

## 22. LIGHT RIFLE RULES

*Note: These rules are provided for the conduct of light rifle competition. Scores fired in this competition will be used for classification.*

*In all cases where specific rules are not given here, the appropriate rules for smallbore rifle competition shall be used.*

*In light rifle competition, the goal is to achieve the highest possible score within the confines of the allowed equipment.*

**3.3 Light Rifle** - Any rifle chambered for .22 caliber rimfire rifle cartridges only, a trigger pull of not less than two (2) pounds and weighs not more than eight and one-half (8 ½) pounds complete with sights, standard safety features and accessories. An adjustable butt plate placed in the center position may be used and adjustable or custom butt plates shall not extend beyond the top or bottom of the stock and shall not exceed a maximum length of six (6) inches. Barrel weights must evenly surround the barrel and not hang below. Slings (Rule 3.13), palm rests (Rule 3.14), Schuetzen type butt plates (Rule 3.15), and electric or adjustable fore-end bedding devices are not permitted. Any sights (Rule 3.7(c)) will be used as long as total weight of rifle and sights does not exceed eight and one-half (8 ½) pounds. An eye shield may be attached to the rear sight.

The same rifle must be used throughout all stages of any one match except in case of a disabled rifle (Rule 9.5) or malfunction (Rule 9.6). The competitor may change rifles with the permission of the Chief Range Officer.

*Note: Tournament sponsors are authorized to restrict competitors to the use of only bolt action rifles if required by range regulations.*

**3.12 Clothing** - Padding is permitted on the shoulders and elbows of the shooting coat provided no padding extends below four (4) inches from the elbow joint. The coat may be to a maximum of hip-length with no straps or other provisions for tightening, or constructed with any material intended to make the shoulders or other parts more rigid. Shoes shall be a matched pair and may not be designed or altered in any way so as to provide artificial support.

**3.13 Slings** - A basic military sling or carry sling not to exceed 1 ¼" width may be used in connection with the rifle and one arm in the prone and kneeling position.

**4 Targets** - NRA Official Targets will be used.

50 Feet A-32 - Two (2) shots may be fired on each record bullseye.

50 Yard A-31 - 5 shots may be fired on each record bullseye.

Backing cards shall be used in NRA Registered Competition.

**5.14 Positions Authorized for Light Rifle Competition** - Prone (Rule 5.6), Kneeling (Rule 5.10) and Standing (Rule 5.12). Note: Tournament sponsors may elect to delete the last sentence in Rule 5.12 and require that the forward hand be extended so that the forward arm will be entirely free from touching or resting against the body. If this election is made it must be so stated in the tournament program.

### 7.7 Light Rifle Prone, Indoor and Outdoor Courses

Distance	No. of Shots	Time
50 Feet or 50 Yards	20, 30, 60 or 120	1 Min. per record shot

Targets: NRA Official A-32 or A31

Aggregates as desired by the Tournament Sponsor.

Team Matches: Teams may consist of 2 or 4 firing members with 20 or 40 shots to be fired by each member.

### 7.8 Light Rifle 3-Position, Indoor and Outdoor Courses

Distance	No. of Shots	Time
50 Feet or 50 Yards	30 (10 each position)	1 ½ Min. per record shot
50 Feet or 50 Yards	60 (20 each position)	1 ½ Min. per record shot
50 Feet or 50 Yards	120 (40 each position)	1 ½ Min. per record shot

Targets: NRA Official A-32, or A-31

Aggregates as desired by the Tournament Sponsor.

Team Matches: Teams may consist of 2 or 4 firing members with 30 shots (10 in each position) or sixty shots (20 in each position) to be fired by each team member.

### •7.9 Light Rifle Standing, Indoor and Outdoor Courses

Distance	No. of Shots	Time
50 Feet or 50 Yards	20, 30, 40, 60, 80, or 100	1 ½ Min. per record shot

Targets: NRA Official A-32, or A-31.

Aggregates as desired by the tournament sponsor.

Team Matches: Teams may consist of 2, 4, or 5 firing members with 20, 30, 40, 60, 80 or 100 shots to be fired by each member.

### 17 National Records May Be Established

(See Rule 17.5 (k), (l), (m))

### 19.4 Matches Used for Individual Classifications

#### (a) Light Rifle Prone Classification

Scores fired either indoor or outdoor, in any course of fire listed in Rule 7.7 or any combination of these courses.

#### (b) Light Rifle 3-Position Classification

Scores fired, either indoor or outdoor, in any course of fire listed in Rule 7.8. (Scores must include an equal number of shots in each position.)

#### (c) Light Rifle Standing Classification

Scores fired, either indoor or outdoor, in only Standing position.

### 19.6 Assigned Classification

#### (k) Light Rifle Prone

#### (l) Light Rifle 3-Position

### 19.15 Individual Class Averages

#### (e) Light Rifle Prone (indoor and outdoor combined) - 90 shots minimum required for classification.

Master .....	98.00 and above
Expert .....	96.00 to 97.99
Sharpshooter.....	94.00 to 95.99
Marksman .....	Below 94.00

(f) Light Rifle 3-Position (indoor and outdoor combined) - 120 shots minimum required for classification.

Master ..... 94.00 and above  
Expert ..... 92.00 to 93.99  
Sharpshooter..... 87.50 to 91.99  
Marksman ..... Below 87.50

(g) Light Rifle Standing (indoor and outdoor combined) - 120 shots minimum required for classification.

Master ..... 94.00 and above  
Expert ..... 92.00 to 93.99  
Sharpshooter..... 87.50 to 91.99  
Marksman ..... Below 87.50

**19.17 Reclassification**

(b)(4) Light Rifle - A competitor must have fired a minimum of 180 shots Prone, 200 shots Standing or 240 shots in 3-Position in NRA Approved or Registered competition to be eligible for an upward classification.