

# BLACK POWDER TARGET RIFLE

## Rule changes effective 2010

**5.9 Any** - Any safe shooting position, including the back rest position, except bench rest. When using the backrest position, the shooter is allowed to support the head with one hand that can touch the surface of the firing point or the shooting mat. No portion of the shooter's body or shooting rest may be placed ahead of the firing line during the relay. No part of the rifle supporting hand or sling may touch the surface of the firing point or shooting mat while firing the shot. While firing with crossed sticks, the shooter's hand may support the butt of the rifle, but may not touch the ground or mat and the rifle at the same time. While firing with a wrist rest, the shooter's hand must be placed and remain between the rifle and the rest as the shot is fired. (See Rule 5.2).

**9.2 - Sighting and Record Shots** - At distances of 100, up to and including 600 yards, all competitors will be allowed up to four sighting shots per stage of the match prior to firing for record. Unlimited sighting shots will be allowed at distances over 600 yards. The competitor must announce to their scorekeeper when they are going for record. No sighting shots may be taken after a competitor has fired his first record shot. Once the relay or match begins, the shooter has only that particular relay in which to fire the appropriate number of record shots, regardless of the number of sighting shots taken.

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**3.17 Ammunition** - Ammunition may be fixed, breech seated or muzzle loaded. Only commercially manufactured sporting grade Black Powder or Black Powder substitute may be used for the entire powder charge. No smokeless powder in any quantity may be used. **NOTE:** Follow all manufacturer's recommended guidelines.

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**Rule changes effective July 2008** (Changes made due to the removing 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 that 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).
- (e) Approved Tournaments - May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the local organization that 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 may compete in any NRA Sanctioned Tournament, unless further restrictions are imposed by conditions stated in the program.

**2.11.1 Other Organizations** - 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. The organization may be affiliated with the NRA.

**9.31 Suspension** - For violations of these Rules deemed to so justify, any competitor may be suspended from competition and/or expelled from the National Rifle Association upon presentation of evidence and conduct of a hearing as prescribed in the Bylaws.

### 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 will be fired in matches where teams, representing an affiliated NRA organization, fire as a unit and no combination of individual match scores will be considered for recognition as a team record. National Records will not be recognized for "Pick Up" Teams.

**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.

### 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.

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**2.3.2 Sub-Junior** - A Junior may compete as a Sub-Junior through December 31st of the calendar year in which his or her 14th birthday occurs.

### 8.2.1 Computing time during pair firing with two (2) or more shooters sharing a firing point:

- (a) The time limit for two (2) or more shooters sharing a firing point may be reduced to two (2) minutes per record shot.

### 8.4 Passage of Time - . . . . .

- (b) Muzzle Loading shooters may be granted up to ten (10) additional minutes.

**9.31 Suspension** - For violation of these rules deemed to so justify, any member may be suspended or expelled from

the National Rifle Association upon presentation of evidence and conduct of a hearing as prescribed in the Bylaws.

*In as much as the commission of any of the forgoing offenses, Rule 9.23 through 9.29, are of such importance as to be major offenses, all of the forgoing that may merit action under Rule 9.31, shall be sent to the NRA Protest Committee. The complaint shall be in writing, notarized and signed by the complainant.*

**10.7 Firing Line Procedures and Commands** - (In all cases in which the term “Chief Range Officer” is used, it shall be understood that the Chief Range Officer may designate another person to perform the task indicated for the purposes of this Rule.) When ready to start a match, the Chief Range Officer commands, **“RELAY NO. 1 MATCH NO. \_\_\_\_ (or naming the match) ON THE FIRING LINE. BRING YOUR EQUIPMENT TO THE LINE WITHOUT YOUR RIFLES.”** Allow up to ten (10) minutes for competitors to take their places at their firing points. The Chief Range Officer states, **“THE PREPARATION PERIOD STARTS NOW, BRING YOUR RIFLES TO THE LINE. MUZZLE LOADERS MAY SNAP CAPS.”** Range Officers check competitors as to correct relay and firing point numbers. At the end of the Preparation Period, the Chief Range Officer states, **“THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED.”** (Rule 10.3.1).