

3. EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION

This section defines authorized equipment. Where alternative types of equipment are shown, the least restrictive conditions apply unless the tournament program sets forth limitations.

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3.4 Sporting Rifle - A center fire rifle of any caliber, not equipped with palm rest or Schuetzen type buttplate, weighing not over 9.5 pounds including detachable magazine and sights but excluding sling.

3.5 Automatic Rifle - No rifle is permitted unless it is incapable of automatic fire without the replacement or alteration of parts.

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3.7 Sights -

(a) *Metallic*

(1) *Non-corrective* -

Any sighting system constructed of metal or equivalent which provides a method of aiming by aligning 2 separate but visible sights or reference points, mounted on the rifle, including tube sights and non-magnifying filters.

(2) *Corrective* -

(Front Sight) - A single lens may be used in conjunction with the front sight.

(Rear Sight) - Any sighting system constructed of metal or equivalent which provides a method of aiming or aligning two (2) separate but visible sights or reference points, mounted on the rifle including tube sights and non magnifying filters except that a lens or system of lenses, not containing an aiming reference or reticle at the focal plane or any side lens or system of lenses may be included in such system.

A lens may be used in the front sight or the rear sight but not both at the same time.

(b) *Telescopic* -

Any sighting system which includes a lens or system of lenses and an aiming reference or reticle at the focal plane of a lens or system of lenses.

(c) *Any* -

Any sight without restriction as to material or construction. Any sighting device programmed to activate the firing mechanism is prohibited.

3.8 Spotting Scope - The use of a telescope to spot shots is permitted. It may be positioned forward of the shooter's forward shoulder.

3.9 Shooting Kits - The shooting kit and/or shooting stool may not be placed forward of the firing line.

(Use of a rifle rest forward of the forward shoulder is prohibited except in the prone position for resting the rifle between shots. See Rule 6.1.)

3.10 Ground Cloth or Ground Pad - A ground cloth or ground pad may be used provided it is not constructed or used in a manner to provide artificial rest or support.

3.11 Gloves - Gloves may be worn but must be of style, construction and weight usual to gloves worn as garments. Specialized shooting gloves designed for competition are not permitted.

3.12 Padding - Shoulder pads, sling pads and elbow pads may be worn provided they are constructed so as not to provide artificial support. Competitive shooting coats are not authorized.

3.13 Slings - A sling may be a strap or straps made of leather, webbing, or synthetic material, and hooks, buckles, and keepers as necessary for attachment to the rifle and adjustment to the shooter. Unless otherwise specified in match conditions or position descriptions (Rule 5.12), the sling may be used in connection with one arm to steady the rifle.

3.14 Palm Rest - Any attachment or extension which aids the normal hand grip and support of the rifle by the forward hand that extends to a depth of more than 3 1/4 inches below the centerline of the bore is a palm rest. A palm rest may be used only in the standing position in "Any Rifle" matches. The standard box magazines of Service Rifles are not considered palm rests.

3.15 Schuetzen Type Buttplate - A butt or buttplate having a curved rear surface in which the depth of the curve exceeds 1/2 inch when measured from a straight line drawn from the top to the bottom of the buttplate; or any buttplate having a hook or stud engaging in a hole or receptacle in the shoulder of the shooting coat or shirt; or any buttplate having a knob or prong extending rearward more than 1/2 inch from the heel or toe of the butt. May be used only in those matches where it is specifically permitted by the program.

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

3.16.1 Compensators and Muzzle Brakes - The use of compensators and muzzle brakes is prohibited.

3.17 Ammunition -

(a) Service - Ammunition manufactured for or by the Government and issued for use in service arms. The use of armor piercing ammunition may be prohibited by local range or match regulations. Use of tracer or incendiary ammunition is prohibited.

(b) Any - Ammunition of any description that may be fired without danger to competitors or range personnel. Tracer or incendiary ammunition is prohibited. The use of armor piercing or any other type ammunition may be prohibited by local range or match regulations.

3.18 General - All devices or equipment which may facilitate shooting and which are not mentioned in these rules, or which are contrary to the spirit of these rules and regulations, are forbidden. The Match Director, Official Referee, Jury Chairman or Supervisor shall have the right to examine a shooter's equipment or apparel. The responsibility shall be upon the competitor to submit questionable equipment and apparel for official inspection and approval in sufficient time prior to the beginning of a match so that it will not inconvenience either the competitor or the official.

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.

3.21 Empty Chamber Indicator - An Empty Chamber Indicator is required in all NRA High Power Sporting Rifle competition to indicate the bolt is open and the chamber is empty. The ECI, when inserted into the rifle, must extend into an otherwise empty chamber.