

11. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Officials - Officials will be thoroughly familiar with conditions of the program and with National Rifle Association Rules. The Match Director, Deputy Match Director, Chief Range Officer, Chief Statistical Officer and Official Referee may not compete in any Registered Tournament where they are officiating. In 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. He may change the match and firing conditions as shown by the program provided a Match Director's Bulletin is posted for the information of all competitors, and that such changes are not contrary to current NRA Rules. He is directly responsible for the efficient operation of the range and 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 his best judgment at all times and his behavior and decisions must be characterized by absolute impartiality, firmness, courtesy and constant vigilance. In the application of these Rules the Match Director will confer with the NRA Official Referee or Supervisor on any doubtful point and will be guided by the Official Referee's or Supervisor's decision.

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, Regional, and National Championships. 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. 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 instructions 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 portion of the score if, in the Referee's 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 the Certificate of the Official Referee.
- (c) Refuse to accept for registration or approval of any further tournament 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 the 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 9.14.

11.2.1 Jury - In all Registered Tournaments which are not State, Sectional, Regional, or National Championships, a 3-member Jury will be formed by the Match Director to function as described in 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 not be competitors in that tournament. 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. 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 competitor(s), as directed by the Jury, under provisions of Rule 9.14.

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 of an Approved Tournament if such combined duty is authorized by the NRA Headquarters. The Supervisor is not a tournament administrative or operating officer and is not responsible for the behavior or efficiency of either range or Statistical Office personnel, unless he also functions in the capacity of Match Director. The Supervisor is responsible for seeing that all NRA Rules are properly interpreted and applied. His decision will be final in scoring of challenged targets, except when targets are scored in the pit. The Supervisor shall not act as a scorer except to score challenged targets. It is the Supervisor's duty to rule on all challenges and protests filed with him by either competitors or the tournament officials. The Supervisor may not change the NRA Rules. The Supervisor will make a complete report to the NRA on the Approved Tournament where he serves. It is his duty to report the facts concerning any competitor or tournament official who refuses to comply with proper instructions given by the Supervisor or any tournament official. A Supervisor may not compete in any match fired in conjunction with any tournament where he is officiating as Supervisor. The Supervisor may disqualify a competitor(s) under provisions of Rule 9.14.

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. He is 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. He is responsible for the safety and discipline of range personnel, competitors and spectators in the sector of the range to which he has been assigned.

- (a) He checks the number of competitors and their names to ensure that they conform with the scoring schedule and register.
- (b) He is responsible for the accurate recording of shots.
- (c) He calls the competitors.
- (d) He gives necessary commands.
- (e) He supervises the correct working of the targets.
- (l) He checks the competitor's shooting positions.
- (g) He checks that firearms and equipment of the shooters have been examined.
- (h) He is responsible for maintaining order on the range, with particular attention to safety.
- (i) He 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 to him, but will constantly cooperate with the Referee/Jury,

11.6 Statistical Officer - The Chief 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. He is assisted by such Assistant Statistical Officers as may be required.

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

- (a) Register competitors, and 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 in order of merit.
- (h) Prepare Preliminary and Official Bulletins.
- (i) Maintain an Official Bulletin Board.
- (j) Determine award 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 board, 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 Match Director, Official Referee, the Jury, or Supervisor granted before the time has expired for challenging the last of 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 error and of correct classification.
- (e) Disqualification of competitors as provided by Rules 9.17, 9.17.1 and 9.17.2.

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 a predetermined distance along the firing line after each match.

11.6.11 Posting Tournament Program - A legible copy of the match to be fired shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the site of the match by the time sign-ups begin. Surprise matches shall be exempt from this Rule.

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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). When such a Championship Protest Committee is appointed, decisions on Protests by that Committee at the Championship are final, without appeal to the NRA Protest Committee. When possible cases of suspension from competition arise from an incident in a Championship, the Championship Protest Committee may not act, but must forward a recommendation to the NRA Protest Committee for action. No member of the National Championship Protest Committee may be a competitor in that tournament.

A protest procedure must begin no later than one hour after the completion of tiring for the day. In the case of awards, the protest must begin no later than one-half hour after completion of the awards ceremony.

11.9 Duty to Competitors - It shall be the duty of all operating officials and personnel to conduct themselves properly by being fair and impartial to all in carrying out their various duties. No official shall molest a competitor nor allow such practice by another official or other competitors. Should a competitor's equipment or demeanor warrant disqualification for an individual match or tournament, it should be done in such a manner as will cause the least inconvenience to all concerned. In so doing, the official should state to the competitor the Rule or section of Rules under which the disqualification is being made.