

# HIGH POWER RIFLE

**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

- (f) Registered Tournaments - May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the sponsoring organization. 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 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 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, any 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 may be 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.

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**3.3.4 NRA Any Sight Match Rifle** - Same as NRA Match Rifle Rule 3.3 except there is no restriction as to sights. Only to matches fired under Rules 7.14, 7.15, 7.16 and

7.17 and individual stages fired within the course of fire.

## 3.22 Electronic Devices -

- (a) During team matches only; team members may communicate with each other via hard-wired communications devices. These communication devices must not transmit over a radio frequency, and must not interfere with safety, range operations, or other competitors.

## 5.12 Standing -

*NOTE: Discharging a firearm while resting the butt of the firearm on top of the shoulder is not allowed and may result in personal injury.*

## 7.20 - Mid-Range Prone Courses -

Add note to read: *Mid-Range Regional Course of Fire to consist of at least two days of firing with a minimum of 90 shots.*

## 9.2 Sighting Shots -

(a) Limited Sighting Shots - When limited sighting shots are allowed (see Rules 10.1.8, 14.10(b)(3) and 17.5).

**9.31 Suspension** - For violation of these rules deemed so to justify, any member may be suspended or expelled from the National Rifle Association upon presenting evidence and conducting a hearing as prescribed in the ByLaws.

*NOTE: in as much as the commission of any of the forgoing 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.*

## 10.1.7 Rapid Fire Loading Procedure -

- (a) Senior and Grand Seniors (Rules 2.2.1 and 2.2.2) may remain in position after the line has been given the Command "STAND". After the command "STAND" has been given, and before the targets appear, the bolt must remain open, the rifle must be kept out of the shoulder, the shooter may not look through the spotting scope, and the shooter's ammunition must remain either on the ground or shooting stool. *(Exception: Shooters firing the M1 Garand may load and chamber when given the command "LOAD", but must keep the rifle on safe, and must abide by the remainder of the above conditions).* After the targets appear, the shooter may then load the rifle and commence fire.

1. Those shooters having been previously granted permission in accordance with Section 13 to remain in position for rapid fire will follow Rule 10.1.7 (a)

2. Seniors and Grand Seniors shooting in accordance with Rule 10.7.7(a) may set both team and individual national records.

#### **11.6.7 - Individual Squadding -**

- (b) In State, Regional, and National Championship tournaments, one match must be completed before another match is started. (Exception: For aggregate matches that include standing slow fire and sitting rapid fire, both matches may be completed prior to any pit change occurring.)

### **SECTION 22 - F-CLASS**

**5.6.1 F-Class Prone** - F-Class Prone is fired in the prone position from the shoulder. The rifle may be supported with a rear and/or front rest or with a bipod and/or sling and rear rest (See Rule 3.4).

**9.1 Changing Rifle** - A competitor may change rifles to another of the same or different 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. A 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. (See Rules 10.9 and 10.10).

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

At its meeting in 2007, the NRA High Power Rifle Committee passed the following rules in draft form and are published here for comments. These will be considered, along with any comments received, at their meeting in 2008. If approved, they will become effective in 2009.

All High Power Rifle competitors are encouraged to let the committee know what your feelings are. Be sure to indicate which rule(s) you are commenting on.

Please mail your comments to:

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**14.3 How to Score** - A shot hole, the leading edge of which comes in contact with the outside of the "X" ring or other scoring rings of a target, is given the higher value (including keyhole or tipped shots even though the hole is elongated to the bullet's length rather than being a circle of the bullet's diameter). X's must be scored. The higher value will be allowed in those cases where the overlay touches the scoring ring. A .30 caliber overlay will be used to score all targets and calibers. A shot of smaller caliber may not appear to touch the scoring. Close shots should be checked for the shooter's benefit