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Alterations and Additions to the SSR’s passed at the NRAA Board Meeting – May 2015

1. NEW NATIONAL GRADING SYSTEM

The Board approved the adoption of the new National Grading System as from July 1st 2015. The whole of Chapter 12 of the SSR’s has been replaced.

2. ALTERED CUT-OFF POINTS for Target Rifle Grading.

After some discussion the Board decided to set the Cut-off points for Target Rifle Grading as follows:-

A Grade	97.0 and above
B Grade	92.0 and under 97.0
C Grade	Under 92.0

Please note that the Board has agreed to keep these Cut-off points under review, and may alter them in future if the need arises.

3. NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM

The Board has decided to resume the National Ranking System, and use the National Grading System to do this. The NRAA web site will display 2 pages for this. One page will show the Rankings for each discipline and the other page will show Rankings by Discipline and also by Grades.

4. ALTERATION AND CLARIFICATION OF TIMING RULES

Both Rules 4.1.4.5 and 7.1.2.4 have been altered to clarify when and how a shooter can be penalised if shooting under the 45 second rule and/or during a shoot-off.

NOTE:- There has been a misapprehension that when a shooter has been firing in a competition run under the 45 second rule that the shooter must first be timed and cautioned by the Range Officer before any subsequent shots can be penalised.

THIS WAS NOT SO. The old Rule 4.1.4.5 (a) read as follows:-

(a) In the case of Rule 4.1.4.1 after being timed and cautioned by a Range Officer in person, **be liable to forfeit the value of that shot** or any subsequent shot where the time limit is exceeded.

NOTE the phrase “liable to forfeit the value of that shot”

Rule 4.1.4.5 (a) has now been altered to make it clear that a Range Officer can time and warn a shooter for exceeding the 45 seconds and straightaway take the value of that shot away, as well as any subsequent over time shots.

New Rule 4.1.4.5 (a)

(a) In the case of Rule 4.1.4.1, where a competition is being fired under the 45 seconds rule and after being timed and cautioned by a Range Officer in person, will forfeit the value of that shot or any subsequent shot where the time limit is exceeded. (NOTE:- Special conditions about warnings apply for shoot-offs which are always held under the 45 second rule. See Rule 7.1.2.4)

AS WELL AS THAT

Rule 7.1.2.4 has been altered. This rule applies to Shoot-Offs which are ALWAYS held under the 45 seconds per shot rule. It now makes it clear that the Range Officer issues one warning

to all Shoot-Off competitors at the start and they will then be penalised for any over-time shot without any further warning.

NEW RULE 7.1.2.4

Shoot offs will be fired in accordance with Rule 4.1.4.1 [45 seconds] notwithstanding the meeting may have been conducted under rule 4.1.4.2 [elapsed time]. Before the start of any shoot-off, the Range Officer shall clearly state to the competitors that the time limit for each shot is 45 seconds, that this is their first and only warning, and that any shot exceeding the time limit will be discounted and marked as a miss, without any individual warnings to shooters.

The Range Officer shall make provision for shooters to be timed, either by himself, the Scorers or other appointed personnel.

5. CLARIFICATION OF F STANDARD RIFLE WEIGHT

Rule 20.9.2 has been altered to make clear the allowed weight of and F Standard Rifle and also the combined weight of rifle and bipod (if a bipod is being used.)

NEW RULE

20.9.2 Rifle Weight

- (a) *In all cases, the maximum weight of an F Standard Rifle shall not exceed 8kg. This shall include all sights and attachments whilst shooting but shall not include any front or rear rest used whilst shooting.*
- (b) *If a separate rest such as a pedestal Rest is used that is not attached to the rifle, then this shall not be included in any weight measurement.*
- (c) *If a Bipod is attached as a front rest then the combined weight of rifle and Bipod shall not exceed 10kg, of which part the rifle may not exceed 8kg.*
- (d) *As an example of the maximum weight of rifle and bipod, a rifle of 7.5kg would be able to have a bipod of 2.5kg attached.*

6. CANNOT ALTER SQUADDING ORDER WITHOUT PERMISSION

Rule 4.1.1.4 has been added to/changed to ensure that Squadding Order in a competition can only be altered with the permission/direction of the Range Officer.

RULE 4.1.1.4 Squads shall report at the allotted targets at each range and where such is required each competitor will record his shooting order after the first draw. *The squadding order shall not be altered unless by agreement with, or by the instruction of the Range Officer.*

7. FAST SHOOTING – MISSED SHOTS – ETC. – ETC.

We have all experienced the problem of missed shots by Scorers either through inattention or misunderstanding. The problem has been increasing because it is possible to shoot very fast on electronic targets. There was recent move by some States to have a delay of 10 seconds programmed into electronic targets. All States were surveyed with this proposal and it was rejected.

There is NO RULE that says a shooter must wait until the Scorer has called out the results of a shot before he can fire the next shot. The Board discussed this possibility and rejected it. It still leaves us with the problem of fast shooting, inattention or simple confusion, especially when a Scorer may have to record scores from the same electronic monitor a shooter is using.

Rules 4.1.3.6 through to 4.1.3.16 deal with Scorers responsibilities. The only one that refers to the shooter is Rule 4.1.3.12. This says:-

4.1.3.12 The competitor must after firing each shot, pay attention to the score called out by the scorer.

We have added another sentence to this in an attempt to make sure the shooter does pay attention to what the Scorer is doing and saying.

NEW RULE 4.1.3.12

The competitor must after firing each shot, pay attention to the score called out by the scorer and ensure that the scorer has called out the correct score for each shot. This is especially important if the competitor is firing quickly or an electronic target monitor is being used.

8. SHOOTER CANNOT ALTER AN E-TARGET ELECTRONIC MONITOR

It appears that sometimes shooters have been altering or clearing the Electronic monitor when they have been shooting on E-Targets. We have added a rule that makes clear that shooters cannot interfere or alter an electronic monitor during his/her shoot. And that the monitor can only be cleared by the scorer after all have agreed that the scores have been recorded correctly at the end of the shoot. This will also help in the case of Point 7 above, where the scorer may have missed shots because of fast shooting.

NEW RULE 4.3.1.16

When using Electronic Targets where scores and shot positions are shown on an electronic monitor, the monitor is not to be cleared of scores in any way until the shooter and scorer/s agree that the results have been correctly recorded on the manual scorecard, and once agreed, the scorer shall be the one to clear the monitor. If results are only being recorded electronically then the shooter and scorer/s must agree the results are correct before the monitor is cleared by the scorer.

9. REFERENCE TO APPENDIX 6 – ELECTRONIC TARGET PROCEDURES

This rule has been added to point out that APPENDIX 6 has been added to the SSR's.

This Appendix outlines in more details various procedures and practices Electronic Targets are being used for competition.

NEW RULE 4.1.3.8 (d)

(d) If Electronic Targets are being used, all competitors, scorers and personnel must be thoroughly conversant with the procedures outlined in APPENDIX 6 of these Rules, which discusses scoring and processes when using Electronic Targets.

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