

# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

## THE NRA HANDBOOK



**Including the NRA RULES OF SHOOTING  
and the Programme of  
THE IMPERIAL MEETING  
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SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026**

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## THE HANDBOOK OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

This book contains three Volumes, each containing Parts, Sections and Paragraphs. Appendices appear at the end of each Volume. Parts, Sections, Paragraphs and Appendices are all numbered consecutively through the entire book. To avoid repeating pronouns, the masculine form only is used throughout. Thus 'he' should be read as 'he/she', 'him' as 'him/her', and 'his' as 'his/her(s)'. The 24 hour clock is used throughout.

Volumes 4 to 7, the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook, the NRA Target Shotgun Handbook, the NRA Civilian Service Rifle & Practical Rifle Handbook and the NRA Classic and Historic Arms Handbook are published separately, but derive authority from the Council's authorisation of this Handbook.

This book is available in large print on A4 paper by application to Shooting Division. All Volumes of the Handbook are available as pdf downloads on the NRA website.

Information contained in this Handbook is valid as at 1 March 2026. Changes will be notified via the NRA website, the NRA Journal and, if necessary, by e-mail and/or post.

All errors in this Handbook should be notified to Iain Robertson by e-mail at [iain.robertson@nra.org.uk](mailto:iain.robertson@nra.org.uk) or in writing via the NRA.

### FOREWORD

The 2026 NRA Handbook is published in seven Volumes. All will be released online. Volumes 1-3 are physically published in this book. Volume 4, the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook, is a stand-alone A5 book which contains all the Rules for GR&P events, together with the Regulations and Conditions for the various NRA GR&P meetings. Volume 5 Section A-C, the NRA Target Shotgun Handbook, is released in the same A5 format as Volume 4. Volume 5 Sections D-G, the Target Shotgun Training and Reference Manual, is distributed as a physical document to students on the TS Skills course. Volume 6, the NRA Civilian Service Rifle & Practical Rifle Handbook, and Volume 7, the NRA Classic and Historic Handbook, are published in the same A5 style as Volume 4.

As usual, changes from the 2025 version updating information or affecting the content or applicability of rules are sidelined. Indexes, timetables and changes to correct typographical, grammatical and layout errors are not marked.

There are changes to the Safety Rules. Please study these with care.

The Imperial Meeting has significant change, arising from: the decision of MoD to move DefOSC and related competitions to Hythe Ranges; the

withdrawal from service of the Cadet Target Rifle; and the introduction to the programme of the Youth Imperial competitions.

### **In Volume 1:**

Paras 49b and 51 are amended to implement the adoption of Precision Rifle (PRS) as a Recognised Discipline.

Para 54 is updated to reflect various policy documents introduced or amended by Council. In particular, Para 54d references the Code of Conduct for Members.

### **In Volume 2:**

Paras 107-109 have been reorganised and include at Para 108 a definition of Control of a Firearm to enable changes to the Safety Rules.

In the Safety Rules there are various changes to give legislative effect to the safety principles generally known as the “Four Fundamental Safety Rules” (see page 358):

Para 117 is amended to require that a firer keeps their finger outside the trigger guard while opening or closing the bolt (or equivalent).

Para 118 is amended to place the duties it sets out regarding pointing of loaded firearms explicitly on the person in control of the firearm.

Para 119 is amended to create a specific requirement regarding pointing of an unloaded firearm, and to clarify the limitations on dry firing.

In Para 122, sub-para a defines terms and sub-para b creates an explicit requirement to prove a firearm clear when taking or relinquishing control of it. Sub-para d is rewritten to clarify the extent to which persons other than the RO may confirm a firearm clear.

Para 155 is amended to define firearms and ammunition for Precision Rifle.

Para 161 and others are amended to remove references to the Cadet Target Rifle.

Para 351 is amended to introduce the process for controlling rate of fire in F Class competition when string shooting.

In the Penalties section, Para 546 is amended to clarify that elements of it apply both in and out of competition.

### **In Volume 3:**

There are minor changes to Paras 716, 717, 751, 758, 762, 781, 802, 853, 895, 897 and 908.

Para 771 regulates entries to the new Youth Imperial Meeting.

In Competitions, the Schools & Cadets section has been renamed CCF Cadets and reduced, reflecting the withdrawal of the Cadet Target Rifle and the limited involvement of the NRA in the Cadet GP rifle competitions run by CCRS.

In CSR, the individual and team competitions are described in separate sub-sections.

In F Class, the International Match has been rescheduled to coincide with the June F Class league event in the expectation of improving participation. Eligibility to participate in the match has been clarified.

In GR&P, the Universities Team Aggregate match will be shot in both GRCF and GRSB divisions.

In Precision Snapshooting (McQueen), there are minor changes to prize lists throughout. Ammunition for all U25 competitors in McQueen A is provided by generous sponsorship. Also in McQueen A, there are special prizes for U19 individuals and pairs.

In Service Weapons, there are multiple changes consequent on the event being moved entirely to Hythe Ranges.

In Sporting Rifle, there are minor changes to permitted firearms. The Standing Boar competition is included in published events.

### **In Target Rifle:**

Cadet events and prizes in the Athelings Centenary Aggregate, the Century Range Aggregate, the Conwey Fenton Memorial and HM The King's Prize have been redesignated as U19 prizes. The CCRS trophies for the top cadet in the Palma and Short Range Aggregates are removed from NRA listing. The AG Bell competition is withdrawn. The Cadets and Services matches will not be contested in 2026. The Cadet International Match alongside the Astor is replaced with an U19 International Match for Home Countries and visiting teams. A new U19 v U21 v U25 match for multiple teams from GB and visiting countries will be held alongside the Kolapore. The Under 25 Team Match alongside the Kolapore will not be contested. Two new U25 matches for teams of four firers are introduced, alongside and following the conditions of the National and Mackinnon matches.

The Vizianagram moves to 9 July.

The Chairman's Prize has reduced to 10 scoring shots at each distance.

### **The Youth Imperial:**

This new Section of the Annual Prize Meeting runs from First Saturday 11 July to First Thursday 16 July with a run-on into the U19 International TR Match on First Friday. The programme includes training opportunities and competition open to all young shooters in various age groups up to U25 using GRSB, Air Rifle, Shotgun (clay target) and Target Rifle. The TR element broadly replicates the timetable and competitions of the Schools Meeting including the Ashburton, but open to all comers.

Full details online at [nra.org.uk/youth-imperial-meeting/](http://nra.org.uk/youth-imperial-meeting/)

Changes in Volumes 4-7 are limited to administrative matters.

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**PART A – GENERAL INFORMATION****NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION****Offices: Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Surrey, GU24 0PB**

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Founded 1860

*To promote and encourage Marksmanship throughout the King's Dominions,  
in the interests of Defence and the Permanence of the Volunteer and Auxiliary  
Forces, Naval, Military and Air.*

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1890

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*The dates shown are the expiry dates of the current terms of office.*

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<b>2026</b>	Ordinary	JPS Bloomfield (GM2 SC)
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	A Dagger – Gallery Rifle and Pistol	
	N Macfarlane – Historic and Classic Arms	
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		MD Jenvey
		D Lowe
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The Chairman of the Historical Breechloading Smallarms Association.

The Chairman of the British Sporting Rifle Club.

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The Chairman of Scottish Target Shooting.

The Chairman of the Welsh Target Shooting Federation.

The Chairman of the Ulster Rifle Association.

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Independent Director – RA Glenn

Independent Director – EG Campbell

***Principal Committees***

The Principal Committees of the NRA General Council are:

Shooting Committee

Membership Committee

The General Council also appoints the Disciplinary Body.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of General Council and the Treasurer are ex-officio members of both Principal Committees and are not listed overleaf.

**Shooting Committee**

JS Harris (Target Shotgun) (Chairman)	Sep 2027
JPS Bloomfield ( <i>G</i> M <sub>2</sub> SC)	Sep 2026
NRJ Brasier ( <i>G</i> C)	Sep 2028
Wg Cdr (Retd) DP Calvert MBE ( <i>G</i> M <sub>3</sub> S'B <sub>3</sub> SC <sub>2</sub> )	Sep 2026
BD Ritchie	Sep 2026
IR Thomson	Sep 2026
Dr JD Warburton ( <i>G</i> M <i>G</i> C S'B <sub>3</sub> )	Sep 2026
S Aldhouse (300 Metres)	Sep 2026
Dr AMW Cargill Thompson (Match Rifle)	Sep 2026
A Dagger (Gallery Rifle & Pistol)	Sep 2026
CES Dickenson (Target Rifle)	Sep 2028
PA Dommett (F Class)	Sep 2028
N Macfarlane (Historic and Classic Firearms)	Sep 2026
CW Rennick (Sporting Rifle)	Sep 2027
N St Aubyn (Civilian Service Rifle & Practical Rifle)	Sep 2027
Dr AP Wolpe (Muzzle Loading)	Sep 2028
Flt Lt LS Crisp (representing Chairman UKAFSC – co-opted)	May 2027
DBP Marston (representing Chairman CCRS – co-opted)	Sep 2027
Lt Col CA Stewart (CCRS Schools Committee – co-opted)	Sep 2027
JA Watson (Chairman TFC – co-opted)	Sep 2027
<i>In attendance</i>	
IW Robertson MBE ( <i>S</i> M S'B) (Secretary)	

**Membership Committee**

AN Gran (Chairman)	Sep 2027
MD Jenvey	Sep 2027
R Kelvey	Sep 2027
GAE Larcombe	Dec 2026
SS Lohmann	Dec 2026
BD Ritchie	Sep 2027
RN Stebbings	Sep 2027
TS McDowell (co-opted)	Jan 2027
A Radkovskii (co-opted)	Nov 2027
<i>In attendance</i>	
SN Lee	

**Disciplinary Body**

<b>Legal members</b>	
CM Brooks	Dec 2026
A Day	Dec 2026
T Goodger	Dec 2026
PN Hinchliffe KC	Dec 2026
RCT Jeens ( <i>G</i> M SC)	Dec 2026
F Poncia	Dec 2026
<b>Non-legal members</b>	
Dr JA Marsden	Jun 2026
MD Jenvey	Sep 2028
<i>Vacant</i>	
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## CONDITIONS OF NRA MEMBERSHIP

The Council requires certain criteria to be met before membership is permitted and reserves the right to refuse the renewal of an annual subscription or to expel any member at any time. Further, the decision of the Secretary General and one of the National Training Manager or Chief Instructor, that a probationary member either has no prospect of completing the probationary training course satisfactorily or is unsuitable for other reasons to have the access to firearms that goes with full membership, shall be sufficient for the termination of their membership.

### Registered Membership

#### Annual Standard Rate

(but see **Introductory Membership** below)

Open to all who are qualified for full membership £138.00

#### Annual Discounted Rates

Open to anyone qualifying as below:

(a) under 25 years of age, or £63.00

(b) over 65 years of age, or £129.00

(c) resident overseas, or £129.00

(d) under 21 years of age. Free\*

\* *One off fee of £30.00*

(e) Special introductory first year membership offer £90.00

(f) Special introductory first year membership offer (Under 25) £33.00

#### Probationary Member

If wishing to qualify for full membership £90.00

### Associated Membership

#### Friends of the NRA

Open to supporters of the NRA £78.00

### Meeting Membership

Membership of the NRA, whether Full or Meeting only, is a compulsory qualification for competing in any event during the Imperial Meeting.

#### Meeting Unlimited Membership

Valid for the duration of the NRA Imperial Meeting only £70.00

#### Meeting Junior Unlimited Membership

(a) Under 25 £42.00

(b) Under 21 £30.00

or (c) Under 21 and making a first entry to any event Free

**Meeting Service Membership**

- (a) Present member of HM Forces competing in NRA Service  
Weapon and/or Service Representative events only      Free
- or (b) If entering any other events in the Imperial Meeting      £63.00

**Meeting Limited Membership**

Competitors entering more than one discipline may save money by taking Meeting Unlimited Membership or Registered Membership.

**Rates for each discipline****Target Rifle:**

Meeting Membership:	£70.00
Over 65s, Serving Military & Overseas:	£63.00
If entering HM The King's Prize only:	£16.00

**Match Rifle:**

Meeting Membership:	£50.00
Over 65s, Serving Military & Overseas:	£45.00
U25:	£30.00

**F Class:**

Meeting Membership:	£30.00
Over 65s, Serving Military & Overseas:	£27.00
U25:	£18.00

**300m, CSR, GR&P, IHAM, McQueen, Sporting (each):** £16.00

**Any Discipline Team Match Member (shooter):** £16.00

**Any Discipline Team Match Member (non-shooter):** £10.00

**Meeting Membership** for events other than the Imperial Meeting: rates as published with the event details.

**Guest Membership** other than Meeting Membership: rates as published with the event details.

**Direct Debit Payments:** Payments made by Direct Debit for Registered Membership or Friends of the NRA benefit from a discount of £2.50.

All annual subscriptions are due on 1 January and run until 31 December in the same year.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

### Life Membership Table

Age at 1 Jan	UK Lump Sum	UK 7 years @	Overseas Lump Sum
40 or under	£5,000.00	£750.00	£3,000.00
41 to 50	£4,000.00	£600.00	£2,400.00
51 to 60	£3,000.00	£450.00	£1,800.00
61 to 70	£1,500.00	£250.00	£900.00
Over 70	£750.00	£140.00	£450.00

Life Membership subscriptions may be paid either as a lump sum or, for UK residents, over a seven year period by Standing Order and, if possible, under Gift Aid. This benefits the NRA at no expense to the member concerned and may also benefit a higher rate tax payer personally. Full details may be obtained from the Membership Department.

## PRIVILEGES OF NRA MEMBERSHIP

### Full Membership (Life, Junior Life or Annual)

- 1 The support of the NRA in all matters connected with shooting.
- 2 To use firearms and ammunition within the provisions of the Firearms Acts.
- 3 To be covered under the Members' Insurance Policy including Public Liability.
- 4 To stand for General Council and to vote at General Meetings and Elections.
- 5 To be eligible for selection for GB and NRA representative teams.
- 6 To shoot in NRA competitions free of meeting membership rates.
- 7 To hire NSC targets, NRA firearms and equipment on Bisley Ranges.
- 8 To be eligible to register for the NRA Shooting Club.
- 9 To receive the NRA Journal.

### Probationary Membership

- 1 The support of the NRA in all matters connected with shooting.
- 2 To use firearms and ammunition within the provisions of the Firearms Acts.

- 3 To be covered under the Members' Insurance Policy including Public Liability.
- 4 To stand for General Council and to vote at General Meetings and Elections.
- 6 Subject to supervision or certification of competence, to shoot in NRA competitions free of meeting membership rates.
- 8 To be eligible to register for the NRA Shooting Club.
- 9 To receive the NRA Journal.

**Meeting Membership** *(valid from the day before the first day of competition or official practice to the end of the last day of competition)*

- 2 To use firearms and ammunition within the provisions of the Firearms Acts.
- 3 To be covered under the Members' Insurance Policy including Public Liability.
- 6 To shoot in NRA competitions.
- 7 Subject to supervision approved by the NRA, to hire NSC targets on Bisley Ranges.

**Guest Membership other than Meeting Membership**

- 2 To use firearms and ammunition within the provisions of the Firearms Acts.
- 3 To be covered under the Members' Insurance Policy including Public Liability.

A permanent pass will be issued to all Life and Junior Life Members.

**Obligations of Membership**

The following obligations apply to all members other than Guest Members:

- \* To ensure that the contact information held by the Association in the member's personal record is correct;
- \* To inform the Association of any material difference between the contact address provided to it and the address entered on a personal Firearm Certificate;
- \* To notify the NRA of the grant of a Firearm Certificate and of the name of any club entered on it under S44 Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997, and subsequently of any change of the club so named and of any personal action to surrender or not renew a Firearm Certificate;
- \* To notify the NRA of any revocation or refusal to renew a Certificate and of any seizure of firearms held by authority of a Certificate;

- \* To enter details of all shooting done as a member of the Association in the electronic or manual record provided by the Association, thus assisting the Association in complying with its obligations to maintain such a record;
- \* To co-operate with any technical NRA investigation.

Sections 2-9      *Reserved*

Paras 2-19      *Reserved*

## B – NRA POLICY

- 20 a The Policy of the National Rifle Association derives from its Royal Charter. The text of the original Charter and associated and subsequent fundamental documents are published on the Association's website, and can be obtained by members on application. The structure of the Association's policy document set is complex, and much content is not immediately applicable to day-to-day operations. Elements of NRA policy of particular note to members are published below. Sections 10 – 12, 16, 17 and 22 below are authoritative. Other sections in this part are summaries or extracts from larger policy documents which may be viewed on the website or on application.
- b The NRA is directed by its Council, advised by the General Council and its Committees. The Secretary General acts as Secretary to the Council and is responsible for giving effect to policy set by the Council.

### SECTION 10 – INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

#### **Teams from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the NRA and Great Britain** (see Para 106)

- 21 a No person may apply to or be selected to join an NRA or Great Britain touring team or to represent the NRA or Great Britain in an international match unless he is a full member of the NRA.
- b The captain of an NRA or Great Britain representative team shall, before selecting any person as a member of such a team or as a member of a squad from which such a team will be selected, obtain confirmation from NRA staff that the person meets the condition at sub-paragraph (a) above.
- c A person will only be eligible to represent Great Britain if he satisfies the test of nationality. The test shall be either:
- i country of birth, or
  - ii legal citizenship, or
  - iii country of residence for a continuous period of not less than five years preceding the date of a match, or
  - iv descent from a parent qualified by country of birth or legal citizenship.
- d A person who has been a member of a team competing against Great Britain shall not be allowed to represent Great Britain for the next 2½ years.

- e Sub-Para d does not apply to a person who is representing England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales against Great Britain in a match outwith the Imperial Meeting. Sub-Para d does not apply when two or more teams representing Great Britain compete in the same match.

A member of the NRA who is a citizen of the Isle of Man or one of the Channel Isles and who is not eligible to represent any country outside the Isle of Man or the Channel Isles may, with the approval of their home Governing Body, apply to be a member of a GB team. Paragraph 21d above shall apply to such a person.

22 A person who has been a member of, or a reserve for, a team representing England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales in a discipline Controlled (as defined at Para 47a) by the NRA, shall never be allowed to represent another of these countries in that discipline. As an exception, a person who while under the age of 19 years has represented one of England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales, may on one occasion only and before first representing England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales when aged 19 or over, change their representative allegiance to any other one of England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales that they are eligible to represent.

23 A person who finds that, as a consequence of the interaction of eligibility rules, he is denied any way to participate in an event under the control of the NRA, may apply to the Shooting Committee for a dispensation from such parts of Paras 21-22 as are necessary to enable him to participate.

24 Representative Great Britain or NRA teams may only travel overseas following receipt of an official invitation from the Governing Body, recognised by the NRA, of the country or countries concerned.

25 *Reserved*

### **Recognition of National Shooting Organisations**

26 For the purposes of competition at home and abroad the NRA will recognise only one national shooting organisation in each country unless different disciplines are administered by different organisations. In that event the appropriate organisation for each discipline will be recognised.

If there are two or more organisations in a country the NRA will recognise either:

- a the organisation that all other organisations in that country agree shall be the representative body,

or, in the absence of such agreement,

- b the organisation that
  - i promotes the greatest number of shooting disciplines comparable with disciplines within the NRA, or

- ii has the largest membership, and
- iii has no bar to membership.

### **States, Provinces or other sub-divisions**

27 The NRA will recognise the governing organisation of any state, province or other sub-division using the same criteria as for national organisations provided that the organisation itself is recognised by its own national organisation.

28 A state, province or other sub-division may not compete in any competition in which a team from its own national organisation is also competing unless permission from that national organisation has been given and the match conditions allow.

29 A state, province or sub-division, or groups of individuals from the same overseas country may not become a national team for the purposes of competition unless authority to do so has been given to them by their own national organisation. This authority must be in writing and must be received by the NRA before any entry can be accepted.

### **Groups of National Organisations**

30 The NRA will recognise an organisation which represents a group of national organisations providing that all constituent national organisations (and which must themselves be recognised by the NRA) agree that the said organisation should represent them. A title implying a geographic region or continent will not be accepted unless the shooting organisations within that region, continent or area implied by the title agree that the said organisation should represent them.

31 A team representing a group of national organisations may not compete in a competition under a name which suggests that it includes a nation which is also competing as a national team. In that event the title of the team must be changed to indicate the difference.

### **Groups of States, Provinces or other sub-divisions**

32 Groups of states, provinces or other sub-divisions may compete in a competition only if the respective national organisations governing each of the states, provinces or other sub-divisions have agreed.

## SECTION 11 – DISCIPLINARY CODE

### 33 Disciplinary Code

The Disciplinary Code, adopted by Council on 19 October 2019 and last amended on 9 December 2023, is published on the NRA website at

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Disciplinary-Code.pdf>

Paras 34-35 *Reserved*

## SECTION 12 – MISUSE OF DRUGS

### 36 General

- a Drug misuse is the use or distribution by a competitor of banned substances (defined as being in contravention of these rules) or the use of various prohibited methods of administration of drugs.
- b Any competitor must, if requested by an official designated by the NRA for the purpose of drug control, submit to a drug control test. Failure to do so will be taken as if a positive result had been obtained and dealt with accordingly.
- c The identification of a banned substance or one of its metabolites, or the presence of specified amounts of endogenous substances subject to quantitative analysis, in a body fluid will constitute an offence and the offender may be penalised (see Para 544).
- d Any person assisting or inciting others in the contravention of these rules shall be considered as having committed an offence against these rules, and may be subject to disciplinary action.

#### Exceptions

- e Except where other Federation or Union rules disallow it, competitors and shooters who have valid medical reasons for taking banned drugs will, subject to certain provisions being met, be permitted to enter for or be eligible for selection for individual and team competitions respectively at national and international level. No inhibition will be placed upon their ability to win a prize. A competitor falling within this category must provide to the NRA, prior to an event in which drug testing may take place, a certificate to that effect signed by his doctor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the NRA reserves the right, with the competitor's permission, to request its Medical Adviser to verify the details of the case with the doctor.

- f Warning – it could be highly dangerous for a competitor to give up or reduce a drug regularly taken. No such competitor should take this course of action without medical advice.

### 37 **Banned Substances**

The banned substances and prohibited methods are those listed at the World Anti-Doping Agency's 2026 Prohibited List which can be downloaded from their website. Shooting Division can provide a copy to competitors who have no internet access. The NRA, noting the wide age and health range of participants in shooting and wishing to minimise cost and administrative effort, will accept a doctor's certificate as at sub-para e above in all circumstances where a Therapeutic Use Exemption would be required under WADA rules.

UK Anti-Doping  
WADA

<http://www.ukad.org.uk/>  
<http://www.wada-ama.org/>

Section 13 *Reserved*

Paras 38-40 *Reserved*

## **SECTION 14 – EQUITY IN SPORT**

### **42 Objective**

a The National Governing Bodies that form British Shooting (formerly the Great Britain Target Shooting Federation) have joined together under that banner to produce a statement of their commitment to provide equal opportunities for all, in the shooting disciplines under their jurisdiction. It is hoped that in doing so it will make access to the shooting sports even easier, and provide opportunities for all members of the community to become involved in shooting.

b The NRA wants to help all who become involved in their activities to realise their potential, whether as shooters, officials, coaches or administrators.

c It is already known that shooting is truly a sport for all but, to further its development as such, the NRA reiterates its commitment to the following policies:

#### **Policy Statement 1**

The NRA will endeavour to increase the number of participants of both sexes taking part in shooting, and to make it easier for them to gain access to all disciplines of the sport.

#### **Policy Statement 2**

The NRA will endeavour to increase the number of participants in the shooting sports from all ethnic groups, without distinction.

#### **Policy Statement 3**

The NRA will endeavour to help more disabled people become actively involved in shooting, and to increase the opportunities for their participation.

#### **Policy Statement 4**

The NRA will endeavour to ensure that all people involved in shooting may do so without discrimination from any quarter, the only restrictions on their participation being that the people concerned should act lawfully, safely and with due respect for others.

#### **Policy Statement 5**

The NRA will endeavour to ensure that age will not be a barrier to participation in shooting, and that people will be encouraged to take part throughout their life while ever it is safe for them to do so.

#### **Policy Statement 6**

The NRA will endeavour to ensure that all member organisations of British Shooting adopt equal opportunity policies wherever possible.

## **SECTION 15 – THE NRA SAFE SHOOTING SYSTEM**

43 The MoD required all civilian organisations using military ranges to have an auditable system of training based on a specific risk assessment. In response, the NRA developed a Safe Shooting System (SSS) which has MoD approval. That SSS is worded using terms applicable to military ranges and cannot be applied strictly to a facility under the control of a civilian Range Operating Authority (see Para 108a). The text of the MoD-applicable SSS is available on request from the NRA and is published in the NRA Range Conducting Officer's Handbook, which is the reference document for range officials operating under that version of the SSS. Published here is the version of the SSS applicable on a civilian range (including Bisley Ranges when used by civilian organisations).

44 The NRA SSS is based on four elements: Safe Shooter, Safe Equipment, Safe Practice and Safe Place.

### **Safe Shooter**

- a The Safe Shooter has the capability to use firearms and ammunition safely, and demonstrates that capability at all times on the range. The NRA probationary course, live firing elements of which are carried out under the one-to-one supervision of Safe Shooters, provides training that imparts the knowledge and skills on which such capability is based. Home Office Approved clubs may provide corresponding training. The Shooter's Certification Card (SCC) provides an auditable record that the responsible officer of the club, normally the Chairman, has satisfied himself at the time of certification as to the shooter's ability to use firearms (identified by their suitability for an NRA Shooting Discipline or combination of NRA Shooting Disciplines) and ammunition (suitable for the identified firearms and within range limits) safely. A club may make use of the NRA SCC scheme or on their own range may choose to apply their own procedures.

### **Safe Equipment**

- b The individual shooter is responsible to his Club Chairman, or if using a range in an individual capacity to the Range Operating Authority, for ensuring that his firearm is serviceable and properly maintained, that the ammunition used results in performance within the range parameters for muzzle velocity (MV) and muzzle energy (ME), and that the combination of firearm and ammunition is safe and suitable for the circumstances in which it is being used.

**Safe Practice**

- c The NRA Rules of Shooting contain detailed regulations concerning the conduct of shooting for all its Shooting Disciplines. All live firing on a range must take place under the supervision of a Range Officer. A Range Operating Authority must state their requirements to act as a Range Officer on a private range, including NSC ranges at Bisley, in the relevant range regulations.
- d High Muzzle Energy (HME): A specific zeroing procedure must be followed for practices on any constructed private range incorporating a Limited Danger Area dimensioned on the basis of a muzzle energy limit of 4500J or less where the firearm/ammunition combination develops ME greater than 4500J.
- e Range Operating Authorities should include procedures for the immediate response to a Range Incident and Range Accident in range orders. An incident or accident on a private range should be reported to the NRA without delay. If not otherwise instructed by a statutory authority, the extent of any subsequent investigation will be directed by the Secretary General, following the principles of the Procedure for the Investigation of Range Occurrences, Accidents and Incidents agreed between the NRA and the MoD.
- f A person on a private range, including NSC ranges at Bisley, taking charge of a range element as Range Officer must follow the administrative processes specified in the relevant range regulations. Range Operating Authorities must ensure that those administrative processes include a requirement that the person declares that they meet the ROAs requirements to be a Range Officer and have read and understood and will comply with Range Orders.
- g It is a condition of access to any range that users obey the regulations and orders. It is part of the duty of a Range Officer to ensure that live firing takes place only within the regulations and orders.

**Safe Place**

- h A Safe Place is one in which the controls which are necessary to enable shooting to be conducted safely have been identified by a site specific risk assessment and directed through Range Orders. NSC ranges at Bisley are subject to site specific risk assessments, from which comprehensive Ranges Regulations and orders specific to each range are derived. Operators of other private ranges should ensure that their regulations and orders are derived by a corresponding process.

## SECTION 16 – SHOOTING DISCIPLINES

46 The NRA recognises and welcomes non-competitive shooting such as introductory opportunities for non-shooters, individual training, target practice by game shooters, firearm testing, ammunition development and equipment development. However, the NRA uses competitive shooting as a major element in fulfilling its Charter objective of the encouragement of marksmanship. For competition to be a viable activity, the conditions must be compatible with the firearms being used and the firearms and equipment used by each competitor must be sufficiently similar to create an environment where the competitor's skill is a significant factor in determining the outcome. Thus competitive shooting takes place in a number of separate groups known as shooting disciplines.

### 47 Definitions

A shooting discipline is a competitive target shooting activity explicitly limited by parameters set out by a governing body. These parameters may include, for example, limitations of calibre, type of firearm, course of fire, permitted participants and range operating procedure. As many parameters as are necessary may be used.

- a Shooting disciplines **Controlled** by the NRA are those for which the NRA claims to be the primary national rule-making body and where relevant claims control of representative GB teams.
- b Shooting disciplines **Recognised** by the NRA are those for which the NRA claims control of representative GB teams, but for which the NRA does not claim to be the primary national rule-making body. Generally, Recognised disciplines will be those run by overseas or international bodies and which bear a very close but not identical resemblance to an NRA-controlled discipline. Also, 300m, Cadets, Muzzle-Loading, Service Weapons and Sporting are Recognised, because the defining rules are set by ISSF, CCRS, MLAGB, UKAFSC and BSRC respectively, but the NRA awards GB status.
- c Shooting disciplines **Acknowledged** by the NRA are those for which there exists a recognised national or international governing body and for which the NRA makes no claim to set rules or control representative teams.

### 48 Administration

- a Formal advice on matters concerning a Controlled Discipline comes from a Discipline Representative, who is elected to General Council by those Members nominating that Discipline as one of those they participate in, and who sits on Shooting Committee ex

officio. Every Controlled Discipline has a Representative, although some Representatives cover more than one Discipline.

- b Formal advice on matters concerning a Recognised Discipline comes from a Discipline Representative, who sits on Shooting Committee ex officio. Every Recognised Discipline has a Representative, who, if not elected as for a representative of a Controlled discipline, is either appointed by Shooting Committee to represent the Discipline through representing the related Controlled Discipline, or is appointed to Shooting Committee ex officio with responsibilities in an external organisation for the relevant rules.
- c Formal advice on matters concerning an Acknowledged Discipline may come from a Discipline Representative assigned the Acknowledged Discipline as an additional responsibility by the Shooting Committee. If no such assignment has been made, advice comes from the Association's professional staff who will regard the Discipline in the same light as any other commercial activity.
- d Discipline representatives may seek assistance and advice, or request appointment of a Discipline Sub-Committee, in accordance with Shooting Committee Bylaws.

#### 49 List of Disciplines

- a The Disciplines Controlled by the NRA, and their defining parameters, are:

##### **Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle**

Firearms, ammunition and equipment in accordance with Para A2 of the Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle Handbook; event conditions in accordance with Section C of the Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle Handbook; deliberate, rapid, fire with movement and snaphooting competitions.

##### **F Class**

Firearm equipment and position in accordance with Para 164; deliberate competition in which each shot is signalled separately.

##### **Gallery Rifle and Pistol**

Firearms in accordance with Para A2 of the GR&P Handbook; equipment in accordance with Para A3.2 of the GR&P Handbook; event conditions in accordance with Section C of the GR&P Handbook.

**Historic Arms**

Competition “in the spirit of the original” as set out in Aims, Objectives, Rules and Conditions and with firearms grouped by date of origin of the original as set out in Classes and Ammunition, all in the NRA Classic & Historic Handbook.

**Match Rifle including Any Rifle**

Firearm equipment and position in accordance with Para 156 or 157; deliberate competition in which each shot is signalled separately.

**Precision Snapshooting**

Competition with random short exposures of a target in a defined area or frontage.

**Target Rifle**

Firearm and equipment in accordance with Para 150; position in accordance with Para 203ai; deliberate competition in which each shot is signalled separately.

**Target Shotgun**

Firearms and ammunition in accordance with Para 160. Event conditions in accordance with the TS Handbook.

b Disciplines Recognised by the NRA include

**300m Rifle** controlled by the International Sports Shooting Federation

**Cadets** controlled by the Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

**ICFRA Rules Target Rifle** controlled by the International Confederation of Full-bore Rifle Associations

**Muzzle-Loading** controlled by the Muzzle-Loaders’ Association of Great Britain

**Palma Rifle** controlled by the National Rifle Association of America

**Precision Rifle (PRS)** controlled by the International Precision Rifle Federation

**Service Weapons** controlled by the UK Armed Forces Shooting Committee

**Sporting Rifle** Events using rifles in accordance with Para 158 and comprising both Moving and Static Target events. The Moving Target events are generally under ISSF rules for 10m and 50m events, and under Nordic Shooting Union rules

for 100m events. Static events are under BSRC originated rules.

c Disciplines Acknowledged by the NRA include

**Air rifle and pistol** controlled by the National Small-bore Rifle Association

**Benchrest** controlled by the UK Benchrest Association

**Commonwealth Games Target Rifle** controlled by the Commonwealth Shooting Federation on behalf of the Commonwealth Games Commission

**Lightweight Sport Rifle** controlled by the National Small-bore Rifle Association

**IPSC Shotgun** controlled by the International Practical Shooting Confederation

**Shotgun (moving clay targets)** controlled by the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association

**Small-bore Rifle** controlled by the National Small-bore Rifle Association

50 The NRA controls, recognises or acknowledges more than twenty Shooting Disciplines. For the purposes of certifying shooters and RCOs for military ranges, these are grouped as follows:

- Supported deliberate disciplines: Target Rifle, F Class Rifle, Match Rifle, Long Range Pistol, benchrest
- Static rifle disciplines: Gallery rifle, Precision Snapshooting, historic arms, 300m rifle, smallbore rifle and target air rifle, lightweight sport rifle and field target air rifle
- Competitive Pistol disciplines: Long barrelled revolver & long barrelled pistol used within GR&P discipline, Olympic Free Pistol and Rapid-Fire Pistol, target air pistol
- Sporting rifle moving target (targets that traverse across the line of fire)
- Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle
- Precision Rifle (PRS)
- Target Shotgun standard certification for practices fully detailed in the Target Shotgun Handbook
- Muzzle Loading / Black Powder (including Muzzle Loading Pistol)
- Airguns including those listed above
- Modern and Heritage pistol: All handgun types except muzzle loading pistols

The above grouping does not invalidate Shooter Certification Cards or RCO qualifications issued under the grouping schemes used previously. Note that a qualification in a particular discipline is not of itself an authority to engage in or supervise such a discipline on any MoD range. The limitations of the specific range are overriding.

### 51 Discipline Representatives

Discipline Representatives and their corresponding responsibilities are as in the table below.

Discipline Rep	Disciplines represented		
	Controlled	Recognised	Acknowledged
300m Rifle		300m	
CSR & PR	CSR & PR Precision Snapshooting	Precision Rifle	
F Class	F Class		
Gallery Rifle & Pistol	Gallery Rifle & Pistol		
Historic Arms	Historics		
Match Rifle	Match Rifle		
Muzzle Loading		Muzzle Loading	
Cadets		Cadets	
Service Weapons		Service Weapons	
Sporting		Sporting	
Target Rifle	Target Rifle	ICFRA TR Palma Rifle	CG TR
Target Shotgun	Target Shotgun		IPSC Shotgun

**SECTION 17 – NRA TRAINING POLICY**

52 NRA Training supports and promotes the NRA Safe Shooting System. Its objectives are:

- To train and qualify/re-qualify Range Conducting Officers and Range Safety Officers to control safe shooting on suitable ranges
- To qualify Club Instructors and Club Coaches in order to promote marksmanship skills across all NRA shooting disciplines for the benefit of the sport
- To deliver validated Probationary Training courses that grant successful students recognition as Safe Shooters and that set a benchmark for Affiliated Clubs
- To lead the delivery of discipline based Skills Courses (Introductory and Advanced) to develop shooting skills and give new shooters the confidence to enter competitions
- To offer bespoke training courses in support of NRA objectives, for example deliver workshops to Home Office, Police licensing staff and government personnel
- To offer courses regionally throughout the UK via Regional Training Managers

53 Current courses, entry conditions and output standards are all available via the NRA website under ‘Courses & Training’

**SECTION 18 - LIST OF NRA POLICIES PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE**

54 In addition to the policies published in this Handbook, the following policies are published by authority of the Council and can be found via the NRA website or at the electronic addresses below:

**a Information and electronic communication matters****NRA/NSC Privacy Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-NSC-Privacy-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

Information about Data Protection within NRA and NSC, including process to exercise rights under GDPR and DPA.

**NRA Cookies Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/cookies-policy/>

**NRA Policy on the Publication of Information – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Publication-of-Information-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

**NRA Social Media and Communication Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Social-Media-and-Communication-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

**NRA Data Protection and Data Use Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Data-Protection-and-Data-Use-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

**b Concerns Complaints and Disputes****NRA Complaints Policy – 17 April 2021**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Complaints-Policy-adopted-17-April-2021.pdf>

Policy and procedure for handling complaints other than complaints for which a more specific process exists.

**Disciplinary Code – 9 December 2023**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Disciplinary-Code.pdf>

**NRA Whistle Blowing Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Whistleblowing-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

Applies to employed staff.

**NRA Dispute and Resolution Policy**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Dispute-Resolution-Policy-adopted-5-December-2020.pdf>

Applies to Trustees dealing with disputes in which the NRA is a party to the dispute.

**c Shooting-related matters**

**Determining the Charitable Status of Competitions held in the UK – 22 December 2023**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Charitable-Status-of-Domestic-Marksmanship-Competitions-1.pdf>

**Overseas Team Fund Terms of Reference for Grants – 16 October 2021**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/OTF-Terms-of-reference.pdf>

Policy as the title and background information.

**Policy on ICFRA representation – 3 February 2023**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/ICFRA-NRA-Representation-Policy-adopted-3-February-2023.pdf>

**Terms of Reference for the Young Shooters' Fund – 9 December 2023**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Terms-of-Reference-for-the-Young-Shooter.pdf>

**d Behavioural and interpersonal matters**

**NRA Bullying and Harassment Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Bullying-and-Harassment-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

Policy applicable worldwide to affiliated organisations and their members, individual NRA members, holders of NRA credentials and competitors under NRA auspices.

**NRA Equality Policy – 6 May 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Equality-Policy-amended-06.05.25.pdf>

**NRA Safeguarding Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Safeguarding-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

**NRA Transgender Inclusion Policy – 6 May 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Transgender-Inclusion-Policy-amended-06.05.2025.pdf>

**NRA Code of Conduct for Members – 9 February 2024**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Code-of-Conduct-for-Members.docx>

**e Governance****General Council Conflicts of Interest Policy – 11 June 2021**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/General-Council-NRA-Conflict-of-Interest-Policy-adopted-11-June-2021.pdf>

**NRA Environmental Social and Governance Policy – 11 August 2023**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-ESG-Policy.pdf>

**NRA Code of Conduct for Trustees – 10 December 2022**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Trustee-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

**NRA Risk Management Policy – 9 December 2023**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Risk-Management-Policy.pdf>

**NRA/NSC Fire Risk Assessment Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-NSC-Fire-Risk-Assessment-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

**NRA/NSC Health and Safety Policy – 13 December 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-NSC-Health-and-Safety-Policy-adopted-13.12.2025.pdf>

**f Financial and Asset Management and related matters****NRA Real Estate Policy – 17 April 2020**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Real-Estate-Policy-2020-approved-170420.pdf>

**NRA Investment Policy – 5 December 2020**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Investment-Policy-adopted-5-December-2020.pdf>

Statement of Council policy regarding the NRA investment assets the Overseas Team Fund and the Special Prizes Fund, also a note regarding accounts relating to the Young Shooters' Fund and the ICFRA fund.

**NRA Reserves Policy – 10 December 2022**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Reserves-Policy-adopted-10th-December-2022.pdf>

Council position on financial reserves having regard to Charity Commission Guidance.

**NRA Museum Acquisition and Disposal Policy – 6 June 2025**

<https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Museum-Acquisition-and-Disposal-Policy-revised-6-June-2025-1.pdf>

Policy as the title, also general policy regarding the Museum.

Sections 19-21 *Reserved*

Paras 55-70 *Reserved*

## **SECTION 22 – MISCELLANEOUS POLICY**

### **71 Debtors**

In any NRA competition, notwithstanding that an entry has been correctly made and acknowledged, the NRA reserves the right to withhold squadding cards (or team register cards) from a competitor who has (or from a team whose underlying organisation has) debts to the NRA outstanding beyond agreed dates for payment.

### **72 Guests**

An NRA member bringing guests to Bisley Camp or other NRA location or event is responsible for the guests' behaviour and may be held accountable for any breaches of rules or regulations by the guests.

### **73 Misconduct amounting to Breach of the Rules when no other Para applies**

a This Para applies when:

- (i) an allegation is made of misconduct of a type which, if proven, could attract a penalty specified under any of Paras 543 to 547; and
- (ii) no other Para refers to or is referred by the specified penalty.

b When this Para applies, it constitutes a Rule that has been alleged to have been breached.

### **74 Fraudulent Documents, False Information and Failure to Disclose Information required under NRA Rules**

This paragraph applies to any person subject to the NRA Disciplinary Code.

In this paragraph “document” includes both physical and electronic documents, and the terms “create” “submit” “disclose” and “provide” shall be construed accordingly.

It is prohibited to create or submit a fraudulent document or to provide false information, or to fail to disclose information required under NRA Rules, with the intention to gain an advantage in any dealing with the Association.

A person subject to this paragraph who intentionally or recklessly breaches the above prohibition shall be liable to penalties under the Disciplinary Code.

Paras 75-80 *Reserved*

## C – BISLEY CAMP INFORMATION

81 The NRA actively promotes the advancement of marksmanship through competitive target shooting throughout the UK. A large proportion of shooting under the auspices of the NRA takes place at the National Shooting Centre, Bisley. Sections 23-25 and Appendices I to III below are provided for the convenient reference of users of Bisley Camp and Ranges. These Sections are correct at time of publication, but are subject to amendment. The definitive versions are published on the NSC website. All users of Bisley must, in particular, check Bisley Ranges Regulations before firing.

### SECTION 23 – COMMENCEMENT AND CESSATION OF FIRING

#### 82 Commencement of firing

- a One blast will be sounded on the sirens by the Range Office, unless otherwise ordered eg during the Imperial Meeting, as a signal to ROs that firing may commence.
- b The Zero Range may be available for use before the general signal is given. Details are available on the NSC website and from the Range Office.

#### 83 Signal to cease fire

- a **Normal operation: Cheylesmore, Sporting, Melville, Stickle-down, Winans, Zero, Century and Siberia Ranges**  
Unless prior permission has been requested and granted, the conclusion of shooting periods will be indicated by siren and must be strictly observed. A cease fire at the end of a shooting period will be notified by two blasts on the siren at an interval of about 15 seconds. All shooters must cease fire, unload and remove firearms from the firing point.
- b **Emergencies: All ranges except NSRA ranges**  
Should an immediate cease fire be required at any other time this will be indicated by four (or more) blasts of the siren: all shooters must cease fire at once. All ROs and radio users must select the Control channel on their radios and await instructions. If general permission to continue firing is granted, it will be indicated to ROs by one long blast on the siren. Specific permission to continue may be granted range by range by telephone or radio.

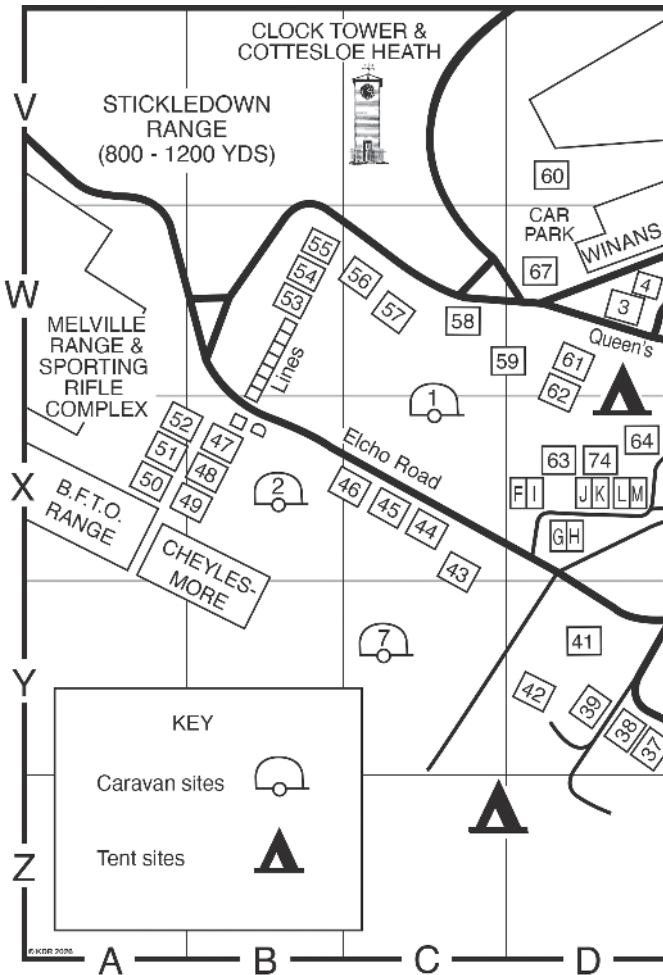
**SECTION 24 – NSC OPERATING INFORMATION**

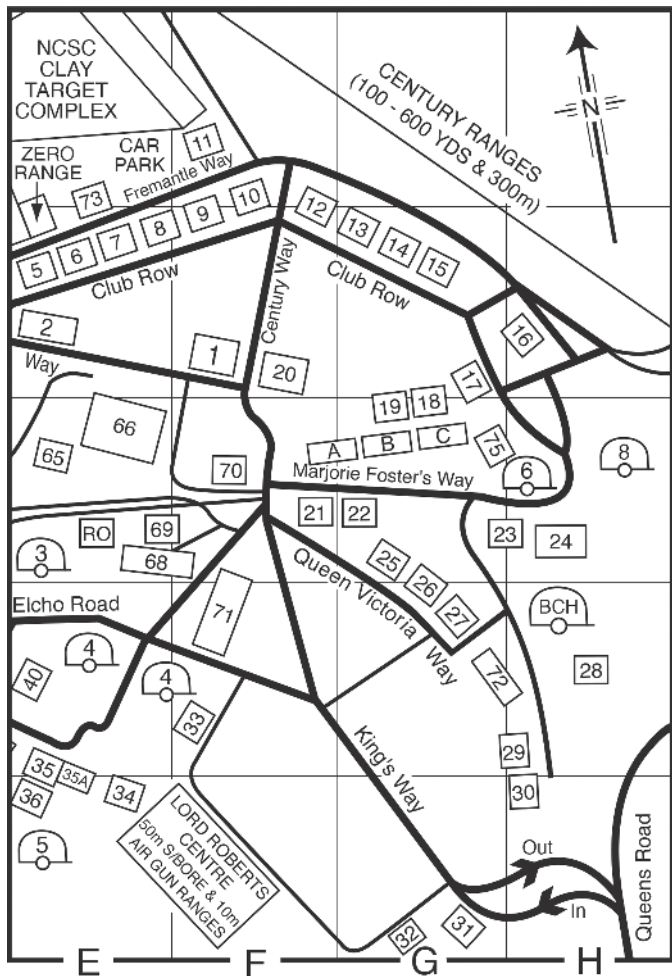
84 NSC Ltd publishes Bisley Ranges Regulations, which govern the safe conduct of shooting on the ranges at Bisley. The definitive version of Ranges Regulations is on the NSC website (accessed from the NRA landing page) under the Ranges tab. The Ranges Regulations apply to all users of the ranges except HM Forces and Government agencies, which operate under their own NSC approved procedures. Ranges Regulations must be read in conjunction with the current Rules of Shooting published annually by the NRA. In particular, the NRA Safety Rules at Section 52 of this Handbook apply on Bisley Ranges.

85 Dates and times that the ranges are open for shooting will be notified on the NSC Website.

86 NRA Members may, by prior arrangement and for a fee, store firearms and ammunition in the NSC armoury.

## SECTION 25 – PLAN OF BISLEY CAMP AND RANGES





87 **Legend to Plan of Camp and Ranges**

1	NRA Offices	FW	46	The Hut	CX
2	Exhibition Hut	EW	47	Shindigs	BX
3	ARA Officers Mess	DW	48	Hedgehog Hut	BX
4	ATSC Caretaker	DW	49	Kangaroo Corner	BX
5	Surrey RA	EW	50	Mallabar (BFTO)	AX
6	White Horse Lodge	EW	51	Imperial Lodge	AX
7	Richardson Lodge	EW	52	Central Bankers	AX
8	North London RC	EW	53	Elcho Lodge	BW
9	Ibis RC	FW	54	Stickledown Lodge	BW
10	City RC	FV	55	Cottesloe Lodge	BW
11	Fat Tony's Snack Bar	FV	56	Clock Tower Lodge	CW
12	London & Middlesex RA	FW	57	Ranfurly Lodge	CW
13	The Cottage	GW	58	William Evans Gunmakers	CW
14	Bunhill Lodge	GW	59	Bisley Shooting Ground	DW
15	Artists RC	GW	60	National Clay Shooting Centre	DV
16	British Commonwealth RC	HW	61	English VIII	DW
17	Anderby Lodge	GX	62	Wimbledon House	DW
18	Broome Lodge	GX	63	Greshams School	DX
19	Woffington Lodge	GX	64	British Young Shooters Association	DX
20	Fultons / Welsh RA / SLRC / Ten Ring / Old Guildfordians	FW	65	Marylebone R & PC (Dukka Hut)	EX
21	Dark Horse RC	FX	66	The Pavilion	EX
22	Bullet Lodge	GX	67	Old Bisley Gun Club	DW
23	Erin	GX	68	Torpedo Shed	EX
24	NRA Workshops	HX	69	MoD / NRA Armouries	EX
25	The Barn	GX	70	Derby Lodge (CCRS)	FX
26	Queen's Lodge	GY	71	NRA Site 103	FY
27	Macdonald Stewart Pavilion	GY	72	Victoria Row	GY
28	Camp Cottage	HY	73	Bisley Shooting Academy	EV
29	Hogleas Hall RC	HY	74	Chobham Ridge Lodge	DX
30	Old Sergeants Mess RC	HZ	75	Crawford Lodge	GX
31	CPSA	GZ	<b>Huts</b>		
32	Hut 60	GZ	A, B, C, Lines		GX
33	St George's Lodge (LMRA)	FY	D Lines		BW
34	Royal Marines RA	EZ	F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M Lines		DX
35	Dolphin Lodge	EY	RO Lines		EX
35A	Building 1	EY	<b>Caravan Sites</b>		
36	Royal Air Force SAA	EZ	Site 1		CX
37	RAF Dormitory	DY	Site 2		BX
38	Dormitory 2	DY	Waldegrave Site (3)		EX
39	The Menagerie	DY	Spencer Site (4)		EY
40	Atholl Row	EY	Wharncliffe Site (5)		EZ
41	Hythe Lodge (HQ ARA)	DY	Site 6		HX
42	Inns of Court	DY	Site 7		CY
43	HAC	CX	Site 8		HX
44	Trethewey Lodge	CX	Site BCH		HY
45	The Spott (BDMP)	CX	<b>Tent Sites</b>		

## **APPENDIX I – BISLEY CAMP STANDING ORDERS**

Note: Applicable throughout the year unless stated to the contrary. Throughout these Regulations, unless the context explicitly makes clear otherwise, the expression “SG” means the Secretary General of the NRA or his authorised officers.

### **1 General**

The Secretary General has overall responsibility for the NRA estate and ranges. The Range Office controls all NSC shooting activities.

Members of Service Police and Traffic Wardens on duty act with the approval of the NRA.

### **2 Bisley Camp**

The SG may require anyone to leave the NRA’s estate that disregards or breaches the Regulations or the Bisley Camp Standing Orders or behaves in any manner, which, in his view, may be dangerous, subversive or detrimental to good order. Any person required to leave the estate as above shall not be admitted to the estate or ranges again for such period as determined by the SG or the Disciplinary Committee.

Illegal recreational drugs are not permitted within Bisley Camp. Persons found to be in possession of such recreational drugs will be reported to the relevant authority.

### **3 Zero Tolerance Policy**

The National Rifle Association (NRA) operates a zero tolerance policy regarding harassment, abuse and bullying towards anyone on Bisley Camp. This includes but is not limited to discrimination, and harassment by discrimination, as defined in the Equality Act. The NRA is dedicated to creating and maintaining a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment and expects all individuals entering the camp to support this. If you experience or witness any incidence of harassment, abuse or bullying, please report it using the NRA Complaints Process.

### **4 Firearms/Shooting**

#### **a Security of firearms and ammunition.**

Firearms and/or ammunition must not be left unsecured and unattended on the NRA Estate.

#### **b All information pertaining to firearms and shooting on Bisley ranges is covered separately in the Bisley Ranges Regulations. Current versions of this are available from the NSC offices and the websites.**

## **5 Exhibitions/Events**

The NRA reserves the right to require exhibitors or event attendees to remove or withdraw any articles, displays or material which is deemed inappropriate or offensive.

## **6 Fire**

Anyone discovering a fire should:

- i Raise the alarm – Shout “FIRE FIRE FIRE” and/or use the alarm bells in campsites. Unless obviously unnecessary, call the Fire Brigade 999 or 112. Postcode is GU24 0PA for most of the Camp.
- ii Inform the Range Office.
- iii Without risking the safety of any person, try to put the fire out.

## **7 Accommodation**

- a Various accommodation is available on the estate: huts, caravan and tent sites, or with many of the resident clubs. Full details are available on the website. Full payment is to be made in advance at the time of booking.
- b Huts are let under the following conditions:
  - i Huts may not be sub-let, shared or loaned without permission obtained through the Accommodation Office.
  - ii Huts may not be used for the purposes of trade or exhibition.
  - iii Damages and deficiencies must be paid for before leaving the estate or on receipt of the bill.
  - iv Cooking is not allowed in the huts.
  - v The NSC reserves the right to resume possession in the event of any infringement of the Regulations or the Camp Standing Orders. In such case no repayment will be made for the unoccupied period.
- c Power sockets in ablutions/laundry rooms are only for hairdryers, shavers and irons used within that building. No batteries may be charged.

## **8 Caravans and Camper Vans**

- a Members visiting the NRA estate for the purpose of shooting may hire a site in the special area reserved for caravans and camper vans. Caravans and camper vans may not be parked anywhere else nor may they be used for purposes of trade or exhibition without the prior approval of the SG.

- b Tents may not be pitched on caravan sites. The NRA reserves the right to remove any tents or caravans that have been incorrectly sited.

## 9 Cars and Motor Vehicles

This includes, but is not restricted to, light motorised vehicles akin to golf buggies.

- a Within the NRA estate and ranges the provisions of the Road Traffic Act and all regulations made thereunder are to be observed at all times. In particular driving under the influence of alcohol is forbidden and any suspected instances will be reported at once to the civilian police.
- b The speed limit in the estate or on the ranges is 15 mph unless marked otherwise.
- c All vehicles entering the estate must be insured for a minimum of third party liability.
- d No tracked vehicle may enter the estate except as directed by the SG.
- e Vehicles larger than motor cars, including but not limited to campervans, lorries and buses, must park as directed by NRA staff.
- f Vehicles are to park in the authorised places and may not be parked on roads or within tented lines.
- g Private vehicles may be subject to a daily charge for entering the estate. In this event car passes will be obtainable at the gate.
- h Members of the NRA should carry their Life or Annual membership cards with them at all times. This will allow unhindered entrance to the estate and ranges on occasions when a daily car pass system is in operation.
- j Private vehicles may not at any time:
  - i Go forward of the 1,000 yards firing point on Stickledown unless going to the butts for marking duty or to the Butt Zero parking area.
  - ii Go behind the firing points on Century, other than at 600 yards, where vehicles must remain behind the line of trees, and in the gravelled parking areas behind 300 yards and at 150 yards on Butt 19.

Exceptions to sub-paras i and ii:

- Motor vehicles carrying a disabled person and displaying a valid Disabled Range Access Pass, issued from the Range Office.

- Light motorised vehicles, eg golf buggies. These vehicles may approach all firing points no closer than 20 metres but must not hinder or restrict any access by pedestrians.
  - NRA staff on duty.
  - At the discretion of the CRO, in formal competition teams may be permitted to use one vehicle to move team kit to and from the forward firing points
- k Fees may be waived and rules relaxed for disabled competitors and for officials. All efforts will be made to accommodate disabled drivers' requests through the Range Office. Early applications may assist in range plans to accommodate these requests.
- l Any person driving a vehicle off the roadways is responsible for ensuring it is safe to do so. Claims for damage caused to vehicles by obstruction, ditches, etc, will not be entertained. A charge may be levied if any vehicle has to be recovered by the NSC staff.

## **10 Animals**

Owners are responsible for any animal they bring to Camp and must not allow it on or forward of the firing points during shooting periods or to cause a nuisance at any time. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times in the domestic area of the Camp and on the ranges when shooting is taking place. Animals are explicitly prohibited from any enclosed range. Owners must clean up after their animal and make good any damage it causes. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the SG banning the animal from Camp.

## **11 Fireworks**

Any person wishing to discharge fireworks on the estate or ranges is to seek prior permission from the SG in writing.

## **12 Chinese Lanterns**

The release of airborne paper lanterns, also know as Sky and Kongming lanterns, is prohibited on the NRA estate.

## **13 Notices**

No notice may be placed on any NRA notice board nor may one be marked or altered without the permission of the SG.

## **14 Filming (moving images) and photography (still images) on Camp**

Filming and photography on camp is permitted for personal use only.

Filming and photography for commercial reasons (included but not limited to vloggers and professional photographers/videographers) is subject to licence and may be charged at a daily rate.

By entering Bisley Camp you give permission to be photographed and/or filmed by NRA and NSC appointed officials.

### 15 Unmanned aerial devices

The operation of unmanned aerial devices (drones) from or over Bisley Camp and ranges is strictly prohibited without the prior permission of the Secretary General. Reproduction in any public or social medium of images of Bisley Camp and ranges, which are private property, obtained by use of such a vehicle as a platform is similarly prohibited without such permission.



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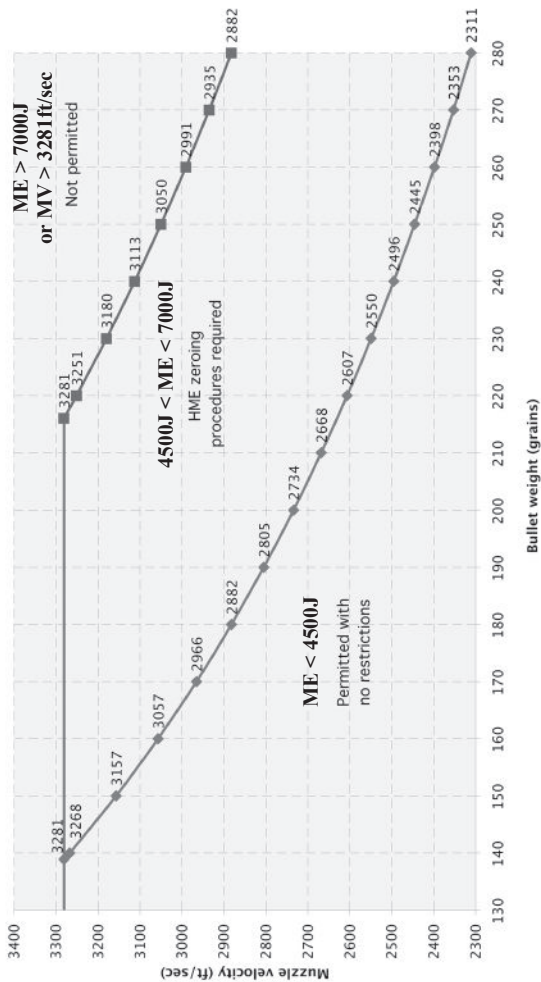
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## APPENDIX II – MUZZLE ENERGY GRAPH

## Allowable limits for muzzle velocity and bullet weight



**APPENDIX III – EYE PROTECTION**

It is the norm in a great many shooting activities that participants wear eye protection. The NRA does not wish to be overly prescriptive on this issue and after consideration has reached the following position.

1 Eye protection is not considered necessary when using rifles that operate with a locked bolt or falling block because such firearms:

- a Do not eject small metallic parts or powder residue at the breech end except in instances of catastrophic failure
- b Are designed to fail in such a way that the user is not exposed to debris
- c Are designed to fail in such a way that any debris travels only a short distance and should not present a hazard to others at the typical spacing of competitors on the firing point.

2 Because of the hazard from escaping debris, ejected components, splashback of fragments and combustion residue that arises in normal use, eye protection should be recommended whenever the following are in use:

- a Muzzle-loading pistols
- b Muzzle-loading rifles/muskets with exposed ignition mechanism (eg flintlock / exposed percussion cap)
- c Revolvers
- d Firearms with a blowback action
- e Magazine-load firearms using pistol calibre ammunition where the small case may present a hazard on ejection.

3 Eye protection should, with some limited exceptions, be mandated for participants, officials and spectators in NRA events (whether competitive or not) involving the firearms listed at 2 above because:

- a The risk is largely to persons in the immediate vicinity of the firearm rather than the user
- b This type of event tends to have a wide variety of firearm types in use in close proximity at the same time on the same firing point
- c Some competitors perceive a competitive disadvantage in wearing eye protection, thus the requirement must apply to all
- d Enforcement is easier if everyone in a defined vicinity of the firing point is required to wear eye protection.

Consequently, part of the competition conditions of events involving the firearms listed at 2 above will be that participants wear eye protection. Match directors will have discretion to exempt specific practices within the event where the practice conditions are such that the hazards envisaged do not actually arise.

4 The wearing of eye protection is mandatory when shooting hard targets at distances of 25m or less.

Parts D-E *Reserved*

Sections 26-50 *Reserved*

Paras 88-100 *Reserved*

**VOLUME 2 – THE NRA RULES OF SHOOTING****F – GENERAL RULES****SECTION 51 – EXPLANATORY AND DEFINITIONS**

101 The NRA Rules of Shooting (including Appendices) are “Rules” and are of general application. The Imperial Meeting volume contains “Regulations” (including Appendices) for the administration of an event and “Conditions” for specific competitions, which unless stated otherwise are applicable only during the Imperial Meeting. Discipline-specific rules, such as the Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately) may include any or all of Rules, Regulations and Conditions. If compliance with one rule necessitates breaking another, the order of precedence is:

- a Range Safety Regulations
  - b Discipline-specific Safety Rules
  - c The generic Safety Rules at Section 52
  - d Conditions
  - e Discipline-specific Regulations
  - f Generic Regulations
  - g Discipline-specific Rules other than Safety Rules
  - h Generic Rules other than Safety Rules
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- a In these Rules the word “Meeting” means the Imperial Prize Meeting of the NRA at Bisley.
  - b In the case of other meetings conducted “under the NRA Rules of Shooting” these Rules shall apply except where otherwise stated.
  - c A match organiser conducting an event “under the NRA Rules of Shooting” but with exceptions, who attempts to exempt or circumvent any of the Safety Rules (Section 52) may be liable to penalties under rule 545.
  - d Where these Rules apply and any offence of the nature described in Paras 544 to 546 is committed the circumstances should be reported to the NRA as soon as possible.
  - e These Rules, and the Bisley Ranges Regulations, must be read and complied with by all firers at Bisley. Both have general application throughout the year.

103 Subject to adherence to the policy of the Council, the Shooting Committee is empowered to vary or add to these Rules, Regulations and Conditions, including the cancellation in whole or in part of any competition, whether commenced or not, upon such conditions (if any) as the Committee

may determine, if in its opinion such variation or addition is necessary. In cases of emergency or urgency the Chairman of the Shooting Committee or his authorised representative is empowered to make decisions on its behalf. Any such variation or addition will be published on the notice boards during the Imperial Meeting or on the NRA website or in the NRA Journal.

The Shooting Committee is granted numerous discretionary powers under these Rules and Regulations. The Shooting Committee may delegate such powers to sub-committees or individuals for the duration of any specific event. The Shooting Committee may appoint Scrutineers and Ammunition Officers to inspect firearms, equipment, scorecards and ammunition in the course of any competition organised by the NRA. The Shooting Committee shall publish the procedures to be followed by Scrutineers and Ammunition Officers before commencement of the relevant competition.

104 The Council has granted summary powers to deal with matters of conduct and discipline by way of a separate code, operated by the Disciplinary Body, which shall be appointed by the General Council. See Section 11.

105 Members must read and comply with all Rules and any notices placed on the notice boards or in the NRA Journal by the authority of the Shooting Committee. Ignorance will not be accepted as an excuse.

### **Countries – Definitions**

106 Throughout this document, unless the context explicitly makes clear otherwise:

“Great Britain”, and the abbreviation “GB”, means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

“Ireland” means the island of Ireland, including its islands and seas.

“NI” means Northern Ireland.

“RoI” means the Republic of Ireland.

“British Isles” is a geographic area comprising the territories of GB, RoI, the Channel Isles and the Isle of Man.

A “country” is any one of: a sovereign nation; a self-governing colony of any sovereign nation; a Crown Dependency; a UK Dependency; England; Ireland; Scotland; Wales. Other entities may be designated a “country” on a case-by-case basis.

An “overseas country” is any country wholly outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

“State” refers to a subdivision of a country eg a State of the USA, and not to a Nation State.

**107 Ranges, Range Supervision, Range Occurrences - Definitions****a Range – Definition**

For the purposes of NRA publications and NRA safety advice, a Range is a defined three-dimensional space under the control of a Range Operating Authority (Para 107b iv) that meets the definition of a Safe Place within the meaning of the NRA Safe Shooting System (Para 44h).

**b Responsible persons supervising live firing – Definitions****i Range Officer and Chief Range Officer**

Whenever live firing takes place, one individual is allocated the responsibility of supervising the activity to ensure that it is conducted safely and in accordance with applicable rules and indicates acceptance of this responsibility by signing an agreement to do so. That individual is conventionally known as the Range Officer (RO), or if responsible for such a large or varied activity that assistance is required, the Chief Range Officer (CRO), with a number of ROs under his command.

**ii Safety Supervisor (SS)**

A SS assists an RO by close supervision of one or two shooters during a specific practice.

**iii Range Conducting Officer**

A Range Conducting Officer (RCO) is a person who holds a formal qualification from a recognised authority to supervise live firing within limits specified. **The** RCO is the responsible person holding such a qualification who is supervising live firing on a range where such a qualification is required to do so.

**iv Range Operating Authority (ROA)**

The ROA is the person or organisation responsible for ensuring that a range is constructed and maintained to recognised safety and legal standards and for providing a physical and regulatory environment within which an RO can run that range in safety and within the law.

**v Range Safety Officer (RSO)**

A Range Safety Officer (RSO) is a person who holds a formal qualification from the NRA

a in the principles and processes by which a range is assured to be a Safe Place

b in the principles and processes by which an RO assures that live firing constitutes a Safe Practice within

the meaning of the Safe Shooting System and, as a consequence of that qualification, is deemed competent to advise a ROA on such matters.

**vi Range Template Controller (RTC)**

The RTC is the person appointed by the ROA to co-ordinate multiple user groups operating simultaneously on a range or range complex. The instructions of the RTC to effect co-ordination are binding on all range users, including any CRO, RO, RCO or SS on the range.

**c Occurrences, Accidents and Incidents - definitions**

**i Range Occurrence:** An unexpected or unplanned event occurring within the physical dimensions of a firing range, arising from activity directly associated with live firing and having actual or potential adverse consequences.

**ii Range Accident:** An unintended range occurrence leading to personal injury or damage to property.

**iii Range Incident:** An unintended range occurrence that could in different circumstances have resulted in personal injury or damage to property.

**108 Control of a firearm – definition and management**

A person takes control of a firearm if they remove it from a secure place or if they accept control of it from another person. A person in control of a firearm has a duty to ensure its security and safe operation and to relinquish control only by securing the firearm or by passing control of it to another person.

*109 Reserved*

**SECTION 52 – SAFETY RULES**

110 Throughout this section the expression “CRO” includes the Head of Shooting and Training or his appointee at Bisley whenever a Chief Range Officer is not formally appointed.

111 If any person on the range considers that there is a potential or actual breach of safety which urgently requires all firers to stop firing he will immediately give the order “Stop, Stop, Stop”. All firers must immediately stop firing, take their finger off the trigger, keep their firearms pointing at the target and await further instructions. No-one may unload or move off the firing point. The person ordering the stop, if not himself the RO, must immediately explain his action to the RO so that the RO may take effective control of the situation.

112 It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure that, to the extent required for the role that he will undertake, he is fit, competent, safe, legal and authorised to participate in range activity with firearms. The (C)RO or any official acting with the authority of the CRO may prohibit any person from such participation if in that official's opinion a person is not fit, competent, safe, legal or authorised. If the opinion giving rise to a prohibition stems from a perceived deliberate act by the person prohibited, including intoxication or misuse of drugs, the official shall report the matter to the Secretary General for consideration of disciplinary action.

113 When at the firing point a participant must comply with all orders for the due carrying out of the NRA Rules and Regulations given by the CRO or any official acting under orders of the CRO. Without prejudice to the authority of the CRO or RTC, all persons on or in the immediate vicinity of a range element under the control of an RO are to obey the instructions of the RO. For the purpose of this paragraph any sign, notice, marker, barrier or similar, indicating required or prohibited behaviour, is an instruction of the RO.

114 No participant may move himself or his equipment forward onto the firing point until authorised to do so by the (C)RO.

115 No round may be placed on the loading platform or in the firearm, nor may it be fired, until the RO has given the order to do so (see Para 280 and 546c).

116 A firer is responsible for ensuring that his firearm and ammunition are safe to use individually and in combination. It is prohibited to use ammunition that does not conform to the standard of proof of the firearm eg cartridges loaded with modern nitro propellants in firearms proofed for black powder only. In the case of firearms which are not proofed, eg temporary imports from a country where there is no statutory requirement for proof, the term "standard of proof" is deemed to be that to which they would be subject under CIP rules. A firer must submit his firearm and ammunition for inspection and testing whenever requested by an official of the NRA.

No ammunition of a dangerous character may be used. For definition of dangerous ammunition and instructions for ROs see Appendix VI and Paras 288, 545 and 546.

117 Firers may only carry out actions of closing or opening the bolt (or equivalent working part in other types of firearm) on a live round if:

the barrel is elevated less than 70 mils (approximately 4°) above the horizontal; and

nothing (except the trigger) is within the trigger guard.

In practice this means that when closing or opening the bolt with a live round in the chamber the barrel should be horizontal and laterally aligned within the

target lane and the firer's trigger finger should be clear of the trigger outside the trigger guard.

## **118 Pointing of loaded firearms and firearms in a condition to fire**

### **a Firearms in a condition to fire**

Unless explicitly briefed otherwise eg on an event-specific course involving movement, a person in control of a firearm that is in a condition to fire must, to the greatest extent practicable, keep it pointed directly at the intended target. For this rule only, a firearm is "in a condition to fire" when the action or equivalent part is closed or cocked on a live round or primed charge.

### **b Loaded firearms**

A person in control of a firearm with live round(s) in or on it must keep it pointed:

On a No Danger Area range, within the boundaries of the stop butt.

On a range set out for an event-specific course of fire, within the limit marks set and briefed for the course.

On any other range, within an angle of 200 mils (11.25° or 1 in 5) left or right of the line from the assigned firing point to the corresponding target.

### **c Muzzle loading firearms**

For this rule, a muzzle-loading firearm contains a "live round" when and only when charged and primed. A muzzle loading firearm may only be charged on the firing point or at a position designated by the RO for charging and may only be primed on the firing point. Once charged, a muzzle-loading firearm should be kept pointing in a safe direction and only moved directly from the charging point to the firing point.

### **d Definitions and exceptions**

A moving clay target layout is an "event-specific course". A field firing area with targets irregularly positioned is "an event-specific course" notwithstanding that the targets may be in position for an indefinite period. A stop butt does not include defensive structures on the flanks of the range designed to capture only infrequent impacts. Paras a-c do not prohibit:

- The adoption of a ready position specified in discipline-specific rules.
- In a supported deliberate discipline, closing the bolt with the firearm approximately level on the ground or a bench, which action constitutes "adoption of a ready position".

- Movement of a firearm from such ready position to take aim at the target.
- Cross-shooting – in error, taking deliberate aim at a target other than the one corresponding to the assigned firing point.
- The necessary steps to execute a misfire procedure.
- Action by an armourer or other competent person to resolve a malfunction at the request of an RO.

### **119 Pointing and other handling of firearms in other circumstances**

- a A person in control of a firearm must not intentionally or recklessly point it at another person.
- b While on or in the vicinity of a range (for the avoidance of doubt including, on Bisley Camp, any open public space except when being used for a formal course of instruction) neither aiming nor dry firing an unloaded firearm is allowed except when in the firing position on the firing point, and then only if it would be in all respects safe actually to fire and provided it causes no delay. This rule does not prohibit decocking of an unloaded firearm by firing off the action with the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- c Firers shooting muzzle loading firearms may, after the order has been given by the RO, “cap off” to clear nipple vents prior to loading for fouling shots. During capping off the firearms must be pointed down range or into the ground immediately in front of the firing point. When firers have completed capping off they must retire from the firing point to their designated loading location behind the firing point.

120 A firer who neither observes nor receives any indication of the impact of his first shot, or in a practice where shots are not signalled individually of at least one shot in the first string, may only continue if one of the following applies:

- a The firer identifies and rectifies a fault or error (eg mis-set sight) that would reasonably account for the miss.
- b There is reasonable evidence (eg an unexplained shot on the next target) that the firer has crossfired.
- c There is reasonable evidence (eg based on the advice of other competitors, which advice shall not be considered to be in the nature of coaching) that the wind allowance applied was such as to account for the miss.
- d With the permission of the RO (eg as in Para 301). A firer acting as his own RO may not authorise himself to continue.

**121 Misfire Procedures**

- a Bolt-action centrefire rifles. If a misfire occurs the firer must remain on aim for at least 30 seconds (in case of a hangfire) and inform the RO. Under the supervision of the RO the firer should tilt the rifle to the side and open the bolt, ensuring that his hand is not behind the bolt and that no one is standing behind the rifle. He must ensure that the cartridge comes out complete with the bullet.
- b Gallery Rifle. In accordance with the procedures in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).
- c Other types of firearm. As specified in the procedures for the relevant discipline.

**122 Clearing, Proving Clear and Inspection of Firearms and Magazines**

- a A firearm is 'clear' when there are no live rounds, misfires or fired cases in or on it.
- b A person taking or relinquishing control of a firearm (Para 108) must prove the firearm clear by carrying out the appropriate unload actions from c (i)-(iv) below. If relinquishing control to another person they must pass the firearm with the working parts open or removed and confirm verbally to the recipient the state of the firearm, using the words "firearm is clear" or similar.
- c **Firers' responsibilities**

Firers are responsible for ensuring both that their firearms are clear and that they are independently inspected in accordance with this rule before they are removed from the firing point. The action of "unloading" in this rule requires that, before inspection, such of the following actions as are possible and within the designers intent for the firearm type have been carried out:

- i Safety catch applied.
- ii Magazine removed.
- iii Integral magazine / cylinder emptied.
- iv Chamber and action cleared of rounds, misfires and empty cases.
- v Working parts fully open and locked.

The formal unload procedure for a Service Weapon may require additional steps after the inspection. Any firer who fails to present a firearm for inspection whether called to do so or not, or who presents a firearm for inspection in an unsafe condition, may be considered as "acting in a way that might prove dangerous" and be dealt with as in Para 546.

**d Person Designated to inspect**

The responsibility to carry out inspections falls to a specific individual. By default, the inspection should be carried out by the CRO or a member of the range staff to whom the CRO delegates the responsibility. The following concessions are permitted, subject to any overriding instruction by the CRO or range staff:

- i In a team event (whether or not competitive), or individual training where a coach is present on the firing point, the coach or any team member may carry out the inspection.
- ii In individual competition, or in team competition if no other person is with the firer, the register keeper may carry out the inspection.
- iii Individuals outside competition may have their firearm inspected by any competent person available.
- iv An individual, having completed firing and finding that no other person is available to carry out an independent inspection, must diligently follow the relevant unload and clearance procedure for the firearm concerned before removing the firearm from the firing point.

In all cases where a concession is invoked, the person inspecting must confirm that the chamber, action, boltface and magazine (if one is fitted) are clear, and the firer must dismantle the firearm to the extent necessary to enable that. It remains the firer's responsibility to ensure that the person inspecting does so.

**e Procedure**

On the conclusion of a shoot or stage, or on the order of the (C)RO, all firers must:

- i unload their firearm and inspect the chamber, action, boltface and magazine (if one is fitted) to ensure that the firearm is clear,
- ii if requesting inspection by a person other than the CRO or a range official, dismantle their firearm to the extent necessary to permit a clear view of the action and chamber,
- iii present their firearm to the designated person on the firing point and have them inspect and confirm that the firearm is clear,
- iv for a Service Weapon complete the unload in accordance with the current Service procedure,
- v either keep the bolt removed or insert a breech flag (or both) for any bolt-action rifle, or carry out the equivalent procedure

for other firearms (which may include casing in accordance with GR&P procedure)

before removing the firearm from the firing point and before anyone goes forward of the firing point.

**f Comment**

The practical results of the above rule are that any firearm other than a bolt-action or break-action firearm should for simplicity be inspected by the CRO or an official on his behalf, and that if a firer requires a bolt-action firearm to be inspected by anyone other than the CRO or an official on his behalf, the firer must remove the bolt.

123 A person in control of a bolt-action rifle must carry it either with the breech open and a breech flag, which must protrude into the chamber, clearly inserted, or with the bolt removed from the rifle, except when on the firing point. Para 114 applies.

As an exception to the above civilian service rifles or practical rifles which are able to utilise a magazine fitted loading block which locks the working parts to the rear may do so.

Unless GR&P rules apply, a person in control of a self-loading rifle must carry it unloaded, ie no magazine on it, no round in the chamber, working parts forward, not cocked and safety catch at 'safe'.

Firearms specified in the NRA GR&P, TS and CSR/PR Handbooks (published separately) must be carried in accordance with relevant rules.

All other firearms must be carried in a manner such that they are as clearly unloaded as is possible for that type of firearm.

**124 Firearms that cannot be unloaded as designed**

If a firearm cannot be unloaded in the normal manner, the firer must inform the RO immediately. The firer must remain on the firing point and keep the firearm pointing towards the target until instructed otherwise by the RO.

The RO must treat the matter as a range occurrence (Para 109 and 126b), being mindful that a technical investigation may follow. The RO must require the firer to leave the firearm in position on the firing point until the area is cleared of other firers, then detail a competent person to make or confirm, as appropriate, the firearm safe on the point. On Bisley ranges the RO must report the situation to Range Safety staff, who will normally attend with an NRA Armourer but may alternately permit a professional gunsmith to make the firearm safe. Once the firearm is made or confirmed safe a competent person may move the firearm if necessary to resolve the situation. However, a firearm with a live round in the breech or the mechanism may only be moved on the advice of an NRA Armourer or professional gunsmith; such advice may be obtained remotely if suitable communication can be established.

As an exception, once the RO has determined that: the chamber contains only a fired case; the firer can open the bolt or equivalent working part; and there is no evidence of an ammunition fault; then the RO may permit the firer or another competent person to attempt to remove the case using such tools as may be available.

As a further exception, if removal is accomplished and the difficulty can be attributed to the extractor mechanism and there is no indication of any other problem, the RO may permit the firer to continue in order to complete a formal course of fire, using any effective means that does not inconvenience other participants to extract cases.

125 A firer acting in a dangerous manner will forthwith be forbidden to fire again until the circumstances have been investigated and decided on, or referred to higher authority, by the CRO.

## **126 Powers and Duties of the Range Officer**

### **a Powers**

During the period that a range is open for use, and at any time that the firing point is occupied by people or equipment prior or subsequent to the range being open for use, and subject to any restriction imposed by or on behalf of the Chief Range Officer or Range Template Controller, the appointed Range Officer (RO) is in sole charge of that element of the range he has accepted responsibility for. The RO may issue such instructions as he deems necessary for the operation of the range element under his charge both in safety and within the published rules and range regulations.

### **b Duties**

The RO is only to permit live firing when he has satisfied himself and remains satisfied that it is safe and within applicable regulations to do so.

The RO is to remain sufficiently close to the firing point to enable him to observe, give instructions to and respond to requests from all firers under his control.

If the RO finds it necessary to leave his post, he is either to stop all firing and clear the firing point of firers and firearms, or appoint another person, qualified competent and experienced to the standard required by the Range Operating Authority, to act as RO in his place, handing over the duty in accordance with the procedure required by the Range Operating Authority.

The RO is to deal with range occurrences, accidents and incidents in accordance with the procedure set out by the Range Operating Authority.

Section 53            *Reserved*

Para 127-130        *Reserved*

## **G – FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EQUIPMENT, TARGETS AND TECHNIQUES**

### **SECTION 54 – GENERAL**

131 Outside competition, NRA members may use any combination of firearm, ammunition, target, equipment and technique that falls within the safety regulations of the range in use.

132 It is forbidden to use any artifice that may facilitate shooting and which is not expressly permitted by the Rules, if in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee such artifice is contrary to the spirit of the Rules (Para 546). A competitor may, before using an artifice in competition, submit such artifice for consideration by the Shooting Committee, and the decision of the Shooting Committee as to its acceptability under the Rules shall then be binding.

133 Drug misuse is forbidden (see Para 544 and Paras 36, 37 and 112).

134 a The Shooting Committee may on application permit such modification to the firearm, clothing, equipment or technique of a physically disabled competitor as may assist him to compete on equal terms with other competitors.

b If a physical limitation prevents a competitor from adopting the position specified in the Conditions, the Meeting Director / event organiser or their appointee may, without reference to Shooting Committee, allow use of an alternative position for a single meeting or specified event(s) within a single meeting in accordance with Para 213(i).

135-146 *Reserved*

### **SECTION 55 – SPECIFICATION OF CATEGORIES OF FIREARMS AND THEIR AMMUNITION**

147 Firearms are divided into categories. A firearm and its associated ammunition may be used in competition only if it complies in all respects with the appropriate Rules for a category that is permitted in the Conditions of the competition (see Para 544). A change of ammunition may change the category into which a firearm falls. One year's notice is normally given of any change in any Rule specifying a category.

148 The word "Pistol" embraces all types of handgun whether self-loading (eg Service Pistol and Long Barrelled Pistol), single shot, muzzle loading or multiple shot chamber loading.

**SR – Service Rifle**

- 149 a The 5.56mm Self Loading Rifle as issued by the British or a Commonwealth Government and used without any unauthorised alterations or additions.
- b An officially accredited team from the Armed Forces of any Government other than in a above, may use the Self Loading Rifle in current use in such Armed Forces. An official technical specification must be provided, and rifles must be used “as issued” in normal combat configuration (eg sights and magazines) without any alterations or additions which are not permitted generally or on general issue. The use of ‘National Match’ or sniper grade rifles or sights is not permitted. A team using rifles in a calibre other than 7.62mm NATO or 5.56mm may have to arrange supply of appropriate ammunition. Team captains must sign a declaration that this Rule has been fully complied with.
- c Units armed with the 5.56mm C7 Rifle may use these in SR events.

*Gas Plug:* Where fitted this must be set to fire in self-loading mode.

*Sling:* The sling as issued with the rifle may be used as an aid to steady the rifle, either attached to the front sling swivel and used as a single point sling, or attached to both sling swivels as a two-point sling.

With the 5.56mm L85A1 or L85A2 rifle it must also be attached to the body as described in Inf Trg Vol IV Pamphlet No 6.

*Bipod:* If fitted, may not be used as a support for the rifle when firing.

*Sights:* Optic – Standard optical sights as issued with the rifle. Iron – Standard iron sights as issued with the rifle. The backsight may not be adjusted laterally nor may the height of the foresight be adjusted once a practice has begun. Iron sights may be blackened. No unauthorised device may be affixed for shielding sights.

Wind must be allowed for by aiming off. If a wind gauge is fitted, it must be set centrally. It is a contravention of Para 132 to move the backsight for this purpose.

*Pull of trigger:* Minimum 2.267kg (5lbs) in the case of the rifles L85A1, L85A2 and (Canadian) C7. In other cases, the pull of the trigger must be not less than that laid down in the official technical specification for the rifle concerned.

*Ammunition:* Unless specifically sanctioned, only service ammunition issued on the range may be used (see Para 544).

**TR – Target Rifle**

150 Any bolt-action rifle which, in the opinion of the Shooting Committee, is of conventional design and safe. All rifles must also conform to the following:

*General:* The rifle or all its component parts must be readily available in quantity.

*Weight:* Maximum 6.5kg (14.32lbs) as used including all attachments except the sling.

*Barrel and Chamber:* Suitable for firing any of:

- a the standard 7.62 x 51mm NATO military cartridge
- b the .308" Winchester commercial cartridge
- c the .303" British Mk VII military cartridge
- d the standard 5.56 x 45mm NATO military cartridge
- e the .223" Remington commercial cartridge

*Note:* (a) and (b) are not necessarily the same, and (d) and (e) are not the same. Attention is drawn to Appendix VI.

*Bore and Chamber Dimensions:* The dimensions must not be less than either CIP or SAAMI minimum chamber drawings (whichever is the smaller) other than in (a) and (b) above where the following concessions are permitted:

the bore diameter must not be less than 0.298".

the groove diameter must not be less than 0.3065".

the throat diameter must not be less than either the bullet diameter or 0.3085", whichever is the greater.

the minimum throat length may also be reduced but only to such an extent that the bullet of the cartridge in use is not in contact with the rifling. See Appendix VI Para 6f.

If reduced bore or groove diameters as above are used, only ammunition developing an average max pressure less than 3650 Bar under CIP test conditions may be used. NRA ammunition "as issued" will satisfy this limit.

*Pull of trigger:* Minimum 1.5kg (3.307lbs). Set triggers and 'release' triggers are not allowed.

*Stock and Butt:* May be shaped so as to be comfortable to the firer. A thumb hole for the trigger hand is permitted. Adjustable butt plates without hooks are permitted. The depth of the butt plate curvature shall not exceed 20mm (0.79") at its deepest point. A hand stop is permitted.

*Magazine:* If fitted shall not be used except as a loading platform for single rounds.

*Muzzle brakes:* Not allowed.

*Sling:* Must conform to Para 209.

*Backsight:* A variable dioptre eye piece or single correcting lens may be used (but see Paras 206 and 207). One or more optically flat filters may also be used in front of or in rear of the aperture. A flexible disc or eyecup may be used. In addition a piece of flat material or a blinder may be fitted to the backsight to restrict the vision of the disengaged eye.

*Foresight:* Any type which may contain a single clear or coloured magnifying lens which has a minimum focal length of 2 metres (0.5 diopetre) but see Paras 206 and 207. It may also contain optically flat clear or coloured element(s).

*Spirit levels:* It is permitted to attach spirit levels or other level indicators to the rifle.

*Overseas competitors.* Where reciprocal agreement has been reached, overseas competitors may use, in competition, target rifles which conform to their home country's Governing Body's rules, during their first three months in the United Kingdom, provided that they conform to the maximum weight, chamber dimensions, minimum trigger pull and sight specifications given above. Out of competition only the minimum trigger weight condition must be complied with. Telescopic sights are not permitted. The rifles must be suitable for use with any ammunition supplied by the NRA (see Appendix VI).

151 In NRA TR competitions where ammunition "as issued" is specified:

- a only 7.62 x 51 mm or .308" Win target rifles may be used.
- b only ammunition issued by the NRA, without any modification, may be used (see Para 544).
- c NRA issued ammunition will conform to CIP dimensions for Win .308" and will develop a maximum average pressure under CIP test procedures of 3650 Bar. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their rifles are safe to fire such ammunition.

Ammunition "as issued" is specified for all TR competitions in the Imperial Meeting, and at some other NRA events. At other times any ammunition may be used, all users of which are responsible for ensuring that it is in every respect safe and within range safety parameters (see Appendix VI and Paras 116, 288 and 544).

### **Precision Snaphooting – Sniper Rifle**

152 Subject to compliance with range safety limits, a rifle and sight that matches the specification of one that is or was the Sniper Rifle on general issue to snipers by any government, without any alterations or additions from the issue specification.

153 Where Conditions specify "NRA sniper rifles" competitors must use the firearms allocated by the RO. The firearm will be a bolt action magazine-fed rifle suitable for NRA issued ammunition (see Para 151) with a telescopic sight and a supporting bipod.

### **CSR/PR – Civilian Service Rifle/Practical Rifle**

154 As specified in the NRA Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle Handbook (published separately).

**PRS – Precision Rifle**

155 Rifles and ammunition as specified in the current rules of the International Precision Rifle Federation, subject to range and legal limits.

**MR – Match Rifle**

156 Match Rifle is a long range discipline, normally fired with optically sighted rifles (but note that a Target Rifle as defined complies in all respects with Match Rifle requirements provided barrel weight does not exceed 2.5kg). Whilst rules are drafted around .308W/7.62 NATO calibres, Match Rifles and ammunition in 5.56 x 45mm and .223 Remington calibres are permitted on an identical basis to that specified for .308/7.62mm below.

*Rifles:* Any rifle suitable for firing the 7.62 x 51mm NATO or .308" Win cartridge of standard dimensions, the barrel of which shall not exceed 2.5kg (5.5lbs) in weight excluding any devices weighing less than 200 grammes and not permanently attached.

*Muzzle brakes:* Prohibited.

*Pull of trigger:* Minimum 1.5kg (3.307lbs).

*Sights:* Any, including magnifying or telescope.

*Positions:* Rifles may be fired in any position, subject to the constraints of Range Regulations, provided that the weight of the rifle is entirely supported by the firer's person. Flexible padding may be placed between rifle and firer.

An adjustable rest to support the forward hand / wrist in the prone position, or the foot / ankle in the supine position, is permitted. The dimensions of the area of contact must not exceed 145mm x 102mm (the area of this book laid flat). There must be no contact whatsoever between rifle and any such rest or the ground. The butt may be supported in the shoulder but must not rest on the ground or any artificial support. In the supine position, whilst the firer is in the aim, the breech-end of the barrel must remain behind the line of pegs; the firer's legs may, however, be in front of the line of the pegs.

Competitors with disabilities which prevent them from shooting prone or supine, may, on application to the Shooting Committee, with suitable evidence, be permitted to shoot seated at a table. The weight of the rifle must be borne fully by the body, but a rest, which must not touch the rifle, may be used to support the forward hand as above. The butt may be supported in the shoulder but must not rest on the table or on an artificial support of any kind. The proposed design of the table must be submitted to the Shooting Committee for approval prior to being used. The competitor, table and other equipment together, must not take up more than their allotted space on the firing point. The table must be of conventional design and be capable of being moved and erected by a single person.

*Ammunition:* Any type of ammunition including handloads is permitted. Only ammunition which is commercially manufactured and has CIP approval may incorporate non-brass cases. These cartridges must be clearly marked and packaged. The external dimensions of the case, as loaded and after firing, must not exceed the maximum dimensions shown on the current UK Government 7.62 x 51mm NATO or SAAMI .308" Win chamber drawings (see Paras 116, 288 and 544).

Cartridge cases may be subject to checking for compliance with the above dimensions immediately following the conclusion of a competitor's shoot.

In the case of HME rifles and ammunition (exceeding 4500 Joules) see Para 168 and Appendix VII.

### **Any Rifle (Match Rifle)**

157 A Match Rifle, complying with Range Safety Regulations, of any calibre up to .577"; generally as specified in Para 156 above with the following exceptions:

*Barrel Weight:* Unlimited

*Pull of trigger:* Minimum 0.5kg

*Ammunition:* Any suitable for use in that particular rifle (see Paras 116, 288 and 544 and Appendices VI and VII).

### **Spor – Sporting Rifle**

158 Any rifle which in the opinion of the Shooting Committee or their appointee is in the style of a sporting rifle and without the features and attachments (other than a raised cheek piece) that would make it more in the style of a target, match or sniping rifle, and which complies with the following conditions:

*Weight:* Maximum 5.5kg (12lbs) unloaded and including any telescopic sight or other attachments used.

*Pull of trigger:* Minimum 0.5kg (1.1lbs).

*Sights:* Any, including magnifying or telescope.

*Ammunition:* Any suitable for the rifle used (Para 116).

159 Where Conditions specify "NRA Sporting Rifles" competitors must use the firearm allocated by the RO and the corresponding ammunition supplied on the firing point. The firearm will be a bolt action magazine-fed rifle in a sporting calibre, fitted with a telescopic sight and meeting the requirements of Para 158.

### **TS – Target Shotgun**

160 Any cartridge loading smoothbore gun as permitted by Section 1 or 2 of the Firearms Act 1968 as amended.

*Calibre:* .410” to 10 bore inclusive.

*Weight:* No restriction.

*Pull of trigger:* No restriction, but the trigger must be safe in the judgment of the RO.

*Sights:* As permitted in the specific event conditions.

*Sling:* Permitted.

*Suppressors and compensators:* Only if permitted by event conditions.

*Ammunition:* In accordance with the Target Shotgun Handbook and as required/permitted by event conditions.

| 161 *Reserved*

### **GP – L98 A2/A3 Cadet General Purpose Rifle.**

162 The 5.56mm L98 A2/A3 Cadet General Purpose Rifle as issued to the British Cadet Forces with a minimum trigger pull of 3kg (6.61lbs) and used with no unauthorised alterations or additions. Slings must be fitted/used in accordance with Cadet Trg Manual Vol 1, Chapter 4, Section 5. The rifle must be fired from the right shoulder. The magazine may be rested on the ground.

### **CHA – Classic and Historic Arms**

163 As defined in the NRA Classic & Historic Handbook (published separately).

### **F Class**

164 F Class has two subdivisions. The differences are in the calibres, rifle maximum weight and front rests allowed. Rules common to both subdivisions are:

*Ammunition:* Supplied by the competitor.

*Muzzle brakes:* Prohibited.

*Sound moderators:* Permitted, but must be included in the rifle maximum weight limit.

*Barrel tuners:* Fixed or movable barrel tuning weights are permitted, but must be included in the rifle maximum weight limit.

*Pull of trigger:* Any safe trigger weight, (ie the rifle must not fire when the bolt is cycled rapidly).

*Sights:* Any, including magnifying or telescopic.

*Position:* The prone position must be used, subject to Paras 134 and 213.

*Magazine:* If fitted shall not be used in competition except as a loading platform for single rounds

*Rests and bags:* Devices supporting the rifle may not provide a positive mechanical method for returning the rifle to its point of aim from the previous

shot. Forward supports, variously including bipods bags and front rests, as specified for each subdivision are permitted. The rifle may be supported at the rear by a bag which may be appropriately shaped but may not be attached, clamped or held onto the rifle in any way. The rear bag may not be placed on or in a mechanically adjustable base, nor may the rifle butt incorporate any height adjusting mechanism. A rear bag may not be joined to the forward support, nor may it be spiked to the ground. The contents of front and rear bags will be a dry, finely (< 5 mm) divided substance such as, but not limited to sand, gravel, or grain, packed loosely enough so that the bag must be visibly deformable on sides and top by pressure of the Range Officer's fingers.

*Material under Rests and Bags:* The use of 'tables' ie a single flat solid surface laid on the firing point and extending under both front rest and rear bag is prohibited. Carpet or similarly flexible matting may be placed under the forward support and rear bag. Separate rigid flat boards and/or plates, of any thickness but not exceeding the footprint of the individual supports by two inches on any given side, may also be placed under the forward support and rear bag. In the case of a bipod the board or plate may be as wide as necessary to accommodate the bipod at its widest point plus 2" each side, but not be more than 12" front to rear. It is not permitted to provide tracks for the guidance of bipod feet nor allow the feet to create them. No levelling screws or protrusions are allowed on these boards or plates. They must be flat on the top and bottom; a hole to facilitate carrying the plate is permissible but it may not be used, whether alone or conjunction with anything else, so as to prevent movement of the plate on the firing point.

*Attachments:* An 'attachment' is defined as including any external object (other than the competitor, his sling (if any) and his apparel) which recoils (or partially recoils) with the rifle, or which is clamped, magnetically or viscously held, or in any other way joined to the rifle for each shot, or which even slightly rises with the rifle when vertically lifting the latter from its rest(s). This includes (for F Class only) rain protection material.

Competitors using High Muzzle Energy (HME) firearms must comply with Para 168.

Rules specific to each subdivision are:

#### **a Open Class**

*Rifle:* Any rifle suitable for firing any cartridge with a calibre of up to 8mm.

*Supports:* A sling may be used. A rear bag as defined above is permitted. A bipod, or front rest, bag or rest containing (a) bag(s) is permitted as a front support to the rifle or hand. Such support may be fully adjustable for position. The rifle may not be supported or guided during recoil by rollers, wheels, or any other mechanical device that comes in direct contact with it. The area of

contact between the support and the rifle fore-end will not exceed 76mm x 76mm. The support may be employed for either the rifle's fore-end or for the shooter's forward hand. If attached, clamped or held onto the rifle in any way, a support must be included in the rifle's overall weight. A front rest may have up to three "feet". Each such "foot" may terminate in a spike, which may be pressed into the ground by up to 50mm provided this causes no significant permanent harm or indentation to the firing point.

*Rifle weight:* Maximum weight 10kg.

#### **b FTR Class**

*Calibre:* .223" Remington or .308" Winchester, or their metric equivalents, only.

*Chamber:* Must conform to SAAMI or CIP dimensions or to the dimensional requirements of Para 150.

*Supports:* Any combination of a sling, an attached bipod and a rear bag is permitted. A bipod "foot" may terminate in a single spike, which may be pressed into the ground by up to 50mm provided this causes no significant permanent harm or indentation to the firing point. A "ski" facilitating free recoil is also permitted. The rifle or bipod may incorporate an integral mechanism for raising and lowering the fore-end.

*Rifle weight:* Maximum weight 8.25kg including all attachments.

*Ammunition:* There is no restriction on bullet weight.

#### **GRCF – Gallery Rifle Centre Fire and Gallery Rifle Centre Fire (Classic)**

165 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

#### **GRSB – Gallery Rifle Small-bore**

166 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

167 *Reserved*

#### **HME – High Muzzle Energy Firearms**

168 High Muzzle Energy (HME) firearms are those which, when firing specific ammunition, develop a muzzle energy (ME) in excess of 4500 Joules (3319 ft lb). When used on any constructed MoD range (or Bisley ranges) all such firearms must first be zeroed using a special zeroing procedure, agreed with the MoD, at 200 yards/metres (or on the Bisley Zero Range), prior to being fired at any further distance. During the Meeting, zeroing must be completed before tickets will be issued.

For further details see Appendix VII.

169-171 *Reserved*

### **SP – Service Pistol**

172 A 9mm self-loading pistol on general issue to a British or a Commonwealth Service (ie not pistols on limited issue to specialist units or for specialist purposes). Service competitors must use the pistol on general issue to their Service.

*Pull of trigger:* Minimum 5lbs (2.27kg).

*Butt:* Padding and/or whipping of butt is not allowed.

*Sights:* Strictly open metal sights of standard (fixed) type. Sights may be blackened or whitened, but not coloured.

*Note:* Pistols as defined above may only be used in competitions open to Service Pistols.

### **MLP – Muzzle Loading Pistol**

173 As permitted under the 1997 Firearms (Amendment) Acts.

174 In an original pistol, black powder only may be used. Pyrodex or similar smokeless powder may only be used in modern reproduction pistols.

### **AP – Air Pistol**

175 Any air pistol as permitted under current legislation and developing a maximum muzzle energy of 6 ft lb.

### **LBP – Long Barrelled Pistol**

176 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

### **LBR – Long Barrelled Revolver**

177 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

### **LRP – Long Range Pistol**

178 Any pistol in a centre-fire calibre may be used in this category. Most LRP may be described as ‘pistol-gripped, short-barrelled rifles’. All LRP must comply with the following:

*Dimensions:* As required by current legislation.

*Calibre:* Any rifle or pistol calibre within range regulations, suitable for firing ammunition as defined below.

*Trigger weight:* No minimum permitted trigger weight but the trigger must be safe in the judgement of the CRO.

*Sights:* Two types of sights are permitted:

- a Iron. Iron sights, which may include sights of any colour;

- b Optical. Optical sights may include telescopes.

*Distances:* Short range up to 300 yards, with open or iron sights. Long range over 300 yards, with optic sights.

*Ammunition:* Straight wall (short range) or bottle-neck (long range).

*Firing positions:* Usually from a rested position but may be prone.

### **Heritage Pistol**

179 Pistols of a Historic or special nature as defined in the 1997 Amendment to the Firearms Act, specifically, Section 7 (3) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997 and also in Chapter 9 of the Guide on Firearms Licensing Law. The National Shooting Centre at Bisley is a Designated Site. Pistols of this nature cannot be shot competitively under existing Firearms Law.

180-200 *Reserved*

Section 56 *Reserved*

## **SECTION 57 – DRESS, EQUIPMENT AND POSITIONS**

201 Dress should be appropriate to the Discipline and weather prevailing or expected. Military uniform should only be worn by military personnel on duty (Para 202). A competitor whose dress, equipment or position is thought inappropriate or likely to bring the Association into disrepute may be challenged by the RO or other member of staff, and may be required to withdraw.

### **202 Uniform**

- a Present members of HM Forces are to wear uniform in all individual squaddled shoots and team shoots with the Service Rifle, Service Pistol and LMG.
- b When uniform is required, competitors must wear the correct uniform authorised by their own Service Rifle Association. Helmets and Combat Body Armour (CBA) must be worn in accordance with the appropriate Service Regulations. No additions of any sort are allowed other than the issued Combat Smock. Gloves may be worn.
- c Greatcoats or wet weather clothing of Service type may be worn only if sanctioned by the CRO.
- d In Service Rifle and LMG events, Skill at Arms Order (ie belt, yoke/straps, ammunition pouches and a water bottle) with a minimum total weight of 7.5kg is to be worn. Pouches may be packed. Elbow pads are not permitted.

- e No combination of uniform and plain clothes may be worn unless specifically authorised in these Rules or the match conditions.

- f **Cadet dress**

Cadet headdress must not interfere with the effectiveness of hearing protection.

Uniform requirements for cadets when firing the GP rifle are as required by the appropriate range and training publications and competition rules and regulations. Queries should be referred to CCRS.

203 In TR, MR including Any Rifle and F Class, any suitable jacket/coat may be worn, provided it gives no support to the forearm. Flexible padding may be attached to protect the shoulder, upper sling arm and elbows. A device may be fitted to the upper sleeve to prevent the sling slipping down the arm or rotating about the upper arm. The pen pocket flap on the combat jacket may be used for this purpose. Internal or external elbow pads may be worn.

To prevent the sling slipping or rotating, as an alternative to a device fitted to the upper sleeve, an approved item, separate to the jacket or coat, made of flexible fabric and designed as a sling retaining system may be worn.

204 A flexible padded glove or mitt may be worn on the supporting hand, provided it gives no artificial support. In addition, a lightweight glove, with (or without) one or more fingers cut off, may be worn on the trigger operating hand to protect against cold or sun/windburn.

205 The competitor may wear wet weather clothing. It is permitted to place the rifle butt under a lightweight cape or poncho whilst shooting.

206 Spectacles, eyeglasses or contact lenses may be used, and/or a prescription lens may be fitted in the backsight, provided that the correction is of a similar prescription to that which the competitor would use in everyday use. Permission to use such a lens, supported by a current optometrist's prescription, must be obtained in advance from the NRA.

207 In TR (Para 150), a magnifying lens is permitted in the foresight. If a magnifying lens is fitted in the foresight then only optically flat filters and/or a single prescription lens may be fitted in the backsight (see Para 150 and 206).

208 a Generally, binoculars and telescopes are allowed, together with stands or rests, provided they do not inconvenience other competitors.

- b In Service Weapon and CSR events, only hand-held binoculars may be used.

209 When using TR, MR including Any Rifle, F Class, SR or GP rifles a sling may be attached to assist in steadying the rifle. The sling must be attached to the rifle at one or two points, and it must not exceed 2" in width. The sling

may not be used or configured in such a manner that it (or its buckles or sling swivels) becomes a prop between the inside of the support elbow and the rifle stock. The sling may be placed round one arm and/or wrist but not round any other part of the competitor's body, except when using SR or Cadet GP rifle when it must be worn in accordance with military regulations.

210 A competitor may not screen himself or his firearm from the sun or weather, nor allow anyone else to do so (see Para 547). However a piece of soft material or an action cover may be used to cover the action, and adhesive tape may be stuck to the barrel or action. A mirage band may be used. Devices covering the action or acting to reduce the effect of mirage may be draped as the competitor wishes, but may only be attached to themselves and/or the firearm.

211 The height of rifle shooting boxes when in use on the firing point is not to exceed 12”.

212 A competitor may use a groundsheet, shooting mat or similar article, provided it is laid flat on the ground. Soft material may be placed under or on top of the mat as long as it does not provide artificial rest or support.

Holes may not be made in the ground for the elbows. In Service Weapon and Cadet GP rifle matches a shooting mat may not be used.

213 Any position is allowed, subject to the Conditions, provided that such position is not either unsuited to the firing point and target arrangements or dangerous. In all Service Weapon events the handling of weapons will be in accordance with Army Operational Shooting Policy (AOSP) Volume 1 Chapter 12, a copy of which will be made available from the NRA to team captains on request. In Target Rifle and F Class competitions the prone position must be used except that seated discipline defined position may be used if authorised under Para 134. At no time may any part of the body be placed in front of the muzzle of the firearm in use when it is loaded. The following positions are defined:

- a *Prone.* The butt plate of the firearm must be placed against the shoulder or armpit. Elbows must be behind the line defining the forward edge of the firing point, which may be a notional line defined by the number pegs or other means as ordered by the RO. The muzzle of the firearm must protrude over the forward edge as defined, and must be well forward of the ears of neighbouring competitors. No competitor may adopt a position that causes inconvenience to the other competitors on his target.
  - i TR. All parts of the rifle and sling and of the arms below the elbow, including clothing, must be visibly clear of the ground and of all other objects. The back of the forward wrist must be at least 4” (approximately the width of this book)

- clear of the ground, as measured from the outside surface of a glove if worn.
- ii MR including Any Rifle. A rest may be used as defined in Para 156.
  - iii F Class. Rests and bipods as defined in Para 164 may be used.
  - iv SR, CSR/PR, GP. The magazine may touch or rest on the forearm or on the ground. No part of the wrist of the supporting arm may touch the ground. If firing from cover, the structure of the cover may be used for support.
  - v In precision snaphooting ('McQueen') a 'small bean bag' is a bag made of flexible material, containing only a homogeneous granular substance, and with maximum area of approximately 150mm x 100mm (the area of this Handbook) maximum mean thickness 100mm (4") and maximum weight 1kg.
- b *Supine (Back) Position.* MR (including Any Rifle) only. In accordance with Para 156.
  - c *Benched.* Competitors fire from a seated position using a bench or table. The fore-end of the rifle is supported on the bench by a bipod or rest. The butt of the rifle must be in the shoulder and may not rest on the bench or be supported by a rest.
  - d *Standing.* Erect on both feet, no other part of the body to touch the ground or any other object. The firearm may be supported by the forward hand under the magazine (where appropriate). The elbow of the forward arm may be rested on the hip or the ammunition pouch but any form of artificial support is prohibited.
  - e *Standing Alert/Patrol Position.* As for Standing position but with the firearm held pointing downwards at an angle of 45°.
  - f *Kneeling.* No part of the body to touch the ground or any other object except one foot and the other leg from the knee downwards. The forward elbow may rest on the knee.
  - g *Sitting.* Weight of the body supported on buttocks. No part of the body above the buttocks to touch the ground, or any other object. Legs may be apart or crossed and may be in front of the front edge of the firing point. The firearm may be held in any convenient way, provided the butt is in the shoulder or armpit.
  - h *Squatting.* Buttocks must be clear of the ground; the arms may be rested on the knees. The firearm may be held as for the sitting position.

- i The positions and variations below may be used within the limitations at Para 134(b) and as follows:
- An order of difficulty of positions may be listed in the Rules of a Discipline published separately, in default of which the diminishing order of difficulty shall be: Standing; Squatting; Kneeling; Sitting; Prone.
  - Any more difficult position may be used instead of any less difficult position.
  - Seated discipline defined may be used instead of the corresponding prone position.
  - Seated unsupported may be used in place of any other position.
  - A standing position may be replaced by a corresponding seated position or by kneeling unsupported.
  - A prone position may not be used in place of any other position.
  - A position substitution explicitly allowed by discipline-specific rules may be used.

A competitor unable to achieve a workable solution within the above may apply to the Shooting Committee for further dispensation under Para 134a.

- i Seated unsupported: The competitor may sit on any suitable chair, stool or other structure that provides no support to the arms. The firearm may be held in both hands and the shoulder. The arms may contact the upper body, but may not contact any part of the body below the waist nor any part of the chair etc. A bench may be provided to rest the firearm between shots.
- ii Seated barricade: As for seated unsupported except that a post or barricade will be provided and used in accordance with the Conditions, and a bench and/or other suitable structure may be used as a means to bring the post or barricade to the competitor and to provide a rest between shots.
- iii Seated discipline defined: The competitor may sit on any suitable chair, stool or other structure. A bench may be used for support, the means of support being as permitted within the relevant discipline for the position being substituted.
- iv Kneeling unsupported: The competitor may kneel on either knee, or upright on both knees. The arms may contact the upper body, but may not contact any part of the body below the waist.

214-220 *Reserved*

## **SECTION 58 – TARGETS**

221 Particulars of the various targets are given in Appendix V. Any changes in NRA target dimensions will be ratified by the Shooting Committee and Council. At least one year's notice of revised target dimensions will be given and revised targets must be readily available at least three months before being used in national or international competition.

222 Unless otherwise stated in the Conditions, targets as appropriate to the discipline and distance as indicated in Appendix V will be used. MR including Any Rifle will use TR targets.

Section 59-61 *Reserved*

Paras 223-265 *Reserved*

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## H – CONDUCT OF NRA COMPETITIONS

### SECTION 62 – CONDUCT OF SHOOTING IN COMPETITION

#### General

266 In squaddled competitions, competitors are expected to be present immediately behind their allotted firing point no later than 15 minutes before the start time of the detail.

267 Competitors will place themselves to the left of the peg denoting their target. Where multiple competitors are allocated to the same firing point for the same detail, the competitor on the right will fire first, and other competitors will fire in turn from right to left. In the Meeting, the computer label issued to competitors for individual squaddled competitions will be marked with the range and target letter, and in TR events the letters R, C or L in brackets indicating whether the competitor is to place himself right, centre or left on the firing point, firing in the order R, C, L.

When competitors are required to fire singly and no order is otherwise specified, they will fire in order of index numbers, lowest number first.

In squaddled competitions the RO may, if desirable, transfer a competitor to another target in the same detail, either before he begins to shoot or if the target breaks down. In particular the RO:

- a must not allow a competitor to fire by himself if there is a vacancy to which he can be transferred (see Para 341),
- b must not allow a competitor who has missed an earlier detail to shoot, unless expressly authorised by the CRO,
- c may, if authorised by the CRO, fill up vacancies with competitors belonging to the next detail.

268 In unsquaddled competitions the RO will squad competitors, in order of application, to targets, one or more to a target as convenient. A competitor must complete one shoot before handing in a ticket for another one.

269 In individual competitions, competitors whilst on the firing point:

- a may spot for each other.
- b should attempt to observe fall of shot for a competitor whose first sighter has missed the target, until a scoring shot is achieved, and should provide such information on fall of shot as can be determined.
- c may advise on appropriate wind allowance within the circumstances at Para 120.
- d subject to (b) and (c) above, must not give or willingly receive any information or advice in the nature of coaching (see Para 547).

### 270 **TR, MR and F Class competitions**

Anyone who is not ready at his proper place and time forfeits his right to shoot. However, the RO may allow a competitor who is late for his detail (ie arrives within the 5-minute period) to shoot, so long as it does not inconvenience other firers. The RO will report a competitor who is late (as previously defined) for his detail to the CRO. If a competitor misses his detail the CRO only may, if satisfied, allow him to shoot in a later detail. In either circumstance, the CRO may, at his discretion, impose a penalty of up to 5 points to be deducted from the competitor's score.

271 Access to an area comprising the firing point and a distance to the rear is restricted during a competition and for such period before and after as the CRO may specify. The CRO will define the area as he requires by the firing point ditch, a rope, a painted line, an imaginary line through a series of objects or other means as convenient. Within the restricted area only the following are permitted:

- a Staff on range duty;
- b Competitors required for firing or otherwise taking part in the competition;
- c Persons authorised to assist in the conduct of the competition.

The CRO may designate team areas for each team. The standard team area is the area immediately behind the firing points allocated to the team for a distance of 6 metres to the rear; the CRO may make sensible changes to this to accommodate local conditions. When team areas are designated, access to each area is restricted in accordance with a-c above; additionally, competitors may not enter the team areas and associated firing points of other competing teams unless explicitly permitted by an official of the team whose area it is.

272 No person is allowed to make any noise or disturbance likely to affect a competitor. The RO may have any person infringing this regulation removed from the vicinity of the firing point.

273 No competitor may get up from his firing point until all competitors on that target have finished firing unless permission has been given by the RO.

274 Firing may be suspended temporarily by order of the CRO if, in his opinion, the weather makes such suspension desirable. Firing will be resumed as soon as possible (see Para 298).

275 A competitor "retires" when he voluntarily ceases to fire before being required to do so by the Rules or Conditions. Having retired a competitor may not resume firing in that element of the competition.

276 When a competitor retires he will be allowed to count the score that he has actually made. Retirement from one element of a competition does not debar a competitor from firing in subsequent elements.

*277 Reserved*

278 In an individual deliberate competition, a competitor who misses the target with two consecutive shots (including sighting shots) must stop firing until the others on the target have finished. He must then inform the RO and may, only if the RO is satisfied that it may be done safely and without causing undue delay to subsequent users of the range, then complete his shoot but will not be allowed an extra sighting shot.

279 In TR, MR and F Class events sighting targets may, subject to the range being safe for live firing, be exposed in the middle of each butt or at other suitable spacing as the CRO may direct, to allow for adjustments to foresight or backsight. These will be exposed from the beginning of the five minute preparation period (Message 0) to the two minute warning by the CRO, after which they will be lowered.

280 Notwithstanding Para 115, a competitor who loads or fires on or after the exposure of sighting targets during the preparation period may be dealt with by way of administrative penalty imposed by the CRO within limits set by the Secretary General or event organiser. A competitor aggrieved by such penalty may elect to have the matter considered under Paras 115 and 546c.

**Firearms and Ammunition – irregularities and malfunctions**

281 No two competitors detailed to fire at the same time may shoot with the same firearm.

282 No competitor may change his firearm during his firing at any single distance or practice of an individual competition, unless his first firearm shall become unserviceable, which must be verified by the RO. For teams see Para 369.

283 Other than in service weapon competitions, where certain allowable breakages (firing pin, extractor and gas plug) will not be penalised, no allowance will be made for a defective firearm or cartridge but if a misfire occurs where a shot is separately signalled, the competitor will be given another cartridge. This will only be allowed if the striker has functioned but the bullet has not left the barrel. No attempt may be made to re-fire a misfired round. A damaged or oversized round may be replaced only on the express instructions of the RO.

284 The RO, if satisfied that it can be done with safety, may permit a competitor to quit the firing point to rectify a mishap to his firearm or ammunition, and complete his shoot within the period of his detail or, with the permission of the CRO, on a later detail if available but without any extra sighting shots. A competitor shooting in turn with, and acting as register keeper for, another competitor shall not be permitted to quit the firing point unless it can be done without compromising the keeping of the register. If time permits,

a competitor having quit the point may be allowed to complete the course of fire as a string shoot in the current detail.

285 A firer who, whilst on the firing point, accidentally discharges his firearm will not be allowed another cartridge and the shot will be recorded as a miss. He may also be dealt with under Para 125.

286 **Triggers and trigger testing**

- a Triggers must not be adjusted on the range without the express approval of the RO.
- b In team and individual competitions triggers will be tested at the discretion of the RO and in particular when a score likely to be in the prize list has been made.
- c In tie shoots and team matches, at the discretion of the CRO, all or a selection of competitors' triggers may be tested before commencing to fire. Team captains should ensure that all members of their team, including reserves, are present and ready for trigger testing no later than 30 minutes before the appointed time of commencement of firing in a team match.
- d Triggers will be tested, in all cases, with the barrel vertical. All tests are to be made by the RO or under his supervision by the competitor, if he so requests, or by some other person detailed by the RO. To pass the test, the trigger must lift the weight visibly clear of all other support.
- e If a trigger fails to lift the weight the RO will, if the competitor so desires, retain the firearm in his possession and re-test it on the firing point after not less than five nor more than ten minutes have elapsed, and if it then passes the test, the score will be allowed.
- f Should a trigger fail the test the RO will disallow the competitor's last highest scoring shot from any score made at the distance or practice at which the failure was discovered.
- g During the Meeting, in the event of an immediate appeal against the decision of the RO, he will retain the firearm which will be subjected to a further test by the NRA Armourer in the presence of the firer as soon as practicable and if it passes that test the score will be allowed.

287 ROs are authorised to check the type of ammunition any competitor is firing. The appointed Ammunition Officer may take for subsequent critical examination up to three rounds from those which the competitor is about to fire (see Para 544). The Ammunition Officer may also take three fired cartridge cases.

**288 Issued Ammunition.** All ammunition issued by the NRA is strictly for use on the firing point and in the competition for which it is issued, and competitors may not under any circumstances take away any unexpended rounds or empty cases. Unused rounds from any converted sighting shots must be handed in to the RO with the register ticket, or the score may be disallowed and the competitor reported to the Disciplinary Committee (see Para 546).

ROs must check the headstamps of all returned converted sighters and empty cases to confirm that they are correct, and must then ensure that competitors put their empties in the place provided.

Competitors are not permitted to bring any live ammunition to the firing point, except as provided for in the rules of a competition. In such case a competitor using his own ammunition may not draw ammunition.

A competitor is responsible for ensuring, before leaving the vicinity of the ammunition point, that he has been given the correct number of rounds.

Ammunition as issued may be weighed, or otherwise measured, but must not be tampered with in any way including the application of substances such as moly grease.

Should the armourer have to fire or expend a competitor's live round in the interests of safety, that round will be replaced on the authority of the RO.

289-295 *Reserved*

### **Sighting Shots**

296 Sighting shots will be fired in accordance with the Conditions of the event. In team matches they are included in the time limit. Sighting shots may be fired in any authorised position (see Para 213) even when the counting shots have to be fired in some particular position.

297 A competitor who cannot tell the position of a sighting shot or the first shot in a match where sighters are not allowed, owing to the display of two (or more) spotting discs, may elect to accept the one of higher value or, alternatively, may request permission from the RO to repeat the shot. If he does so, the RO will declare the previous shots on the target void and will issue another round.

298 If during the course of a shoot a competitor has been obliged to move to another target, or has been unable to fire through no fault of his own for 10 minutes, the RO may, after notifying the register keeper, allow the competitor to fire one extra non-convertible sighting shot before resuming. This extra sighting shot will not be recorded by the register keeper.

299 **Convertible Sighting Shots.** Where convertible sighting shots are permitted, the following rules shall apply:

- a After a competitor has fired his second sighting shot, he may elect to count the second sighting shot, or both, in his score. He, or in team matches his coach, plotter, captain or adjutant, must declare his intention to his register keeper before any further shot is fired by him. In the absence of such declaration, he shall be deemed not to have converted his sighting shots. It is acceptable for a captain only to make a declaration in advance on behalf of his team.
- b In deliberate rifle team matches where only one sighting shot is allowed, it may be converted as above.
- c Sighting shots in tie shoots may be converted.
- d If a competitor converts one or both sighters and then fires additional shots beyond the requirements of the competition, any such extra shots fired shall not be scored.

### **Practice Shots**

300 In a competition, no practice shots are allowed unless the contrary is stated in the Conditions (eg the Whitehead MR).

### **Blow Off and Fouling Shots**

301 During an NRA competition at Bisley, any firer may, on production of a squadding ticket valid for that or the following day, fire blow-off shots on the NRA Zero Range without charge.

MR, F Class and Any Rifle competitors will be allowed to fire blow-off shots into the stop butt prior to or at the commencement of each detail of the first distance only of the first match only on each day, under the strict control of their RO. In team events only, blow-off shots may also be permitted at subsequent distances. These shots must not be spotted by individuals or by coaches. See the respective Conditions for the procedure.

At any practice or competition firers using black powder firearms may, at the commencement of the detail and under the instructions of the RO, fire fouling shots into the stop butt of their designated target lane, prior to Message 1 and the commencement of sighting/scoring shots.

302-305 *Reserved*

### **Marking And Scoring – General**

306 When a shot touches the line between two divisions of the target, the competitor will be credited with the higher value. In cases of doubt the appropriate gauge will be used to determine the true value of the shot (see Para 311).

307 An RO may not go to the Butts to inspect a target or allow an assistant or any competitor to do so.

308 No competitor may, under any circumstances, knowingly claim or accept points which he has not made, or connive at any such conduct by another competitor (see Para 544).

### **Electronic Devices**

309 Cellular or mobile telephones, or similar devices, may not at any time be used on or in the vicinity of the firing point, unless their communication functions are disabled eg by placing in 'flight mode'. Personal electronic devices may be taken to the firing point, provided they are NOT able to receive wireless transmissions. Hardware or software for shot or score recording or assisting with the process of the competition is forbidden, unless issued or explicitly permitted by the competition organisers. Electronic equipment provided by the organisers, or explicitly permitted by them, for the purposes of electronic targetry or spectator information systems are permitted. Where wireless personal devices are explicitly permitted for the receipt and display of electronic target information, the screens of such devices are liable to view by the Register Keeper or a Range Officer on demand and at any time. The wearing of implanted medical devices or hearing aids in everyday use is not prevented by this rule.

The only means of communication between the butts and the firing point will be that formally used by the Range and Butt Officers. While firing is actually taking place no person in the butts is permitted to use any other means of communication that could be contacted by any person in sight of the firing point.

### **Marking And Scoring – Deliberate Rifle Competitions (TR, MR and F Class)**

310 a Option A. Each shot will be separately signalled. The value of the shot will be shown by a value panel on the target itself, and the actual shot hole by a spotting disc.

On all ranges, values will be signalled by the black or coloured value panel on the bottom edge of the target as follows:

Black	Outer = 2	Magpie = 3	Inner = 4	Bull = 5
Fluorescent	Hit = 1			V Bull = V
No Panel	Examine or Miss.			

V bulls will score 5 points, but the register keeper must write "V" in the appropriate score box. For example a score of 50 with 8 V bulls must be shown as "50.8". HPS crosses will be awarded according to ordinary bulls (see Para 886).

- b Option B. Outwith the Imperial Meeting, an alternative marking system (sometimes referred to as the Scottish system) may be requested at the discretion of event organisers.

This marking system will use a spotting disc which is red on one side and green on the other. The six scoring regions (V bull, bull, inner, magpie, outer and hit) will be indicated by a disc coloured red, green, red, green, red and green respectively placed in the shot hole.

This system will clearly differentiate between shots which are close to a scoring line and gauge in, and those which do not. No confusion should arise between shots which are marked by discs of the same colour (eg red for V bull, inner and outer, or green for bull, magpie and hit) since these scoring areas are so far apart.

This system is not recommended for F Class competitions.

Event organisers should consider the adverse consequences for competitors with poor colour vision and for spectators.

311 If it is necessary to gauge a shot hole a .308"/7.82mm gauge will be used.

312 A shot on the non-scoring area will be signalled as for a miss and by a red spotting disc, if possible. To avoid confusion no spotting disc will be shown if Option B (Scottish system) marking is being used but the position of the shot hole will be reported by the marker to the firing point.

313 A shot that misses the target will be signalled by the removal of the value panel and the target sent up clear (ie with the previous spotting disc removed and the hole patched):

- a if the marker is sure that a shot has been fired at his target,
- b after a radio message.

314 A ricochet will be signalled as a miss. No spotting disc will be shown. A shot will not be marked as a ricochet unless it gives evidence, by throwing sand or dirt against the target or into the gallery, that it has previously struck the ground. An elongated hole is not, by itself, evidence of a ricochet.

315 If two or more shots strike the target during the same exposure, that having the highest value will be signalled but all shots will be shown by spotting discs. Butt Officers should notify ROs by radio of such an occurrence.

316 If the spotting disc disagrees unmistakably with the value signalled the firer or register keeper must at once inform the RO who will ascertain the true value of the shot (Appendix IV, Message 3).

317 If no signal is made after a shot has been fired, the firer or the next competitor to fire, or additionally in a team competition the coach, plotter, captain or adjutant, may request the RO to have the target examined free of charge (Appendix IV, Message 4).

318 Match organisers may specify that a fee or deposit must be paid before a challenge to a signalled score or miss will be actioned. Organisers may specify such procedures as they see fit for payment. For the Imperial Meeting see Para 723.

319 The signalled value of a shot, whether a score or a miss, may be challenged once only. Any such challenge must be made to the RO before any other shot has been fired at the same target. The firer must indicate to the next firer and his register keeper that he intends to challenge, and the register keeper must then annotate the firer's card by, for example, drawing an arrow pointing at the challenged shot with the letters "CH", which should be deleted and initialled if the challenge is upheld. The RO will then pass Message 5, 6 7 or 8 as appropriate. In a team match the challenge may also be made by the coach, plotter, captain or adjutant. There is no fee for a challenge in a team match.

320 On a challenge (Messages 5, 6, 7 or 8) being received the Butt Officer is to go to the target concerned, raise the Butt Officer's disc above the mantlet and then lower the target. He is to examine the target personally, gauging the shot hole(s) if necessary, after which:

- a If a challenge for a higher value (Messages 5 or 6), the correct value will be signalled whether it has been altered or not,
- b If a challenge for a scoring shot (Messages 7 or 8), the shot (if found) or a miss will be signalled as usual.

The result will also be confirmed by radio.

321 If there is any uncertainty as to the true value of the shot, the RO will communicate with the Butt Officer by radio to confirm the true value, and the competitor will be credited with such true value.

322 If the circumstances are such that the signalled value of a shot cannot be verified at once, or without considerable delay, the competitor will, unless the CRO or WO decides otherwise, be credited with the signalled value.

323 When using Army gallery targets, if it should be necessary to superimpose the scoring areas for Series A and B on the same target, the value of the hit will be determined by placing the marker panel in the appropriate position as shown in Infantry Training Volume IV, Pamphlet 20, Competition Shooting.

324 A target not being fired at will be half-masted by order of the RO. In team competitions all targets will remain showing until the completion of all shooting on that butt in that detail (Appendix IV, Messages 10 and 12).

325-330 *Reserved*

### **Marking And Scoring – Rapid, Fire with Movement and Snapshooting Competitions**

- 331 a Sighting shots will be spotted,  
b The number of hits in each division of the target will be shown on a board and/or radioed to the RO. Shots will also be spotted when each firer has his own target.
- 332 Where applicable a competitor may ask for his score to be repeated by radio without charge, but must pay a challenge deposit of £1.00 before his target will be re-examined (Appendix IV, Message 14).
- 333 Targets will not be patched out until the RO so orders.

### **Marking And Scoring – Pistol & Gallery Rifle and Target Shotgun Competitions**

- 334 As specified in the respective NRA Discipline Handbooks (published separately).

### **Marking And Scoring – Moving Target Competitions (ie targets moving across the line of fire)**

- 335 Moving target competitions (eg Running Deer) will generally be conducted on electronic targets where the position and value of the shots will be shown on a monitor visible to the firer and scorer.
- 336 Where this is not possible the value and position of scoring shots will be shown by the position of the hands on the clocks placed to the left and right of the range. The red hand will be used to show the value of the shot, and the white or black hand will be used to indicate the position of the shot (eg 4 o'clock) using the scoring rings as a clock face. A miss will be indicated by placing the red hand at 0 and the other hand in the direction of the miss, or spinning the hand if this is not known.
- In the case of double shots, the one of lower value will be signalled first.

337-338 *Reserved*

### **Register Keeping (both individual and team competitions)**

- 339 In NRA competitions, register tickets for individual deliberate competitions where competitors also act as the register keepers may have space to record both the competitor's own score and the score of the competitor for whom they act as register keeper. Such tickets are known as dual score register tickets and are not exchanged. The register keeper must enter on his own ticket the details to identify the firer whose score he is registering, normally their name and index number. In competitions under NRA rules where register tickets capture only the score recorded by the register keeper, tickets must be exchanged appropriately.

340 Where electronic targets are in use and register keepers are required to be provided/detailed, a manual record must still be kept. Control of the reset function of the scoring monitor rests with the register keeper, unless control is taken by the RO or, progressively, by higher level officials in the course of resolution of a dispute. The register keeper may only reset (or supervise the reset of) the scoring monitor after completion of a shoot and after the score or scores are agreed and signed for. Where competitors are shooting singly, the register keeper will initiate and, as far as possible, resolve shooting queries such as unexpected shots appearing or unexplained misses. He will work with the RO as necessary. The scorecard should be carefully endorsed where a competitor's score differs from the nominal electronic record (eg by the arrival of a cross-shot or a shot out of turn). In all such cases the manual scorecard will have primacy in determining scores and outcomes.

341 In individual deliberate rifle competitions, a competitor squadded in pairs or threes will act as register keeper for the competitor firing immediately after him. In the case of a competitor firing by himself despite pairs or threes being in use, the RO must detail a register keeper (see Para 267). In an NRA competition using dual score tickets the RO will provide a blank register ticket.

342 For each shot, the register keeper must first confirm that the spotting disc agrees with the value signalled. (If the spotting disc disagrees unmistakably with the value signalled, the competitor or the register keeper must at once inform the RO who will ascertain the value of the shot). He must then call out the result clearly, giving the target number, (or the competitors name), followed by the shot number, the colloquial name (if any) for the scoring zone, and the points value eg "Mr Smith, third to count, bull five". If the competitor decides to convert one or both sighting shots, the value/s must be struck through with a diagonal line and transferred to the boxes for the first, or first and second, counting shot(s) as the case may be. Any scoring spaces left blank, crossed through or written "C" will count zero: only the shots entered in the scoring boxes will be accepted in Stats.

eg None Converted

4	3									
4	5	4	V	5	4	V	5	4	5	46.2

eg One Converted

4	<del>V</del>									
V	5	4	5	V	V	4	5	5	5	48.3

eg Both Converted.

<del>V</del>	5									
V	5	5	4	V	V	V	5	V	5	49.5

The competitor must pay attention to the scores called out by the register keeper and immediately bring any error to the attention of the register keeper. On completion of the shoot, the register keeper is to record in ink and call out the total score including V bulls. The register keeper must complete the safety check (Para 122) by observing that the firer's bolt is removed and checking that the chamber, magazine (if fitted) and action of the firearm are clear and that, if the bolt is replaced after this inspection, a breech flag is inserted. If the design of the firearm makes the removal of the working parts impractical then the appropriate procedure must be followed (Para 122) to ensure that no live round is retained in the action or chamber.

The register keeper must then confirm with the firer that the score is correctly recorded and if requested allow the firer to view the record before signing to confirm that the record is correct and that the competitor's firearm has been inspected (Para 122). On a dual score register ticket that signature meets the requirement to initial as Para 343 below.

343 It is the competitor's responsibility to initial his own ticket as having been correctly filled in and return it for processing via the RO or designated collection point immediately on completion of his shoot (see Para 823). The competitor's acceptance does not absolve the register keeper from liability under Para 547a. A competitor recording a score less than his true score may be credited with such lower score.

344 In team deliberate competitions, register keepers will normally be provided by an adjacent team or as arranged by the RO (see also Para 372). They will score as above (see Para 342) but when scoring for two or more firers the name must be called out before the result of each shot.

Team captains are responsible for ensuring that the registers are correct in all respects and for signing them as such.

345 In the absence of a register keeper see Para 122b for procedures regarding clearing of firearms.

346 Other requirements for the proper filling in of register tickets and team registers are given in Paras 806 and 815.

347 Any objection to the scores entered on a register ticket or team register must be made on the firing point at the time (see Para 358), and no competitor or team has the right to object at any subsequent time.

348 Any alteration of a register ticket must be initialled by the person making the alteration. The RO or his nominee must verify all such alterations, in NRA competitions using dual score tickets cross-checking both tickets for consistency, and sign the ticket(s) to confirm that he has done so.

349 Entries in a score register, whether on a register ticket or a team register, must not be erased. Errors must be corrected by striking them out and writing in the correct values. The person keeping a register is responsible for ensuring

that all final scores, if the register has been completed in pencil, are inked in before they release the register for further action.

350 An incorrectly completed register ticket, and a pair of dual score register tickets with inconsistent records, arriving in Stats shall be segregated by Stats staff and may constitute evidence of breach(es) of Para 342, 343, 346, 348 or 349 as appropriate by both the firer and the register keeper. Subject to investigation, penalties under Para 547a may be applied to either or both the firer and register keeper.

Where there is a discrepancy between a score as recorded by the register keeper and the corresponding score as declared by the competitor, that cannot be resolved without reference to either or both of those, the lower score shall be published. See Paras 359 and 890-894.

### **Time Allowance**

351 In individual deliberate rifle competitions and tie shoots, the time allowed to a competitor within which to fire a shot is 45 seconds.

- a Subject to Sub-Para b below, the time allowed counts from the order to commence in the case of the first shot, and from the time the target is cleared and available in the case of all subsequent shots. Neither adjustment or blackening of sights, nor faulty loading, will be allowed as a cause of delay.
- b In F Class competition, if a competitor is squadded in a pair (or three) shooting in turn on a single target, but due to circumstances has to shoot alone, the (C)RO will arrange a register keeper (Para 341). The competitor will observe a minimum interval of 30 seconds between firing of any shot and the firing of the next shot. The register keeper will time from the firing of each shot and will call "GO ON" after 30 seconds. A competitor who fires before the register keeper's call will be deemed to have fired out of turn (Para 356). The time allowed for each shot will commence on the register keeper's call or the appearance of the target if later.

352 A competitor timed by an RO or his appointee and found to have taken too long will be given one warning, which must be addressed directly to the competitor but may take any form of words that includes the actual time taken or a statement that the time allowance has been exceeded. Thereafter a competitor will forfeit the value of any shot that a Wing Officer or RO in person has timed and found to have exceeded the time allowed. The WO or RO will, in these circumstances, amend the score(s) on the ticket(s), endorsing the reason on each ticket.

### **Target Irregularities**

353 If the RO is satisfied that, at the moment at which a competitor fired, his target was moved in such manner as to falsify the result of his shot, the RO will cancel this shot and order the competitor to fire another in place of it. A high strike on the target will not, of itself, be evidence that the target moved. If the shot concerned is a convertible sighter, the replacement shot will also be convertible.

354 In all competitions, a competitor who fires at the wrong target will be credited with a miss for each shot so fired.

355 In a string shoot in deliberate competition, whether individual or team, a competitor who fires a shot on the correct target but before his previous shot has been marked shall be deemed to have fired out of turn and Para 356 shall apply with the shot of lower value being scored second. Para 353 shall not apply.

356 A competitor who fires out of his proper turn at his own target will have one point deducted from the value of the shot, so long as this does not create a negative score for that shot. A V bull or bull will be scored as an inner. If in the circumstances of his shot out of turn two (or more) shots strike the target the value credited will be one point deducted from the shot of highest value unless the competitor whose proper turn it was to shoot has also fired during the same exposure. The deduction will then be from the shot of second highest value.

357 A competitor who intentionally fires at a target other than his own or at a dummy or out of turn may incur expulsion (see Para 544).

### **Protests**

358 Any claim or complaint arising at a firing point must be made at once by way of protest to the RO. If his decision is disputed, or if the protest is not resolved on the spot, it shall be reported immediately to the WO. If his decision is disputed the matter will be reported to the CRO. In the event that the complaint remains unresolved it must at once be put in writing by the competitor and handed by him to the CRO, or during the Meeting to his representative in the NRA Office, not later than two hours after the occurrence.

359 During the Meeting, protests on points clearly governed by the Rules will be dealt with by the Shooting Committee if referred to them by the CRO. The Meeting Director or any Trustee shall have power to convene the Disciplinary Committee should they decide this to be necessary in the resolution of a protest. A returnable £5.00 deposit from the complainant must be lodged.

360 In team matches no protest will be accepted unless made by the captain or adjutant of a team competing in the match.

361 Any matter giving rise to a claim or complaint, that could reasonably have been identified as such before the start of a competition, will not be entertained as the subject of a protest unless either

- a the protest is properly made or
- b notice of intention to submit a protest is made to the CRO

before the first shot of the competition is fired.

362 *Reserved*

### **Bribes**

363 The offer of any money or a bribe of any kind to a register keeper or any employee or official of the NRA is forbidden.

Any person knowing of any such offer, or of any attempt to defraud the NRA or any competitor, must report the same without delay in writing to the Secretary General (see Para 544).

### **Radio Communications**

364 Except on or near the firing point or in the butts, radio communications as allowed by law are permitted on Bisley ranges providing they do not interfere with any of the NRA frequencies (see also Paras 309 and 368). A mobile telephone is a radio communication device.

## **SECTION 63 – TEAM COMPETITIONS**

365 Unless the Conditions state otherwise, a team captain is not constrained as to his selection of qualified persons to be members of his team until the order to commence firing in the match has been given. Thereafter, only members of the team declared on the register card may participate. Once a team member has fired a shot in the match, their place as a firer may be taken by another only in compliance with Para 369.

366 Each captain is to squad the members of his team to the targets allotted to it. He may at any time order a member to suspend his firing; such member will not be entitled to a sighting shot before resuming. The captain must ensure that the register keepers are informed before any change of target or order of firing is made. A member will be credited with a miss if he fires at a wrong target, even if this target is one allotted to his team, unless he has specifically nominated the intended target before firing.

367 At each distance of a deliberate match:

- a The time limit is for the whole team. A team captain is responsible for ensuring that all the members of his team complete their firing at that distance within the time allowed.

- b The RO, who will report to the CRO, may extend the time allowed if there has been any exceptional delay not occasioned by any act or neglect of a member of a team.
  - c The captain or adjutant is responsible for calling the attention of the RO to any such delay immediately it occurs.
  - d At the expiration of the time allowed the RO will order all targets to be lowered and all firing at that distance is to cease, whether the team has completed its firing or not.
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- a The firers of each team may spot for and coach each other provided they do not infringe the regulation against screening (see Para 210).
  - b The captain, adjutant and reserves of a team (if permitted), though not themselves shooting, may help their team in like manner and in deliberate matches may be assisted by a coach and by one sub-coach per target. All persons referred to in this sub-para are members of the team and must be qualified to shoot in it unless otherwise stated in the Conditions.
  - c No other person is allowed to give advice or instructions to the competitors.
  - d Networked Communications within a team for the purposes of coaching and shooting management are permitted and may be wired or wireless in nature. A wireless network system must be switchable and capable of working on more than one frequency (see Para 368 e below) and must conform with the public radio frequency allocations of the country in which it is being used and also must not interfere with frequencies used by Electronic Targets, if in use.

At each distance fired in a match, from the time that clearance to fire is given until a team declares their firing complete or runs out of time:

- i Networked communications equipment may only be issued to team members as declared on the register card or as specified in the Match Conditions (if different) and to range officials as specified in Para 368f.
- ii No team member may leave the team area, or the firing point(s) allocated to his team should a team area not be designated, while equipped for such network communications.
- iii Any spare or defective headsets and microphones associated with a team's networked communications are to remain switched off at all times when they are off the firing point and outside any designated Team Area while shooting is

in progress, except when being tested as part of essential maintenance or repair. Any such test is to be kept to the minimum necessary to verify correct operation.

The receipt of any external information by way of coaching from a person who is not a member of that team is strictly forbidden under pain of disallowance of score under Para 371.

If an allegation of receipt of unauthorised coaching is made during a shoot, and is contested (ie a decision disputed under rule 358), the RO will allow the team to continue 'under protest' and will at once ensure that the dispute is notified to the official or body with authority to make a ruling. That official or body shall consider and rule on the matter at the first possible opportunity.

- e Whilst it is impossible to prevent 'listening in' by other teams when analogue wireless voice communications on public frequencies are in use, the use of any artefact whatsoever to interfere with another team's communications is forbidden. In the event of two networks naturally interfering with each other the matter shall be resolved by mutual co-operation with at least one team changing channels or frequencies. Networks may be tested for compatibility at any time in the run up to the first detail of a match, but commencement of shooting must not be delayed. The Meeting organisers have the right to specify which channel or frequency a team may use and to prohibit the use of any system that interferes with the functioning of Electronic Targets or communications used for range administration.
  - f A Range Officer or Match official must be supplied with the waveband, frequency and/or channel information of a wireless network on request and has the right to 'listen in' on the least inconvenient headset of a network for the minimum time necessary to discharge his purpose.
- 369 a A member of a team may change his firearm at any time but as a consequence may not fire any extra sighting shots.
- b Should a member of a team be prevented from continuing to fire by any cause both imperative and unforeseen, other than one which can be circumvented by changing his firearm, his place may, with the approval of the CRO, be taken by a reserve to fire in the place of the retiring member and to take up the firing at the stage at which such member retired. He shall not be entitled to any extra sighting shots.

**370 Firing of extra shots in deliberate competition**

This rule applies to a team member who has completed the course of fire at any single distance. If such a team member then fires additional shots at that single distance they shall have one point deducted from their score at that distance for each shot so fired. Such additional shots fired in error shall otherwise be disregarded for the purposes of the match; if necessary, an additional round may be supplied to enable completion of the course of fire. If any additional shot is fired with intent to create a competitive advantage for the team, Para 544(x) shall apply to all team members involved.

371 Misconduct or failure to comply with the Rules by a member of a team will, where not otherwise provided for in the Rules, be dealt with in accordance with Para 547(a), except that in the case of misconduct or non-compliance by a non-shooting member of the team any penalty will be based on the highest possible score for a shot and will be applied as a deduction from the entire team score.

372 In team matches each team must be prepared to provide register keepers, to be exchanged in adjacent pairs or in threes, under the direction of the RO.

373 Teams are requested to record their scores on the large blackboards when these are provided.

**SECTION 64 – RAPID, FIRE WITH MOVEMENT AND SNAPSHOTTING COMPETITIONS****Individual and Team Competitions**

374 On completion of sighting shots the RO will give the necessary orders to bring the competitors and their firearms into the state required by the Conditions.

- 375 a If the firearms are to be “loaded with x rounds”: sights may be adjusted, a magazine with the stated number of rounds must be on it, it is not cocked, the safety catch is at ‘safe’ and, if in the prone position, the stomach and elbows must be on the ground.
- b If the rifles are to be “ready with x rounds”: further to (a) it must be cocked with a round in the chamber and the safety catch at ‘safe’.
- c The safety catch must never be put to ‘fire’ without a further order such as in Para 376 and then only when in the actual firing position stated in the Conditions.

376 When ready, the RO will give the order “Watch Out” or “Watch and Shoot”, and will signal to the butts to start the practice.

377 The targets will be raised for the required time, or will make the required appearances, during which the shots allowed may be fired.

The raising and lowering of the targets will be carried out as quickly as possible, but will not be included in the time laid down.

378 The scores will be notified as in Para 331.

The RO must allow each competitor to check that his score has been correctly recorded on his ticket.

It is the competitor's responsibility that his ticket is correctly completed in all respects. Team captains are likewise entitled to and responsible for a similar check (see Para 347).

379 Challenges are allowed as in Para 332.

The RO will not give the order to "patch out" until he has ascertained if any competitor wishes to challenge.

380 No allowance will be made for a misfire or for any shots not fired owing to any defect in or failure of a competitor's firearm or ammunition (but see Para 283 for allowable breakages in service weapons only).

381 A competitor who fires or endeavours to fire more than the number of shots allowed during a single appearance of the target or at a single distance or during the whole of a competition, will have his score disallowed and may incur expulsion (see Para 544).

382 A competitor who:

a advances or retires with the safety catch not fully applied (except where this is not possible for the type of firearm concerned),

b loads whilst on the move or not at his firing point,

will have his score disallowed and may be excluded from further competition during the Meeting (see Para 546).

### **Target Irregularities**

383 If, in the opinion of the RO, any individual or team was at undue advantage or undue disadvantage owing to any target failing to act properly during a competition, the score of the individual or team affected will be cancelled, and the individual or team must fire afresh with as little delay as possible through the whole competition, or through such part of it as the RO considers to have been unduly affected.

Any claim for a reshoot must be made immediately to the RO and before the score is received. Pending the CRO's decision, the RO will not divulge the score and will ensure that the target is not shown with the shots spotted. Sighting shots will not be allowed before a reshoot awarded under this paragraph, ie Para 298 does not apply.

**Excess Hits**

384 When, in any practice, the total number of hits on a competitor's target or targets exceeds the number of shots he fired, and when there are no means of identifying these shots, all the hits will be signalled in the usual way, and the procedure will then be as follows:

- a If it is proved that the excess hits were made by the competitor or team firing more than the number of shots allowed, the score will be disallowed and the penalty may be expulsion (see Para 381).
- b When the number of excess hits does not exceed one half of the number of shots allowed, and in any case if the error is not discovered immediately, the score will be adjusted by cancelling first a hit of the lowest value, then a hit of the highest value, and so on alternately, until the hits left are equal to the shots actually fired. For ETR or CGR shoots any excess number of hits will attract a mandatory reshoot.
- c When the number of excess hits exceeds one half of the number of shots allowed and in any case in matches fired on electric target or converted gallery ranges, the score will be cancelled and the competitor will reshoot. A reshoot will be as for the original shoot including:
  - i Sighting shots, if any.
  - ii Previous movements, if any.
  - iii The number of counting shots actually fired.
- d When different targets are used at different times during a practice, the score made on a target without excess hits will stand and the above rules will be applied only to a target with excess hits.

385 When a competitor has more than one target at the same time and there is no excess in the total number of hits as in Para 384, but there are more hits on one particular target than are allowed by the Conditions, the extra hits on this target will be cancelled in the order given in Para 384b.

**386 Team Competitions only**

- a Each team must be commanded by a captain, who may either shoot in the team or not as the Conditions require and who will give all necessary orders.
- b Members of a team may spot for and coach each other, but no other person is allowed to accompany it on the course, or to give advice or instructions on the firing point.
- c The members of a team may assist each other over obstacles, but each competitor must carry his firearm and equipment over the whole course, and his ammunition until he has fired it.

- d Each competitor must complete the competition in possession of all articles of dress and equipment with which he started; he must only receive assistance in recovering such articles from a member of his team.
- e Any infringement of (b) to (d) above will involve the disallowance of the score of the competitor concerned or of the whole team.

### **SECTION 65 – CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE/PRACTICAL RIFLE**

387 Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle competitions will be conducted in accordance with the NRA Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle Handbook (published online and available on request).

388-450 *Reserved*

### **SECTION 66 – GALLERY RIFLE AND PISTOL COMPETITIONS**

451 Gallery Rifle and Pistol competitions (including the Imperial Gallery Rifle and Pistol competitions) will be conducted in accordance with the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

452 Meeting specific Rules, Regulations and Conditions (additional to those in Part N - Competitions with Conditions and Prizes) for the Imperial Meeting Gallery Rifle and Pistol events will be published in the GR&P Handbook at Section C3 or as an annex to the Gallery Rifle and Pistol entry form.

### **SECTION 67 – TARGET SHOTGUN COMPETITIONS**

453 Target Shotgun competitions will be conducted in accordance with the NRA Target Shotgun Handbook (published separately and available as an online document in the Downloads section of the NRA website).

454-500 *Reserved*

Section 68-70 *Reserved*

### **SECTION 71 – TIES**

#### **General**

501 A tie occurs when two or more individuals or teams make the same total score in a competition including extra tie shots where applicable, and counting V bulls. Extra tie shots fired under Para 508 shall not form part of the score in an aggregate.

502 In individual competitions, unless otherwise stated in the Conditions, a tie for first place or for a trophy will be shot off and all other ties will be

decided by counting out (see Para 511). In team competitions, unless otherwise stated in the Conditions, all ties will be decided by counting out.

503 A tie may be shot off on the spot, ie decided by a tie shoot at the end of a competition. If the Conditions require that a tie be shot off on the spot, any competitor who does not answer when the CRO or his authorised representative calls forward those who are eligible to tie-shoot forfeits his right to tie-shoot and may be placed below all those who answer the call-forward.

504 A tie may be shot off subsequently. During the Meeting a pink notice will be posted on the side of the results boards nearest to the rear of the NRA Offices giving the time and place of the tie shoot and stating the prize or prizes which will be decided by shooting off (see also page 373).

505 If the arrangements for a competition are such that it is impractical that a tie be shot off and likely that counting out will not resolve a tie, scores made in other events may be used to break a tie. In that case the events to be used and the order in which they will be considered will be given in the Conditions. Scores made in other events will only be considered if counting out within the tied competition fails to resolve the tie. If more than one event is listed as a tiebreaker in the Conditions of the tied competition, the entire score made in each listed event will be considered in the order listed before applying all the counting-out rules to the first listed event and then to each of the other listed events in order.

506 When a tie remains undecided:

- a Any challenge trophy will be held for equal periods of the year.
- b Any prizes in kind will be decided by lot.
- c Any money prizes will be equally divided but no prize will be awarded of less than the lowest value stated in the Conditions.
- d Prizes of the lowest value will be given when the share amounts to a half or more of this value, but not otherwise.

### Counting Out

507 In all TR, MR and F Class deliberate shoots, the total TR score includes the number of V bulls. Thus for example 50.8 is higher than 50.7 is higher than 49.9. Ties will be counted out as follows:

- a **Deliberate individual competitions where each shot is signalled separately**
  - i By the aggregate of the scores in each successive stage, commencing with the last.
  - ii If still a tie, by the totals in order of distance commencing with the longest. In aggregates, the scores of all shoots at each distance will be added together.

- iii If still a tie, on the scores in each shoot, commencing with the longest distance and taking shoots at each distance in reverse order of firing
  - iv If still a tie, by the value of each shot commencing with the last, at the longest distance, V bulls being of higher value than bulls.
- b Deliberate team competitions where each shot is signalled separately**
- i By the range totals in order of distance commencing with the longest.
  - ii If still a tie, by the shoot totals in order of distance commencing with the longest and then in order of time commencing with the last
  - iii If still a tie, by the aggregate of the last shots of all the firers in the team, at the longest distance, followed by the aggregate of the penultimate shots, and so on in order of distance only.
- c Individual and team rifle competitions not wholly deliberate**
- i By the scores in each type of practice considered in the following order: fire with movement, snap-shooting, rapid, deliberate.
  - ii If still a tie, by the greatest number of hits.
  - iii If still a tie, by the fewest outers.
  - iv If still a tie, by the fewest magpies.
- d Pistol competitions at distances not exceeding 100 metres, if the procedure is not stated in the Conditions**
- i By the scores at each range in order of distance commencing with the longest (but see sub-para f below).
  - ii If still a tie, by the greatest number of hits.
  - iii If still a tie, by the fewest number of hits which score the lowest value, in ascending order.
- e Gallery rifle competitions at distances not exceeding 100 metres**  
The tie-breaking procedures for GR events will be individually specified in the match conditions.
- f Service rifle and service pistol competitions** (*including those fired concurrently with events in the Services Skill at Arms Meetings*).  
The rules for counting out given in Infantry Training Volume IV, Pamphlet 20, will apply (but see sub-para c above).
- g Clay target competitions**  
By the value of each shot in order, commencing with the last.

**h Target shotgun events**

As detailed in the NRA Target Shotgun Handbook (published separately online)

**Extra Tie Shoots and Extra Tie Shots**

508 When the Conditions state that competitors who make certain scores must fire an extra tie shoot or extra tie shots, a competitor making such a score must at once inform the RO. In competitions other than deliberate, he will fire again, including sighting shots (if any) as stated in the Conditions, in the presence of the RO or someone nominated by him. Extra tie shoots or extra tie shots shall not be fired by those making a lower score than one already known to have been made. Extra tie shoots and extra tie shots must be recorded on the original ticket, with the signature of the RO or other witness.

509 The order of merit of competitors with the same original score will be decided as in Para 507 (including extra tie shots) and Para 510 if necessary.

**Tie Shoots**

510 A tie shoot will be conducted as follows:

**a In deliberate rifle competitions**

- i When the number of competitors is more than twelve, by firing one convertible sighting shot and five shots to count at the longest or only distance of the competition, repeating if necessary until the number of competitors is reduced to twelve or fewer, then as in (ii) below.
- ii When the number of competitors is twelve or fewer by firing one convertible sighting shot and five shots to count at the longest or only distance of the competition. Competitors who still tie will then fire single shots until the tie is decided.

In (i) competitors may be squadded two or three to a target, and must be resquadded as the tie progresses so that either all competitors shoot in pairs/threes or all competitors shoot singly. In (ii) each competitor must have a separate target.

**b In rifle competitions, not wholly deliberate**

- i By firing again through the longest distance rapid practice of the competition, including sighting shots (if any).
- ii Ties in single practice timed shoots will be resolved by reshooting the whole practice, including sighting shots (if any).
- iii By repeating this as may be necessary until the tie is decided.

**c In pistol competitions**

- i By firing one string at the longest distance of the competition and in the shortest time limit for this distance, under the same conditions as the competition.
- ii By repeating this as may be necessary until the tie is decided.

**d In gallery rifle competitions**

The tie-shoot procedures for GR events will be individually specified in the match conditions.

**e Nominees**

The Shooting Committee will make special rules should a person have to shoot off a tie in more than one capacity.

- 511 a The procedure in Para 510 will be carried out only as far as is necessary to determine the winner and those lower places that the Conditions specify must be shot off.
- b All participants in a tie-shoot will be placed in accordance with the score they actually make in the tie-shoot.
  - c The order of merit for places not decided in the course of a tie-shoot will be decided in accordance with the count-back rules at Para 507 above, but including shots fired in the tie-shoot as if they were part of the last shoot at the longest distance (thus anyone actually firing in the tie-shoot will place above anyone not doing so by virtue of the extra points made).

512-540 *Reserved*

Section 72-75 *Reserved*

## J – PENALTIES

### SECTION 76

541 In a case of expulsion under Paras 544, particulars of the offence and the name of the offender will be posted on the NRA notice board, on the NRA website and in the NRA Journal unless the Disciplinary Committee direct otherwise.

542 In other cases where an alleged offender appears before the Disciplinary Committee, particulars of the alleged offence and the outcome of the hearing will be posted on the NRA notice board, on the NRA website, and in the Journal as a warning to others or, to dispel rumour in the case of a “not guilty” verdict, without the name of the offender, in all circumstances unless the Disciplinary Committee direct otherwise.

In addition the Council shall have the discretion in any event to cause to be published in the NRA Journal or otherwise the identity of any person who has breached any Rules and Regulations of the NRA, the Bisley Range Regulations or those relating to safety and security, as well as particulars of the offence and of the outcome.

### 543 Liability of Clubs and Associations and their Officers

Any Club, Association, or other body affiliated to or otherwise under the control or direction of the NRA (“Group”) shall be subject to all of the administrative powers of the CE or Secretary General and the disciplinary processes under Section 11 of the NRA Handbook which would be applicable in the case of an individual Member.

- i Penalties shall be such of those penalties set out in this Section as are capable of being applied to a Group, and shall include revocation or suspension of affiliation and revocation or suspension of all or any of the privileges of affiliation.
- ii In circumstances where an offence has been committed under paragraphs 544 – 547, 549 or 553 if the offence has been committed with the consent, connivance or reckless disregard of a director, manager, chairman, secretary, committee member or other officer of the Group, or a person purporting to act in any such capacity, he (as well as the Group) is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

**Expulsion**

544 Any member of the NRA, or of any Club or Association affiliated to the NRA:

who in a competition under NRA rules;

- i shoots under a false name or uses a single entry ticket other than the one issued to him;
- ii knowingly enters for or shoots in a competition for which he is not qualified or in a class for which he is not eligible;
- iii shoots more often than is permitted by the Conditions;
- iv uses any firearm or ammunition other than as prescribed in the Rules (Paras 148-150, 153, 154, 156-164, 172-175 and others);
- v knowingly claims or accepts points which he has not made, or connives at any such conduct by another competitor (Para 308);
- vi knowing that the spotting disc disagrees with the value signalled, fails to inform the Range Officer (Para 316);
- vii intentionally fires at the wrong target or at a dummy or out of turn (Para 357);
- viii offers money or a bribe to a register keeper or any employee or official of the NRA (Para 363);
- ix knowing of any offers as in (viii) or of any attempt to defraud the NRA or any competitor, fails to report it without delay to the Secretary General (Para 363);
- x fires or attempts to fire more than the number of shots allowed (Paras 381 or 370 only);
- xi except on valid medical grounds is found to have taken any drug as described in Para 37 for which the NRA has not received a valid doctor's certificate (Para 133);

or who at any time or place;

- xii *Reserved*;
- xiii is guilty of any conduct which the Council or the Disciplinary Committee may consider to be so discreditable as to justify expulsion;
- xiv acts, whether in the course of shooting or at any other time, in such a manner as to bring the Association into disrepute;

may, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeal Committee, forfeit all his entrance fees, forfeit every prize won since the occurrence, be struck off the register of NRA members and

be expelled forever from the Camp and ranges or any such lesser punishment that the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeal Committee may decide is appropriate.

If struck off the register of NRA members the findings of the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeal Committee shall be communicated to the other National Governing Bodies of shooting and, to the extent required by law, the appropriate police force.

### **Breaches of Range Operating Procedures**

#### **545 Administrative actions and penalties for breaches of safety procedures.**

For the purposes of this paragraph “safety procedures” includes, inter alia, the safety regulations of any range in use, the safety rules at Section 52 of this Handbook, equivalent rules promulgated to ensure the safe conduct of an event and the agreements between NRA and MoD under which civilians gain access to military ranges.

- a A person who, being in a supervisory position whether on or off a range and whether before during or after shooting; is reported as having committed, authorised, permitted, condoned or failed to act to prevent a breach of safety procedures may
  - i On the order of the Secretary General be suspended to such extent as the Secretary General deems appropriate from exercising the powers of any supervisory position held (whether or not such position relates directly to the matter reported) or the privileges of membership of the NRA or affiliated Clubs until the matter has been considered by the Disciplinary Committee
  - ii On the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeal Committee, be excluded from NRA facilities, have supervisory qualifications suspended or revoked, have competency qualifications suspended or revoked, and be required to undergo retraining or requalification, in each case to such extent and for such duration as the Committee may decide. Additionally or alternatively, the Committee may require an undertaking not to engage in specific activities to be given as a condition of cancellation of a suspension, such undertaking to be subject to such conditions as the Committee may see fit.
  - iii As an alternative to consideration by the Disciplinary Committee, if the reported conduct is admitted and the

- proposed disposal is agreed, the Secretary General may dispose of the matter, but only by suspension or revocation of qualifications with a corresponding imposition of a requirement for retraining or requalification and/or by acceptance of an undertaking to refrain from specific activities subject to such conditions as he may see fit.
- b A person who, while engaged as a member of the NRA or of one of its affiliated clubs in shooting or in activities directly connected with shooting, is reported as having committed a breach of safety procedures may
- i On the order of the Secretary General NRA be suspended to such extent as the Secretary General deems appropriate from exercising the privileges of membership of the NRA or affiliated Clubs until the matter has been considered by the Disciplinary Committee
  - ii On the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeal Committee, be excluded from NRA facilities, have supervisory qualifications suspended or revoked, have competency qualifications suspended or revoked, and be required to undergo retraining or requalification, in each case to such extent and for such duration as the Committee may decide. Additionally or alternatively, the Committee may require an undertaking not to engage in specific activities to be given as a condition of cancellation of a suspension, such undertaking to be subject to such conditions as the Committee may see fit.
  - iii As an alternative to consideration by the Disciplinary Committee, if the reported conduct is admitted and the proposed disposal is agreed, the Secretary General may dispose of the matter, but only by suspension or revocation of qualifications with a corresponding imposition of a requirement for retraining or requalification and/or by acceptance of an undertaking to refrain from specific activities subject to such conditions as he may see fit.

It shall be open to the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeal Committee to consider whether conduct falling within a or b above also falls within the scope of Para 544 xiii, 544 xiv, or 546 and to impose penalties accordingly.

- 546 Any person who:
- a discharges a firearm, or is found with a loaded firearm, other than on the firing point and within the hours of shooting (or in special circumstances with the permission of the Secretary General);
  - b discharges a firearm accidentally, either by carelessness or owing to some defect in the firearm;
  - c loads or fires before the order to do so has been given (Para 115 and 280);
  - d acts in any way that might prove dangerous (Paras 112-124 and others);
  - e refuses to comply with any order given by a Range Officer or Butt Officer, for the due carrying out of the NRA Rules (Para 113);
  - f fires a practice shot before handing in the appropriate ticket (Para 813);
  - g is guilty of any breach of discipline, including firing on an MoD range, or Bisley ranges, without valid Certification or supervision;
  - h in competition, uses any artifice to facilitate shooting contrary to the spirit of the Rules (Paras 131 and 132);
  - i in competition involving issued ammunition, fails to return any unused rounds or empty cases to the Range Officer immediately on conclusion of his shoot (Para 288)

may be subject to action and penalties under the Disciplinary Code. If the occurrence was during a competition, penalties may also include forfeiture of all entrance fees and in a meeting comprising more than one competitive event, forfeiture of every prize won since the occurrence and exclusion from all further competition during that meeting.

If it shall prove impracticable to convene a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee during the continuance of the relevant competition or competitions forming a constituent part of an aggregate prize, the Meeting Director or Chairman of the Shooting Committee shall have the power to exclude such person from further competition during the relevant competition or competitions comprised in such aggregate, or for such longer period as may seem to them appropriate.

### **Disallowance of Score**

- 547 A competitor who:
- a infringes or fails to comply with any of the Rules, Regulations or Conditions applicable to a competition;
  - b screens himself or his firearm or allows any one else to do so (Para 210);

- c when coaching is not allowed, gives or willingly receives any advice in the nature of coaching (Para 269);
- d uses an incorrect firing position (Para 213)

shall, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee, have the last shot of the highest value deducted from his score in the competition concerned.

If, having been warned once in connection with any of the above the competitor continues to offend, his entire score in the competition concerned shall be disallowed.

548 A competitor whose score has been disallowed because he has:

- a failed properly to use, complete (whether as competitor or register keeper) or hand in a ticket and has not obtained relief by paying a fine (Para 823);
- b infringed certain specific Regulations (Paras 381, 382 etc)

shall have the right of appeal to the Disciplinary Committee who shall have power to revoke the penalty if there are circumstances which they consider justify such revocation or confirm the disallowance of score

549 A competitor who is absent when required to do special duties shall, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee, have five points deducted from his score in the competition concerned (see Paras 868 and 869) and, where necessary, his V bull count adjusted.

### **Fines**

550 The Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine in lieu of or in addition to any of the penalties given in Paras 544 to 549.

### **Fees**

551 A competitor or team who:

- a has a prize list rectified, the error being due to some ticket irregularity (Para 823c);
- b notifies a ticket irregularity before the prize list is published (Para 823b);
- c is allowed another ticket or computer label in lieu of one lost (Para 809);
- d has the Statistical Office correct a ticket irregularity (Para 815 and 823a);

shall be required to pay a fee of £5.00.

**Deposits**

552 A competitor shall pay a fee of:

- a £5.00 if he unsuccessfully appeals to the Disciplinary Committee (Para 359);
- b £1.00 if he makes an unsuccessful claim for the rectification of a prize list (Para 893);
- c £1.00 if he requires a search for a score he has made (Para 822).

553 Where an offence has been committed by a person who is not a member of the NRA and is not otherwise subject to the code of operation of disciplinary matters the Secretary General shall have the power to deal with the matter in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. If the offender does not accept liability for the alleged offence and/or does not accept the imposition of a penalty then the Secretary General shall refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee who shall have the power to exclude the offender from entering on the Bisley camp and ranges for such period and on such terms as they see fit. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall cause to be published particulars of the offence and of the penalties imposed in the NRA Journal, on the NRA website and on the NRA notice board together with the name of the offender unless he shall see good reason not to publish such name.

Parts K-L *Reserved*

Sections 77-100 *Reserved*

Paras 554-700 *Reserved*

## APPENDICES TO THE NRA RULES OF SHOOTING

### APPENDIX IV – RADIO CODE MESSAGES

The following code messages should be used for communication between Range Officers and the butts. The target number(s) will be given, followed by the message number, viz:

- Message
- 0 Raise sighting targets (Para 279).
  - 1 Firing about to commence.
  - 2 No spotting disc visible.
  - 3 Spotting disc unmistakably disagrees with signalled value. Check that the spotting disc shows the last shot and that the panel signals its correct value\* (Para 316). The Range Officer is to view the target before passing the message.
  - 4 A shot has been fired but no signal has been made. Examine target carefully and signal the shot, if found, or a miss\* (Para 317).
  - 5 Firer has challenged for a higher value for his shot. Examine the whole target and signal the correct value\* (Para 319).
  - 6 It is suspected that there is a second shot on the target. Inspect the target for a second shot. If found mark and signal both shots. If not leave the spotting disc in the original hole.\*
  - 7 A miss has been signalled but firer has challenged for a scoring shot. Re-examine the target carefully and signal the shot, if found, or a miss\* (Para 319).
  - 8 The spotting disc appears not to have moved. Butt Officer is to consult marker and confirm that the spotting disc is in the latest shot hole. If successive shots have been very close to each other the RO to be advised accordingly\*.
  - 9 Marking/shooting appears to be unduly slow. Butt Officer/ Range Officer to check and correct where necessary.
  - 10 Stand easy. Half-mast target.
  - 11 Blow off shots are about to be fired. Ensure that all, or the specified, targets are fully lowered until Message 1 is given.
  - 12 Stand easy. Lower target, patch out and put target back up.
  - 13 Radio the number of hits as score board figures are not clear.
  - 14 Firer has challenged his score. Re-examine the target and show the correct number and value of the shots\* (Para 332).

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The result must also be confirmed by radio.

**APPENDIX V – TARGETS** (See Paras 221-222)

Shooting Committee will review target dimensions no later than September 2028.

**Current Bisley Target Rifle (TR) Targets**

White with circular black aiming mark.

Dimensions changed on 1 Jan 2025. See NRA Journal Winter 2023 page 52 for details.

Divisions	Diameter in mm (apparent diameter in minutes of angle)						Score
	Long Range (MoA at 1000)	600 yards	500 yards	400*	300 yards	200 yards	
Aiming Mark	1120 (4.21)	990 (6.20)	990 (7.44)	813 (7.64)	560 (7.02)	406 (7.63)	
V Bull	351 (1.32)	192 (1.20)	150 (1.13)	122 (1.15)	78 (0.98)	53.4 (1.00)	V
Bull	585 (2.20)	320 (2.01)	250 (1.88)	203 (1.91)	130 (1.63)	89 (1.67)	5
Inner	1120 (4.21)	660 (4.14)	660 (4.96)	406 (3.82)	260 (3.26)	178 (3.35)	4
Magpie	1830 (6.88)	990 (6.20)	990 (7.44)	610 (5.73)	390 (4.89)	267 (5.02)	3
Outer	2440 (9.17)	1320 (8.27)	1320 (9.92)	813 (7.64)	560 (7.02)	406 (7.63)	2
Hit	2997w 1778h	Rectangle measuring 1778w 1524h		900w 920h			1

\* 400 yards TR targets will not be available at Bisley

**ICFRA Target Rifle (TR) Targets**

White with circular black aiming mark.

Divisions	Diameter in mm						Score
	Long Range	600 yards	500 yards	400* yards	300 yards		
Aiming Mark	1120	915	915	745	560		
V Bull	255	145	130	85	65		V
Bull	510	290	260	175	130		5
Inner	815	600	600	350	260		4
Magpie	1120	915	915	520	390		3
Outer	1830	1320	1320	745	560		2
Hit	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT		1

**\* 400 yards ICFRA TR targets will not be available at Bisley**

**Bisley F Class Rifle (F Class) Targets**

White with circular black aiming mark and a central white V bull.

Divisions	Diameter in mm						Score
	Long Range	600 yards	500 yards	400* yards	300 yards	200 yards	
Aiming Mark	1120	610	508	406	305	203	
V Bull	128	76	64	51	38	25	V
Bull	255	152	127	102	76	51	5
Inner	510	305	254	203	152	102	4
Magpie	815	457	381	305	229	152	3
Outer	1120	610	508	406	305	203	2
Hit	1830	762	635	508	381	254	1

**\* 400 yards F Class targets will not be available at Bisley**

**Notes:**

- a The TR/MR V bull line will be continuous, and will be half the thickness of the other scoring rings.
- b At all ranges shots clear outside the dimensions of the 'Hit' region of the targets, as shown above, will count as misses.

- c At long range the F Class target will be a modified ICFRA target, with a white circle, 5" in diameter, placed in the centre of the X-ring as the F Class V bull.

Any changes in target dimensions will be made following the process at Para 221.

### **ISSF 300 Metre**

White with circular black aiming mark.

10 ring diameter 10 cms, 9 ring 20 cms and so on to 1 ring 100 cms.

Black all inside the 5 ring (60 cms).

### **Gallery Targets (Services)**

#### ***Type A – 500 yards***

Sand coloured with a Fig 12/59 (95) in the centre as an aiming mark and circles of 300, 375, 600, 750 and 1200 mm.

#### ***Type B – 300 yards***

Sand coloured with a Fig 12/59 (95) in the centre as an aiming mark and circles of 180, 225, 360, 450 and 750 mm.

scoring:	Series A (Optic)	5, 4, 4, 3, and 3
(both types)	Series B (Iron)	5, 5, 4, 4, and 3

### **Large Snapshooting (Services)**

The Figure 12/59 (95) viz the top half of the Figure 11/59 (95).

Bull, 240mm diameter	scoring 5
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Rest of target*	scoring 4
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The circle to be centred 300mm below top of target.

\*Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

Note: In events in which the targets are lowered when hit, a hit on any part of the target will count.

### **Small Snapshooting (Services)**

The Figure No 12c/59 (95), 400mm high x 330mm wide, viz the top half of the Figure No 11c/59 (95).

Bull, 150mm diameter	scoring 5
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Rest of target *	scoring 4
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The circle to be centred 200mm below top of target.

\* Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

In events in which the targets are lowered when hit, a hit on any part of the target will count.

### Sniping (Services) and McQueen (CSR and PR)

- a **Long range target.** White or sand coloured 10' x 6' screen with a Triple Figure 11/59 (95) in the centre. Hits in the 300mm circle on the centre target will score 5, on the remainder of the centre target will score 4 and anywhere on the two flank targets will score 3.
- b **Short range target.** Figure 14, about 11" high x 8" wide:  
Bull, 4" diameter – scoring 5; Inner, rest of target – scoring 4.
- c **NRA DP 14(07) Target.**  
At 200 yards: V bull, 1" diameter – scoring V; Bull, 4" diameter – scoring 5; Inner, 8" diameter – scoring 4; Magpie, rest of target – scoring 3.  
At 300 yards: V bull, 4" diameter – scoring V; Bull, 6" diameter – scoring 5; Inner, rest of target – scoring 4.

### Gallery Rifle and Pistol Targets

As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

### Cadet Rapid and Snapshooting Targets

Cadet rapid and snapshooting targets, designated Cadet 11 and Cadet 12 have a disruptive pattern of black and sand colour, not based on the current Service Fig 11 or Fig 12 targets. They will be pasted onto plywood veneers with appropriate scoring circles inscribed as below:

Cadet 11 or Cadet 12	Bull, 300mm	scoring 5
	Rest of target *	scoring 4

\*Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

### Close Quarter Battle (Services)

**The Figure 14 Window Target.** This target consists of a Figure 14 pasted on top of an inverted Figure 12 cut off at the shoulders. It may be mounted on the centre of a Fig 11 or Fig 12 veneer.

Within the 100mm (4") circle	scoring 5
Anywhere else on the Figure 14	scoring 5 or 4 **
Elsewhere on the target	scoring 4 or 3 **

(\*\* the scoring rings depending on the match conditions.)

**Figure No 11/59 (95) (Services)**

Facing: A “Charging Man” coloured black on sand with blue ring (non-scoring)

<i>For Rifle</i>			<i>For Pistol</i>		
Bull, 240mm	scoring	5	Bull, 80mm	scoring	5
Inner, 300mm	scoring	4	Inner, 160mm	scoring	4
Rest of target*	scoring	4	Magpie, 300mm	scoring	3
			Outer, rest of target *	scoring	2

\*Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

**NRA DPI Targets**

Facing: A disruptive pattern of black and sand colour pasted onto a plywood veneer with appropriate scoring circles inscribed as below:

<i>For Rifle</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>For Pistol</i>		
Bull, 240mm	scoring	5	5	Bull, 80mm	scoring	5
Inner, 300mm	scoring	4	5	Inner, 160mm	scoring	4
Rest of target*	scoring	4	4	Magpie, 300mm	scoring	3
				Outer, rest of target *	scoring	2

**NRA Snapshooting Targets**

Facing: either the top half of a DPI facing or (preferably) a Cadet 12 facing, pasted on to a Fig 12 veneer with a DPI repair centre pasted on top, with the centre of the scoring rings 300mm below the top of the target.

	<i>Series</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	
Bull, 240mm	scoring	5	5	} unless otherwise prescribed in the match conditions
Inner, 300mm	scoring	4	5	
Rest of target*	scoring	4	4	

Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

## APPENDIX VI – DANGEROUS AMMUNITION

### Ammunition Restrictions on Bisley Ranges

1 Unless the Chief Executive has given prior permission in writing, use of the following on Bisley ranges is prohibited:

Tracer; incendiary; armour piercing; armour piercing incendiary (API); depleted uranium; ammunition containing any igniferous or explosive substance.

2 The following ammunition is permitted on Bisley ranges:

- a Projectiles that are constructed of pure lead, lead alloy, or a lead core with a jacket of gilding metal or soft iron.
- b Non lead-based ammunition (NLA) that is designed to expand is permitted on specified Bisley ranges, to a maximum distance of 300 yards. The ranges authorised for use are: Butt Zero, Century, Short Siberia, Winans Bay B and C (Zero Range), British Sporting Rifle Club (BSRC) Static and Running Deer ranges. A check zero must be conducted as the first activity of any range session. See Bisley Ranges regulations on the NSC website for full details.
- c Further to sub-para b above other lead-free mono-metallic bullets may be used during specific events that are controlled and planned by the NSC. They are otherwise forbidden.

3 Firearm and ammunition combinations resulting in muzzle velocity exceeding 1000 m/s (3281 ft/s) or muzzle energy exceeding 7000 J (5160 ft lb) are generally prohibited. Special procedures apply to combinations generating ME over 4500J (3319 ft lb). See Section 15 and Appendix VII. ME and MV limits vary across the ranges. Consult Ranges Regulations. Note that downloading ammunition is not accepted as a means to bring rounds that would otherwise exceed ME/MV values within a range's limits.

### Handloaded Ammunition

4 The chief danger with handloaded ammunition is that ignorant, inexperienced and irresponsible handloaders can assemble and fire ammunition that may inconvenience or endanger others as well as themselves.

5 The most usual manifestation of unsafe, as opposed to unsatisfactory, handloads is that they produce excessive pressures for the firearm in which they are used. The most common causes of high pressure are set out in Para 6 below; a list of the visible signs of high pressure appears in Para 7 below. In every case the fault is due to lack of care and commonsense on the part of the handloader.

**All Ammunition**

- 6 The most usual causes of excessive pressure are:
- a Use of too fast-burning a powder for the application;
  - b An excessive charge of powder, often in combination with 6a above. This is by far the most common cause of dangerous pressures in handloads;
  - c Over-long cases which have not been trimmed to the recommended maximum length;
  - d Use of old or damaged cases;
  - e Erroneous loading practices;
  - f Differences in the dimensions of the chamber and throat area of a firearm may create excessively high pressures if not compatible with the cartridge in use. Such things as a bullet set further forward to engage the lead or a bullet of larger diameter than that of the chamber throat may cause this. One indication, but by no means the only one, of this particular problem is the pulling of the bullet from the cartridge case when attempting to extract an unfired cartridge. Some, but not all, of the combinations that are likely to cause this sort of problem are:
    - i incorrectly assembled ammunition for the chamber dimensions in use, or
    - ii incorrectly dimensioned chamber for the ammunition in use, or
    - iii .308" Win commercial ammunition used in a rifle normally used only with 7.62 x 51mm NATO cartridges, or
    - iv 5.56 x 45mm NATO cartridges used in a rifle chambered for .223" Remington cartridges.
- 7 Signs that pressures of any ammunition in any firearm exceed the sensible limit for the combination of components in use include:
- a Hard extraction; difficulty in opening the bolt. This may be due to soft or oversize cases, or to rifle factors such as a rough chamber. If it does not occur with factory ammunition, the handloads are at fault.
  - b The presence, after firing, of bright marks on the case head matching extractor and ejector slots in the bolt face. These are caused by extruded material being sheared off, and often cause the difficult bolt operation noted in 7a above.
  - c Heavily flattened, extruded, cratered or pierced primers. Although some rifles show these signs with factory ammunition,

the indication is that pressures are grossly excessive for the combination of components used in that firearm.

- d Gas leaks around the primer. Pressures are at danger level and firing must cease immediately.
- e Complete case head failure, accompanied by loss of primer, severe gas escape and possibly firearm damage or firer injury.

8 Most of the signs set out in Para 7 apply to rifles. Service competitors using service pistols should use only the service ammunition issued, but should be aware of the signs of excessive pressure. Self loading pistols often react by excessively violent operation and ejection, and by producing cases that are bulged near the base.

9 The responsible user of any ammunition should stop firing if he suspects that the ammunition he is using is producing dangerous pressures in his firearm.

It is in competitors' own interests to draw the attention of the Range Officer to the continued use of apparently dangerous ammunition; the cumulative effect of cartridges producing excessive pressures can lead to firearm failure even in cases where one, or a few, have been discharged without apparent damage or danger.

### **Dangerous Ammunition – Instructions for Range Officers**

10 If a firer is seen to be using one of the natures of ammunition mentioned in Paras 1 and 2 above, he is to be prevented from further firing, and the matter should at once be brought to the notice of the CRO or Range Office if no CRO is appointed.

11 Range Officers on Running Deer must ensure that all firearms in use are of an approved calibre, muzzle velocity and muzzle energy.

12 At all times, the Range Officer should, if he sees a competitor having difficulty because his ammunition is producing signs of excessive pressure (as set out in Para 7 above), or for any other reason, take the following action:

- a Stop the competitor firing any further shots;
- b Ensure, by making him wait until others on the target have completed their shoots, that the competitor does not inconvenience others;
- c Examine the competitor's cases for signs of high pressure: if the cases show the signs of excessive pressure detailed in 7c, 7d or 7e above, the Range Officer must not allow the competitor to fire again unless he changes his ammunition;
- d Report the matter to the CRO or Range Office if no CRO is appointed.

**APPENDIX VII – PROCEDURES FOR HIGH MUZZLE ENERGY (HME) FIREARMS and AMMUNITION**

1 A HME firearm is one which, when firing specific ammunition, develops a muzzle energy (ME) in excess of 4500 Joules (3319 ft lb). When HME firearms are used on any constructed MoD range, or at Bisley, a special zeroing procedure agreed with MoD must be followed to ensure that

- a the sights are correctly set and
- b the firer can group such that all shots will be captured by the stop butt.

2 The full zeroing procedure must be undertaken on every occasion the HME firearm is to be used at distances in excess of 200 metres except when it is to be used for an extended period of consecutive days, in which case it need only be zeroed at the beginning of the period of consecutive days.

3 Special targets must be used for this zeroing procedure, and the zeroing target of each firer must be signed by both the firer and the RCO (or Bisley Ranges Supervisor, if the Bisley Zero range is used) to confirm that the correct procedures were followed. This target must be retained for a year by the Club operating the range.

4 If HME fire will take place only at distances of 200 metres or less, the check group and certification of the target is not required, but elements of the zeroing procedure do apply. The first shot, under direction of the RCO (HME), must be observed to impact the stop butt; fall of shot must be observed until impact on the target is achieved.

5 At Bisley, the check group may be fired on the Zero Range, in which case supervision by an RCO (HME) is not required (because HME procedures do not apply on No Danger Area ranges).

6 The HME zeroing procedure is published by MoD in DSA03 OME Part 3 Vol 1 Part 2 Chapter 2 Annex A, available online, and is reproduced below. Copies of the procedure and the special zero targets are held by the Range Office at Bisley. The procedure is also published at Annex O of the NRA Range Conducting Officers' Course Instruction Manual.

**EXTRACT FROM DSA03 OME PART 3 - HIGH MUZZLE ENERGY PROCEDURES**

1 The National Rifle Association (NRA) and MoD approved procedures below must be used on MoD ranges when civilians are shooting on constructed ranges with firearm/ammunition combinations where muzzle energy (ME) exceeds 4500 Joules. Note that:

- a Firearms with a muzzle energy exceeding 7000J may not be used on a constructed MoD range.
- b HME procedures do not apply on No Danger Area (NDA) ranges, but the range limitations must be checked to ensure that the developed MV and ME lie within permitted values.
- c The zeroing procedures below must be carried out: on an NDA range or a range with a stop butt that is immediately behind the target and that meets Gallery Range criteria; exceptionally, for large calibre historic or hunting rifles being used at distances of 200 metres or less only, into the zeroing butt at 100 yards on the British Sporting Rifle Club layout at Bisley.

2 The Chairman of the appropriate Club must give authorisation in writing before a shooter may use a firearm/ammunition combination generating over 4500J muzzle energy. Such authorisation will normally be given through the certification process.

3 The shooter is to check zero using the procedure described below under the supervision of an RCO who holds the NRA RCO (HME) qualification (except when checking zero on the Zero Range at Bisley, which is a NDA Range and on which supervision by an RCO (HME) is not required), as the first activity of any range session. If HME fire will be carried out from distances in excess of 200 metres, then the full procedure below is to be carried out. If HME fire will take place only from 200 metres or less, then only paras a, c, d, e and f apply:

- a The RCO (HME) is to record in the MoD Form 906, Land Range Log, when a firearm/ammunition combination is being used which generates muzzle energy greater than 4500J.
- b Before shooting at any distance greater than 200 metres, the shooter is to demonstrate that the firearm is correctly zeroed by firing a three shot group which must fall within the box of the issued NRA/MoD approved target at 200 metres or, at Bisley only, within the box of the appropriate HME zero card used on the Zero Range. The RCO is to confirm that the zeroing target being used is correct for the firearm/ammunition combination and for the planned subsequent activity.

- c The target is to be attached such that the target centre line is set on the target screen centre line both vertically and horizontally.
- d The shooter is to clarify to the RCO (HME) the rifle type and technique to be used to ensure a hit with the first shot.
- e Because of the increased risk of splashback with high energy bullets the butt marker is to wear safety glasses in addition to hearing protection.
- f The RCO will appoint a person to observe the initial fall of shot until the initial strike on the target screen is identified:
  - i If a strike off the target screen is clearly identified the shooter may adjust and fire again.
  - ii If no strike is identified the shooter is to cease fire until the weapon has been re-collimated or bore-sighted to the RCO (HME)'s satisfaction.
- g Rounds on target may be adjusted but only the three final rounds are to be counted for the group, one of which may include the final adjusting round.
- h All three rounds of the final group must be within the box before the shooter may move to a different distance.
- i The butt marker is to identify clearly and mark those shots which were used as sighting shots and which are not to be included in the qualifying group.
- j After qualification the target is to be completed and signed by the shooter and the RCO (HME) and retained by the Club for 12 months.

4 Direction is provided on the NRA/MoD approved target for sight adjustment for different distances subject to achieving a successful group.

5 The zeroing procedure is to be carried out on each day the shooter wishes to shoot unless the zeroing is for an official competition or training course where firing is carried out on consecutive days, when the procedure may be considered valid for the duration of the competition or course.

6 Once zeroed using the procedure in paragraph 3 above, the shooter may shoot under the direction of a qualified NRA RCO who need not have the HME qualification. If, in any practice, the first shot from an HME firearm misses the intended target, the firer may only continue if one of the following applies (derived from a reduced version of the exemptions in NRA rules for such an occurrence – as at 31 March 18, NRA Handbook Para 120):

- a The shot was seen to strike the stop butt, or was registered by an electronic scoring system.

- b The firer identifies and rectifies a fault or error (eg left instead of right wind allowance) that would reasonably account for the miss.
- c There is reasonable evidence (eg an unexplained shot on the next target) that the firer has crossfired.
- d There is reasonable evidence (eg based on the advice of other firers) that the wind allowance applied was such as to account for the miss.

Appendices VIII-X *Reserved*

## VOLUME 3 – THE IMPERIAL MEETING

### M – REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE IMPERIAL MEETING

#### SECTION 101 – GENERAL INFORMATION INCLUDING DEFINITIONS

701 The Meeting is governed by the Council, advised by the Shooting Committee of the General Council. The management of the Meeting is delegated to the NRA professional staff. The Chief Executive shall appoint one member of staff to be the Meeting Director. Para 103 applies.

702 Suggestions may be entered in the Suggestions Book in the NRA Office.

703 Complaints must be made in writing and delivered to the appropriate NRA department which will do its best to rectify the problem as quickly as possible.

704-710 *Reserved*

#### Units

711 The word “Unit” means one of the sub-divisions of

- a His Majesty’s Naval, Military, or Air Forces
- b Certain cadet organisations
- c Constabulary and Police Forces

The Units recognised by the NRA for the purpose of the Meeting are given in Appendix XI.

The Shooting Committee is empowered to recognise any other Unit either for the purpose of the Meeting or for the purpose of any particular competition.

712 Any parts of a Unit may compete separately under their own names.

#### Counties

713 The old London County Council area (those districts having London post codes) is recognised as a geographical county.

#### Types of Competitors

- 714 a An “All Comer” includes any person capable of using the firearm allowed.
- b A “present member of HM Forces” must be a member of any rank of a Unit of HM Naval, Military, or Air Forces and must be actually serving and entitled to pay if belonging to a Regular Unit, or must be on the unit strength if belonging to a Reserve Unit. Foreign and Commonwealth Service personnel attached to Units of HM Forces

for periods in excess of six months may shoot in Inter-Service matches and competitions open to Unit teams. Personnel attached for less than 6 months may shoot only in competitions open to Unit teams.

- c A “Volunteer” must be at least one of:
- (i) A serving member of the RNR or RMR, (which includes RNR list 6, 7 and 8 and RMR list 2)
  - (ii) A serving member of the Army Reserve (which includes Type B and C commissions and UOTC).
  - (iii) A serving member of the RAuxAF or the various branches of the RAFVR.
  - (iv) An adult serving member of any cadet organisation.
- NB: A Regular may not compete as a Volunteer even if he is posted to a Volunteer Unit.
- d A “Member of a Rifle Club” must be a life or subscribing member of not less than three months standing of a rifle club or rifle association which has paid its affiliation fee to the NRA for the current year.

### **Classification of Competitors**

715 Appearance on some prize lists, eligibility for certain prizes, entry to certain competitions and composition of some teams is affected by a competitor’s classification. Overseas competitors who do not have an NRA classification may apply through the Squadding Department to be classified in accordance with their home national rankings (see Appendix XVI). F Class is a discipline name, not a classification.

#### **716 Class X**

- a SR – One who has during the last three years been in the top 25 of the NRA Service Rifle Championship.
- b TR – One who has during the last three years been:
  - (i) in the top 50 of HM The Queen’s/King’s Prize; or
  - (ii) in the top 50 of the St George’s Prize; or
  - (iii) in the top 50 of the Grand Aggregate.

#### **717 Class A**

- a SR – Not applicable.
- b TR – One who has during the last three years been:
  - (i) in places 51st to 100th in HM The Queen’s/King’s Prize; or
  - (ii) in places 51st to 100th in the St George’s Prize; or
  - (iii) in places 51st to 150th in the Grand Aggregate; or

- (iv) during the last ten years qualified as Class X in two or more separate years and is aged under 70 on 1 July in the current year.

*Note:* A person who qualifies as Class A only under (iv), but who since qualifying has sustained disabilities, may apply to the Shooting Committee to revert to Class O. Each case will be treated on its merits.

**718 Class T (Tyro)**

- a SR – A present member of HM Forces who, before the present Meeting, has never been in the open prize list in any NRA competition included on the current individual’s entry form in which the firearm is given as SR.
- b TR – One who in any single previous Meeting has not been in three or more open prize lists above the “Last O in”, in any competition included on the current individual’s entry form in which the firearm is given as TR.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a person who has previously qualified as Class X, A or O shall only be eligible for Class T as detailed below.

A person who was previously qualified as Class O, but who has not competed in the Imperial Meeting during any of the previous ten years may apply to the Shooting Committee to revert to Class T. Each case will be treated on its merits. This dispensation will never apply to anyone who was previously Class X or Class A.

- c A prize list Reserved for Tyros does not count for the purpose of this rule.

**719 Class O.** One who is not Class X, Class A or Class T.

**720 A Match Rifle Tyro** is one who:

- a has never been Class X (TR); and
- b has never shot as a member of a GB representative F Class team; and
- c has never, before the present Meeting, appeared in the top 20 places of the Hopton, or been in the top 10 in any other MR competition included in the Hopton.

721 A Pistol Tyro is one who, before the present Meeting, has never been in the prize list in any competition included in the current entry forms in which the firearm is given as a pistol.

722 For CSR classifications see the CSR & PR Handbook Para B11.2

723 Any change in classification shall take effect from 1 January following the Meeting (subject to Appendix XVI Para 6).

### **Challenges**

724 An individual competitor in TR who wishes to challenge a score in accordance with Para 319 must pay a deposit of £1.00 refundable if the challenge is upheld. Challenge fees will be treated as a donation to the Young Shooters Fund.

725-740 *Reserved*

### **Range Staff**

741 The permanent range staff are the Chief Range Officer (CRO) for each range, Deputy Chief Range Officers (DCRO) where applicable and one NRA Range Officer (RO) per range (or bay, in the case of pistol or gallery rifle ranges). The principal function of the CRO/DCRO and NRA ROs is the safe running of the range(s).

742 The competitor range staff shall consist of one (on Stickle-down) or two (on Century) competitor Wing Officers (WO), and two competitor Range Officers (RO) to assist each NRA RO. The principal function of the competitor ROs is the interpretation and application of the rules on the firing point. The WO, appointed in view of his experience, will advise on the resolution of protests (Para 358).

743-750 *Reserved*

## **SECTION 102 – ENTRIES**

### **General**

751 Membership of the NRA (Life, Annual or Meeting) is a prerequisite to enter any of the competitions. Special arrangements are made for the Schools' Veterans and Vizianagram matches.

752 A competitor must enter and shoot under his own name (see Para 544) and should use exactly the same designation as to name, full initials, rank and Unit or club on all entry forms, tickets etc, in connection with the Meeting.

753 No one may enter for or shoot in any competition in which he is ineligible to take a prize or not qualified to compete, unless specifically permitted in the conditions of that match (see Para 544).

754 Civilian competitors are not permitted to enter Service Weapon competitions. They may fire in similar matches for separate prizes (see Civilian SR).

755 No entry will be deemed to have been made until full payment of the entrance fee has been received and the appropriate membership fee, or affiliation fee in the case of a club or association, has been received for the current year. See also Para 71.

756 An entry form is only valid if it is complete, correct, signed and received in the NRA Office by the closing date on the entry form.

### **Refusal of Entries**

757 The Council reserves the right to refuse to accept any entry, and to cancel upon repayment of entrance fees any entry which may have been accepted.

### **Individual Competitions**

758 Entries for most individual competitions must be made on the relevant entry forms obtainable from the NRA Offices or from the NRA website. Individual competitions can all be entered electronically using the online entry form on the NRA website, and competitors are encouraged to use electronic entry to the greatest possible extent. Some minor, restricted and concurrent competitions may be entered only at the NRA Offices or on the range.

759 A competitor is responsible for the correct and legible entry on any entry form of his name, postal address, post code, e-mail address (if available) and all details required, including his class, rank and Unit or club. The various Certificates of Qualification must be completed and signed. Where exemption from Special Duties is claimed on medical grounds a valid doctor's certificate must be attached to the entry form by claimants under 70 years of age, unless a permanent certificate has been submitted previously.

760 Each competitor must enter on a separate entry form. If a competitor sends in more than one entry form he is responsible for notifying this fact on every subsequent entry form.

761 Age-related discounts are available for some competitions and will be indicated on the relevant entry form.

762 Late entries after the closing date(s) may be accepted.

763 Late entries for squaddled competitions will not normally be accepted after 12:00 on the day preceding the match or matches concerned, or the first match of a staged shoot. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the squadding staff and only as target availability will permit.

764 Tickets for GR&P Unlimited events and McQueen events (including ammunition vouchers for McQueen A and D) must be purchased at the NRA Offices (Front Counter).

Tickets for the Zero Range may be purchased in the Range Office. Practice targets are otherwise available to the schedule published by the Range Office. Please book direct with the Range Office. Note that a competitor holding Meeting Membership only must confirm with the Range Office that the supervisory arrangement they intend is acceptable. See Privileges of Meeting Membership, Item 7.

### **Team Competitions**

765 Overseas team captains must declare all members of the squad from which any adult senior national representative team will be drawn. See Appendix XVI Para 5.

766 Every team shall have a captain appointed from the members of the team and who shall be identified by name on the team register, nomination card or claim ticket. Every captain of a team must, if called on so to do, produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Shooting Committee that he has been appointed by competent authority.

767 No one may be a member of more than one team in the same competition.

768 An entry for a team competition must be made by or on behalf of the captain of the team on the team entry form.

769 Entries for squadded team competitions must be made, by post or in person at the NRA Office, no later than 12:00 two days before events are due to be shot, except for the FW Jones and the Parting Shot, which may be entered up to 12:00 on the day before the competition. Concurrent team matches may be entered at any time up to the commencement of the first event forming part of the match. Entries for concurrent team competitions will only be accepted if the index number of each competitor concerned is entered on the team nomination or team claim card, as appropriate (see Para 778).

770 Late entries in team competitions will only be accepted on payment of 25% extra, and only if range space and range staff permit. In this case paid markers may not be available. No refund will be allowable in this event.

### **Youth Competitions**

771 Entries for the Youth Meeting must be made either online via the NRA website or on the appropriate entry form. The final date for submission of entries will be promulgated with the entry forms and on the NRA website. All queries should be addressed to [youth@nra.org.uk](mailto:youth@nra.org.uk).

### **Other Competitions**

772 Entries for unlimited entry competitions are made on the respective range. Entries for other competitions not on an individual or team entry form must be made at the Front Counter in the NRA Office before the time stated in the Conditions.

**Refund of Entrance Fees**

773 Entrance fees for individual and team competitions will be refunded after the Meeting, subject to the cancellation fee detailed on the competition entry form for:

- a single entry competition if a claim in writing is received in advance of having been squadded. In the case of SR competitions claims must be received before the day of the match.
- b competitions other than single entry if a claim is received before the register ticket has been squadded. Marker fees will not be refundable once the match has been squadded and markers booked.

774 In exceptional cases fees may be reduced or fully refunded.

775 All claims for refund of entrance fees must be accompanied by the tickets concerned together with any ammunition that was drawn.

776 *Reserved*

**777 Partial Refunds in Team Matches Shot Concurrently**

For applicable matches, teams may receive a refund against their entry fee, representing the value of ammunition not drawn, when a score made for another team is counted concurrently. Such refunds will be processed through the NRA Competitions department. To obtain a refund, a team official must:

- a Collect from Competitions Reception a “Concurrent Competition – Ammunition Refund Claim” form.
- b Complete the form in accordance with the instructions thereon.
- c Present the Team Register and the form at an ammunition point, even if the entire team will shoot concurrently, and have the NRA staff at the ammunition point certify the number of rounds of ammunition not drawn.
- d Before the relevant match result is posted as final, return the completed form to Competitions Reception.

Refunds will be paid after the Meeting.

**778 Team members who have not entered the Meeting as Individuals**

A person participating in any capacity as a team member in a squadded team competition (other than the Schools’ Veterans and the Vizianagram) who has not made an individual entry must, before the competition commences and before firing in connection with the competition eg for zeroing, submit a Simple Registration form, obtainable on request from Competitions staff, to the NRA Reception. A team official may complete a Simple Registration on behalf of such a competitor. There is no charge for a Simple Registration, but a competitor who is not an individual NRA member must pay Meeting Membership unless exempt.

779 *Reserved*

### **SECTION 103 – AMMUNITION**

780 All TR competitions including the TR element of the Youth Meeting must be shot using ammunition supplied by the NRA.

781 Ammunition will be issued for other Youth events if using an NRA firearm.

782 NRA ammunition for the McQueen will be available on the firing point on production of a voucher purchased from the NRA Office (Front Counter).

783 Ammunition for all other events, including practice and zero, must be supplied by the competitor and, unless limited by the Conditions, may be of any type permitted by the relevant range regulations.

784 Competitors using a bolt action rifle may not bring snap caps to the firing point.

785-800 *Reserved*

### **SECTION 104 – TICKETS**

#### **General**

801 The tickets issued to competitors are:

- a Register tickets
- b Zero and practice shot tickets
- c Individual claim tickets
- d Team registers
- e Team nomination cards
- f Team claim tickets

802 Register tickets for squaddled competitions entered on the individual entry form are provided in the form of blank scorecards and a sheet of computer labels. Scorecards and labels will be available for collection in the NRA Office on production by the competitor of his entry receipt and his valid Shooter's Certification Card (see Para 43). Competitors using High Muzzle Energy (HME) firearms will have to complete the HME Zeroing procedure, obtain a receipt to that effect from the Range Office, and produce that receipt to collect their tickets (see Para 168 and Appendix VII).

803 A competitor who fails to draw his tickets and/or computer labels in time to shoot at the time for which he is squaddled shall forfeit his right to shoot.

804 Tickets/computer labels are endorsed "X", "A", "O", "T", "FO" or "FTR", according to the class/discipline in which the competitor has entered. It is his responsibility to ensure the accuracy of such endorsements.

805 When there are special prizes for particular kinds of competitors, no one will be regarded as competing for these prizes unless he signs the necessary certificate or completes the appropriate claim ticket.

806 A competitor is responsible for the application of the correct computer label to his tickets.

In competitions where computer labels are not used, the competitor is responsible for the correct and legible entry in ink of:

- a his name and full initials (in block letters),
- b his computer index number,
- c his rank and Unit or club (see Para 752),
- d his squadding details,
- e his signature on any certificate which will entitle him to compete for any special prizes.

807 Any alteration of the squadding or index number invalidates a ticket, unless the alteration is initialled by or on behalf of the Squadding Department.

808 Tickets or labels for single entry competitions are not transferable. A competitor who uses any such ticket or label other than the one issued to him will be liable to expulsion (Para 544).

809 Should a competitor lose a single entry ticket or label he should report the loss to the NRA Office where another may be issued, on payment of a fee of £5.00 per application, provided that the competition has not yet started.

810 After a final prize list has been published, a competitor may buy his ticket for 50p, once a photocopy has been made and retained.

### **Register Tickets**

811 Register tickets are required in order to shoot in any individual competition or stage of such competition, or in a tie shoot. Register tickets have three functions:

- a In competitions where ammunition is issued, they give authority to the competitor to draw ammunition, and to the ammunition point staff to issue it.
- b They give authority to an RO to permit a competitor to fire. Subject to Para 267 that authority is strictly limited to the time and target indicated.
- c They are the means by which register keepers record competitors' scores and the competitors record their own scores as cross-check for processing by Stats (see Paras 339-343).

812 Once a competitor has drawn ammunition or commenced firing his register ticket is NRA property and, immediately on completion of his shoot (even if the competitor retires (Paras 821 and 275)), must be handed to the RO who should then clip the ticket in front of the competitor.

813 Zero and practice shot tickets and ammunition vouchers are register tickets in that they are an authority to draw ammunition and/or fire, but nothing need be written on them.

### **Individual Claim Tickets**

814 These are used by a competitor to claim a score or scores already recorded on register tickets. They are used for some aggregates and concurrent competitions. They may not be handed to a register keeper. In TR, MR and F Class, most aggregate and concurrent scores are processed electronically and do not require action from the competitor after the entry is made. An individual claim ticket will be issued at time of entry for those competitions in which it is required.

### **Team Registers**

815 These are used in all team competitions shot separately. They will be issued in the NRA Office together with any special duty or marking cards (see Appendix XII) on production of the receipted copy of the team entry form. Team captains are responsible for filling in all the required details, signing any required certificate (see Paras 344 and 378) and for handing them in to the RO immediately on completion of the shoot. An incorrectly completed team register will only be accepted by Stats on payment of a fee of £5.00.

### **Team Nomination Cards (TR and MR)**

816 Team nomination cards identify the team members for all concurrent TR and MR team competitions. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that full details of his team members, including full initials and competitor index numbers, are completed correctly and handed in before the start of the first match which comprises the competition or aggregate.

### **Team Claim Tickets (not TR or MR)**

817 These are used in team competitions in which the scores made by team members in the course of other competitions count for the team. They will be issued in the NRA Office, on production of the receipted copy of the team entry form, or when purchased at the Front Counter.

818 A team captain must fill in the names, index numbers etc of his nominated team, in ink, and get the ticket stamped at the Front Counter before the first shoot starts. A photocopy of the card will be retained. He must later fill in the scores etc and hand in the ticket as in Paras 820 and 821.

### **GR&P Team Matches**

819 For GR&P Team matches, an individual register ticket for each team member and a team claim ticket will be provided. Instructions for scoring and processing these are at Section C3 of the GR&P Handbook.

**Filling in and Handing in Claim Tickets**

820 A competitor or team captain is responsible for his claim ticket or team claim ticket being correctly filled in with all required details, including the scores and their aggregates, and for signing the certificate.

A competitor claiming a score less than his true score may be credited with such lower score as was claimed, and a competitor claiming a score higher than his true score may be dealt with under Rule 544.

821 Claim tickets and team claim tickets may be handed in on the firing point on completion of the last shoot concerned. Alternatively, they must be placed in the claim ticket box mounted beside the Stats Portacabin at the rear of the NRA Offices by 08:30 on the next day after finishing the last competition concerned, unless otherwise stated in the Conditions. Team claim tickets may be compared with the photocopy made and retained by the NRA.

Competitors should always hand in claim tickets, even if marked “retired”, as failure to do so may result in fewer prizes being awarded.

822 A competitor desiring official information of a score he has made must apply at the NRA Office and pay a search fee of £1.00 in respect of each such score. The NRA does not undertake to give this information earlier than eight hours after the request, not including closed office hours.

**Irregularities**

823 The score will be disallowed on any type of ticket which is improperly used or is not properly completed, unless:

- a the error or omission is corrected in the Stats Office, subject to a fee of £5.00 if the competitor appears in the prize list; or
- b the competitor notifies the Stats staff in writing of the error or omission and pays a fee of £5.00 before the prize list is final (see Para 890); or
- c the competitor claims to have the prize list rectified (Para 893) and pays a fee of £5.00 (in addition to forfeiting the deposit).

This rule does not apply when the score is liable to be disallowed under some other rule, or if the ticket has not been properly returned for processing immediately on completion of the shoot (see Paras 812 and 343).

824 The score will be disallowed on any type of ticket not handed in within the applicable time limit unless it is handed in by 13:00 the day following, in which case a fine of £5.00 will be payable.

825-850 *Reserved*

**SECTION 105 – SQUADDING****Individual Squadded Competitions**

851 A competitor's squadding is normally indicated on a computer label. In competitions not squadded by computer, the actual squadding is ascertained from the squadding table provided in each competitor's envelope and should be inserted in the spaces provided on the ticket, eg

Squadding No 23D on Century would be

Time	Range	Target
09:15	13	D

852 The target number corresponding to each letter will be shown on a blackboard at the RO's table on each range.

853 Competitors will normally be squadded in threes (see Para 267 and others).

854 All squadded competitions are single entry.

**Individual Unsquadded Competitions**

855 The squadding is not given on the register ticket and a competitor may shoot at any time when targets are available.

856 The competitor must write his computer index number, name etc on his ticket (see Para 806) and hand it to the RO who will squad him to a target in his turn. Once a competitor has submitted his card for squadding, he must shoot in accordance with the ROs allocation. Failure to do so will lead to the card being passed to Stats with a zero score.

**Individual Competitions Shot Concurrently**

857 When competitions are required or permitted to be shot concurrently:

- a Any register tickets not already squadded must be handed to the RO for squadding before commencing to fire,
- b All register tickets must be given to and be filled in by the register keeper (see Paras 339-343),
- c Claim tickets must be filled in by the competitor and be handed in by him in accordance with Para 821,
- d Register tickets must be signed and handed to the RO immediately on completion of the shoot (see Para 812).

858 Not more than three register tickets may be shot concurrently. If one is a squadded competition, no other may have more shots.

859 If the number of shots in the competitions shot concurrently is not the same, the first sequence fired will count for the competition having the fewer

shots. Further shots fired to complete the longer competition will also count as extra tie shots for the shorter one, if and as required by Para 508.

### **Subsequent Stages**

- 860 a A competition is shot for in stages when a limited number only of the competitors in one stage are entitled to shoot in a subsequent stage.
- b When the conditions state that a percentage of competitors will be entitled to shoot in a subsequent stage, the actual number of competitors will be rounded up to the next even number.

861 A competitor entitled to shoot in a subsequent stage must obtain a squadded register ticket from the NRA Office or, in the case of St George's Stage III and King's III qualifiers, on range at the conclusion of the respective second stage.

### **Tie Shoots**

862 When a tie has to be shot off after the close of a competition, a pink notice will be posted on the notice boards on the sides of the results boards nearest to the rear of the NRA Offices. This notice will state the time and place at which the tie shoot will be held, and giving, where possible, at least half a day's warning (see Para 504 and page 373).

It is the responsibility of all competitors involved in a tie shoot, or likely to be involved in one, to ascertain if and/or when the tie shoot will take place and to be present for the tie shoot (see Para 504).

863 Tickets and ammunition will normally be issued on the firing point.

### **Alteration of Squadding**

864 Any alterations found necessary will be published on the NRA notice board, and such notice will be a sufficient authority for the change.

865 A competitor whose squadding clashes must at once report, with all relevant tickets, to the NRA Office where he will be re-squadded if possible.

### **Team Competitions Shot Separately**

866 Teams are squadded to ranges (captains then drawing for targets) or to ranges and target letters. The squadding will be published on the notice boards on the sides of the results boards nearest to the front of the NRA Offices (see Para 815).

### **Self Squadding**

867 If any rifle competition is listed as "self squadded" competitors should go to the NRA Office and enter their names on the appropriate boards provided for this purpose. Self squadding lists for gallery rifle or pistol competitions

will be available on the appropriate range. Late entrants will be able to book residual spaces on the range after the event has started.

### **Special Duties**

868 Experienced competitors may be required to perform special duties such as competitor Range Officer or Wing Officer (see Para 742).

869 Special duties are not transferable (see Para 549).

870-880 *Reserved*

## **SECTION 106 – PRIZES**

### **881 Prize lists**

- a When the Conditions state that this paragraph applies, a list will be published of the 100 top scores comprising classes X, A, O and T in proportion to the number of entries made in each class (but see sub-para b below).
- b All Prize lists will be limited to 20% of the entries if less than 500. Nevertheless, all those in Class T scoring the highest possible score will be included in the list. The final list will thus be extended by the numbers so concerned. Anyone appearing in such a list will be sent, after the Meeting, a souvenir medal and any bars to which he is entitled, in addition to any other prize he may have won and irrespective of whether or not he has made an entry for the cash sweep.
- c Souvenir medal prizes consist of a gold bar for first place, a silver bar for second place and bronze bars for subsequent places in addition to a silver medal for a first place or a winner of three bars, and a bronze medal for the remainder. NRA ribbon will be issued with the medal.

882-883 *Reserved*

884 Cash sweepstakes are shot concurrently with certain TR squaddled competitions and aggregates.

75% of the entrance fees will be distributed in prizes, all of the same value, to those who have entered for this sweepstake.

The prizes will be divided between Classes X, A, O and T in proportion to the number of entries made in each of these classes.

885 *Reserved*

### **886 Highest Possible Score Crosses**

Competitors who make the highest possible score in an individual squaddled Historic, F Class, TR, MR, SR or CSR/PR competition or stage or in any

practice or distance comprising ten or more shots of such a competition or stage are entitled to receive a souvenir HPS cross as indicated by the following table:

**Number of HPS made during Imperial Meeting**

1 or 2	A Bronze HPS Cross
3 or 4	A Silver HPS Cross
5 or 6	A Gold HPS Cross
7 or more	An Enamelled HPS Cross

A competitor will receive one HPS cross for each discipline in which they make a qualifying HPS. The type of cross will be determined by the number of HPS made in the single discipline.

In McQueen and GR&P, HPS Crosses will be awarded as specified in the Conditions.

887 Unless otherwise specified, no one will be allowed to take a prize for more than one score in any competition.

888 The Shooting Committee may (except in the King's) reduce the number of prizes and/or the value of any prize except the first, should the number of entries be less than three times the number of prizes offered. Any such reduction will be notified before the competition starts.

889 Should there be only one entry in any competition no prize will be given and, if it has been shot concurrently, the entrance fee will be refunded. Should there be fewer than five entries in a team competition no second prize will be given unless otherwise stated in the match conditions.

890 A prize list or list of qualifiers for a further stage of a competition is published in the first instance on white paper, errors and omissions excepted. It is open to amendment during office hours on the day of posting and up to 13:00 on the day following posting, and then becomes final. The finalisation of a prize list is indicated by its being published on yellow paper. No further protest will be accepted after this final prize list has been published.

891 A competitor is solely responsible for calling attention to any error or omission affecting his place in a prize list, and if he fails to do so within the time allowed (Para 890) will forfeit all claim to a prize, or to a higher prize, even though an error or omission is solely on the part of the NRA.

892 No objection to a prize list may be made on the ground of inaccuracy caused by any act, neglect, error, omission or claim arising at a firing point, which should have formed the subject of a protest under Paras 347 or 358.

893 A claim for the rectification of a prize list must be made in writing within the time allowed (Para 890) and must be accompanied by a deposit of £1.00. The competitor must be prepared to attend at the NRA Office during the

Meeting and/or give any particulars in writing after the Meeting to substantiate his claim as the Shooting Committee may direct.

The deposit will be forfeited if the claim is decided against the competitor, and also if the error or omission was due to any ticket irregularity (Para 823). In this case the prize list will only be rectified if he also pays a fine of £5.00.

894 Any person who notices any inaccuracy in a prize list is requested to report it in writing as soon as possible to the Stats Office.

895 All competitors winning cash prizes totalling over £20 will be paid after the Meeting by cheque. All prize totals of £20 or under will be paid by way of an NRA voucher or credit which may be used as cash payment to the NRA for goods, membership, entry fees or other services. Vouchers are valid up to 31 July in the year following.

896 No winner may receive a prize until he has paid any fines or other monies due from him.

897 Badges and medals which will not be received at the Presentation of Prizes will be forwarded (only if requested on the individual TR and MR entry form) to the competitors concerned after the Meeting. Other prizes in kind not received at the presentation must be collected from the NRA offices.

898 Prizes won by a team will be paid or delivered to the captain of the team whose name appears on the team register or team claim ticket, or to his order. If no captain is listed then any prizes will be paid or delivered to the first named member of the team.

899 Overseas winners of prizes in kind may collect these before they leave Camp only if the relevant prize list has gone final. Note that badges and medals may not be collected (see Para 897).

900 If a competitor is awarded a prize to which he may subsequently be found not to have been entitled, he will be required to return it. If such return occurs before 30 September, the Shooting Committee may (but only if it sees fit so to do) revise the prize list even though the prizes have been distributed.

901 Any unique prizes donated by sponsors to the NRA for specific nominated competitions will only be awarded where the number of entries in the competition concerned is considered appropriate and as agreed with the sponsor. Where the unique prize is a firearm (or a component thereof) a valid firearm certificate must be produced before the prize may be collected. If, for any reason, a prize promised by a sponsor is not subsequently received for presentation the NRA shall not be liable for providing the prize promised by the sponsor nor any other prize in lieu.

902 Any queries in connection with prizes must be made by 31 March in the year following the publication of the prize list. No queries will be entertained after this date nor may any prizes be claimed after this date.

903 The description of medals etc, as gold and silver refers to the colour rather than to the actual metal, unless shown as (HM) ie hallmarked.

### **Presentation of Prizes**

904 Only the following are entitled to receive their prizes at the Presentation during which the Gold Medal for His Majesty The King's Prize is presented:

- a The winner of any challenge trophy;
- b The winner of the first prize, if in kind or of £40 or more in cash, in any competition other than an unlimited or concurrent one;
- c The winner of the Silver Cross in the Grand Aggregate;
- d The second and third in HM The King's Prize;
- e The winners of the First and Second Stages in HM The King's Prize;
- f The winners of the First and Second Stages in the St George's.

Subsidiary presentations may be held as authorised by Council and as notified in the Daily Programme at Part P. During such presentations, prizes additional to those at a and b above may be presented at the discretion of the Meeting Director.

905 All who intend to receive their prizes at the Presentation must report in person to the officer in charge in the prizewinners' enclosure a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the Presentation.

906 Present members of HM Forces are required to wear uniform to receive a prize open only to present members. All others receiving a prize are requested to wear a blazer or jacket and tie.

### **Challenge Trophies**

907 A challenge trophy may not be removed from the Exhibition of Trophies before the Presentation of Prizes without the written authority of the Head of Shooting and Training.

908 A challenge trophy may be held by the individual winner or by the captain of the winning team, subject to the conditions below, in which the word "winner" includes both the above.

909 Before taking away a challenge trophy the winner will be required to give a receipt for it and an undertaking, together with such guarantee as the Council may require, to provide for its safe custody and to return it in as good condition as that in which he received it or to be answerable for any cost to which the NRA may be put for its complete restoration.

910 Challenge trophies may not be taken out of the United Kingdom without the knowledge and approval of the Council. Such approval will not normally be given to present members of HM Forces.

911 The winner may transfer the custody of his trophy to some appropriate person, such as the CO of his Unit or Depot, but if he does so, he must inform the Head of Shooting and Training and provide him with a receipt from the person who has assumed responsibility for the trophy.

912 A winner who is unable to attend the Presentation of Prizes but wishes to take away his trophy must notify the Head of Shooting and Training and sign the certificate required by Para 909. He may then be given written authority to remove the trophy from the Exhibition.

913 A winner who wishes to receive his trophy at the Presentation of Prizes but not to take it away must notify the Head of Shooting and Training and leave the trophy in NRA custody in the place provided.

914 A winner who wishes his trophy forwarded must inform the Head of Shooting and Training in writing, when it may be sent at the winner's expense.

915 The NRA undertakes the insurance (to a maximum £5,000 limit per trophy) and engraving of all challenge trophies free of any charge to the winner.

An immediate report must be made to the NRA should a trophy be lost or damaged. In the event of loss by a competitor any replacement value exceeding the £5,000 limit must be met by the competitor.

916 All challenge trophies must be returned (carriage paid) to reach the NRA Office by 1 May in the year following that in which they were won, or at such earlier time as may be requested by the Trophies Officer.

917 Trophies will not be available for collection after 31 December in the year in which they were won.

918 All engraving of all trophies will be arranged by the NRA and must not be arranged by competitors themselves.

919 Some trophies are not allowed to be removed from Bisley due to their value or condition.

## APPENDICES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE IMPERIAL MEETING

### APPENDIX XI – SERVICES AND UNITS

For the purposes of competition under NRA Rules:

The Services making up His Majesty's Forces in the United Kingdom are:

The Royal Navy and the Royal Marines including Regular and Reserve Forces

The Army, including Regular and Reserve Forces

The Royal Air Force, including Regular, Auxiliary and Reserve Forces

Equivalent Services of Commonwealth and Foreign Armed Forces are recognised.

Integrated Armed Forces (such as the Japanese Self-Defence Force) may be recognised as a "Service" on application to the Shooting Committee.

The Units recognised by the NRA (see Paras 711 and 712) are:

#### A – British Units

##### Royal Navy

Royal Navy – Fleet

Royal Navy – Fleet Air Arm

Royal Navy Reserves

##### Royal Marines

Royal Marines

Royal Marines Reserve

##### Regular Army

Broadly speaking the Divisions of the Regular Army as presently constituted, viz:

Army HQ

Field Army

Home Command

1(UK) Div

3(UK) Div

HQ Regional Command

HQ London District

Joint Aviation Command (Army Elements)

Land Warfare Centre

ARIT Command

HQ ARRC

16 Air Assault Brigade

77 Brigade

ROW Command

<b>Army Reserve</b>	The Army Reserve, including OTCs, divided as for the Regular Army
<b>Royal Air Force</b>	RAF Air Cmd
	1 Gp
	2 Gp
	11 Gp
	22 (Trg) Gp
	RAF Regt
	RAF Reserves

### **B – Overseas Units**

Any Unit of the Armed Forces comparable to a British Unit as in A, of any Commonwealth or Foreign Country or group sanctioned by the Shooting Committee.

### **C – Cadet Forces.**

Any home or overseas cadet organisation sanctioned by the Shooting Committee.

### **D – Constabulary and Police Units.**

Any separate Force of home or overseas Police, or a combined team from the Police of an area as sanctioned by the Shooting Committee.

### **Notes**

1 In all cases any parts of a Service or Unit may compete as such separately under their own names (eg ‘Regular Army’, ‘HMS Dragon’, ‘2 SCOTS’, ‘617 Sqn’) and unit-level teams may also be formed by Branch or cap badge (eg ‘Flying’ or ‘REME’).

2 All ranks posted or attached within the establishment, including personnel under training, are eligible to shoot for the Units concerned.

3 In accordance with JSP 660 Part 1 Ch2 Annex A Column (a) block 3 the following Reserves are excluded from representing a Service or service Unit: Maritime Reserves lists 3 & 7; Army Reserve Gp B and C, ARRG 2, 3 & 4; RAF (Civilian Component) and RAFVR(T) with the caveat that Qualified Flying Instructors (QFIs) on RAFVR contracts delivering operational flying training are eligible. Such Reserves may compete individually as Volunteers.

**APPENDIX XII – MARKERS AT THE IMPERIAL MEETING**

1 It is expected that markers will be provided for all competitions, both individual and team. In the event that not enough markers are available, however, competitors will be required to mark or do other duties as a condition of entry.

2 An individual entrant must undertake to mark (unless he is exempt by reason of age or disability) or do similar duty, if and when required, on any day on which he enters for a squadded competition. (Paras 549 and 550).

In this case he will receive marking tickets telling him when and where he is required to mark.

A marking ticket (other than one for special duties) may be transferred to a competent substitute not under the age of 15 but the competitor remains responsible.

3 A team captain must undertake to provide, if required, a nominated quota of markers, etc.

In this case he will receive with the team register a marking card for each target to be marked.

4 In the event that marking by competitors is required appropriate refunds will be made.

**APPENDIX XIII – STANDARD NRA PRIZE LISTS****Prize List A**

First Prize £40.00; Second Prize £20.00; Third Prize £10.00.

Para 881 applies.

**Prize List B**

First Prize £20.00; Second Prize £15.00; Third Prize £10.00.

Para 881 applies.

**Prize List C**

First Prize £10.00 and a Gold Medal; Second Prize Silver Medal, but only if the number of competitors exceeds 5; Third Prize Bronze Medal, but only if the number of competitors exceeds 10.

Para 881b applies.

**Prize List D**

First Prize Gold Medal; Second Prize Silver Medal, but only if the number of competitors exceeds 5; Third Prize Bronze Medal, but only if the number of competitors exceeds 10.

**Prize List E**

First Prize £10.00; Second Prize £6.00; Third Prize £4.00.

Additionally the top 25% of competitors will receive a NRA Skilled Shot Certificate.

**Prize List F**

First Prize Gold Medal; Second Prize Silver Medal, but only if the number of competitors exceeds 5; Third Prize Bronze Medal, but only if the number of competitors exceeds 10.

Para 881b applies.

**APPENDIX XIV – RULES OF THE ELCHO CHALLENGE SHIELD**

*(Amended in 2016)*

1 An annual International Rifle Match shall take place between England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

2 The competitors shall be eight in number on behalf of each nationality, together with two reserve men to each team.

3 a The test of nationality shall be either:

i Country of birth, or

ii Descent from parents or grandparents who were qualified by country of birth, or

iii Country of residence for a continuous period of not less than five years immediately preceding the date of the match.

b A person who has been a member of a team of one of the nationalities specified in Rule 1 in the National Match or in any match under the direction or control of the NRA shall not thereafter be eligible to shoot for another nationality in the Elcho Match.

c A person who has been a team member for a particular country under the rules in force at that time shall remain qualified to shoot for that country in perpetuity.

4 The match shall be shot every year at the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association.

5 The English Eight Club, the Irish Rifle Club (Bisley), the National Rifle Club of Scotland and the Welsh Rifle Association shall each elect a captain who shall be responsible on behalf of his nationality for the conduct of all arrangements and correspondence relating to the conduct of the match, and for the selection of the team to represent his nationality in the match each year. Each nationality shall be responsible for advising the other nationalities and the National Rifle Association of their current captain. Each captain may

nominate a substitute to replace him in case of his temporary inability to act and shall appoint an adjutant to assist him in the performance of his duties.

6 The Elcho Challenge Shield shall be the prize annually shot for in the International Match. It shall be kept in some conspicuous place in the country represented by the winning team. Each member of the winning team, runner-up and third-placed teams shall be presented with a miniature of the Elcho Shield.

7 An umpire for the match shall be previously agreed upon by the four captains.

8 New regulations for the match may be made, and existing regulations may be amended or cancelled with the unanimous consent of the four captains, subject to the approval of the Council of the National Rifle Association.

9 The ranges shall be 1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yards, each competitor to fire 15 shots at each of the above distances. The targets used shall be those prescribed by the Regulations of the National Rifle Association at the date of the match. The rifles used shall conform to the Regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association for Match Rifle competitions. No practice or sighting shots will be allowed.

10 On the day of the match and during its progress no competitor in the match shall fire with the MR at any distance whatever except in the match, nor before its commencement shall he fire with any rifle at any distance longer than 600 yards, nor shall he use any rifle which has been fired on that day by any person at any distance longer than 600 yards.

a In the case of a competitor's rifle becoming unserviceable from an accident (which must be verified by the umpire) he shall be permitted to change his rifle for another conforming to the above conditions, and

b triggers may be weighed at the discretion of the CRO.

11 Should a competitor, after having commenced firing in the match, be prevented from continuing to fire by any cause (other than as above provided) acknowledged by the four captains to be both imperative and unforeseen, the captain of his team may appoint one of the reserve men as a substitute (who must in all respects conform to the regulations for the match) to fire in the place of the retiring competitor and to take up the firing at the stage at which such competitor desisted. The substitute may use the rifle of the retiring competitor or any other rifle permitted by the regulations. He shall be held to be a member of the team in place of the retiring member.

12 Where not otherwise stated the match shall be governed by the rules of the National Rifle Association.

**APPENDIX XV – RULES OF THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Ordered by the Council of the National Match

*(Revised in 2019)*

1 There shall be an annual match known as the National Match between English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh teams.

2 There shall be one team for each of the nationalities. Each team may include a captain, adjutant, main coach, up to five coaches and up to five reserves and shall include twenty shooting members up to a maximum of 33 members.

- 3 a The test of nationality shall be either:
- i Country of birth, or
  - ii Descent from parents or grandparents who were qualified by country of birth, or
  - iii Country of residence for a continuous period of not less than five years immediately preceding the date of the match.
- b A person who has been a member of a team of one of the nationalities specified in Rule 1 in the National Match or in any match under the direction or control of the NRA shall not thereafter be eligible to shoot for another nationality in the National Match.
- c A person who has been a member of a team which has shot against any nationality for which he is qualified to shoot under paragraph a of this rule or against Great Britain, in any match under the direction or control of the NRA, may not be a member of a team in the National Match during the following two and a half years.
- d A person may not be a member of a team in the National Match in any year in which he is a member of an officially accredited overseas team.
- e A person who has been a team member for a particular country under the rules in force at that time shall remain qualified to shoot for that country in perpetuity.
- f Participation in the NRA Cadet International Match or any cadet competition does not count for the purposes of Rules 3(b) or 3(c).

4 The National Match shall normally take place at the Annual Meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley, but every fourth year it may be held at another venue within the United Kingdom determined by each nationality in alphabetical order, ie England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales starting with Scotland in the year 2008. If that nationality cannot hold the match, the next nationality in the rota will organise the match away from Bisley. The Council of the XX Club of the nationality whose turn it is to organise the match away from Bisley shall notify in writing the other XX Clubs and the NRA not later than 15

October following the last match of the date and place in the United Kingdom of the match for the ensuing year.

- 5 a All matters concerning the National Match, not by these Rules placed within the province of the team captains, shall be in the charge and control of the Council of the National Match.  
The Council shall consist of a President and the captain and two other representatives of each nationality.  
The President of the Council shall be appointed for one year by each country in turn in the alphabetical order – England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.
- b The Council shall elect an Honorary Secretary, who need not be a member of the Council, to serve for such a period as the Council shall determine.
- c A Meeting of the Council may be convened at any time by the Honorary Secretary at the request of the President or of any of the captains.  
Any such Meeting shall be summoned by at least 14 days' notice in writing to every member of the Council. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the Meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted.  
Length of such notice may be reduced at the discretion of the President if the urgency of the business to be discussed in his opinion so requires.
- d At all Meetings of the Council every member shall be entitled to one vote upon every question raised. In the case of equality of votes the President shall have a second or casting vote. In the absence of the President the members present shall elect one of their members to act as Chairman. A Chairman so elected shall in the event of equality of votes have a second or casting vote.
- e The quorum at all meetings of the Council shall be seven.
- 6 The XX Club Council of each nationality shall in such manner and for such term of office as it may think fit elect or cause to be elected the captain of the team of its own nationality and its other representatives on the Council of the National Match.
- 7 a In the event of the match being held elsewhere than at Bisley the captain of the team in whose country the match is to be held shall be responsible in consultation with the other captains, for all arrangements in connection with the match.
- b Each captain shall be responsible for all matters in connection with his team including the selection and conduct of its members and he

- shall have the absolute control of his team in all matters relating to the Match.
- c Each captain shall nominate an Adjutant who shall deputise for him in the event of circumstances preventing him from fulfilling any of the duties of his office.
  - d Each captain shall appoint an umpire unless the captains of all competing teams agree to appoint one umpire only.
- 8 The following conditions shall apply to the National Match:
- a The rules of the NRA current for the year of the match as to ranges, targets, firearms, scoring and position for the first stage of the King's Prize shall normally apply.
  - b At each range the number of shots shall be seven with one convertible sighter.
  - c Unless the captains of all competing teams otherwise agree only such ammunition as issued at the Meeting where the match is held shall be used.
  - d There may be check-register keepers at each firing point.
  - e In all matters not provided for by these Rules the current Rules of the NRA shall apply.
- 9 These Rules may be revoked, added to or altered by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council present at any Meeting of the Council held at Bisley during the NRA Meeting and summoned by at least 28 days' notice in writing to all members of the Council specifying the intention to propose the revocation, addition or alteration together with full particulars thereof, Rule 5e shall apply to any such Meeting.

***By order of the Council of the National Match.***

For clarification the XX Club Councils referred to in Para 6 above refer to the Councils of the English Twenty Club, the Irish Rifle Club (Bisley), the Scottish XX Council and the Welsh Rifle Association.

**APPENDIX XVI – CLASSIFICATION OF OVERSEAS COMPETITORS AND OVERSEAS BADGES**

1 Unless excepted under 2-5 below, overseas competitors will be entered in the highest class applicable to the relevant discipline.

2 Overseas competitors who have an NRA Classification (ie have shot at least one of the relevant classification events in the past three years) must compete in accordance with that Classification, subject to 3 and 5 below.

3 Overseas competitors may only shoot in class T if they are under 25 on the last day of the Meeting, are not a member of an adult national squad, would be entitled to class T under NRA rules for home competitors and can demonstrate entitlement to the equivalent of class T in their own national classification system or by reference to verifiable performance in formal competition if their country does not have an equivalent of class T.

4 Overseas competitors who are not members of an adult senior national squad and who do not have an NRA classification may request to be classed in accordance with their own national classification of which proof will be required and must be forwarded along with the individual entry form or by 1 July if entering online. They will be allocated the NRA classification which best represents the equivalent skill level of their national classification. Such competitors from a country which does not have a classification system may submit any verifiable scores shot in a formal competition for consideration. The Squadding Department will award an NRA classification valid for the Meeting being entered only, using its best judgement as to the appropriate class. When allocating a class in accordance with this paragraph, paragraph 3 above will apply.

5 Overseas team captains may request that members of the squad from which any adult senior national representative team will be drawn be classed in accordance with their own national classification, or by reference to verifiable performance in formal competition if no national classification scheme exists. If such a request is made, it must be on behalf of the entire squad and must be made before submission of any individual entries for squad members. Proof of such national classification or verifiable performance will be required and must be forwarded along with the squad's entry forms or by 1 July if entering online. A squad member will be placed in the higher of his earned NRA classification (if any) and the NRA classification equivalent to his national classification or verifiable performance. For squad members, any uncertainty as to classification will be resolved by placing the competitor in the higher class. If no request as to national classification is made, Paras 1 and 2 will apply. Para 3 applies regardless.

6 A change of class may not be requested after the first squadded competition has been shot. However, the Shooting Committee reserves the right to reclassify at any time a competitor originally classified on the basis of a national classification or verified scores.

### **Overseas Badges**

7 A special badge will be given to every overseas competitor and the nominated officials of any overseas team such as the Commandant or Adjutant. An overseas competitor for this purpose is one whose permanent home is outside the UK and who has come temporarily to the UK mainly for the purpose of shooting. Badges will be issued with squadding cards. These badges are not intended for UK servicemen on overseas postings except where they are members of official overseas teams.

## **APPENDIX XVII – INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICIALS**

When on duty on the ranges:

The NRA officers and staff will wear the blue NRA staff badge.

The Chief Range Officers and their deputies, if any, will wear an inscribed arm band.

Competitor Wing Officers supervising more than one range will wear blue high visibility jackets labelled “WING OFFICER”.

NRA Range Officers and Butt Officers (ie those in charge of one range or butt) will wear orange high visibility jackets labelled “NRA RCO”.

Competitor Range Officers will wear yellow high visibility jackets.