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CONCERN OVER RULES ABOUT MUZZLE BRAKES

In the November 2016 issue of the SSR's (version 5.0(c)) there was an addition to Rule 16.1.3 to clarify that Muzzle Brakes are not allowed during competitions being run under SSR's.

Rule 3.1.4.2 in the general section of the SSR's and Rule 16.3.5.1 within the Service Rifle Chapter **have always been there** and both ban the use of Muzzle Brakes.

A State Association had expressed concern that Muzzle Brakes were being allowed at competitions being run under Service Rifle Rules (Chapter 16) and the addition to Rule 16.1.3 made the position clear, by reinforcing Rule 16.3.5.1 within the Service Rifle Rules.

A major concern of course is the NRAA Insurance which depends on SSR's being adhered to. The original ban on Muzzle Brakes goes back into history. The blast and noise from a Muzzle Brake on the mound was unacceptable to other competitors because of hearing damage and the "startle" effect of large blasts nearby when shooting.

However it appears that unbeknown to the NRAA there are a number of organisations running both formal and informal competitions under Service Rifle Rules and Muzzle Brakes have been allowed at these. We have received a number of communications about this, expressing concern that these matches will be affected.

The matter will be brought up at the next NRAA Board Meeting and the AGM, which will be held on 9-10th December. We propose to explore ways that Muzzle Brakes may possibly be allowed under certain prescribed conditions.

If there are organisations out there who have an interest in this matter you are invited to write to the NRAA outlining your activities and the conditions under which you would propose to allow Muzzle Brakes at your competitions.

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NRAA Directors
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On behalf of the NRAA Board.