



**RANGE AND BUTTS OFFICERS  
PRESENTERS PAPER**

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## INTRODUCTION

### PURPOSE

Purpose of this document is to assist Presenters in deciding which topics they should cover when delivering the course and to provide course participants with an understanding of the scope of the course.

### OBJECTIVE

To provide range instructions and safety precautions necessary for the safe and efficient conduct of shooting, and to increase general awareness and knowledge of the rules of shooting.

### QUALIFICATIONS

All NRAA members should be accredited range officers at club level.

Applicants for Prize meeting and State level Range Officers should be voluntary, self-motivated persons selected on the basis of their ability to carry out the responsibilities of a Range or Butts Officer.

### TRAINING

- Attend necessary lectures
- Satisfactorily complete an assignment test paper
- Satisfactorily demonstrate under the supervision of an accrediting officer, their ability to control and conduct competitions

### SUBJECTS

- Safety Rules and competitions
- Rifles, shooting aids and shooting procedures
- Rules for scorers and tie regulations
- Offences, penalties, protests and appeals
- Uniform grading, target dimensions
- Team Shooting, National Teams Championships

## CLUB CAPTAINS and RANGE OFFICERS

1. Ensure Standard Shooting Rules are implemented
2. Be aware of their State Firearm Regulations
3. Be aware of Range Standing Orders

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **EXECUTIVE**

The executive committee is the body elected in accordance with the constitution of the promoting body to prepare and conduct rifle shooting competitions.

### **PROGRAM**

The executive committee may prepare a shooting program, prize lists, or other shooting conditions, in order to meet special or unforeseen circumstances.

### **COMPETITIONS**

All competitions shall take place under the directions of the executive committee.

### **RANGE OFFICER**

The executive committee may appoint a chief range officer, executive officer or both and such range officers, butts officers as may be necessary to control and supervise such competitions.

### **RULES**

The executive committee shall be the sole interpreter of the meaning and scope of the shooting rules and the rules and conditions governing the matches and of the extent to which they apply.

### **APPEALS**

The executive committee shall hear and determine protests and appeals in the manner laid down in the by-laws of the state association.

### **PROTEST**

The executive committee shall meet as soon as possible after a protest or appeal has been lodged to consider the same.

### **PREPARATION**

The executive committee shall, prior to the commencement of competition appoint suitably qualified personnel to carry out the following duties.

#### **Range**

Employment of all range staff including markers. Range preparation, target preparation, toilets, blackboards and chalk, master board and staff to man.

#### **Office**

Office staff, score cards, trophies, badges, stats, caterer

#### **Day of competition**

Erect all necessary danger and wind flags prior to commencement of shoot and remove all flags at conclusion of shoot.

Clean up range at end of shoot.

Provide escort for VIP's and visitors

Presentation of trophies, badges etc.

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## COMPETITORS

### ENTRY

The competitor should arrive at the range in good time to lodge an entry, with membership card and shooters licence, and be at the firing point, with all necessary equipment, in order to take his place in the firing order.

### FIRING ORDER

Any competitor after the first may take his place on the firing mound in his allotted order immediately it becomes vacant.

### ALL CLEAR

Each competitor must be prepared to commence his shoot when given the “All Clear” by the scorer.

### ATTENTION

The competitor must, after firing a shot, pay attention to the score called by the scorer.

### OBJECTION

Objection must be taken to a signalled shot before the next shot is fired, otherwise the value marked shall be deemed to have been accepted and no subsequent objection, protest, or discussion in respect thereof will be allowed.

### SAFETY

On completion of his shoot the competitor will remove the bolt from his rifle on retiring from the mound present the breech of the rifle to the scorers so that they can verify that the chamber of the rifle is empty.

### SCORING

The competitor should return to the firing point as quickly as possible in order to ascertain that his score has been correctly recorded, including addition, sign card, then take up the duties of Check Scorer.

There may be some alterations to this procedure if electronic targets are being used. Such changes are at the discretion of the Committee and must be clearly communicated to the competitor.

## SCORERS

### CORRECT CARD

Make sure that the card you are about to score on is the correct card, **CHECK WITH THE COMPETITOR.**

### ALL CLEAR

Give competitor “ALL CLEAR” and enter start time on card.

### TARGET

Scorer shall watch the target as a shot is fired and note the position of the value disc and the location and colour of the spotter on the target with the aid of a telescope or binoculars. With electronic targets the scorer will watch for the shot to be fired and record the result as shown on the monitor.

### SCORERS

Scorer will call and record each shot as it is signalled and ensure that the check scorer acknowledges each call by repeating the shot value.

### TIME LIMITS

Scorer shall warn the competitor THREE minutes prior to the end of his time limit.

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## **OVERTIME**

The scorer shall place a ring around all shots fired after the end of the time limit, and notify the range officer.

## **FINISH TIME**

As each competitor completes the number of shots allowed in the competition, the scorer shall enter the finishing time on the card.

## **FINAL SCORE**

Scorer and check scorer shall total the score on the score card and blackboard respectively, check accuracy of the score then sign card only after checking breech of rifle to verify that it is empty. When using electronic targets and if there is no check-scorer the scorer and shooter will check the accuracy of the score against the monitor then check the rifle and sign the card

## **SIGNING CARD**

The act of signing the score-card shall constitute acceptance of responsibility for verification that the chamber of the rifle is empty.

## **BUTTS OFFICERS**

### **RULES**

Chief Butts Officers and Butts Officers shall make themselves thoroughly familiar with SSR's.

### **STARTING TIME**

. Butts officers should be in the Butts at least 30-45 minutes before the shoot is to commence

### **PROGRAM**

Butts Officers should have a program of the competition, a list of target requirements, a list of markers names.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Have sufficient value discs, bullet gauges, patches, spotters, bullseyes, paste and necessary tools and material for target repairs.

### **PHONES**

Check all phones and radios, to make sure they are working correctly.

### **WATER**

Good supply of clean drinking water for markers

### **MARKERS**

Butts Officers should carefully and tactfully impress on every marker the extreme importance of accurate marking and point out what a mistake might mean to a competitor making it clear that the prompt admission and correction of a mistake is regarded as a sign of good marking and is appreciated by all.

### **REMOVAL OF SPOTTER**

Instruct markers not to remove spotter until they have found another shot hole.

### **SHOTS TOUCHING THE LINE**

Draw the markers attention to shots touching the dividing line and impress on them the need to consult when in doubt.

### **TWO HITS**

Instruct markers that in the event of finding two hits on the target, he will signal the highest value and spot both hits.

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## EXAMINE

Instruct markers that on no account, unless he is satisfied the target has been hit, lower the target to examine for a shot hole, unless requested to do so by the Butts Officer.

## MISTAKES

Instruct markers that if they have made a mistake they must HALF MAST their target at once so as to prevent further firing and report the matter to the Butts Officer who will correct the mistake by telephone.

## CHALLENGE

On every challenge being received in the Butts the named target will be lowered only in the presence of the Butts Officer who shall personally examine the target, in addition to being signalled by the marker, the result of each challenge will be verified by telephone or radio.

## MESSAGES

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### Message

- 1 Examine target for a hit.
- 2 No spotting disc is visible.
- 3 Spotting disc disagrees with value signalled. Examine target and re-signal correct value of that shot.
- 4 Competitor has asked for the target to be checked for another shot. If no other shot is found the original shot and value will be signalled
- 5 Competitor has challenged and claims a hit although none has been marked
- 6 Competitor has challenged and claims a value other than that which has been marked.
- 7 Competitor requires target to be examined and returned clean before firing. If a shot hole is found , it is to be patched out **without being signalled**. If the competitor has challenged the target for this purpose, the Butts Office shall be so advised.
- 8 Marking is too slow – Hasten. [Butts Officer should tactfully try to find the reason].
- 9 Dummy too low – Raise.
- 10 Target too low – Raise.
- 11 Scorer has missed marking – re-signal value.

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**Butts Officers shall also personally examine targets on receipt of messages 3,4,5,6**

## YELLOW FLAG

On receipt of any message whereby the Butts Officers is required to personally examine a target, he shall indicate his presence by displaying a yellow flag above the mantelet in front of the target.

## STORAGE

At the conclusion of the days competition the Butts Officer will make sure that all targets are stored correctly and the target gallery is clean and secure.

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## **RANGE OFFICER**

### **ARRIVAL**

- Report to the secretary and obtain a program of the shoot
- Check starting times, special notes
- Check Number of targets required for shoot
- Check Position of targets on range, groups etc
- Check Visitors, VIP's
- Check Final Day presentation
- Check Name of Executive Officer
- Check where the Executive meeting area is
- Collect range equipment, radios, phones, chalk etc

### **RANGE STAFF**

- Introduce yourself
- What are his/her requirements
- Safety areas, zero range
- Notify starting times
- Notify when shooting has finished
- End of competition thank range staff

### **ASSISTANT RANGE OFFICER**

- Arrange meeting
- Information regarding program
- Assign work areas
- Butts Officer to arrange own staff

### **CATERER**

- Give approximate lunch break times during shoot notify of any alterations to times

### **PREPARATION**

- Number of targets required
- What Groups
- Position of flag lines
- Target moves at each range for competitors

### **EQUIPMENT**

- Identification – Red/Yellow Jacket, Name Tag, stop watch, whistle, loud hailer, cards, trigger weight, base, level, scales, live round extractor, broken case extractor, trigger test stamp, pad and pens, pencils, challenge receipt book, ammo sampling bags etc.

### **START TIME**

- **Address to competitors to include:**
  - Start on time, time table program alterations, task sheets, warnings light triggers, rifle weights, ammunition checks, attention to scoring, penalties for not scoring, start and finish time on cards, scoring area clear, address markers when using competitor marking, announcements before and after marker change.



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## **COMMENCE SHOOT**

- CRO will order “targets up”, “First competitors ready” (min 2 mins).
- If using electronic targets the targets will already be up so CRO will take the red flag from the mound and then call “First competitors ready”
- After two minutes expires the Range Officer will order “Commence firing when ready”.
- Competitors will be allowed a maximum of three minutes preparation time from this order, before their allocated time begins. If a competitor commences shooting before the three minutes preparation time has elapsed then the allocated time will commence from the first shot fired.
- Note: any subsequent competitor in the squad must be allowed 5 minutes preparation time from when their spot on the mound becomes vacant.

## **RANGE OFFICER**

- Allot targets for next range, trigger tests, weigh rifles, supervise ammunition checks
- Five minute warning on marker change
- Allow gear on mound during marker change, no rifles
- Balance targets so that all finish approximately same time
- Notify Butts Officer of all changes taking place

## **NEXT RANGE**

- Start shoot
- Range or aggregate winners, shoot offs

## **FINAL RANGE**

- Before commencing check on presentation time
- Arrange to alter program if necessary
- At conclusion of shooting inform butts staff and thank them for their efforts
- Return all equipment to the office
- Arrange chairing of the winner

## **COMMENTS**

- Courteous treatment of competitors
- Try to make quick accurate decisions
- Be Firm but Fair
- Be aware of competitors trying to use you
- Wet weather conditions

## **AMMUNITION**

- Ammunition testing SSR Chapter 2
- Ammunition officer, ammunition testing officer
- Numbered Receipt book, register, felt pen, sealable clear plastic bags, stapler
- Ammunition report forms, pick up area

## **METHOD**

- Randomly collect rounds from competitors. Care should be taken not to disturb competitors during their shoot
- Check with scorers as to correct name and club on the competitor whom you are about to select a round from, enter name etc. in register
- Make out receipt, select round, write receipt number on round with felt pen
- Place round in plastic bag, seal and staple shut
- Give competitor the receipt along with instructions on where to pick up his tested round
- Ammunition officer to personally deliver rounds to testing officer without indicating whose round is being tested.
- If found suspect, rounds will be confiscated and delivered to the State Associations office along with the ammunition report.

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## LIVE ROUNDS

- Equipment - Live round extractor, broken case extractor, live rounds, stuck cases, broken cases may be removed while the competitor is on the mound, provided they can be removed without disturbing other competitors. Cleaning rods may only be used to remove **fired** stuck cases.

## TRIGGER TEST (For F-Open, FTR )

- Safe trigger. A trigger will be deemed “safe” if the sear engages on each occasion when the bolt is slowly and gently closed three times in succession with the barrel pointing upwards.
- Before commencement of shooting on the day, the scorer must witness the competitor undergoing a ‘vigorous cycling’ test on his firearm and so mark the scoring card whether passed or failed.

## TRIGGER TEST (For target Rifle and F-Standard)

- Trigger testing will be carried out randomly or for all shooters
- Before commencement of shooting on the day, the scorer must witness the competitor undergoing a ‘vigorous cycling’ test on his firearm and so mark the scoring card whether passed or failed.
- The trigger weight should be on a firm flat level base in an area sheltered from wind
- Ask competitor if he wishes to do test himself or have someone else do it, as per SSR’s, Chapter 3

## LIFTING

- Each lift of the weight should be from alternate sides of the trigger.
- If the trigger fails to lift the weight after three tries, the competitor may accept the decision or have the Range Officer retain the rifle and not more than ten minutes and not less than five minutes later, test the trigger once more only.

## FAILURE

- Should the trigger fail the test, the value of one shot will be taken from the score at the range where infringement occurred.

## RE-TEST

- When doing test make sure the competitor has score card when retaining rifle.
- Mark time of re-test and competitors target number on the back of the card and place with rifle.

## RIFLE WEIGHT

- The weight of a target rifle with all attachments shall not exceed 7.0 kg excluding the sling.
- The weight of an F-open rifle with all attachments shall not exceed 10kg.
- The weight of an F-Standard rifle shall not exceed 8.5kg without bipod or 10.5kg with bipod attached provided that the rifle without bipod is under 8.5kg.
- The weight of an FTR rifle shall not exceed 8.25 kg with bipod attached.
- Scales should be on a firm flat level base in an area sheltered from wind.

## OPTIONAL SHOTS

- In all cases that are not the fault of the competitor, where shooting is interrupted for a period of not less than three minutes any competitor who has not completed their shoot, shall on resuming be granted an optional shot.
- In the event of two or more shots spotted on the target at the same time, the competitor shall be entitled to claim the shot of the higher value shown and shall be entitled to an optional shot.
- the competitor shall be entitled to an optional shot from the first sighter to the last shot of the completed stage [i.e. if two hits on first sighter, have an optional then 2<sup>nd</sup> sighter.]
- When an optional shot is fired and the target is marked and returned, the competitor may exercise their option to include the shot valued in their score, or discard the shot and fire another.

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## **DISCLAIM SHOT**

- A competitor may disclaim any shot at any time providing he does so immediately his target appears above the mantelet.
- The Range Officer who will have butts lower target and search target for another hit.
- If none is found, the Butts will show the shot and value of the original shot.

## **MOVING TARGET**

- If at the moment a competitor fires, his target moves in such a manner to falsify the result of his shot, the range officer may allow the competitor another shot.

## **PROTESTS**

### **WHILE FIRING**

While a competitor is still firing he must lodge his protest to a range officer on the spot who will decide the matter at once.

### **DISPUTED**

If a decision is disputed by a competitor, or other aggrieved persons, or not disposed on the spot, the competitor shall complete his shoot under protest.

### **IN WRITING**

The competitor may lodge a protest, which shall be put in writing in simple terms and handed to the CRO with a deposit of \$20.00 and he will transmit the same to the Executive Committee for attention.

### **RANGE OFFICER**

Where protest relates to any decision of a range officer that officer shall make a written report of the circumstances and hand to the CRO to accompany the protest.

### **EXECUTIVE**

The Executive Committee shall hear and determine the protest in the manner laid down by the By-laws of the respective State Association.

### **DEPOSIT**

If the committee allows the protest or disallows it but considers the competitor had reasonable grounds for making it, then the deposit will be returned.

### **DECISION**

Decision of the committee shall be properly recorded and made known to the competitor in writing.

## **TIE REGULATIONS**

### **TOTAL SCORE**

Ties occur when two or more competitors or teams in the same competition register the same total score.

### **QUEENS AGGREGATE**

A shoot off will take place to decide tied scores in a Queens aggregate, principal aggregates or where specifically laid down in the conditions of the match or for places in any stage which will entitle the competitor to compete in a later stage.

### **TIES**

All other ties shall be counted out.

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## COUNT OUT

At one distance only by the value of each successively commencing with the last.  
More than one distance by range totals in order of distances commencing with the last, but where the aggregate consists of two or more matches at the same distance, counting out shall in the first place be determined by match totals in the order fired from last to first.

## TIES IN TEAM SHOTS

Where each shot is separately marked:

1. Ties will be shot off after the close of the competition concerned wherever possible and central bullseyes will be marked
2. When ties are shot off as above, the competitors involved will be notified by the CRO at once

## CONDUCTING A SHOOT OFF

### INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPETITORS

1. Draw for targets
2. Instruct competitors that they are shooting under the **45 second rule**. Instruct competitors that no further warning will be given and any shot where 45 seconds is exceeded will be discounted and scored as a miss.
3. When given the order to fire, they will fire two convertible sighters and five counting shots and continue to fire until told to CEASE FIRE by the range officer

### **45 SECONDS PER SHOT RULE**

1. A competitor will fire each shot during a period of 45 seconds from the time a target is "All Clear" commencing from the moment the scorer calls "Carry On" preceded by his name.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO SCORERS AND CHECK SCORERS

1. Arrange cards for scorers and blackboards for check scorers
2. Remind scorers of the "45 Second per shot rule"
3. "Tie Shots", two optional sighters and if converted are to be counted in the score.
4. Any additional shots are to be recorded under the tie shots, Central Bulls are to be scored.

### **EXAMPLE OF TIE SHOTS**

S	S	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL SCORE
5	V	5	5	4			24.1

or

X	6	6	X	5			29.2
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[Optional sighters kept + 3 extra shots = 5 counting shots]

### **COMMENCE SHOOT OFF**

Stop and eliminate any competitor at the end of Five Tie Shots, if their total score is less than any other firer shooting off Allow any other shooter who has completed their tie shots to continue shooting until all other competitors are eliminated.

### **ADDITIONAL SHOTS**

Stop and eliminate any competitor who scores a shot of lower value than any other shooting off, centre bulls having higher value than bullseyes.

### **BUTTS OFFICER**

Make sure that the butts officer is present during the shoot off.

### **SAFETY**

Check each competitor's rifle before they leave the firing mound.

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## **ELECTRONIC TARGETS**

- If there are to be no personnel in the butts area then Range Standing Orders will define how RO is to ensure that area is clear.
- Advise that no empty shells are to be taken onto the mound. This assists RO if there is a dispute over number of shots fired.
- Monitors should only be cleared by scorer after there is agreement about score.
- Competitors should not fire next shot until scorer has called the previous shot. Competitors must pay attention to scorers.
- Scorers must be vigilant about watching the monitor in case an extra shot appears.
- Checkscorers are optional but blackboards should be maintained with competitor names and range score.
- Competitors cannot use their mobile phones or their own computers on the mound as monitors whilst firing.
- If a shot does not record then the RO has discretion and may decide that the competitor has missed the target or that the target has malfunctioned in which case an extra shot will be awarded. RO needs to carefully consider decision and extra shot should only be awarded if it is **probable** that the target malfunctioned. Be aware that once one extra shot has been awarded then that target is now suspect. In any case normal protest rules apply to protect the competitor.

## **TEAMS COMPETITIONS**

### **TIME LIMIT**

Team shoots will be for an overall time limit set by the rules of the competition.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Time limit will be announced by the RO when the match is about to commence.

### **ELAPSED TIME**

RO shall announce the elapsed time periodically, but not more often than every 15 minutes until the last 15 minutes when the time left shall be announced at 5 minute intervals.

### **EXTRATIME**

RO may allow extra time if there has been exceptional delay not caused by team members.

### **RIFLES**

Team members may change rifles at any time but must keep the same calibre within any one range. More than one team member may shoot with the same rifle.,

### **VISITS TO MOUND**

Team members may complete their shoot in one or more visits to the mound, provided they do not fire more than the allotted number of shots allowed.

### **TARGETS**

Team Captain can use all targets allotted to him in order to complete the shoot of one or more team members.

### **DURATION**

During a period of 30 minutes prior to the starting time laid down for the competition on that day, and the end of the competition of that day, no team member shall be engaged in any other shooting whatsoever except at the zero range.

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## **OFFENCES WARRANTING EXCLUSION FROM COMPETITION**

- Any competitor or other person who deliberately fires at another competitors target, fires when danger signals appear or during cease fire.
- Discharges a firearm on an authorised rifle range except in accordance with the SSR's.
- For want of proper care, discharges his rifle accidentally unless such discharge is the result of a defect in the rifle.
- Is found with a loaded firearm except on the firing mound when actually engaged in a competition or practice.
- Acts in any way that may prove dangerous.
- Is in possession of a loaded firearm while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- While acting as a scorer or check scorer fails to verify that the chamber of a competitors rifle is empty with the result that the rifle is subsequently accidentally discharged.

### **PENALTY**

- Any competitor or other person upon the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee shall be excluded from all further competitions at the meeting where the offence occurs and forfeit all his entry fees.

## **WARRANTING DISQUALIFICATION**

Any competitor or other person who:

1. Fires in any name other than his own as a competitor
2. Knowingly shoots for a prize or in a team for which he is not qualified under the rules
3. Alters or makes any erasure on a score card with intent to falsify the score.
4. Offers a bribe of any kind to any person in any way involved in a competition under any pretence whatsoever
5. Being aware of any attempt to defraud the promoting body fails to report the same with due diligence
6. Conducts himself in a manner considered to be discreditable to rifle shooting or unbecoming a competitor
7. Fires twice at one exposure of his target without having the first shot recorded as a miss
8. Under any circumstances knowingly claims or accepts points which he has not made, or connives at such conduct on the part of another competitor
9. Uses a rifle other than that approved for use under the rules
10. Is coached by another person or coaches a competitor except when permitted by the conditions of the match
11. Uses ammunition not in accordance with Rule 3 Part 5 Chapter 111
12. Interferes with factory produced ammunition in any way other than cleaning
13. Tamper with his rifle in any way with a view to obtaining an unfair advantage.

### **PENALTY**

Forfeit all his entry fees and prize money and be subject to disqualification for the meeting during which the offence occurred and for such period (if any) as the Council or Executive Committee decides and may also as part of the penalty have the circumstances reported to such other promoting bodies as may be deemed advisable.

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## **WARRANTING PENALTIES**

### **WARRANTING MONETARY**

Any competitor or other person who :

1. Fails to obey the orders of a range officer
2. Leaves the bolt in his rifle contrary to the safety rules
3. Arrives late at the firing point for the commencement of a competition
4. In addition to Para (B) contravenes any other Safety Rule
5. Deleted
6. While acting as a scorer or check scorer fails to verify that the chamber of a competitors rifle is empty in the manner prescribed by Rule 4, Part 1, Chapter 11 of these rules.

### **PENALTY**

May be fined up to \$10.00 for each offence by the CRO or be reported to the Executive Committee which, on the offence being proved may penalise the competitor in any manner considered just in the circumstances with a maximum penalty of \$100.00.

### **WARRANTING DEDUCTION OF SCORE**

Any competitor who;

1. Uses an overweight rifle
2. Uses a rifle which fails to pass the trigger test

### **PENALTY**

Shall incur a deduction of the value of one shot from his score at the distance at which the infringement was detected.

Any subsequent offence detected during the continuance of the meeting shall result in the entire score at that distance being forfeited.

### **SUSPENSION**

The penalty for not conforming to the NRAA criteria for ammunition.

### **PENALTY**

First offence - 1 year suspension and following reinstatement of membership

Second offence - life suspension.

### **APPEAL**

The Governing Body on appeal shall have the power to vary, mitigate or remit any of the penalties laid down in Chapter X or elsewhere in these rules and the decision of the Governing Body shall be final and binding on all parties to the dispute.

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## **GRADING**

The national grading system will be used to determine the grade of any competitor. These grades are listed on the NRAA website and provide averages and gradings as A, B, C for target rifle and A, B for F-Standard Rifle

## **DIVISION SYSTEM**

The object is to provide a flexible system in which competitors are divided according to ability into divisions of as nearly as practicable equal numbers.

As a guide where the number of competitors exceeds 100 there should be four divisions.

Between 51 and 100 there should be three divisions

From 50 or less there should be two divisions



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## **MATCH RIFLE**

### **DISTANCES**

Match rifle competitions will be shot over distances of 1000, 1100, 1200 yards or 900, 1000 and 1100 metres.

### **CLASSES**

Open Class: open to all competitors, match ammunition not mandatory.

Reserve Class: limited to NRAA B and C Grade competitors, match ammunition not mandatory

### **MATCH RIFLE**

Rifle: Any rifle suitable for firing the 7.62 x 51mm NATO or 308 Winchester cartridge of standard dimensions.

The barrel shall not exceed 2.5kg in weight, muzzle brakes are not permitted.

### **TRIGGER PULL**

Minimum weight 1.0kg

### **SIGHTS**

Any sight including magnifying or telescopic.

### **AMMUNITION**

Any type of ammunition including handloads, using the standard 7.62 x 51mm NATO cases or standard 308 Winchester case is permitted.

### **AIDS**

Any position is allowed, subject to conditions, providing such position is not considered to be either unsuitable to the firing point and the target arrangements or dangerous.

The back position is permitted only in Match Rifle competitions.

Match Rifle competitors may use a rest, which must not touch the rifle, to support the forward hand or forearm. The rifle butt must not rest on the ground.

**Range officers must be especially vigilant for signs of “excessive pressure” in this discipline**

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## **DRUG POLICY**

### **POSITION**

The NRAA Limited recognises the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) as the responsible body for the control and detection of drug taking in our sport.

### **ASADA**

The NRAA recognises that the ASADA may select any competitor to provide a sample who,

1. Is selected to compete for Australia in an International sporting event
2. Competes in an international sporting event in Australia
3. Is a possible selection to compete for Australia
4. Receives Commonwealth support either directly or through the NRAA
5. Uses Commonwealth facilities
6. Has recorded a positive test result and is currently under suspension by his State Association or NRAA
7. Is a member of the NRAA which has contracted with ASADA for drug testing its members.

### **SAMPLES**

A member may be selected to provide any number of samples for drug testing in a year, whether in or out of competition.

### **SANCTIONS**

Competitors found guilty of committing a doping practice shall be ineligible for membership, of funding, by holding office in, presenting, or competing in events and competitions conducted under these rules and shall be suspended for a period of two years for the first offence with life suspension for a subsequent offence.

### **MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of individual members to be free of prohibited drugs as published by the Australian Sports Drug Agency and should any doubt exist as to the taking of permissible drugs for health purposes members are advised to use the ASADA hotline for advice.