

SPORTER AIR RIFLE POSITION

Rule changes effective 2010

4.1 Official Targets - In Registered and Approved rifle matches only targets bearing the words "Official National Rifle Association" and the eagle and shield insignia of the Association or ISSF approved targets will be used without any alterations. Targets used in National Championships will be NRA Official targets or ISSF approved targets. When appropriate, targets will be mounted only vertically on existing range hangers (frames) with the highest numbered bullseye(s) at the bottom. All NRA Official Competition Targets are printed by NRA licensed manufacturers only. They may not be modified by the user or the manufacturer, except with specific written permission from NRA Competitions Division. NRA target masters are made using Computer Assisted Design and must be used in production of all NRA targets. The use of electronic scoring targets is authorized in all events as long as the fact is included in the match program.

10.10 Electronic Scoring Targets - Electronic scoring targets are authorized for all events.

10.10.1 Range Officers -

- (a) Range Officers must ensure that there are no shot holes on the white surface of the target beginning of each relay, and that any shot marks on the frame are clearly indicated, patch the black paper strips and change the Control Sheets.
- (b) Control Sheets must not be patched or changed until after all scoring is completed.

10.10.2 Technical Officers -

- (a) Technical Officers may be appointed to operate and maintain the Electronic Scoring Target equipment; they may offer advice to Range Officers and Jury Members but must not make any decisions.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of each relay of an event, a Jury Member must inspect the Electronic Scoring Targets to confirm the following:
 1. That there no shot holes on the white surface of the target.
 2. Any shot marks on the frame are indicated clearly;
 3. The Control Sheets are renewed.

10.10.3 Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets Following a Score Protest, Complaint, No Indication, etc. -

- (a) A Jury Member collects the following items (and the number of the firing point and the orientation of the card, sheet or target, the relay and series and the time of collection must be noted on each):
 1. The Control Sheet. If the location of any shot hole is out of the area of the Control Sheet, the geometric relation between the shot holes on the Control Sheet and the Backing Card must be made before the Control Sheet is removed.;

2. The black paper strip
3. Range Officer notations
4. The LOG print
5. The data record for the electronic scoring target computer (if necessary)

- (b) A Jury Member must examine the face of the electronic scoring target, and the frame, and record the location of any shots outside the black aiming mark
- (c) No CLEAR LOG must be made before the Classification Jury has given permission.
- (d) The number of shot holes must be counted and their location taken into account. The Jury Members must examine the items above and then make independent assessments before a formal Jury decision is made.
- (e) A Jury Member must supervise any manual intervention of the control computer results (e.g. introduction of penalties, corrected scores after malfunctions, etc.)

10.10.4 Cross Fires -

- (a) Cross-fires of competition shots must be scored as misses. If a competitor fires a sighting shot on the competition target of another competitor, the person who shot the cross-fire must be penalized by deduction of two (2) points from their own score and this should be deducted from the first series.
- (b) If a competitor fires a sighting shot on the sighting target of another competitor no penalty is incurred.
- (c) If a competitor receives a confirmed cross-fire shot and it is impossible to determine which shot is theirs, the competitor must be credited with the value of the highest undetermined shot.
- (d) If there are more hits on an athlete's competition target than are provided for in the program, and if it is impossible to confirm that another competitor(s) fired the shot(s), the hit(s) of the highest value must be nullified.
- (e) If a competitor wishes to disclaim a shot on their target, the competitor must report this immediately to a Range Officer.
- (f) If the Range Officer confirms that the competitor did not fire the disputed shot(s), the Range Officer must make the necessary entry on a Range Officer's Notation and the shot must be annulled.
- (g) If the Range Officer cannot confirm beyond all reasonable doubt that the competitor did not fire the disputed shot(s), the shot(s) must be credited to the competitor and must be so recorded.

- (h) The following must be considered as reasons to justify the annulment of a shot:
1. If the Range Officer or any other range official confirms by their observation of the competitor and the target that the competitor did not fire the shot;
 2. If a missed shot is reported by another competitor or Range Officer or any other range official at approximately the same time, and from within the neighboring two or three firing points.

10.10.5 Failure of Electronic Scoring Target Systems:

- (a) In the event of a failure of ALL the targets on a range
1. The time of failure and the expired shooting time must be recorded by the Chief Range Officer and the Jury;
 2. All completed competition shots of each competitor must be counted and recorded. In the event of a range power supply failure, this may involve waiting until the power supply is restored to enable the number of shots registered by the target, not necessarily on the firing point monitor, to be established.
- (b) After the failure is rectified and the full range is in operation, an additional five (5) minutes will be added to the competition time remaining. The time for recommencing is to be announced over the loudspeaker system at least five (5) minutes beforehand. Competitors must be allowed to resume their position in the five (5) minutes before competition restarts. Unlimited sighting shots must be allowed during the remaining shooting time, but only before competition shots are resumed.
- (c) Procedure of the failure of a SINGLE target. If the Electronic Scoring Target cannot be repaired with five (5) minutes, the competitor will be moved to a reserve position and when they are ready to shoot an additional five (5) minutes will be added to the competition time remaining. The competitor will be permitted unlimited sighting shots.
- (d) Complaint concerning failure to register or display a shot on the monitor of an Electronic Scoring Target system.
1. The shooter must immediately inform the nearest range official of the failure. A range official must make a written note of the time of the complaint. One or more Jury Member(s) must go to the firing position.
 2. The shooter will be directed to fire one more aimed shot the target. If the value and location of this shot is registered and displayed on the monitor, the shooter will be directed to continue the competition. The value, location and time of firing of this extra shot must be recorded; its shot-number (having included the missing shot) and its value and its shot-location, and the firing point number must be given to the Jury in writing and recorded on the Range Officer's Notations.

After the end of that relay of the competition, the Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Target will be applied. Using this information and the time of the extra shot and its location, the Jury will determine whether all shots, including the extra shot are recorded on the computer record.

If all the shots are recorded correctly, then the questioned shot will be counted in the score of the competitor, as well as the shot fired immediately after (as the "extra" to the competition) but the last shot fired (extra to the competition) will be annulled.

If the questioned shot has not been located applying the Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets nor elsewhere, then only those correctly recorded shots excluding the last shot fired (extra to the competition) are to be counted in the score of the competitor.

If the questioned shot has not been located in the computer memory, but is located elsewhere, the Jury will determine the validity and score-value of the questioned shot.

3. If the extra shot fired as directed does not register or display and the Electronic Scoring Target cannot be repaired within five (5) minutes, the competitor will be moved to a reserve position and when the competitor is ready to shoot an additional five (5) minutes will be added to the competition time remaining. The competitor will be permitted unlimited sighting shots.
- The competitor will repeat the two (2) competition shots which did not register nor display on the previous target used
4. The competitor will be credited with the score of all the shots which were displayed on the monitor of the first target plus the score of the properly fired competition shots which were displayed on the second target used. If the two (2) extra shots were later found in the computer record of the previous target they will be annulled.
 5. If a competitor complains during sighting shots about the correct recording or evaluation of the shot(s), the Jury may offer to move the competitor to another firing point. The competitor is given appropriate extra time. The Jury examines the sighting shot(s) as soon as possible applying the Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets on the original firing point.

If this subsequent examination shows that the target on the original firing point provided correct results, the competitor will be penalized with the DEDUCTION of two (2) points from the lowest value shot of the first competition series.

- (e) Failure of the paper - If Jury decides that the problem is because of the failure of the paper to

advance, the competitor will be moved to a reserve position. The competitor will be permitted unlimited sighting shots to be taken within the time remaining for the competitor plus any additional time granted. Then the competitor will repeat the number of competition shots determined by the Jury. The competitor will be credited with the score of all the necessary competition shots fired on the second target to complete the course of fire. After the relay the Jury will decide which shots are to be counted from each target.

- (f) Challenge concerning the shot value Electronic Scoring Targets;
1. After the relay, the detailed printer results (LOG-Print) must be generated by the Technical or Range Officers for all firing lanes on which complaints or protests have been made, and for the immediately adjacent lanes, before the equipments is reset for the next relay.
 2. After the completion of the relay, the Procedure for Examination of Electronic Scoring Targets will be applied. Any non-indicated shot must be scored by the Jury

Distinguished Air Gun Program

The NRA Distinguished Air Gun Award can be earned by placing in the top 10% of the overall results at the National Indoor Championships and the National Air Gun Championships. At least one step must be earned at the National Air Gun Championships.

The following general conditions have been approved by the NRA Air Gun Committee to govern the earning of these awards:

The Award: There are two separate medallions and lapel pins that be earned by each individual who successfully completes the requirements for each discipline: 3 Position Precision Air Rifle and 3 Position Sporter Air Rifle. Individuals who earn this award in both 3 Position Precision Air Rifle and 3 Position Sporter Air Rifle will receive a Double Distinguished pin.

Steps: Each individual NRA member who places in the top-scoring 10% of the overall results in each of the designated tournaments will earn a step toward an NRA Distinguished Air Gun Award. This includes any competitors who have already attained the NRA Distinguished Air Gun Award. Each competitor who makes the same numerical score as the last score in the high 10% will be awarded a step toward NRA Distinguished Air Gun Award. Inner tens will not be used as part of the numerical score to break ties.

Award of NRA Distinguished Air Gun: A shooter who earns a minimum of 4 steps will be presented an NRA Distinguished Air Gun Award under the following provisions:

- (a) At least one step must be earned for competition in the NRA National Air Gun Championship and Training Summit.
- (b) A maximum of 2 steps of the Distinguished Award may be earned for official credit during one calendar year.

- (c) A certificate will be issued for each step a shooter earns. No step certificates will be issued after a shooter has earned the distinguished award.
- (d) Steps may be earned toward 3 Position Sporter Air Rifle or in 3 Position Precision Air Rifle, but cannot be earned simultaneously. If the individual is working on earning both, 3 Position Sporter Air Rifle must be completed before any steps are accomplished in 3 Position Precision Air Rifle.

Rule changes effective 2009

2.6.1 Military Veteran - Former military personnel, other than active duty or reserve, in possession of any one of the following documents: Form DD214, retired military identification card such as Veterans Administration card, or membership card in a veterans' organization.

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

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

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

2.13.1 Military Veteran Team - Firing and alternate members of such teams must comply with Rule 2.6.1.

3.2 Sporter Air Rifle (military designation is "training grade") -

Any type of compressed air or CO2 rifle with the following additional restrictions:

- (I) Internal Modifications - Only factory manufactured part's designed for the specific model gun being fired may be used. Parts in the gun may not be removed and all parts must be in their correct positions and functioning in their designed manner. Internal parts may be honed or polished to improve their internal function, but such improvements may not alter their intended function. Compensators or muzzle brakes are prohibited.
- (k) Stocks - The right & left sides of the stock must be mirror images of each other. Factory installed stocks may be altered in length. The butt of the stock may be rough, checkered or scored to provide a non-slip surface. A pistol grip may be added to

the factory stock by adding material or by using a screw-on attachment. The grip may not be adjusted or removed during a position course of fire after the first record shot has been fired..

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17.5 Courses of Fire for which National Records are recognized -

Note: National Air Rifle Records are maintained for scores fired with metallic sights over the following courses for "Open, Civilian, Women, Senior, JROTC, Military Veteran, Junior, Intermediate Junior, and Sub-Junior.

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

1.6 Types of Tournament

- (d) Registered Tournaments - National Records may only be established in Registered Tournaments (Rule 17.1). Match Sponsors may require all competitors to be NRA members if specified in the program.
- (e) Approved Tournaments - May be authorized by the NRA after application has been filed by the local organization which will act as the sponsor. Application forms are available from the NRA on request.

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

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

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

17 National Records

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

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

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

17.5 Courses of Fire for Which National Records are Recognized -

Note: National Sporter Air Rifle Records are maintained for scores fired with metallic sights over the following courses for "Open, Civilian, Woman, Senior, JROTC, Military Veteran, Junior, Intermediate Junior, and Sub-Junior.

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

20.5 Duties - During Tournament

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

Rule changes effective 2008

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

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