

HIGH POWER RIFLE

Rule changes effective January 1, 2000

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3.13 Slings

- (b) Service Rifle Slings - On service rifle slings metallic wraps and other type reinforcements to the sling keepers are not authorized. Standard issue type leather or web slings may be no wider than 1.250" and no thicker than .190". Leather slings may have no more than two keepers no wider than .860" each. Keeper ends may be joined by metallic devices. The overlap at the joining area may be no more than 1.10" and must be on the flat, i.e., may not go around the curved edge of the keeper. Placement of cartridge cases, spindles, and so forth, to tighten or lock the sling are not authorized. A button, hook or strap may not be used on the sleeve of the shooting coat to support the sling loop that is placed on the upper arm.

3.17 Ammunition

- (b) Any - Ammunition of any description that may be fired without danger to competitors or range personnel. Tracer or incendiary ammunition is prohibited. The use of armor piercing or any other type ammunition may be prohibited by local range or match regulations. Any ammunition that repeatedly blows primers or splits cases will be ruled defective or unsafe, and will be removed from the firing line.

3.19 Eye Protection* - All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the range complex are urged to wear eye protection devices.

3.20 Ear Protection* - All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the range complex are urged to wear hearing protection devices. Only sound reducing devices may be worn by competitors forward of the ready line. Radios, tape recorders, or any type of sound producing or communication system are prohibited forward of the ready line.

* Match sponsors (and/or ranges) may require eye and ear protection.

5.3 Position of Rifle Butt - In all positions, except standing (Rule 5.12), the butt of the rifle must be held against the front of the shoulder on the outside of the shooting coat or shirt and must not touch the ground. In the standing position, the butt of the rifle may be held against the upper arm.

5.12 Standing - Erect on both feet, no other portion of the body touching the ground or any supporting surface. The rifle will be supported by both hands and one shoulder or upper arm only. The elbow or upper arm of the forward arm may be placed against the body or rested on the hip. The sling may not be used for support and may not be wrapped around the arm or hand. The butt of the rifle must be on the outside of the coat and the rifle (magazine if attached) may not touch the coat in a manner so to receive support, to the left of the centerline of the coat. Reversed for left handed shooters. Resting the butt of the rifle on top of the shoulder is prohibited.

9.6.1 Trigger Malfunction

- (b) In rapid fire or slow fire, if a bolt action rifle or semi-automatic rifle fires as the bolt is being opened or closed, and this is confirmed by the scorer, the value of all shots fired will be scored. The rifle will be removed from the line and will not be fired again until it is repaired. If the rifle cannot be repaired, it will be replaced. (See Rule 9.5).

10.1.6 Loading in Slow Fire - In all slow fire events, the rifle will be loaded with only one cartridge at a time. The cartridge shall be inserted in the magazine or chamber only when the rifle is pointed down range. Resting a loaded rifle on a shooting stool or the foot, is prohibited. (See Rule 10.1.3).

10.7 Firing Line Procedures and Commands

(A) SLOW FIRE—

When ready to start a match, the Chief Range Officer commands, "**RELAY (number), MATCH (number),**" or naming the match, "**TAKE YOUR POSITION ON THE FIRING LINE. DO NOT HANDLE YOUR RIFLES.**" (Rule 10.1.1)

(1) **YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL START IN TWO MINUTES.**" Competitors take their places at their firing points. During this two minutes it is announced, "**RELAY (number) TAKE YOUR POSITION AS SCORERS** (Sec. 14)." After the two minute period and if there are pits and the Chief Pit Officer has reported that the pits are ready then the command is given, "**YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR.**" (Rule 10.3.1) All targets are run up for the preparation period of three minutes. Range Officers check competitors as to correct relay, firing point number and that a scorer is present. At the end of three minutes the targets are withdrawn to half mast. The command is given "**THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED. THIS MATCH or STRING OF FIRE... WILL BE TWO SIGHTERS AND (number) SHOTS FOR RECORD IN A TIME LIMIT OF (number) MINUTES.**(Rule 8.2(a) **WITH ONE ROUND LOAD...IS THE FIRING LINE READY?... THE FIRING LINE IS (IS NOT) READY.**" If not ready and when the firing line is ready, "**RESUMING COMMANDS, THE FIRING LINE IS READY. YOUR TIME WILL BEGIN AND YOU MAY FIRE WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR**" The targets are run up and time is marked to start for that relay's match.

(2) "**IS THE FIRING LINE CLEAR?**" Range Officers assure that all firearms are cleared, actions opened and open bolt indicators are properly in place. If no one has replied "**NOT CLEAR!**" and Range Officers signal that the firing line is clear then, "**THE FIRING LINE IS CLEAR. RELAY (just finished) REMOVE ALL OF YOUR EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRING POINT AND POLICE BRASS AND TRASH.**" The last is if brass is to be policed after each relay. Otherwise, only announce a police brass and trash call after the line has been cleared on the desired relay for policing.

If, on the other hand, firing continues until the end of the period; the targets are withdrawn at the end of allowed time. "**CEASE FIRE.**" (Rule 10.1.4) **TIME HAS EXPIRED. HAS ADDITIONAL TIME BEEN AUTHORIZED... ON THE RIGHT... ON THE LEFT?**" If additional time was authorized then, "**THOSE TARGETS AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL TIME, YOUR TIME BEGINS WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR.**" The targets are run up for additional time. "**ALL OTHER COMPETITORS CLEAR YOUR RIFLES AND**

INSERT OPEN BOLT INDICATORS." At the end of additional time or if signaled by Range Officers that firing is complete, the targets are withdrawn. **"CEASE FIRE. CLEAR ALL RIFLES AND INSERT OPEN BOLT INDICATORS."** The line clearing procedure listed above (2) is used together with the removal of equipment procedure in (2) above and, if desired, the police brass and trash call procedure in (2) above. If additional relays are firing, the command is given, **"RELAY (next) YOU MAY TAKE YOUR POSITION ON THE FIRING POINT WHEN IT IS VACANT BUT DO NOT HANDLE YOUR RIFLE."** If brass policing is taking place and when sufficient time has elapsed then, **"YOUR BRASS POLICE PERIOD IS ENDED. ALL PERSONNEL RETURN BEHIND THE FIRING LINE."** When all personnel are behind the firing line, return to the beginning of this narrative (A) start and continue at the command (1), **"YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN IN TWO MINUTES."**

(B) RAPID FIRE—

When ready to start a match, the Chief Range Officer commands, **"RELAY (number), MATCH (number), (or naming the match), TAKE YOUR POSITIONS ON THE FIRING LINE. DO NOT HANDLE YOUR RIFLES. (Rule 10.1.1) YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL START IN TWO MINUTES."** Competitors take their places on their firing points.

During this two minutes it is announced, **"RELAY (number) TAKE YOUR POSITIONS AS SCORERS (Section 14)."** After two minutes and if there are pits and the Chief Pit Officer has reported that the pits are ready then the command is given, **"YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR."** (Rule 10.3.1) All targets are run up for the preparation period. Range Officers check competitors as to correct relay, firing point number and that a scorer is present. At the end of three minutes, the targets are withdrawn to half-mast. The command is given, **"THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED."** If sighters are allowed in the match the following commands apply. **"YOU WILL NOW HAVE A SIGHTER PERIOD OF TWO MINUTES FOR TWO SLOW FIRE SIGHTERS, WITH ONE ROUND LOAD. IS THE FIRING LINE READY? THE FIRING LINE IS (IS NOT) READY."** If the firing line is not ready then wait for the problem to be resolved and then, **"RESUMING COMMANDS. THE FIRING LINE IS READY. YOUR TIME BEGINS AND YOU MAY FIRE WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR."** The targets are run up for sighters. After two minutes the targets are withdrawn. **"CEASE FIRE, UNLOAD. YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD HAS ENDED. YOUR NEXT STRING OF FIRE WILL BE RAPID FIRE (SITTING/KNEELING) (OR PRONE) FROM STANDING; TEN SHOTS FIRED IN A TIME LIMIT OF (60) OR (70) SECONDS. SHOOTERS STAND."** These commands can be given while the targets are being repaired.

10.7.1 Range Alibis

- (d) Improper scoring procedure (placing spotters in holes of a target which has insufficient hits before being resolved with pit officials and/or the use of a scoring plug). The shot holes will be pasted and the string refired. (See Rule 14.13 (5)).

10.7.2 Range Alibi Procedure - The shot(s) fired by the competitor(s) will be pasted, without spotting or informing the competitor(s) of the value or location of any hit(s) and the competitor will fire a new shot string as soon as directed. (See Rule 10.16 and 14.13).

10.10 Procedure in Case of a Defective Cartridge, or Malfunction in Rapid Fire

- (b) In the event a semi-automatic rifle fires two or more rounds with only one pull of the trigger, and this is confirmed by the scorer, the value of all shots fired will be entered on the front of the scorecard.

14.10 Excessive Hits - Excessive hits are defined as hits in excess of the prescribed number of shots, or in excess of the number shots the competitor has fired. A competitor will not be credited with more shots than he has fired. If excessive hits are found, any hit which the Pit Officer (Range Officer or Statistical Officer if targets are not scored in the pits) can distinguish as having been fired by some other competitor or during some other string, the incorrect shot holes will be ignored and the correct shot holes counted and scored. This distinction may be by type or caliber of bullet hole, backing target (if used) or other means. In rapid fire, scoring discs will be placed in the top of the target according to Rule 14.13 (2) or (3) based on the initial number of hits. (The scoring discs are for the purpose of notification of competitors in the vicinity of the affected target that the target has excessive hits). If excessive hits remain indistinguishable, the following procedures apply:

14.13 Notification of Competitor

- (5) Pit Range Alibi - When a pit range alibi is granted, all holes will be pasted and the target run up with a scoring disc placed in the 3 o'clock position (The hole for scoring an eight in slow fire). (See Rule 10.7.2)

19.17 Reclassification

- (b) A competitor will be considered for reclassification upward when his recent scores for not less than 240 shots, fired subsequent to the tournament date at which he earned his current classification, have been recorded as prescribed, except that such consideration will not include tournament or league scores until after all scores for the tournament or league competition concerned have been recorded. If his average score so justifies, he will be reclassified upward accordingly.
- (c) A competitor will be reclassified downward only upon a written request by him to the NRA, and only on the basis of at least 320 shots recorded as prescribed, fired subsequent to the effective date of his current classification. If his average on this basis so justifies he will be reclassified downward accordingly.

PROPOSED HIGH POWER RIFLE RULE CHANGES

The NRA High Power Rifle Committee established a procedure where any rule changes will be passed in draft form. These changes will be published in SSUSA requesting comments from High Power Rifle competitors.

At its meeting in 1999, the following rules were passed in draft form and are published here for comments. These will be considered, along with any comments received, at their meeting in 2000. If approved, they will become effective January 1, 2001.

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

Please mail your comments to:

National Rifle Association
Attn: Don Ide, Secretary, High Power Rifle Committee
11250 Waples Mill Rd.,
Fairfax, VA 22030

Rule 14.18 Signal Systems for Scoring Targets (CURRENT)

- (a) Slow Fire: Value spotters are placed as indicated on the target frame, all of a highly visible color such as fluorescent orange or black. The shooter may request the color they can see best:

- X Bottom left corner
- 10 Bottom center
- 9 Bottom right corner
- 8 Center of right side
- 7 Top right corner
- 6 Top left corner
- 5 Center of left side
- Miss Top center

Rule 14.18 Signal Systems for Scoring Targets (PROPOSED)

- (a) Slow Fire: Value spotters are placed as indicated on the target frame, all of a highly visible color such as fluorescent orange or black. The shooter may request the color they can see best:

- X Right side below center
- 10 Bottom right corner
- 9 Bottom right of center
- 8 Bottom left of center
- 7 Bottom left corner
- 6 Left side below center
- 5 Left side above center
- Miss Top center

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Rule 19.17 Reclassification (PROPOSED)

- (b) A competitor will be considered for reclassification upward when his recent scores for not less than 240 shots (120 shots for Long Range), fired subsequent to the tournament date at which he earned his current classification, have been recorded as prescribed, except that such consideration will not include tournament or league scores until after all scores for the tournament or league competition concerned have been recorded. If his average score so justifies, he will be reclassified upward accordingly.
- (c) A competitor will be reclassified downward only upon request in writing by him to the NRA, and only on the basis of at least 320 shots (180 shots for Long Range) recorded as prescribed, fired subsequent to the effective date of his current classification. If his average on this basis so justifies he will be reclassified downward accordingly.