or failure to register, is not upheld, a two (2) point penalty from the score of the disputed shot will be awarded and the challenge fee must be paid.
  - 4) The team official or shooter has the right to know the resolution of the disputed shot.

**16.2 Protests** - A competitor may formally protest:

- (a) Any injustice which is felt has been done except the evaluation of a target, which may be challenged as outlined in Rule 16.1.
- (b) The conditions under which another competitor has been permitted to fire.
- (c) The equipment which another competitor has been permitted to use.

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**16.2.1 Authority of Protest Committees** - may be established at National Championships to rule on protests, arising at those sites. However, the decision of these special protest committees or juries shall not contravene interpretations of NRA Rules and/or precedents established by the NRA National Protest Committee.

**16.3 How to Protest** - A protest must be initiated immediately upon the occurrence of protested incident. Failure to comply with the following procedure will automatically void the protest:

- (a) State the complaint orally to the Chief Range (Chief Statistical) Officer. If not satisfied with this decision then,
- (b) State the complaint orally to the Official Referee or supervisor. If not satisfied with this decision then,
- (c) File a formal protest in writing with the Official Referee or Supervisor stating all the facts in the case. Such written protest must be filed within 12 hours of the occurrence of the protested incident.
- (d) The Official Referee or Supervisor will then forward the protest with a complete statement of facts within 48 hours of receipt thereof to the Protest Committee at NRA Headquarters.
- (e) A competitor must state a complaint orally to the Chief Range Officer, Chief Statistical Officer or Chief Pit Officer and if not satisfied with the decision, the competitor must file a written protest with the Match Director. If the competitor is not satisfied with the Match Director's decision, the Match Director will forward the protest to the Protest/ Appeals Jury along with a written statement of the decision. The decision of the Appeals Jury is final. A procedure must begin no later than one hour after completion of firing for the day. In the case of awards, the protest must begin no later than one half hour after the completion of the award ceremony.



**16.4 Challenges and Protests in Team Matches** - Must be made by the Team Captain. Team members who believe they have reason to challenge or protest will state the facts to their Team Captain who will make the official challenge or protest if it is felt such action is justified.

## 17. NATIONAL RECORDS

*NRA National Records shall be established only by American citizens who are NRA members or Junior members of NRA affiliated clubs.*

*National Records may be established only when competition exist, i.e., more than one competitor or team in an event.*

**17.1 Where Scores for National Records Can Be Fired** - Scores to be recognized as National Records must be fired in NRA Registered Competition as defined in Rule 1.6, paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g). National Records must be approved by the NRA before being declared official. National Records may not be established during re-entry matches... Records may not be established by any individual or team where part or all of the course of fire was completed using rule 10.16 instead of turning targets.

**17.2 Scores Used** - Scores must be complete scores for an entire scheduled match. Stage scores or scores for only part of a match will not be used for records.

**17.3 Scores for National Individual Records** - Such scores may be fired in individual matches or in team matches. For recognition as special group records (“Open”, “Service”, “Civilian”, “Women”, “Junior”, “Collegiate”) scores may be fired in either open or restricted matches. National Records will be recognized only when the competitor has entered such match. Special category records will be recognized only when the competitor has entered such category.

**17.4 Scores for National Team Records** - For recognition as special group records (“Open”, “Service”, “Civilian”, “Women”, “Junior”, “Collegiate”) all members of the team must be members of the special group concerned and the team must be entered in the appropriate category. National Records will be recognized only when competitors have entered such match. Teams must be bona fide teams as outlined in Rules 2.11 to 2.19. National Records will not be recognized for “pickup teams” (teams made up of shooters who do not all represent one of the groups outlined in Rules 2.11 to 2.19). 61

**17.5 Courses of Fire for Which National Records are Recognized** - National (U.S.) Records will be maintained for individuals and teams in the categories and for the events listed in the chart on the following pages.

EVENT	Open		Service		Civilian		Women		Junior		Collegiate	
	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	4 Member Team
Free Pistol—50 M/50 Yd (outdoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rapid Fire Pistol—25 M/25 Yd (outdoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Center Fire Pistol—25 M/25 Yd (outdoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Standard Pistol—25 M/25 Yd (outdoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sport Pistol—25 M/25 Yd (outdoor)							X	X	XW XM	XW XM	XW	XW*
Air Pistol—10M (40 shots indoor or outdoor)							X	X	XW	XW	XW	XW*
Air Pistol—10 M (60 shots indoor or outdoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X			XM	XM	X	X

EVENT	Open		Service		Civilian		Women		Junior		Collegiate	
	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	3 Member Team	Indiv.	4 Member Team
Free Pistol—50 Ft	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rapid Fire Pistol—50 Ft	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Center Fire Pistol—50 Ft.	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Standard Pistol—50 Ft.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sport Pistol—50 Ft. (.22 cal. on Center Fire Course)							X	X	XW XM	XW XM	XW	XW*
Free Pistol 50M (indoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rapid Fire Pistol 25M (indoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Center Fire Pistol 25M (indoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Standard Pistol 25M (indoor)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sport Pistol—25M (indoor)							X	X	XW XW	XW XW	XW	XW*

\* 3 member womens teams in Sport Pistol and Air Pistol for collegiate women

## 18. COMPETITORS' DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

*Note: The following competitors' duties are in addition to those specified elsewhere throughout these Rules.*

**18.1 Discipline** - It is the duty of each competitor to sincerely cooperate with tournament officials in the effort to conduct a safe, efficient tournament. Competitors are expected to promptly call the attention of proper officials to any infraction of rules of safety or good sportsmanship. Failure of a competitor to cooperate in such matters or to give testimony when called upon to do so may result in said competitor being considered as an accessory to the offense.

**18.2 Knowledge of Program** - It is the competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the program. Officials cannot be held responsible for a competitor's failure to obtain and be familiarized with the program.

**18.3 Eligibility** - It is the competitor's duty to enter only those events for which eligible and to enter in the proper classification.

**18.3.1 Competitors Will Score** - Competitors will act as scorers when required to do so by the Match Director or Chief Range Officer, except that competitors will not score their own targets.

**18.4 Classification** - It is the duty of competitors to have their current Classification Card in their possession when using a classification system. Unclassified competitors must obtain their Score Record Book from the Official Referee, Supervisor, or Tournament Officials.

64 **18.5 Individual Entries** - In individual matches it is the duty of the competitors to make their entries on the forms and in the manner prescribed for that tournament. Errors due to illegibility or improper filling out of forms are solely the competitor's responsibility. The Statistical Office is not required to accept corrections after the entry closing time.

**18.6 Squadding Tickets** - It is the competitors duty to secure squadding tickets for each match (or to consult the squadding bulletin) in ample time to permit reporting at the proper time and place to fire each match. It is not the duty of officials to page competitors in order to get them on the firing line. Competitors upon receipt of squadding tickets should inspect them for correctness of competitor's number and non-interference in squadding assignment. Errors should be reported immediately to Statistical Officer.

**18.7 Reporting at Firing Point** - Competitors must report at their assigned firing points when the relay is called by the Range Officer. The proper pistol and ammunition for that particular match must be ready and in safe firing condition. Time will not be allowed for repairs, sight blacking, sight adjustments or search for missing equipment after a relay has been called to the firing line.

**18.8 Timing** - Time for the firing of a string (within the official time limit) is the competitor's responsibility (see Rule 8.4).

**18.9 Loading** - No competitor will load a pistol except at the firing point and after command has been given by the Range Officer. Magazines may not be charged prior to the command "LOAD".

**18.10 Cease Firing** - All pistols will be unloaded immediately upon the command "CEASE FIRING." Actions will remain open. (See Rules 9.35, 10.7 and 14.5).

**18.11 Checking Scores** - It is the duty of competitors to check their scores as written on score card and to sign score card at the conclusion of a match. When scoring is done in the Statistical Office competitors must promptly check the Preliminary Bulletin and call attention to errors within the time specified at that tournament. Failure to check scores within time limit forfeits the right to challenge.

**18.12 Clearing the Firing Point** - It is the competitor's duty to leave the firing point promptly at the conclusion of the relay. When leaving the firing point pistols must be unloaded. Cylinders must be open on revolvers, slides locked back and magazines removed on semiautomatics or pistols must be cased.

**18.13 Checking Bulletin Board** - It is the duty of all individual competitors and Team Captains to check Bulletin Board between each match. The Statistical Officer must be immediately notified of apparent errors. Official Bulletins must be checked and the Statistical Officer notified of any discrepancies between the Preliminary and Official Bulletins. Official notices on the bulletin board has the same effect as conditions printed in the program. It is the duty of competitors to familiarize themselves with all such Match Director's Bulletins. The score board is considered to be the Preliminary Bulletin.

**18.14 Score Cards Must be Signed** - When targets are scored on the range, at the conclusion of the score, the scorer will add the value of the shots, place the total on the score card and sign the card. **The competitor then checks value of individual shots, the total, and signs the card.** (In case of discrepancy between individual shot value and totals, individual shot value will be accepted as correct). If a competitor or Team Captain leaves firing line without signing the card, no protest will be allowed. If the competitor or Team Captain desires to protest, the word "protested" will be written on the score card above the signature. Team Captains verify and sign score cards in team matches.

**18.15 Responsibility** - It shall be the competitor's responsibility:

- (a) That all equipment meets all rules and match specifications in any match in which that equipment is to be used.
- (b) That competitor's position conforms to the rules.
- (c) That competitor has full knowledge of the rules under which the match is fired.
- (d) That after due warning on any infraction of existing rules, that competitor shall understand that a repetition thereof shall be the subject of disqualification for that match or tournament.
- (e) When targets are framed by the competitor to frame the correct target for the specific match and distance. In such a case, shots on an incorrect or on a used target are disqualified.

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## 19. CLASSIFICATION

**19.1 Classified Competitors** - Are all individuals who are officially classified by the NRA for pistol competition or who have a record of scores fired over courses of fire used for classification (See 19.4) which have been recorded in a Score Record Book.

**19.2 Unclassified Competitor** - Is a competitor who does not have a current NRA classification, either regular or temporary by Score Record Book (Rule 19.14), nor an "Assigned Classification" (Rule 19.6). Such a competitor shall compete in the Master Class.

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• **19.4 Scores Used for Individual Classification** - Scores to be used for classification and reclassification will be those fired in individual and team matches in both indoor and outdoor NRA competition (except Postal Matches) over the following courses of fire and under the indicated conditions:

- (a) Free Pistol 30 or 60 shot course, 50 meter/yard, 25 yards and 50 feet.
- (b) Air Pistol full course. (60 shots Men and Junior Men 40 shots for Women and Junior Women) 10 meters. Exception: Sectional course of fire, 60 shots, Men and Women.

- (c) Rapid Fire Pistol course 30 or 60 shots, 25 meter/yard and 50 feet.
- (d) Center Fire Pistol course, 25 meter/yard and 50 feet gallery (.22 cal. Sport Pistol Match only for Women and Junior Men).
- (e) Standard Pistol course, 25 meter/yard and 50 feet.
- (f) Scores from Sanctioned Leagues may be recorded during the league firing seasons in Score Record Books but will only be used by the NRA Headquarters at the end of the league firing season for issue of Official Classification Cards.
- (g) Scores from finals will Not Be Used for classification.

**19.4.1 Expanded Classification System for Junior (Rule 2.3 only)** - A tournament sponsor may use an expanded or a different classification system for Junior shooters. Within that system, coaching may be allowed by the sponsor. However, the scores fired in classes that allow coaching will not be used for National Records or National standings, but shall be reported for NRA classification purposes.

**19.5 Compilation of Scores for Pistol Classification Averages** - Scores fired in complete matches over the above courses will be combined and averaged to establish a competitor's classification.

**19.6 Assigned Classification** - A competitor who has an earned classification (a classification obtained through the Score Record Book or an Official NRA Classification Card) for one type of competition in the grouping listed below will be assigned this same classification in any other type in which the competitor is not classified in the same group.

- (a) International Pistol (Free, Air, Center, Rapid Fire or Standard).
- (b) Outdoor Pistol
- 66 (c) Indoor Pistol
- (d) Police Combat

If the competitor has a classification in more than one type in the list, the higher classification shall be used. In the second tournament in the new type, the competitor will use the score record book rather than assigned classification.

**19.6.1 Classification for Mixed Programs** - When one or more International matches are included in a conventional tournament as "piggy-back" events, the sponsor may elect to use the classification appropriate to the conventional tournament throughout, in which case the program must so state.

**19.7 Lack of Classification Evidence** - It is the competitor's responsibility to have the NRA Official Classification Card or Score Record Book with required scores for temporary classification (Rules 19.1 and 19.14) and to present classification evidence when required. Any competitor who cannot present such evidence will fire in the Master Class. A competitor's classification will not change during a tournament. Tournaments will be entered under the competitor's correct classification and fire the entire tournament in that class. Should it be discovered during a tournament that a competitor has entered in a class lower than the current rating, tournament records will be corrected to show correct classification for the entire tournament.

**19.8 Competing In a Higher Class** - Any individual or team may elect, before firing, to compete in a higher classification than the one in which classified. Such individual or team must fire in such higher class throughout the tournament and not revert to earned classification for any event in that tournament.

When there are insufficient entries in any class to warrant an award in that class according to the match program conditions, the individual or team concerned may be moved by the Match Director to a higher class provided this change is made prior to the individual or team concerned having commenced firing in the tournament.

**19.9 Obsolete Classifications and Scores** - All classifications and scores (including temporary, Rule 19.14) except Master, shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in NRA competition at least once during 3 successive calendar years. Master classifications and scores shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in NRA competition at least once during 5 successive calendar years. Lifetime Master classifications will not become obsolete.

**19.10 Appeals** - Competitors having reason to believe they have been improperly classified may file an appeal with the NRA stating all essential facts. Such appeal will be reviewed by the NRA Protest Committee.

**19.11 Protests** - Any person who believes that another competitor has been improperly classified may file a protest with the NRA stating all essential facts. Such protests will be reviewed by the NRA Protest Committee.

**19.12 Team Classification** - Teams are classified by computing the “team average” based on the classification of each firing member of the team. To compute the team average the key in Table No. 1 for the different classes will be used and the team total divided by the number of firing members of the team. Any fractional figure in the team average of one half or more will place the team in the next higher class. The “team average” will establish classification of team as a unit but will not affect in any way the individual classification of team members.

**TABLE NO. I - TEAM**

Class	Key
Master.....	4
Expert.....	3
Sharpshooter.....	2
Marksman.....	1

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**19.13 Reporting Scores** - NRA Indoor and Outdoor Competition (see Section 1) Sponsors will report to the NRA all individual and fired team match scores fired over the course stated in Rule 19.4. Scores will be reported as aggregate totals for all matches completed by a competitor. Scores will be reported by each sponsor no more than 30 days after the completion of the match and by each NRA Sanctioned League at the completion of the league schedule.

**19.14 Score Record Book (Temporary Classification)** - A Score Record Book will be obtained by each unclassified competitor from the Official Referee, Supervisor or tournament Statistical Office at the time a competitor competes in the first tournament or from the Secretary of a Sanctioned League. The competitor will record all scores fired in each NRA competition (except Postal Matches) until such time as the official NRA classification card is received. Competitor will total all scores and divide that total by the number of 10-shot strings represented. The average so obtained will determine the competitor’s NRA Classification at that time (see Rule 19.15 for average score for each classification).

Individual and team scores fired by the competitor during at least one tournament (Rule 1.1) or from the most recent league match (Rule 1.6(i)) must be posted in the Score Record Book to establish a temporary classification. The Score Record Book will be presented by the holder at all NRA competition entered until competitor’s Official NRA Classification Card becomes effective.

*Note: It is the competitor’s responsibility to obtain the Score Record Book, enter scores and present it at each tournament until the Official NRA Classification Card becomes effective. When the NRA Classification Card becomes effective the Score Record Book becomes obsolete.*

**19.15 Individual Class Average** - Competitors will be classified as follows and NRA Classification Cards issued accordingly:

## FREE PISTOL

Master .....	91.00 and above
Expert.....	86.00 to 90.99
Sharpshooter .....	80.00 to 85.99
Marksman .....	Below 80.00

## AIR PISTOL

Master .....	93.00 and above
Expert.....	88.00 to 92.99
Sharpshooter .....	82.00 to 87.99
Marksman .....	Below 82.00

## CENTER FIRE PISTOL

Master .....	96.00 and above
Expert.....	94.00 to 95.99
Sharpshooter .....	92.00 to 93.99
Marksman .....	Below 92.00

## STANDARD PISTOL

Master .....	91.00 and above
Expert.....	85.00 to 90.99
Sharpshooter .....	80.00 to 84.99
Marksman .....	Below 80.00

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## RAPID FIRE

Master .....	95.00 and above
Expert.....	91.00 to 94.99
Sharpshooter .....	85.00 to 90.99
Marksman .....	Below 85.00

**19.16 Establishing Classification** - A competitor will be officially classified by the NRA when the total score for a minimum of 120 shots has been reported for either indoor or outdoor. However, classification averages will be computed only after the total score for a tournament or league has been posted and, therefore, the average may be based on a greater number of shots, but will not be based upon a lesser number. Total scores so reported to the NRA will be posted to the Classification Record for the competitor concerned. When the scores for the stated minimum number of 120 shots (or more if this minimum is reached during the scores of any tournament or league) have been so posted the average score per 10-shot string will be computed. The competitor will be sent an Official NRA Classification Card based on the average so computed and according to the table in Rule 19.15 which classification will become effective the date shown on the card issued by NRA.

**19.17 Reclassification** - A competitor who has been classified by the NRA will be reclassified as follows:

- (a) A record of all completed (See Rule 19.9) NRA Competition scores fired by a classified competitor (except Postal Match) will be maintained in the NRA Headquarters. Only scores not previously used in computing a classification average will be used for reclassification, except as noted in (c) below.
- (b) When additional scores for a minimum of 240 shots are fired subsequent to the tournament date at which he earned his current classification, have been posted, the competitor's average will be established by dividing the total score by the number of ten (10) shot strings represented. This average will be computed as outlined in Rule 19.16 at the end of the tournament or league in which the minimum of 240 shots, or more, have been posted. When a new average places in a



higher class, the competitor will be reclassified accordingly.

- (c) A competitor who believes a classification is too high may file a request with the NRA Administrative Staff that the classification be lowered. Such competitors must remain in the class concerned until at least 360 are fired subsequent to the effective date of his current classification, have been posted to the classification record. When the average of such shots places the competitor in a lower class the competitor will be reclassified accordingly. When competitors have been so classified downward and by scores fired in NRA competition (except NRA Postal Matches) has again earned the former classification shall become final and the competitor shall retain the earned classification until reclassified into a higher class as outlined in paragraph (b).
- (d) A reclassified competitor shall be sent a new Classification Card which will become effective on date shown on card issued by NRA.

#### **19.18 - 19.20 BLANK**

**19.21 Lifetime Master** - Competitors who have been certified as Lifetime Masters will retain their Lifetime Master cards and enter competitions in the Master Class, except that:

- (a) No new Lifetime Masters will be certified.
- (b) Lifetime Masters will be reclassified to a higher class, according to the provisions of Rule 19.17(b) and must enter competitions in the higher class. (Does not pertain to pistol competition at this time.)
- (c) Lifetime Masters may petition NRA to revoke a Lifetime Master card and be reclassified downward according to the provisions of Rule 19.17(c).

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## **20. NRA OFFICIAL REFEREE**

**20.1 Eligibility** - Any individual, 21 years of age or older who fulfills the requirements currently in effect may be certified as an Official Referee.

#### **20.2 Certification** -

- (a) To be certified as an Official Referee applicants must undertake such oral, written or practical examination as the Association may require. The Executive Committee of the Association will be the final judge as to the applicant's fitness for certification. Certification may be refused without stating a cause.
- (b) Certificates will remain in force for such periods as may be indicated on the face thereof. Certificates may be surrendered by the holder or canceled by the Association at any time without stating a cause.
- (c) Re-examination may be required at any time to determine the Official Referee's current ability to meet the requirements.
- (d) Official Referees may be authorized to serve with certain limitations specified in their authorization. Such limitation may be:
  - For a limited time only, or
  - For a special tournament or tournaments, or
  - Within specified territorial boundaries, or
  - For specified types of competition or classes of tournaments.
- (e) Insignia remain the property of the Association and must be returned at the termination of the Official Referee's certification.

### 20.3 Duties: General -

- (a) It is the duty of the Official Referee at all times to keep informed of NRA Bylaws, current competition rules, and match administration procedures. The Referee must be equipped to act as guide and counselor to every official at a tournament both on the range and in the Statistical Office.
- (b) and must be familiar with the various NRA qualification courses and with National Classification Rules.
- (c) and must know the requirements for individual membership in the Association and the general requirements for club affiliation.
- (d) and reports to NRA Headquarters any suggestions, criticisms, incidents or trends which, the Referee's opinion, should be considered by the Association in order to promote the best interests of shooting.
- (e) and must at all times and under all circumstances that the Referee's value as an Official Referee is in direct ratio to the Referee's reputation for integrity, impartiality, broad knowledge of shooting, courtesy, courage and sobriety. The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on duty cannot be condoned and their excessive use at any time will be sufficient cause for cancellation of the Official Referee's Certificate.

**20.4 Duties: Before Tournament** - Having accepted an assignment to serve, it is the duty of the Official Referee to:

- (a) be familiar with the program.
- (b) Check, by mail or in person, with the match sponsor or Match Director of the tournament to insure that range and statistical facilities are adequate and in good order and that ample range and statistical personnel have been employed or definitely arranged.

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**20.5 Duties: During Tournament** - Act as Chairman of the Jury or assume functions and duties of the Jury when a Jury is not formed, and:

- (a) Check the functioning of the Statistical Office when first opened to help establish proper registration and squadding procedures. Make sure the Statistical Office has arranged to verify each competitor's current classification before issuing competitors' first squadding tickets.
- (b) Check the target equipment and range personnel in company with the Match Director to insure that the range will function properly.
- (c) Check with the Match Director and arrange to have Official Bulletins posted immediately covering any changes or corrections which have been authorized.
- (d) Personally observe the scoring and bulletin methods used when the targets from the first relay are being scored and call attention to any errors before an erroneous method becomes established.
- (e) Remain constantly alert for infractions of safety or competition rules by moving over the range behind the firing line from flank to flank; observing activities of target runners, range officers, score and statistical clerks, spectators; watching competitors handle their pistols and other equipment.
- (f) Report immediately to the Match Director any errors in administration or infractions of rules by competitors or personnel, requesting that they be corrected at once. If the matter is one requiring instant action the Official Referee should direct whatever action is required and report actions and the reason therefore to the Match Director as soon as that officer can be reached.

- (g) In tournaments where situations occur that are not specifically covered by an existing rule or rules, the Referee shall exercise the best judgment in ruling for the best interest of the shooting sports and competitions.
- (h) Personally check with the Statistical Officer at the conclusion of the tournament to make sure that all bulletins have been properly completed and prizes awarded as prescribed in the Tournament Program.
- (i) Forward to NRA Headquarters all reports currently required, including National Record Reporting Form, copies of protests, decisions, appeals and all written statements bearing on the case.
- (j) When triggers are weighed, shall weigh or supervise the weighing of triggers and inspect equipment.

**20.6 Handling of Challenges and Protests** - Challenges and protests will be handled in the manner provided in these Rules (Sec. 16).

**20.7 Assignment to Tournaments** - Official Referees are assigned to tournaments by NRA Headquarters.

**20.8 Official Referee as Competitor** - No Official Referee may compete in any match fired in conjunction with any tournament where officiating.

**20.9 Status of the NRA Official Referee:**

- (a) The Official Referee will not give directions to the tournament operating personnel except through the Match Director or the Chief Range Officer. In the case where a jury is formed, the NRA Referee shall be the Chairman of the Jury. In all emergency cases involving the safety of personnel or property, the Official Referee will act immediately and forcefully, taking full responsibility and reporting actions thereafter, to the Match Director and to the NRA when making the tournament report.
- (b) The Official Referee is a representative of the NRA present at a tournament to interpret the rules and regulations for the benefit of both the tournament officials and the competitors. It is the Referee's duty to see that all such rules and regulations are properly and efficiently enforced. The Official Referee is not responsible for the actual administration and conduct of the tournament except to enforce the rules and regulations. It is the Referee's duty to make such suggestions as are necessary to enable the tournament staff to operate in the most satisfactory manner.

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**21. NRA COMPETITION PROGRAMS**

*Note: The program for tournaments must describe the conditions of the match, the positions, pistols, caliber of pistols, ammunition, targets, range and should cover all the following points:*

**TOURNAMENT NAME:**

Do not designate "State Championship" unless authorized by the State Association; "Sectional" or "Regional Championship" unless authorized by the NRA.

**DATE:**

State date of event and time shooting is to start.

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:**

Name of Club or Association.

**FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING TOURNAMENT WRITE TO:**

Give name and complete address as you want it listed in the Coming Events section of the *Shooting Sports USA*.

**DIRECTIONS TO RANGE:**

List directions clearly, add map sketch if possible.

**RULES:**

The statement that "NRA International Pistol Rules shall govern" will allow the most liberal conditions found in those Rules.

**COMPETITION OPEN TO:**

Indicate eligibility requirements. See Rules 1.7(c) and 1.7(d). (Tournament sponsors may restrict competition to residents of certain areas; members of certain groups; competitors in certain classification groups; etc., provided such restriction is plainly stated in program).

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

List amount of tournament registration fee to be charged each competitor, what it entitles such as brassard, competitor number, etc. and a copy of the Official Bulletin.

**ENTRY FEE:**

State amount per match (team and individual).

**ENTRIES:**

List name and address of person to whom entries should be mailed.

**ENTRIES CLOSE:**

State date and time.

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**POST ENTRIES:**

Show that Post Entries will or will not be accepted, closing time and fee.

**ENTRY LIMIT:**

State number of entries that will be accepted.

**FIRING STARTS:**

State hour first relay of first match will begin each day.

**CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITORS:**

See General Regulations. If NRA Classification System is not used or if classes are combined, list details.

**AWARDS:**

List schedule of awards for individual and team matches. Specify method, time and place of issuing awards.

**MATCH SCHEDULE AND CONDITIONS:**

Give complete details on course of fire, type of sights, rifle or pistol, caliber of firearm, any special conditions approved for the tournament such as time limits less than maximum, etc.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

List eating facilities, housing facilities, etc.

**APPENDIX  
GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR**

## NRA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

*Tournament sponsors must follow these Regulations as directed by Rule 1.4. They provide standard procedures required for the sanctioning of NRA Tournaments, establishing of fee structures, awards, reporting, cancellation, NRA membership requirements and other items involved with NRA Sanctioned Tournaments, both Registered and Approved.*

### A. GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING NRA APPROVED TOURNAMENTS

**1. SANCTION OF NRA APPROVED TOURNAMENTS:** To obtain approval of tournaments the following steps must be taken by the sponsoring organization in advance of the tournament date.

- (a) Send your completed application and draft copies of your completed programs. **BOTH IN DUPLICATE**; a minimum of **30 days** in advance of tournament date.
- (b) If the above is not done, the NRA reserves the right to cancel its sanction of the tournament.
- (c) In order to be listed “once” in the “Coming Events” section of *Shooting Sports USA* your applications and programs must be sanctioned by the Competition Division by the 15th of the month, two months before the month of issue. If you desire publicity in more than one issue (up to a maximum of 10 months), an additional month’s notice must be allowed for each monthly listing.

**2. GRANTING OF “APPROVED” SANCTION:** As soon as the tournament is granted Approved sanction, one copy of the signed application, an Official Sanction Poster, and a corrected (if necessary) copy of the draft program will be returned to the sponsor. These items provide the authority to the sponsor to conduct the tournament. All changes and information provided in the approved draft program must appear in the final printed program. No major changes in courses of fire, number of matches, etc., may be made unless NRA is notified. This may be done in writing if time permits, or by including a copy of the Match Director’s Bulletin which makes the changes with the final results of the tournament.

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**3. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** If a tournament is canceled, NRA must be notified immediately.

**4. CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITORS:** The NRA Classification System may be used, but is not required.

**5. COURSES OF FIRE IN APPROVED TOURNAMENTS FOR CLASSIFICATION USE:** Courses of fire which may be used for classification are listed in Rule 19.4. It is not required that these specific courses of fire be used in Approved Tournaments, but, if the scores are to be used for classification, they must be used.

**6. AWARDS:** All awards are furnished by the sponsor. The minimum award schedule must include only the Tournament Winner, that person/team firing the highest score regardless of classification or category. The method, time, and place of issuance of awards is at the option of the sponsor with due notice to the competitors in the Tournament Program.

#### **7. ENTRY FEES:**

- (a) *NRA Registration Fee:* A fee per competitor is charged by the NRA for Approved Tournaments.
- (b) *Sponsor Entry Fees:* The amount of these fees is determined by the sponsor, and must be stated in the program separately from the NRA Registration Fees.

**8. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS COMPETITORS:** All Officials of an NRA Approved Tournament (except Supervisor) may compete in that

tournament.

**9. OFFICIAL SUPERVISOR:** The Official Supervisor may NOT compete in the Tournament in which he has agreed to act as Supervisor. See Rule 11.3.

**10. NRA MEMBERSHIP:** NRA membership is not required for participation in NRA Approved Tournaments. However, sponsors may elect to restrict those persons entering the tournament to NRA members only, if they wish to do so.

**11. REPORTS TO NRA:** The Match Director is responsible for making certain that the following reports are forwarded to NRA within 30 days of firing. See Rule 19.13.

- (a) An SR-1A (International) card for each competitor showing the total number of shots fired in individual matches and a total score; and total number of shots fired in Fired Team Matches, and the total score of fired team match(es). The NRA membership ID number must be indicated on each card for classified competitors and NRA members who are not yet classified. Score Reporting cards are available free of charge upon request in packs of 50.
- (b) A Registration Fee Reporting Form, and remittance per competitor.
- (c) A copy of any special Match Director's Bulletins.

## **B. GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING NRA REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS**

The following regulations are established to provide standard procedures for all Registered Tournaments except Regional, Sectional, and National Championships, State, Championships MUST be approved and recognized by the State Association (Rule 1.6).

74 **1. SANCTION OF NRA REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS:** To obtain approval of tournaments, the following steps must be taken by the sponsoring organization in advance of the tournament date.

- (a) Send your completed applications and draft copies of your completed programs. BOTH IN DUPLICATE, a minimum of **45 days** in advance of your tournament date.
- (b) If the above is not done, the NRA reserves the right to cancel its sanction of the tournament.
- (c) In order to be listed "once" in the "Coming Events" section of *Shooting Sports USA* your application and programs must be sanctioned by the Competitions Division by the 15th of the month, two months before the month of issue. If you desire publicity in more than one issue (up to a maximum of 10 months), an additional month's notice must be allowed for each monthly listing.

**2. GRANTING OF "REGISTERED" SANCTION:** As soon as the tournament is granted Registered sanction, one copy of the signed application, program, and an Official Sanction Poster, will be returned to the sponsor. In cases where a Referee is assigned, the Official Poster will be mailed after the Referee assignment is made, and the sponsor will be notified of the identity of the Referee at the same time. All changes and information provided in the approved draft program must appear in the final printed program. No major changes such as courses of fire, number of matches, etc., may be made unless NRA is notified. This may be done in writing if time permits, or by including a copy of the Match Director's Bulletin which makes the changes with the final results of the tournament.

**3. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** If a tournament is canceled, NRA must be notified immediately. Note: UPON CANCELLATION OF A TOURNAMENT, IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT SHOOTING SPORTS USA LISTING WILL CONTINUE FOR ONE MONTH. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REMOVE A TOURNAMENT FROM THE LISTING AFTER IT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PRINTER.

**4. CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITORS:** The NRA Classification or Category System must be used in Registered Tournaments. Sponsors may use an expanded classification system when large numbers of marksman or unclassified competitors are entered. (Samples are available from NRA Junior Programs Office.)

**5. COURSES OF FIRE IN REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS, NATIONAL RECORDS AND CLASSIFICATIONS:** National Records may be set only in Registered Tournaments using courses of fire specified in Rule 17.5. Courses of fire which are used for classification are specified in Rule 19.4.

**6. AWARDS:** All awards are furnished by the sponsor. The method, time and place of issuance of awards is at the option of the sponsor with due notice to the competitor in the Tournament Program. In Registered Tournaments, the minimum award schedule must consist of the following:

- (a) *Individual Match Awards Required:*
  1. **Winner** in each individual fired match and in each aggregate, awarded to the competitor with the highest total score. Match winners may not receive a class award, but must be counted in with other members of that class to determine the number of class awards.
  2. **High Scoring Competitor** in each class in each match. Classes may be combined because of low entry, but the manner in which such combinations are made must be clearly stated in the program.
- (b) *Team Awards Required:* (if there are team matches in the program) Winning Team of each team match the team firing highest total score in the match.

**7. ENTRY FEES:**

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- (a) *NRA Registration Fee:* A fee per competitor is charged by the NRA for Registered Tournaments.

*Sponsor Entry Fees:* The amount of these fees is determined by the sponsor and must be stated in the program separately from the NRA Registration Fees.

**8. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS COMPETITORS:** The Match Director, Deputy Match Director, Chief Range Officer, Chief Statistical Officer and Chief Pit Officer (where applicable) may NOT compete in a tournament at which they are officiating. Rule 11 covers specific duties of Tournament Officials.

**9. NRA REFEREE:** An NRA Official Referee will be assigned by NRA to all State, Sectional and Regional Championships. Other Registered Tournaments will have a 3-member Jury appointed by the Match Director. See Rule 11.2.1.

**NRA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED:** NRA membership is encouraged, but not required of all competitors in a Registered Tournament.

**10. REPORTS TO NRA:** The Match Director is responsible for making certain that the following reports are forwarded to NRA within 30 days of firing. See Rule 19.13.

- (a) An SR-1A (International) card for each competitor, showing the total number of shots fired in individual matches and a total score; the total number of shots fired in Fired Team Matches and the total score of the fired team match(es). The NRA membership ID number must be indicated on each card. Score Reporting Cards are available free of charge on request in packs of 50.
- (b) A registration fee reporting form, and remittance per competitor.
- (c) A copy of any special Match Director's Bulletins.
- (d) A completed National Record Reporting form, even if no National

Records were set.

- (e) Two complete sets of “Official Final Results Bulletin of Standings” for the tournament.

**11. FINAL RESULTS BULLETIN:** A copy of the Official FINAL RESULTS BULLETIN must be sent within 30 days to each competitor participating in the tournament.

*“Note: The requirement to get the Final Results Bulletin to competitors within 30 days may be met by posting the results on the internet web site, provided competitors can download and/or print a paper copy. Sponsors who post electronic results will provide the competitors with the web site address and must provide a paper copy to competitors upon request.”*

## NRA QUALIFICATION SHOOTING

Shooters always like some means by which they can measure their ability and progress. Whether the shooting is done at home, at the club range or in a tournament, there is greater satisfaction in achieving a previously set goal than just practicing. There are qualification courses for many types of shooting with fine awards within the reach of every shooter.

For specific information, direct your questions to the NRA Education and Training Division, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

## THE DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL SHOOTER BADGE (CMP)

76 The United States Distinguished International Shooter Badge is awarded by the Civilian Marksmanship Program to members of United States Shooting Teams under the provisions of Army Regulation 672-5-1, as changed in the Olympic Games, World Shooting Championships, World Moving Target Championships, World Air Gun Championships, Pan American Games and the Championships of the Americas. Requests for eligibility requirements should be addressed to the Director, Civilian Marksmanship Program, Erie Industrial Park, Bldg. 650, P.O. Box 576, Port Clinton, OH 43452-0576.

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