

1. NRA COMPETITION

1.0 NRA Competition - Competition which is authorized in advance of firing by the National Rifle Association. 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, or successive days, or may provide for 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 1.7 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) *International Matches* - Arranged by the NRA with the recognized national shooting organization(s) of the countries concerned. The officials thereof are appointed by the NRA.
- (b) *International Team Tryouts* - Are U.S. tournaments conducted under NRA Rules organized or authorized by the NRA as preliminary or final tryouts for the selection of International Team members. The officials thereof are appointed by the NRA.
- (c) *National Championships* - Organized by the NRA, and in some cases in conjunction with the Civilian Marksmanship Program, to form the National Matches. The officials thereof are appointed by the NRA, in some circumstances in cooperation with the CMP. These tournaments will be Registered.
- (d) *Regional and Sectional Championships* - Arranged between the NRA and a local sponsoring organization. These tournaments will be Registered.
- (e) *State Championships* - Annual tournaments authorized and/or conducted by State Rifle and/or Pistol Associations, affiliated with the NRA. Such State Associations 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.
- (f) *Registered Tournaments* - May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the local organization which will act as the sponsor. Application forms are available from NRA on request. National Records may only be established in Registered Tournaments. (See Rule 17.1).
- (g) *Approved Tournaments* - May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the local organization which will act as the sponsor. Application forms are available from NRA on request.
- (h) *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.

- (i) *Postal Matches* - Organized by the NRA and publicized to groups concerned through Shooting Sports USA announcements and special mailings.
- (j) *Special Tournaments* - May be Sanctioned by NRA for types of shooting not otherwise a part of the NRA Program.
- (k) *State and Senior Games* - Tournaments which are part of the State and Senior Games 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.

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 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, 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; 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.
- (d) Blank
- (e) 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.
- (f) Classified Match - A match in which awards are given to the winners and the highest competitors in several specified classes, such as Masters, Experts, Sharpshooters, and 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.
- (g) Invitational Match - A match in which participation is limited to those who have been invited to compete.
- (h) Squaddled Individual Match - A match in which each competitor is assigned a definite relay and target, or shooting position(s), by the Statistical Office. Failure to report on the 3 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.
- (i) Unsquaddled Individual Match - A match in which the competitor is not assigned a definite relay or target, or shooting position(s), 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.
- (j) 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.
- (k) Squaddled Team Match - A match in which the teams are assigned a definite time to fire. Teams may be assigned one or more adjacent targets or shooting position(s). All entries must be made before firing commences in that match. The entire team must report and fire as a unit.
- (l) Unsquaddled 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 or shooting position(s) being assigned by the Range Officer. The

entire team must report and fire as a unit, unless the program provides otherwise.

(m) Aggregate Match - An aggregate of the 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.

1.8 Course of Fire - Course of fire shall be determined by the Match Director and announced in the tournament program. Matches may be described in the program or described solely in a match bulletin distributed at the match. Any safe course of fire may be used and the Match Director is responsible for course design. At least two classification matches must be included at each tournament.