

# NRA INTL FULLBORE PRONE.

## Rule changes effective 2009

### 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.

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.

### 3.3.5 Target Rifle:

- (a) A rifle with metallic sights chambered for the unmodified .308/7.62mm cartridge case. This rifle has no restrictions regarding weight of the rifle or trigger, However, the trigger must be safe
- (b) A Rifle with metallic sights chambered for the unmodified .223/5.56mm x 45 cartridge case. This rifle has no restrictions regarding weight of the rifle or trigger. However, the trigger must be safe.

### 3.3.6 International Target Rifle:

- (a) A rifle with metallic sights chambered for the unmodified .308/7.62mm cartridge case with a minimum trigger weight of .5 kilograms (approximately 1.1 pounds) and a total weight of the rifle is unlimited.
- (b) A rifle with metallic sights chambered for the unmodified .223/5.56mm cartridge case with a minimum trigger weight of .5 kilograms (approximately 1.1 pounds) and a total weight of the rifle is unlimited.

**3.7 Sights:** 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 single lens may be used in conjunction with the front sight or the rear sight but not both at the same time. Electronic sighting systems are not allowed.

### 3.17 Ammunition:

- (a) Target Rifle / International Target Rifle - .308/7.62mm with a maximum permitted bullet weight of less than 156 grains or .223/5.56mm x45 with a maximum permitted bullet weight of less than 81 grains.

**8.4 Passage of Time** - Range Officers will not voluntarily warn competitors of the passage of time. Competitors and Team Captains or Team Adjutants in team matches, may inquire of Range Officers as to the time remaining before expiration of the time limit. The request and the response shall be given in a tone which will not disturb other competitors.

**9.7 Changing Rifles** - A competitor may change rifles to another of the same caliber only between fired matches or between stages of a multiple stage match even if these stages are included in an aggregate match. A competitor may not change his or her rifle during the firing of a single stage unless it has become disabled and has been so designated by the Chief Range Officer. For the purpose of this rule, the firing of a stage is considered to have started when the competitor has fired his or her first record shot. Claim that a rifle is disabled must be made immediately. All shots fired up to the time that the claim is made will stand as part of the official score.

**9.6 Malfunction** - Failure of the rifle to function properly due to mechanical defects or to defective ammunition. All record shots fired by a competitor after taking position at the firing point will be counted for score. (For refiring see Rule 9.14)

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**9.10 Coaching Prohibited in Individual Matches** - Coaching is prohibited in all individual matches of an NRA Approved or Registered tournament.

**10.1.3 Loaded Rifles** - A rifle that has a cartridge in the chamber, internal or attached magazine shall be considered loaded. No rifle shall be loaded until the command "LOAD" has been given. A loaded rifle shall be pointed in a safe direction at all times. The bolt shall be closed only while the rifle is pointed down range in the direction of the targets and with the muzzle away from the competitor's body.

**10.1.5 Not Ready** - It is the duty of competitors to notify the Range Officer is not ready to fire at the time the Chief Range Officer asks "IS THE LINE READY?" Should the Chief Range Officer cause firing to proceed, the competitor concerned will be given additional time, if needed, in his or her relay. Failure of a competitor to notify the Range Officer that he or she is not ready forfeits his or her right to fire.

**10.1.6 Loading** - In all events, the rifle will be loaded with only one cartridge at a time. The bolt shall be closed only with rifle pointed in the direction of the target and the rifle is in your shoulder.

## 10.7 Firing Line Procedures and Commands

(1) **"YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL START IN TWO MINUTES."** Competitors take their places at their firing points. During this two minutes it is announced, **"RELAY (number) TAKE YOUR POSITION AS SCORERS (Sec 14)."** After the two minute period and if there are pits and the Chief Pit Officer has reported that the pits are ready than the command is given. **"YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR."** (Rule 10.3.1) All targets are run up for the preparation period of three minutes. Range Officers check competitors as to correct relay, firing point number and that a scorer is present. At the end of three minutes the targets are withdrawn to half mast. The command is given **"THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED. THIS (MATCH OR STRING OF FIRE) ... WILL BE TWO CONVERTIBLE SIGHTERS AND (number) SHOTS FOR RECORD IN A TIME LIMIT OF (number) MINUTES. (Rule 8.2(a)) LOAD. . . IS THE FIRING LINE READY? ... THE FIRING LINE IS (IS NOT) READY."** If not ready and when the firing line is ready, resuming commands, **"THE FIRING LINE IS READY. YOUR TIME WILL BEGIN AND YOU MAY FIRE WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR"** The targets are run up and time is marked to start for that relay's match.

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**11.6.1 Duties of Statistical Officer** - It is the duty of the Statistical Officer to:

**11.6.10 Range Assignment Cards** -

**11.7 Pit Officers** - The Chief Pit Officer controls the target frames or target pits, with such Assistant Pit Officers as may be required. See Rule 10.11

**12.2 Team Coaches** - The Team Coaches are the Team Captain's deputies, performing such duties as the Captain may assign to them. A Coach serves as Team Captain in the absence of the latter, and under such circumstances becomes responsible for maintaining discipline within the team and for all other responsibilities of the Team Captain.

- (a) Calling shots
- (b) Checking time
- (c) Checking scoring
- (d) Making sight adjustments

Their voices and actions must be controlled so as not to disturb other competitors. Coaches can communicate with each other using wired (non-wireless) electronic communication gear.. Coaches may make sight adjustments.

**12.5 Station of Team Captain** - The Team Captain may assist the coach in doping the wind.

**12.6 Station of Team Coach** - In team matches, a Team Coach may take a position on the firing line near the competitor or competitors. He or she cannot shift position nor shift the position of the competitors firing for the purpose of forming a windshield for the firers. The Coach must confine himself or herself to

the normal position of a Coach and his or her activities to those normally expected of a Coach, but may make sight corrections and must control his or her voice and actions so as not to disturb other competitors. Coaches may communicate with each other using wired (non-wireless) electronic communication gear. The Coach will not physically assist in loading.

#### **14.3.1 Scorers' Duties -**

- (c) An individual value (X, appropriate Arabic value numeral, or M for misses) must be entered for each shot in the separate spaces provided on the score card. For slow fire scored from the pits, enter the value for each shot in the order in which fired and signaled. Any shot not individually recorded as here prescribed shall be scored a miss.
- (e) The competitor is responsible for all safety regulations. The scorekeeper will verify that the rifle is unloaded and in a safe condition upon completion of a string of fire and the empty chamber indicator is in place before the competitor's departure from the firing line.

#### **15.4 In Individual matches, ties will be decided as follows:**

#### **16.1 Challenges -**

- (b) When targets are scored in the pits, the action on the challenge will be as described in Rule 16.1(c). In slow fire, the Range Officer will not the time consumed, and allow the competitor additional time accordingly. Decision of the Pit Officer is final.

#### **17.5.1 Courses of Fire for which International Fullbore Rifle Records are Recognized:**

**18.4 Classification** - It is the competitor's duty to have his or her current classification card in his or her possession when competing in competition using a classification system. Unclassified competitors may obtain their Score Record Book from the Official Referee, Supervisor, or tournament officials. Any competitor who cannot produce evidence of a classification, when asked, will be placed in the Master Class (Rule 19.7).

**18.12 Clearing the Firing Point** - It is the competitor's duty to leave the firing point promptly at the conclusion of his or her relay. When leaving the firing point, rifles must be unloaded and actions open. An Empty Chamber Indicator will be in place.

**18.13 Checking Bulletin Board** - Competitors must promptly check the Preliminary Bulletin Board at the end of the match

**18.14 Score Cards Must be Signed** - When targets are scored in the pits or on frames, after the score card is signed by the Scorer (Rule 14.3.1), the competitor (Team Captain in team matches) checks the values of shots and the totals as recorded, and signs the card. If he or she leaves the firing line without so signing, he or she is allowed no challenge or protest for that match. If he or she wishes to protest, he or she writes "protested" on the score card above his or her signature.

**19.6.1 Combined Course of Fire Classification** - Competitors firing in a tournament having a combined aggregate requiring classification under Rule 19.5.1 will compete for combined aggregate awards in the highest classification held.

**19.7 Lack of Classification Evidence** - It is the competitor's responsibility to have his or her NRA official classification card or Score Record Book with required scores for temporary classification (See Rules 19.1 and 19.14) and to present such classification evidence when required. Any competitor who cannot present such evidence will fire in the Master Class. A competitor's classification will not change during a tournament. A competitor will enter a tournament under his or her correct classification and fire the entire tournament in that class. Should it be discovered during a tournament that a competitor has entered in a classification lower than his or her current rating, the tournament records will be corrected to show the correct classification for the entire tournament.

## **ADDENDUM II - RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICA MATCH**

**Conditions** - The America Match, if authorized by the NRA, in which National Teams compete for the American Trophy may only be conducted when authorized by the National Rifle Association of America

(NRA) and when an official team endorsed by the NRA High Power Rifle Committee or the NRA Competitive Shooting Division is present and competing.

**Frequency** - The America Match will normally be held every second year, with the venue alternating between Canada and the United States of America. The America Match will not be held in a year in which the International World Championship Team (Palma) Match is being held. Other countries, on application to and approved by the NRA, may be invited to conduct the match. The schedule will be determined by the NRA, with the date and venue of the match being announced to all potential competing nations not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the match. Teams must declare their intention to participate not less than twelve (12) months prior to the match.

**Entry Fee** - The Host Country may charge an entry fee to defray the costs of conducting the match. The fee shall be announced to all teams that have declared an intention to participate not less than six (6) months prior to the match.

**Team Composition** - Teams shall consist of a (1) Captain, a (1) Vice-Captain, a (1) Main Coach, two (2) Sub-Coaches, eight (8) Firers, and two (2) Reserves for a total of fifteen (15) team members. Only team members may partake in firing point activities. If a firer falls ill and is unable to continue, any non-firing team member may take his or her place.

**Distances** - 300 yards or 300 meters, 600 yards or 600 meters, 900 yards or 800 meters, 1000 yards or 900 meters as appropriate to the venue.

**Number of Shots** - Each firing member of the team shall fire two (2) convertible sighting shots and fifteen (15) shots for record at each distance.

**Sighting Shots** - Two sighting shots will be fired at each distance by each firing member, of which the second or both may be converted to record shots. If shooting is interrupted for any team or teams by any external cause for more than three (3) minutes, the firer or firers so interrupted, on resuming, will be allowed one non-convertible sighting shot. In the event of a rifle being changed, a sighting shot is not permitted.

**Time Limits** - Total team time is 1 hour 20 minutes at 300 Yards/meters and 600 yards/meters and 1 hour 45 minutes at 900 yards/800 meters and 1000 yards/900 meters. If firing is interrupted by external causes for more than three (3) minutes, Team Captains may request an extension of time. The Chief Range Officer will ensure that any extension is properly allowed.

**Conduct of the Match** - The Council of the Association hosting the match will appoint a Match Executive Officer and a Chief Range Officer to be responsible for the overall arrangements for the conduct of the match in accordance to these Rules and Conditions.

**Meeting** - Not less than a day prior to the match, the Match Executive Officer will chair a meeting of all Team Captains and/or Vice-Captains and the Chief Range Officer to resolve any questions pertaining to the conduct of the match.

**Disputes** - Disputes, if any, will be heard by a Match Committee of three (3) persons, consisting of the Match Executive Officer, the Chief Range Officer, and one other person from a non-host country appointed by those present at the pre-match meeting.

**Rifles** - Rifles must conform to the current approved rules for the International World Championship Team (Palma) Match, except that the host country may specify the maximum rifle weight and minimum trigger weight. Rifles must be chambered to the standard .308 Winchester. A rifle may be changed at any time for any reason (see sighting shots above). Team members are allowed to use the same rifle.

**Rifle Checking** - All rifles to be used by teams in the match will be checked by the Match Executive Officer and Chief Range Officer for conformation with the rules prior to the commencement of firing at the first range. Rifles which have been checked and which conform to the rules will have a distinguishing sticker attached. Random checks of rifles may be carried out by the Match Executive Officer or the Chief Range Officer at any time during the course of the match.

**Ammunition** - .308 (.308 Winchester or 7.62mm) caliber ammunition will be provided by each team or team member. The maximum bullet weight shall not exceed 156 grains. The host country is not required to

furnish ammunition. Random checks of ammunition may be carried out by the Match Executive Officer or the Chief Range Officer at any time during the course of the match.

**Shooting Position** - Prone, as defined by the rules of the host country.

**Targets** - Two targets will be available to each team and shall conform to those of the host country for each distance fired. Draws for target positions will be held by the Chief Range Officer prior to the 300 yard/meter line. The chief Range Officer may require teams to shift target positions between ranges.

**Butts Observer** - Each team, at its discretion, may send one (1) observer to the butts. Observers must be in the butts before the draw for targets is held.

**Score Cards** - The host country will provide scorecards. Copies of the scorecards for all teams in the match shall be forwarded to the NRA no later than two (2) months after the firing of the match. The NRA will maintain records of all team members, including coaches and reserves, along with all scores fired for each America Match.

**Scoring** - Each team shall provide two (2) scorers, who will score for another team as directed by the Chief Range Officer. Team members, including reserves or other volunteers, may act as scorers.

**Ties** - Team scores are tied when the points and V (X)-bulls are equal. Ties shall be resolved by the winner being the team with the highest score at the longest range fired.

**Trophies and Awards** - The "America Match" Trophy and fifteen (15) awards will be presented to the winning team. Initially, awards will be purchased from a fund established by Precision Shooting Magazine. The trophy, at the sole discretion of the NRA, may be held by the Association of the winning team, or remain in the custody of the NRA. If the former, the Association will accept the responsibility for safe handling and storage of the trophy, for having it properly engraved, and for ensuring that it is transported to the next venue at the appropriate time.

#### **General -**

- (1) Any matter not provided for in these Rules and Conditions shall be decided at the meeting of the Match Executive Officer, the Chief Range Officer, and the Team Captains and/or Vice-Captains prior to the match.
- (2) All matters arising during the match shall be resolved by the Match Committee
- (3) As far as is practicable, no other firing will take place on the same range during the firing of the America Match.
- (4) Unless otherwise specified, the rules of the International World Championship Team (Palma) Match and of the host country shall be those governing the America Match.

**Variations to the Rules and Conditions** - Variations to these Rules and Conditions may only be made by the NRA and shall be circulated to all participating teams not less than twelve (12) months prior to the next firing of the match.

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**Rule 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 -**

- (f) *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 (Rule 17.1).
- (g) *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.

**2.1.1 Club Teams** - 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 firing Coach, must have been active fully paid members of the club that the team represents for a period of at least 30 days immediately prior to the competition. The club may be affiliated with NRA. There are two types of teams allowed in this rule:

**9.31 Suspension** - For violation of these rules deemed so to justify, and competitor may be suspended from competition and/or expelled from the National Rifle Association upon presenting evidence and conducting 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.*

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

## **20.5 Duties-During Tournament**

- (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.