

5 METER BB GUN

Changes effective 2010

1.1 Sanctioned Tournament - A sanctioned tournament is a series of matches covered by an Official Program. Such matches may be all individual matches, all team matches or a combination of both. They may be fired matches or 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 for conduct over more than one weekend.

1.6 Types of Tournaments -

- (a) Blank
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- (c) National Championships - Organized by the NRA to form the National Matches. The officials thereof are appointed by the NRA. These tournaments will be Registered.
- (d) Sectional Tournaments - 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 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 (Rule 17.1).
- (g) Approved Tournaments - May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the local sponsor. Application forms are available from NRA on request. Match sponsors may require all competitors to be NRA members if specified in the program
- (h) Sanctioned Leagues - Shoulder-to-shoulder or postal) - May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by a local 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 the *Shooting Sports, USA*, announcements and/or special mailings.

- (j) Special Tournaments - May be sanctioned by NRA for types of shooting not otherwise a part of the NRA program

1.7 Types of Matches -

- (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:
 - (1) United States citizen;
 - (2) members of the National Rifle Association of America.
 - (3) BB Gun is restricted to competitors ages 15 and younger

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2.3 BB Gun Competitor - Competitors may compete through December 31 of the calendar in which their fifteen birthday occurs.

2.11 Club Teams -

- (a) Local Club Teams - Local club teams must be composed of members who reside legally within the same state, territory or province or residents of other states who live within 50 miles of the local club.
- (b) Open Club Teams - Open club Teams must be composed of club members all of whom are not necessarily legal residents in the same state, territory or province. More than one team from each club is acceptable.

NOTE: The Internet website "Mapquest" will be used to determine the distance between the local club's NRA address of record and the competitor's NRA address of record.

2.11.1 Affiliated Other Organizations (Article 3 Sec. 4(b) NRA Bylaws - All members of such teams must have been fully paid members of the organization the team represents, for a period of at least 30 days immediately prior to the competition.

2.20 Residence - In those matches that are limited to residents of any specified geographical area, a resident is defined as a person who presents photo identification, issued by a government entity, which shows a residential address within a specified geographical area.

3.4 Stocks - Factory installed stocks may be altered in length. When shortening or lengthening a stock, the butt must be identical to the original equipment. The butt of the stock may be roughed, checkered, or scored to provide a non-slip surface. No further modification to the stock is allowed. Material such as sandpaper, emery paper, adhesives, rubber or rosin may not be added to any portion of the stock or forearm. Stocks may be repainted or left unfinished. Hook butt plates or thumbhold stocks are not permitted.

3.10 Ground Cloths - Ground cloths or mats with maximum dimensions of 1.25 x 2 meters (49.2 x 78.7 inches in size and a maximum total thickness of 5 cm (1.9 inches) may be used provided it is not constructed or used in a manner to provide artificial rest or support. Ground cloths shall not be used in standing

3.11 Clothing Regulations - All clothing must be made of flexible material that does not materially change its physical characteristics under commonly accepted shooting conditions. All linings, padding and reinforcements must be the same specifications. Lining and padding must be quilted, cross stitched, glued, or otherwise affixed to the outer layer other than at normal tailoring points. All lining or padding must be measured as part of the clothing. The use of any special devices, means or garments which support or immobilize the shooter's legs, body, or arms more than normal everyday clothing is prohibited. A button or safety pin may be used on the sleeve to aid in holding the sling in place. The button or safety pin should be used on the upper arm part of the shirt.

3.11.2 Clothing - Specifications -

- (a) Shooting jackets - No jackets are permitted
- (b) Shooting trousers - Trousers designed for shooting are not permitted. Only ordinary trousers or jeans are permitted.
- (c) Gloves - Gloves may not be worn.
- (d) Sweatshirt - A maximum of two unaltered sweatshirts may be worn during firing. Special shooting sweaters are not permitted. One loose-fitting t-shirt is allowed. Compression under garments are not allowed.
- (e) Shoes - Normal street type or light athletic shoes are permitted so long as they do not exceed the top of the ankle. Shooting boots/shoes are not permitted. Shoes must be a matched pair.
- (f) Pads - No pads, braces, or elastic bandages will be allowed.
- (g) Eye Patches - Eye patches are allowed.

5.10 Kneeling - The competitor shall touch the ground with the right foot, the right knee and the left foot. The BB gun shall be held in the same way as when shooting in the prone position, i.e. with both hands and the right shoulder. The left elbow shall be supported on the left knee. The point of the elbow may not be more than 10 cms (3.9 inches) from the point of the knee. The BB gun may be held by means of the sling. If the kneeling roll is placed under the instep of the right foot, the foot may not be turned at an angle of more than 45 degrees. If the kneeling roll is not used, the foot may be positioned at any angle, to include placing the side of the foot and the lower leg in contact with the ground. No portion of the upper leg or buttocks may touch the ground at any point. Competitors may kneel completely on the ground cloth (Rule 3.10) or they may only have one or two of the three points of contact (toe, knee, foot) on the ground cloth. (Left handed competitors reverse these descriptions.) (See Rule 3.14.1)

5.12 Standing - The competitor shall stand free with both feet on the ground. The BB gun shall be held with both

hands and the shoulder, or the upper half of the upper arm closest to the shoulder, the cheek and the part of the chest next to the shoulder. The upper left arm and elbow may be supported on the chest or on the hip. The sling cannot be used. (Left handed competitors reverse these descriptions).

6.3 Shelter - The firing point of outdoor ranges should be covered and enclosed in three sides, open toward the targets. There must be ample room for Range Officers and witnesses to move freely at the rear of the competitors.

6.5 Illumination - Artificial illumination of outdoor and indoor ranges is permitted. An illumination level of 1500 lux throughout the range is recommended.

6.6 Safety Backstop - A safety backstop of canvas or other material through which a BB cannot penetrate shall be erected in back of the target line extending the length of the firing line and designed to contain errant shots.

7.10 "Finals" Procedure -

- (g) The competitors who qualify for the finals will be assigned the following start positions according to ranking of the order of merit finish of the qualification round, beginning with 1 and going through 8.

8.2 Additional Time - It is the responsibility of the coach and competitor to finish shooting within the time allowed. Additional time will not be given except as otherwise provided in these rules. Any extension of time which is allowed by Jury, Referee, or Range Officers will be clearly noted with the Chief Range Officer with the reason stated and the competitor involved will be informed.

NOTE: Shots that are fired before or after the end of the official shooting time, or which are not fired at all, shall be registered as misses, unless the Jury, Referee, or The Range Officers have authorized extra time for the competitor.

9.2 Sighting Shots -

- (a) Sighting shots (unlimited in number) may be fired at any time after the command commence fire within the time limit for that match or stage. Once the first record shot in a position has been fired, no further sighting shots are allowed unless permitted by the Jury.
- (b) If shooters must cease fire for longer than three (3) minutes due to no fault of their own, they may demand extra and equal time. If the interruption is longer than five (5) minutes, the shooters have the right to unlimited additional sighting shots. If a target change requires the shooter to move away from the firing point or get out of position the shooter has the right to unlimited additional sighting shots.
- (c) Unlimited additional sighting shots may be authorized in the event of a disabled BB Gun. (Rule 9.5 and 10.13)
- (d) A two point penalty will be given for each sighting shot fired after the first record shot except as authorized by the Jury.

9.2.1 Marking of Sighting Target - The sighting target must be clearly marked, normally, by means of a black stripe in the upper right corner which can be clearly seen with the naked eye. During competitions where double target frames are used, a broad black band will be hung over the face of the target which is not in use or the target not in use must be removed. If a 12-bull AR-4/10 target is used, the sighting targets are located in the center of the target and enclosed with a guard ring.

9.2.2 Misplaced Sighting Shots - When a multiple bull target (with sighting bulls) is used, and the competitor, in the first fired shot of the target (sighting bulls), misses the scoring area of the sighting bull or ring when printed on targets, the competitor shall: halt firing, call a Range Official or Referee, have the official verify that the shot is not in the sighting bull. The official shall record this fact and the competitor shall commence firing at the sighting bull again. The Range Official will continue to observe until the competitor's shots hit the sighting bulls. At this point the official will verify all previous shots (they will not be scored as misses) and the shooter will continue firing the match under the rules of the match. No extra time will be allowed for the procedure above. Additional shots outside the scoring rings will be scored as record shots. All penalties used in scoring shall be in force after the first shot that strikes the sighting bull.

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9.30 Penalties/Disqualifications -

- (i) Any competitor placing a BB in the barrel before the command "LOAD" or "COMMENCE FIRING", will be warned on the first violation, disqualified from that stage for the second violation, disqualified from the match for the third violation, and expelled from the tournament on the fourth violation, with no refund of fees.

Penalty points will be deducted from the stage or match in which the infraction has occurred, starting from the last bull fired in the stage or match.

10.4 Policing Range - It is the duty of competitors and coaches to police their firing points after the completion of each stage and to dispose of any garbage.

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

- (g) Score targets and tabulate scores in order of merit.
- (l) Make required reports to NRA within specified time.

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 carrying out their various duties. No official shall, without cause, disturb or interfere with a competitor or coach nor allow such practice by another official or other competitors or coaches. Should a competitor's equipment or demeanor warrant disqualification for an individual match or tournament, it should be done in such a manner as to 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.

12.1 Team Coach - Each team must have a designated adult Team Coach. Team Coaches are responsible for maintaining discipline within their teams. Coaches will at all times cooperate with the officials of the tournament in the interest of safety, efficiency, and good sportsmanship. Team Coaches are responsible for all of the actions of the members of their teams. It is their responsibility to:

14.3.1 Use of Plug Type Scoring Gauges -

- (b) When two initial scorers disagree, a decision from the Chief Statistical Officer shall be requested immediately and before the plug is removed. After inspecting the plugged shot hole, the Chief Statistical Officer will indicate a decision by writing "+" or "-" on the target to indicate whether the shot scores the higher of lower value. All three scoring officials shall initial the target.

14.6 All Hits Count - All shots fired by the competitor which strike the target (hits outside the sighting bull) after having taken a position at the firing point will be counted in the score, even if the BB gun is accidentally discharged. If a competitor and coach feels there are two BBs in the barrel it may be safely fired into the backstop off the target card after notifying the Range Officer.

14.10 Excessive Hits - If more than the required number of hits appear on the target, any shot which can be identified as having been fired by a competitor, other than the competitor assigned to that target, or has having been fired in a previous string, will not be scored. If more than the required number of hits then remain on the target:

- (a) If competitors, through a mistake of their own, fire more than the required number of shots, they will be scored the required number of hits of lowest value less one penalty point per extra shot fired.
- (b) If competitors fire less than the prescribed number of shots through their own fault, each missing shot will be scored as a miss.

17.3.1 Continue to Fire - In individual matches, competitors who fire a perfect score (See Rule 14.11(b)) may continue to fire for the purpose of establishing National Records or breaking ties. The competitor may continue shooting until a hit is made outside the scoring of highest value to provide a means of breaking ties and establishing National Records over courses for which National Records are recognized. On multiple bullseye targets scoring will be conducted on targets in the order they are numbered. If four position matches, the competitor will continue to fire in the standing position.

20.3 Duties-General -

- (f) (Remove)

20.4 Duties-Before Tournament:

- (a) Familiarize himself with the program.
- (b) Verify, by mail or in person, with the Match Director of the tournament to insure that range and statistical facilities are adequate and in good order

that ample range and statistical personnel have been employed or definitely arranged for.

20.5 Duties-During Tournament -

- (a) Observe the functioning of the Statistical Office when first opened to help establish proper registration and squadding procedure. Make sure the Statistical Office has arranged to check all competitors' current NRA number and proper classification before issuing competitor's first squadding ticket.
- (b) Inspect target equipment and range personnel in company with the Match Director.
- (c) Consult with Match Director and arrange to have Official Bulletins posted immediately covering any changes or corrections which have been authorized.
- (h) Personally consult with Statistical Officer at the conclusion of tournament to make sure that all bulletins have been properly completed and awards issued in accordance with the tournament program.
- (j) (Delete)

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21 NRA COMPETITION PROGRAMS

MATCH SCHEDULE AND CONDITIONS:

Give complete details on course of fire, type of sights, rifle or pistol, type of gun, any special conditions approved for the tournament such as time limits less than maximum, etc.

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING NRA APPROVED TOURNAMENTS

- 1.b If the above is not done, NRA reserves the right to cancel its sanction of the tournament.
- 1.c In order to be listed once in the Coming Events section of Shooting Sports USA, your application and programs must be sanctioned by the Competitive Shooting Division by the 15th of the month, 3 months before the month of issue. If you desire publicity in more than one issue an additional month's notice must be allowed for each monthly listing.
- 8. All Officials of an NRA Approved Tournament may compete in that tournament.
- 10. NRA membership is encouraged but not required for participation in NRA Approved Tournaments. However, sponsors may elect to restrict those persons entering the tournament to NRA members only, if they wish to do so.

B. GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING NRA REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS

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- 1.c In order to be listed once in the Coming Events section of Shooting Sports USA, your application and programs must be sanctioned by the Competitive Shooting

Division by the 15th of the month, 3 months before the month of issue. If you desire publicity in more than one issue an additional month's notice must be allowed for each monthly listing

- 4. The NRA National Classification or Category System must be used in Registered Tournaments
- 8. The Match Director, Deputy Match Director, chief Range Officer, and Chief Statistical Officer, may NOT compete in a tournament at which they are officiating. Rule 11 covers specific duties of Tournament Officials
- 9. An NRA Official Referee will be assigned by NRA to all National Championships. Other Registered Tournaments will have a 3-member Jury appointed by the Match Director. See Rule 11.2.1.
- 10. NRA membership is encouraged, but not required of all competitors in a Registered Tournament. Sponsors may accept NRA membership applications and fees from non-members who wish to enter the tournament.

Rule changes effective 2009

2.11 Club Teams - All team members, including team captain and coach, must have been active fully-paid members of the club which the team represents for a period of at least 30 days immediately prior to the competition. The club may be Affiliated with NRA. As specifically allowed by conditions of the program, a person who is not a club member may serve as a non firing coach of such a team. There are two types of teams allowed in this Rule:

- (a) Local Club Teams - Local Club Teams must be composed of members who reside within the same state, territory or province or residents of other states who live within 50 miles of the local club.
- (b) Open Club Teams - Open Club Teams must be composed of club members all of whom are not necessarily legal residents in the same state, territory or province.

NOTE: The Internet website "Mapquest" will be used to determine the distance between the local club's NRA address of record and the competitor's NRA address of record.

15.3 Breaking Tie Scores - Scores will be ranked as follows:

- (d) By the highest ranking score as each bullseye is applied in inverse order from last to first, including center shots.

Changes effective July 2008 (Changes made due to the removal of the membership requirement to participate in some NRA programs)

1.6 Types of Tournaments

- (d) 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 (Rule 17.1).

- (e) 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. Match Sponsors may require all competitors to be NRA members if specified in the program.

2.1.1 Non-U.S. Citizens - Non-U.S. Citizens who are also non-Residents, may compete in any NRA Sanctioned Tournament, unless further restrictions are imposed by conditions stated in the program.

2.11 Club Teams - All team members, including team captain and coach, must have been active fully-paid members of the club which the team represents for a period of at least 30 days immediately prior to the competition. The club may be Affiliated with NRA. As specifically allowed by conditions of the program, a person who is not a club member may serve as a non firing coach of such a team. There are two types of teams allowed in this Rule:

17 National Records

NRA National Records shall be established only by American citizens who are NRA members or Junior members of NRA affiliated clubs..

National Records may be established only when competition exist, i.e., more than one competitor or team in an event.

17.4 Scores for National Team Records - Such scores must be fired in matches where teams fire as a unit and the organization represented is a member of the NRA. National Records will be recognized only when the team concerned entered such match. National Records will not be recognized for "pickup" teams (teams made up of shooters who do not all represent one of the groups outlined in Rule 2.11).

20.1 Eligibility - Any individual, 21 years of age or older who fulfills the requirements currently in effect may be certified as an Official Referee.

- (a) Check the functioning of the Statistical Office when first opened to help establish proper registration and squadding procedure. Make sure the Statistical Office has arranged to check all competitors' current classification before issuing competitor's first squadding ticket.

20.5 Duties - During Tournament

- (a) Observe the functioning of the Statistic Office when first opened to help establish proper registration and squadding procedures. Make sure the Statistical Office has arranged to verify each competitor's current classification before issuing competitors' first squadding tickets.

2.20 Residence - In those matches that are limited to residents of any specified geographical area, a "resident" is defined as:

- (a) A person who presents photo identification, issued by a government entity, which shows a residential address within a specified geographical area.

6.2.1 Target Height - Target holders shall be placed so the center of the target is not less than 1 foot nor more than 2 1/2 feet from the ground for prone, sitting, and kneeling positions. The target must be not less than 3 feet or more than 5 feet from the ground for the standing position. Lateral deviations of left or right of the center of the target should not exceed 9.8 inches (25 cm)

10.12 Target Height - Delete rule.

11.4 Range Director - When appointed, the Range Director and Deputy 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 Directors 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 schedule approved by the Match Director. He is responsible for range safety and for enforcing all rules.

APPENDIX B. GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING NRA REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS:

Add at the end of paragraph 12:

"NOTE: The requirement to get the Final Results Bulletin to competitors within 30 days may be met by posting the results on an internet web site, provided competitors can download and/or print a paper copy. Sponsors who post electronic results will provide the competitors with the web site address and must provide a paper copy to competitors upon request."

Rule changes effective 2006

3.13 Slings - Slings not exceeding 1 1/4 inch in width, with movable keepers are permitted in the prone, sitting, and kneeling positions. Sling cuffs and pads are prohibited. Sling keepers or fasteners used as sling keepers that can be tightened by mechanical means are not permitted. Slings are to be attached to the BB gun at a fixed attachment point on the forearm. The forearm may have up to four holes that will accept a screw for the sling attachment. No other type of adjustable sling attachment is permitted.

Rule changes effective 2007