National Bench Rest Shooters Association Rule Book

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1. OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL BENCHREST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

1.1. The development and encouragement of extreme accuracy in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods.

1.2. The achievement of extreme precision in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods by shooting “group shooting” and “score shooting”.

1.3. To standardize on a national basis the entire Benchrest shooting program so that targets, ranges, scoring methods, records and match procedures will be uniform and comparable.

1.4. To assist and encourage any individual or organization in the promotion of Benchrest Shooting.

1.5. To gather and make available to its members pertinent statistics and technical data

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. Bench: A bench shall be a rigidly constructed table being of a height to permit a shooter of more or less than average height to sit comfortably there at by merely increasing or decreasing the height of the stool on which he/she sits. It shall preferably be constructed to permit firing by either a right or left handed shooter.

2.2. Unlimited Rifle: Any rifle having a barrel 18 or more inches in length, measured from the face of the bolt to the muzzle, and having a safely operated firing mechanism. For minimum barrel length, the legal method of measurement from the face of the bolt shall be employed.

2.3. Heavy Varmint Rifle: A Heavy Varmint Rifle is any rifle having a safe manually operated firing mechanism that weighs no more than thirteen and one half pounds, inclusive of sights. Any sight will be permitted. The stock should have a flat or convex forearm not more than 3 inches wide and having a toe formed by an acute angle that conforms to the varmint rifle diagram on page 99. The barrel shall not be less than 18” long forward of the bolt face and a diameter of not more than 1.250 inches from the bolt face forward 5 inches. From said 5-inch point, the diameter shall not be greater than would be defined by a straight taper between such point and a muzzle diameter of .900 at 29 inches. The barrel may be attached to the receiver, bedding blocks or sleeve or combination thereof for a distance of no more than 4”, measured from the face 5 of the bolt. The overall length of the receiver, bedding block or sleeve or the combination must not exceed 14”. (Maximum dimensions shall not include normal scope blocks or sight bases). A metal skeleton frame that serves as a stock and has a fore end that may or may not attach to the barrel and meets all other requirements of a Heavy Varmint rifle is permissible (i.e. Beggs Stick Gun). Any “Savage Type” barrel nut shall be considered as part of the action and therefore shall be legal in all NBRSA Classes.

2.4. Light Varmint Rifle: Any rifle of not more than 10 1⁄2 lbs in weight, inclusive of sights, and otherwise meeting the requirement of the Heavy Varmint Rifle.

2.5. Sporter Rifle: A Sporter Rifle is defined as any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing Mechanism and must not weigh more than 10 1⁄2 lbs, inclusive of sights. The stock can be flat, or convex, but not concave. The Forearm can be any width and have any angle. The butt stock can have any angle including a reverse angle, the barrel shall not be less than 18" long forward of the bolt face and can be any diameter or configuration including a straight taper or a reverse taper. The Sporter Rifle can be any caliber. Sporter Rifles do not have to conform to the Varmint Rifle diagram. All sand bag rules apply to the Sporter Rifle.

2.6. Manually and Mechanically: Firing Mechanisms/Triggers: Ignition of cartridges must be achieved by mechanically operated triggers. All trigger components must be contained within the rifle. Electric triggers, remote actuation and the use of pressure fluids are not allowed. This paragraph is applicable to 10 1⁄2 lbs, 13 1⁄2 lbs, and unlimited rifles.

2.7. Rests:

2.7.1. Varmint & Sporter Rests: Varmint and Sporter rests shall support the front part of a rifle. A rear rest shall support the rear part of the rifle. Neither rest may be attached to the bench, the rifle, or the other. Each shall be moveable independently of the other. The Varmint Class may use a disk (sometimes called "super feet") under the "feet" of their front rest. The purpose of the disk is to allow the competitor to find a level spot on the bench top for the front rest and to prevent the competitor from pounding the front rest into the bench top thereby scaring the bench top. These disks are NOT to be clamped or attached to the bench. A block across the front of the bench is allowed (wood, plastic or metal) that is parallel to the front edge of the bench. This block cannot be contoured in any way, as to contain the rest or the superfeet.

2.7.2. Unlimited Rests: Unlimited rests may incorporate guiding means and adjustments for elevation and windage in either or both components. Front and rear rests may be attached or on a single plate. An Unlimited Rest may NOT be attached to a bench by any means what so ever. A rectangular block may be used as a forward stop and may be constructed of any known materials, such as: wood, plastic, rubber or metal. The block must be parallel to the leading or front edge of the Rail-Gun Base and may be attached to the bench top only through the use of removable clamp(s).No portion of the block may extend under or around or to the side of the Rail-Gun base in any manner. No blocking, clamping or restraining may be used on either side or rear of the Rail Gun base. The Rail-Gun base may not extend over the bench. The Unlimited Class may use a disk (sometimes called "super feet") under the "feet" of their rest. The purpose of the disk is to allow the competitor to find a level spot on the bench top for the rest and to prevent the competitor from pounding the rest into the bench top, thereby scaring the bench top. These disks are NOT to be clamped or attached to the bench.

2.8. Cartridge Feeding: No rifle shall be capable of semiautomatic or automatic fire. All rifles shall be loaded by hand, one cartridge at a time and fired as single shot. A manual cartridge feeder operated by hand is permitted. The cartridge feeder may not be attached to a varmint or sporter rifle but may be attached to an unlimited rifle or base but must be manually operated. The manual cartridge feeder may be loaded prior to the Commence Fire command, but no round may be placed in the rifle.

2.9. Experimental Rifles and Equipment: Any rifle or equipment that does not meet existing rules and classifications shall be submitted to the board of directors for evaluation and approval or disapproval.

2.10. Muzzle Attachments: A muzzle attachment may be attached to a rifle barrel when used as a tuning device. The rifle with the attachment in place must still meet rifle weight requirements. Once the command "Commence Firing" is given by the Range Officer, there shall be NO adjusting of muzzle attachments at the firing line unless the competitor removes the rifle bolt. If a competitor does not remove the rifle bolt prior to adjusting the tuner, he/she will be disqualified. Muzzle brakes and flash suppressors are prohibited.

2.11. Sandbags:

2.11.1. The front sandbag shall be a bag, or a combination of bags (including a three piece bag), containing sand only at least 1⁄2" thick at any point where it contacts the rifle stock. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

2.11.2. The rear sandbag. The rear sandbag shall be a bag or combination of bags containing sand only. A vertical spacer under the rear bag will be allowed as long as it incorporates no adjustments for windage or elevation. The vertical spacer shall not contain any protrusions which can be inserted into the bench top or the sandbag. The Dunrud type rear ring spacer for use under the rear bag is legal. The rear bag shall not be contained in any manner. No metallic materials may be used in the construction of the sandbag. Tape on sandbag is legal.

2.12. Guiding Means: Any device, addition, contour or dimension on a rifle of any class, designed or adapted to co-act with mating or reciprocal features of a rest to guide its return to firing position so that it shall not be necessary to re-aim the rifle optically for each shot shall be conclusively deemed to constitute guiding means. Such guiding means are not allowed in the Varmint or Sporter Class competition.

2.13. Sighting Equipment: Any type of sighting equipment is permitted as long as the total weight of the rifle and sights is within the weight limits for the class.

2.14. Club: An Affiliated Club as defined in the By-Laws of this association or an individual member of the Association, who owns, leases, or controls a range with the specifications suitable for holding a Registered Bench Rest Tournaments may be a Club.

2.15. Range for Registered Tournaments: A place to shoot having not less than 5 benches on a firing line; it shall have sturdy target frames at measured distances from the firing line not less than 100 yards, preferably at 100 and 200 yards, and desirably at 100, 200, and 300 yards. The target frames shall be served with moving backer strips or cards. The bullet stop shall be adequate to stop bullets of any caliber and shall be sufficiently high to intercept ricochets.

2.16. Firing Line: The firing line shall preferably be coincident with the forward edge of the bench, but if it is to the rear of that line, then it shall be marked conspicuously on the bench.

2.17. Tournament: An orderly program of competitive shooting. The words SHOOT and MEET and TOURNAMENT are synonymous.

2.18. Registered Tournament: A tournament authorized by the appropriate officer of the NBRSA and conducted under these Rules and Regulations and in accordance with the official tournament procedures approved by the NBRSA as set forth in this Rule Book.

2.19. Match: Targets shall be numbered and shot in rotation (1, 2, 3 etc). The completion of fire by all relays at a numbered target shall constitute a match, i.e., completion of fire at target number 1 by all relays shall be considered to be match number 1.

2.20. Junior Shooter: Any competitor whose eighteenth birthday occurs after the first day of the tournament is eligible to compete as a Junior Shooter.

3. TARGETS

3.1. One official set of targets is allowed per competitor per registered match. Each target must be marked in numerals as large as possible with the competitor's number and match number and must be plainly legible at either yardage when installed in the target frame. It is the responsibility of the target crew to see that this number is not obscured. The target crew shall place a target for each bench, for all matches, even if no competitor is assigned to that bench.

3.2. Removal of Targets: At all matches, no competitor shall remove any target from the display area until 10 minutes after that aggregate for that course of fire is posted. If a target is to be protested, only a referee is permitted to remove and re-hang the target on the display wall. Competitors who remove their targets from the display wall prior to the end of the 10 minute period shall be disqualified. It is the Match Directors responsibility to insure that the time the aggregate is posted is noted on the aggregate results.

3.3. In the event of a competitor protesting another competitor's target, make public the name of the protester by printing the protester's name on the protested target.

3.4. Lost targets: If a target is lost (the fault of the range) and the shooter has 4 other targets at that yardage, the score for the lost target will be the average of those 4 targets.

3.5. Benchrest Competition: The official 100-yard target for all registered bench rest rifle competition (designated as BR-100) shall have a "10 ring" of 1⁄2" outside diameter. The "9 ring" shall be 1" outside diameter. Succeeding rings shall increase 1⁄2" in outside diameter to and including the "6 ring". The aiming square shall be 1" square and placed at 12 o'clock tangent to the "8 ring". Older targets, with the aiming square tangent to the "9 ring", may be used until the supply is exhausted. The thickness of the sides of the aiming square will be 1⁄4". The target card shall measure 8"x16" and contain a record and sighter targets. Targets shall be centered inside a black border measuring 3 1⁄2"x4 3⁄4". The top of the border for the record target shall be approximately 1 1⁄2" from the top of the target card. The top border of the sighter target 14 shall be approximately 9 1⁄2" below the top of the target card and may contain 2 additional small targets in the lower portion of the target border. Both targets shall be designated by an "S" in each upper corner of the border. Overall size of the 200 yard target will be approximately 8"x16" and contain a record and sighter targets. Each target will be centered within a 7"x7" black border with the border of the top (record) target approximately 1/8" from the top of the target card and the border of the bottom sighter target will be approximately 8 3⁄4" from the top of the target card. The width of the 200 yard target will be approximately the same as the 100 yard target. The configuration of the rings will be the same as the 100 yard target except the 10 ring shall be 1" outside diameter. The 9 ring shall be 2" outside diameter. Succeeding rings shall increase 1" in outside diameter to and including the 6 ring. The aiming square shall be 2" x 2" and tangent to the 8 ring. The lower target (sighter) will be designated by an "S" in each upper corner and there shall be sighter bulls in each lower corner. The 300 yard target shall be proportional to the 200 yard target. Official targets shall be designated as BR-100 for 100 yards, BR-200 for 200 yards, and BR-300 for 300 yards.

3.6. Backers (Moving): A moving backer strip or card will be required for 100 yard, 200 yard, and 300 yard matches in all registered shoots. When the backer strip or card fails to operate at any range during a match, only the number of shot holes that can be clearly distinguished on the target will be counted to determine the number of shots on the target. It is the Match Director's responsibility to ensure moving backers function properly to capture all shots regardless of weather conditions.

3.7. Backers (Stationary): In addition to the moving backer strip or card, a stationary backer shall be required for all National Tournaments. The stationary backer at 100 yards should be placed exactly 36" behind the record target and 72" behind the record target at 200 yards. When the required number of shots can be identified on the record target, a backer is not required for World Record measurement. Stationary Backers are recommended, but not required, at registered NBRSA matches. The use of Stationary Backers are optional at registered World Team Qualifying matches.

4. TOURNAMENT RULES

4.1. NBRSA shall recognize only registered tournaments.

4.2. Coaching: No coaching of competitors on the firing line will be permitted.

4.3. Correct Relay: The competitor must fire his group on the correct relay, from the correct bench, and at the correct target on the correct frame.

4.4. Registered Tournaments: May be held only by Clubs affiliated with NBRSA which are in good standing and which have the facilities and equipment required to conduct a shoot under the procedures required by the Association. Registered Tournaments may be held only on dates approved by the Director of the Region having jurisdiction of the Club.

4.5. Approval of Tournament Dates: Any Club desiring to hold a Registered Bench Rest Tournament shall apply for assignment of a date for such Tournament. The Application (signed by the applicant) shall be in the form of a contract entitled "Registered Shoot Memorandum of Agreement". The application shall be addressed to the Regional Director of NBRSA in whose region the tournament is desired to be held and shall be delivered to such Director not less than 60 days before the date on which the tournament is proposed to be scheduled. The application shall state:

4.5.1. The name and address of the Host Club making the application

4.5.2. The location of the Range on which the tournament is proposed to be held.

4.5.3. A program of the events to be scheduled. The Regional Director shall examine the application, consult other tournament schedules, and if the range facilities are approved and no interferences with other tournaments exist, shall assign the requested date to the applying Club. In checking for conflict of dates, the Regional Director should consult with the Regional Director of any adjoining region that may have a tournament scheduled with a distance that would be deemed conflicting if wholly within 1 region. No date for a Registered Tournament may be approved if within 7 days of the first day of the National Tournament Matches, of a like discipline, unless approved by the President. If a conflict of dates with another tournament is found, the Regional Director shall communicate with the applicant and suggest non-conflicting dates for applicant's consideration. The applicant may amend his/her application by phone, if desired, to substitute an available date for the date originally applied for. When any Director approves a date and place for a Registered Tournament, he/she should notify Club in writing and at the same time notify National Headquarters of such affirmation.

4.6. Competitors: Clubs conducting NBRSA registered tournaments must allow any NBRSA member in good standing to compete in the Tournament unless the club can provide justifiable reasons for exclusion.

4.7. Kinds of Tournaments: Registered Tournaments may be held for any 1 or more of the recognized classes:

4.7.1. Unlimited Rifle Tournament

4.7.2. Heavy Varmint Rifle Tournament

4.7.3. Light Varmint Rifle Tournament

4.7.4. Sporter Rifle Tournament

4.7.5. Long-Range Varmint Rifle Tournament

4.7.6. 1,000-Yard Rifle Tournament (see Official Rules for Long Range Shooting) g. 600-Yard Rifle Tournament (see Official Rules for Long Range Shooting)

4.7.7. Hunter Rifle Tournament (see Official Rules for Score Shooting)

4.7.8. Varmint For Score Rifle Tournament (see Official Rules for Score Shooting)

4.8. Artificial Lights: The firing of Registered Tournaments, or any part thereof, under artificial lights is authorized.

4.9. Varmint and Sporter Rifle Rests: Tournaments for Heavy Varmint Rifles, Light Varmint Rifles, and Sporter Rifles shall be fired with sandbag front rests, which may be supported on a pedestal, which shall not co-act with the sandbag to restrain recoil or form a guiding means; and a rear rest, comprising a sandbag supporting the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the buttstock. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

4.10. Wind Flags:

4.10.1. No competitor may post or adjust flags after the first match of the day, except for changes in yardage or classes. Flags are to be placed no higher than level of bench top to bottom of the target card. Furthermore, the competitor is to restrict the position of flags to within his competitive shooting lane. A shooting lane is defined as the centerlines between benches to the center-lines between target cards unique to each competitor. Lanes that have no competitor may have flags placed in that lane by shooters competing in adjacent lanes. The referees may order a flag to be laid on the ground upon verification that the flag is interfering with a shooter. Posted flags must be left on the range until the completion of the match. The use of wind flags that feed information to a computer that assists the shooter in determining wind information is allowed (eg: smart flags).

4.10.2. The Host Club will assign flag rotations six (6) months ahead of all National events. When the Nationals Match Director sends out the Registration Form, it should include all the flag rotation sponsors and it is the Host Range’s responsibility to organize and manage the flag rotation.

4.10.3. Prior to a match (during practice), no shooter may remove another shooters flags on a given bench or force a shooter to move from their bench (official flag setting may not begin until the range announces it.)

4.10.4. At all Nationals, the individual who accepts the job of procuring and setting flags for a flag rotation (sponsor) will have control over what type and how the flags are set for that rotation. Any additions or adjustments to that rotation may only be done with the permission of the flag sponsor for that rotation. If that individual is unable to fulfill their duties as flag rotation sponsor, another sponsor will be approved by the Match Director. Appeals to the flag set for a given rotation, not resolved with the sponsor, will be made to the referees for the first days' competition, with a majority vote of said referees being needed to change the flag set in question.

4.11. Rifle Positions on the Bench: In all registered Tournaments for any class of competition, the rifle shall be so placed that the muzzle extends forward of the bench and the entire receiver of the rifle is behind the firing line.

4.12. Unused Benches: In all Registered Tournaments, it shall be a requirement that no contestant shall occupy any bench in any relay in which he/she is not shooting.

4.13. Courses of Fire: The following courses of fire shall be required for Championship Tournaments. NBRSA will recognize meters as a course of fire and for records for the European Region only.

4.13.1. THE GROUP NATIONALS (UNLIMITED, HEAVY VARMINT, LIGHT VARMINT & SPORTER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP) matches will be held during a time period approved by the Board of Directors. Practice will be allowed at least 3 days prior to the first day of competition. The practice range shall be the same range that will be used for the National Tournament. The course of fire for the National Tournament will be as follows: Monday Unlimited 100 yards, Tuesday Sporter and Light Varmint 100 yards, Wednesday morning Heavy Varmint 100 yards, Wednesday afternoon General Membership meeting, Thursday Unlimited 200 yards, Friday Sporter and Light Varmint 200 yards and Saturday Heavy Varmint 200 yards.

4.13.2. At NBRSA Group National Events, there will be a minimum of three (3) relays.

4.13.3. At National events, the Match Director will designate whether shooters can walk in front of the bench in order to move their equipment.

4.14. At the start of all Group Nationals and World Team qualifying events, the host club must apply new black rubber or black membrane behind each target prior to the beginning of the event.

4.15. The Regional Directors are to ensure write-ups are submitted for National Events as well as World Team qualifying events within their respective regions.

4.16. NBRSA Group Nationals will be comprised of 4 rifles, Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter.

4.16.1. UNLIMITED RIFLE will fire eight “10 shot” matches at 100 yards the first day and 8 “10 shot” matches at 200 yards the fourth day. The winner of the first day 100 yard aggregate shall be the National 100 Yard Champion and the winner of the fourth day 200 yard aggregate shall be the National 200 Yard Champion. Combining of the 100 and 200 yard aggregates (expressed in minute of angle) will determine the smallest Grand Aggregate and the winner will be the National Unlimited Champion.

4.16.2. HEAVY VARMINT, LIGHT VARMINT & SPORTER RIFLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP courses of fire shall be five “5 shot” matches at 100 yards and five “5-shot” matches at 200 yards. The smallest 100 yard aggregate for each class shall be the 100 Yard Champion; the smallest 200 yard aggregate for each class shall be the 200 Yard Champion; the winner of the Grand Aggregate for each class, (combining the 100 and 200 yard aggregates expressed in minute of angle) shall be the National Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint or Sporter National Champion. At National Championship matches, the competitor with the lowest average aggregate for all three (Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint and Sporter) classes shall be the 3-Gun National Champion and the competitor with the lowest average aggregate for all 4 (Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint, Sporter and Unlimited) classes shall be the “4-Gun” National Champion. Due to the potential for rounding errors in the calculation of scores, the placement of the top 5 competitors in single and multi-gun aggregates shall be confirmed by adding the individual yardage aggregates. The sum of these aggregates should be used to confirm the placement. Corrections will be made if there are obvious rounding errors. There will be no “warm-up” match at the start of each day, but 3 minutes will be added to the time for the 1st match at each yardage. Ranges holding Nationals must allow practice firing at the end of each day after the last record match is fired.

4.17. NBRSA Group Regional Championships will be comprised of 4 rifles, Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter.

4.17.1. UNLIMITED RIFLE shall be five or eight (at the discretion of the Host Club) 10-shot matches at 100 yards and five or eight 10-shot matches at 200 yards, and 5 or 8 10-shot matches at 300 yards. The Match Director may elect to shoot five 5-shot matches at 100 yards and 200 yards and/or 300 yards. The winner of the 100 yard aggregate shall be the 100 Yard Regional Champion. The winner of the 200 yard aggregate shall be the 200 Yard Regional Champion. The winner of the 300 yard aggregate shall be the 300 Yard Regional Champion. The Regional Unlimited Champion will be the competitor who has the smaller score when the aggregates shot are combined.

4.17.2. HEAVY VARMINT, LIGHT VARMINT & SPORTER CLASS TOURNAMENTS shall be five “5-shot” matches at 100 yards and five “5-shot” matches at 200 yards. The winner of the 100 yard aggregate for each class will be the 100 Yard Champion and the winner of the 200 yard aggregate for each class will be the 200 Yard Champion. The winner of the 300 yard aggregate for each class will be the 300 Yard Champion. The winner of the Grand Aggregate will be determined by combining the yardage aggregates (expressed in minute of angle) and will be the Grand Aggregate Champion for each Class.

4.18. REGIONAL NON-CHAMPIONSHIP UNLIMITED CLASS TOURNAMENTS may be 5 or 10-shot groups at the discretion of the host club.

4.19. Time Limits: For the first match of any aggregate or the first match after a change of distance, the time limit will be 10 minutes for a Sporter/Varmint match and 15 minutes for an Unlimited match. For subsequent matches, the time limit will be 7 minutes for a “5-shot” match and 12 minutes for a “10-shot” match. If the above format is used, it is mandatory that the Host Club have supplementary targets down range to help competitors “get on paper.” The host club may elect to have a separate “warm up match” or one 3-minute “sight in period” for each distance (except at a National Match). The time limit for a “warm up” match will be 7 minutes for a “5-shot” match and 12 minutes for a “10-shot match”. If the match is stopped by the range officer, two minutes shall be added to the remaining time. In no event shall the time allotted after the cease fire exceed the original time limits. Not less than 30 minutes shall be allowed between the END of 1 relay of 1 match and the START of the same match of the same relay. There shall be no exceptions to the requirement that all competitors shall complete their string of fire within the time allowed. At all Registered tournaments, the Range Officer shall have the Official Timer calibrated in seconds, which shall determine time limits.

4.20. Unfinished Aggregates: In the event any aggregate is not finished on the scheduled day, the aggregate will continue the next morning where it was left off.

4.21. Group Measurements: Groups shall be measured in .001 increments. The Host Club shall be responsible for providing a Dial Caliper which has scribed reticles of at least .224, .243 and .308. Other caliber reticles may be used if available. To measure groups shot with bullets of a caliber different from those above, the available reticle closest in size to the different caliber bullet shall be used and the difference shall be added or subtracted as appropriate. The Match Director shall identify targets being shot by calibers, other than 6mm, prior to the match in the upper right hand margin of the target. The measurement of any target suspected of being larger or smaller than its stated measurement can be protested by any competitor. If a competitor protests the measurement of his own target, a protest fee of $10 per target is required for both Regional and National Tournaments. The fee for protesting another competitors target at a National Event or a World Team qualifying event is $50. The fee for protesting another competitor's measurement at Regional tournaments is $10. A target protested by another competitor must have the protesting competitors name clearly printed on the protested target. Referees must advise the protesting competitor of this and the amount of the fee. At his discretion the referee can determine if a measurement is an obvious mistake and no fee will be applied. The measurement will be changed if there is a difference of .009 inch from the original measurement. If the measurement is changed, the fee will be returned to the shooter. If the measurement is NOT CHANGED, the FEE WILL BE SENT TO THE NBRSA HEADQUARTERS. The Official Scorer will re-measure in the presence of the Referees, with the same caliper as originally used and the dial of the caliper must be covered during any re-measurement. If the competitor feels a re-measurement is not handled properly, 3 Referees will then re-measure and the average of the 3 Referees' measurements will become the official score. It shall be the shooter's responsibility to notify the Range Officer in the event of a caliber change during an aggregate or in the event of a change from the caliber as submitted on the registration sheet.

4.22. PROCEDURE FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF A WORLD RECORD

4.22.1. All Targets and Backers (except stationary backers as described in Section C: Targets, Item 6: Backers-Stationary) of prospective record groups and aggregates must be signed by any 2 Match Officials in order to be considered for possible World Records. The targets must not leave the Club grounds except in possession of a Match Official (this should not be the same person who shot the record). The Range Officer and the Referees shall be designated as Match Officials.

4.22.2. The Host Club must send the backers/s, target/s, and duplicate copies of the registration card to the Regional Director. The must be transported with a carrier that has a tracking number. The host club must also notify the Regional Director and Chairman of the measurement committee by email or phone call that the targets have been sent to the Regional Director.

4.22.3. The Regional Director measures the target/s, checks the backer/s, and if the measurement is close, within .009", sends the target/s, backer/s, 1 copy of the registration card, and an NBRSA World Record Submission Form properly filled out, to the Chairman of the Measurement Committee. The Regional Director will retain one copy of the registration card for regional file. If the measurement is not close, the Director will return the target/s, backer/s and the 2 copies of the registration card to the Competitor.

4.22.4. The Chairman checks the target/s, counts the holes in the backer, makes sure all targets and backers are signed by 2 Match Officials, and checks the information on the registration card. The Chairman measures the target(s) and if this measurement is greater than .015 of the World Record, the Chairman returns the target(s) to the Competitor. If everything is found to be in order, he covers up the range scores, measures the target/s, records the scores, assigns a number to each target, and then sends the target or targets, with the proper forms, to the first member of the Measuring Committee. If there is a problem with a backer or backers, he also sends them along with the targets.

4.22.5. Targets: The target/s will be measured by 3 of the 4 Committee Members. A Committee Member residing in the same Region as the person who shot the target/s should not measure the target/s. Those chosen to serve on this Committee need not necessarily be a Director, but should be an NBRSA member who qualifies as a good scorer. Each of the 4 Scoring Committee Members should be from a different region. If a Member of the Scoring Committee holds the current record, he should step aside and the Records Committee Chairman should appoint someone else to score the "possible world record" target so that no one could say that a "possible world record" was intentionally scored wrongly.

4.22.6. The Committee Member measures the target/s, records the scores in his own records and on the form, and checks any backer or other problem. He then sends the completed form back to the chairman and sends the target/s to the next Committee Member. When the last Committee Member has measured the target/s, he sends the target/s and completed form back to the Chairman.

4.22.7. The Chairman then records the scores of the 3 Committee Members (range measurement is not included), computes an average of .0001 inch on individual groups and .0001 inch on aggregates, and that score is the official measurement.

4.22.8. The Chairman records all of the information in his records and determines whether it is a World Record. If it is a World Record, he sends the proper forms to the President, to the Business Manager, and to the Editor of the NBRSA magazine. He then returns the targets, with the measuring information, to the Competitor. If it is not a World Record, he returns the targets and the measuring information to the Competitor.

4.22.9. The Business Manager will then send the Competitor a World Record Certificate and the Editor will list the Competitor's name and his/her World Record statistics in an upcoming issue of the NBRSA publication.

4.22.10. Any range-measured target or aggregate that is measured smaller than or up to .009 larger than the existing World Record can be submitted to the Records Committee for measurement for a possible World Record with no monetary charge to that competitor.

4.22.11. NBRSA will recognize meters as a course of fire and for records for the European Region only. The European World Record Committee Chairman will report to the US Measuring Committee Chairman. This European Committee will begin with group measurements and later to expand to other disciplines. European records certified by the NBRSA require that the shoot be registered with the NBRSA and the shooter be a member of the NBRSA.

4.23. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES

4.23.1. NO PENALTY: Any competitor whose first shot of any match shall strike the target above the top line of the border containing the sighter target shall report at once to the range officer before firing another shot. The Range Officer shall satisfy himself/herself that no other shots have been fired on the target and shall make a note to the Official Scorer that the target not be penalized, and the shot not be scored.

4.23.2. REQUIRED NUMBER OF SHOTS: Any target having less than the required number of shots, or having any shot (other than the first sighting shot) outside of (and not touching) the border line on a record target and above the top borderline (not touching) of the sighter target will be penalized 1 minute of angle for each shot missing or for each shot outside the borderline (See: Target Drawing in back of Rulebook). A shot above the top line of the sighter target will be a record shot unless it is the first shot. However, the competitor must report it to the Range Officer before firing continues.

4.23.3. CROSSFIRES: Any competitor who is aware that he/she crossfired shall report it to the Range Officer immediately following the completion of that match, and shall fire the balance of his/her shots on his/her own target. If such a report is not made, and the competitor has not fired more than the required number of shots on the record target, and the crossfire can be identified and attributed to him/her by means of a backing target, he/she shall be deemed to have crossfired inadvertently and shall not be disqualified but in either event the shooter shall be penalized as follows: The crossfires shall be transferred to his/her target and shall be measured as if fired in that position on that target. To his/her measurement shall be added a penalty of 1 minute of angle for each shot crossfired; (1 inch at 100 yards; 2 inches at 200 yards; 3 inches at 300 yards. See: Target Drawing in back of Rulebook) Any competitor found to have crossfired, and whose target shows he/she to have fired more than the required number of shots (including crossfires) shall be deemed to have tried to conceal the fact of his/her crossfire and shall be disqualified from that yardage. In Registered Matches, the total shots on the record target will constitute the competitor's record group for measurement. No competitor shall be allowed to re-fire any match. Targets with more than the required number of shots will not be disqualified but, except for identified crossfires, group measurement must be taken from the 2 widest shots on the target. Targets shall be hung on all frames so that an equal opportunity to crossfire is provided to all competitors. The competitor must fire his group on the correct relay and from the correct bench. Failure to do so will disqualify the competitor from that yardage.

4.23.4. LOST TARGETS: If a target is lost (the fault of the range) and the shooter has 4 other targets at that yardage, the score for the lost target will be the average of the four remaining targets.

4.23.5. EARLY OR LATE FIRING: A competitor who fires before the "COMMENCE FIRE" command or after time has expired shall be disqualified from that match and yardage. Clarification: Any competitor who fires while the Range Officer is giving the "CEASE FIRE" command will have fired late, and shall be disqualified from that match and yardage.

4.23.6. DISQUALIFICATION FROM AGGREGATE: Any Competitor in violation of a rule that does not have a prescribed penalty for the infraction shall be disqualified from that aggregate in which the infraction occurred.

5. SAFTEY.

5.1. All tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with approved safety procedures.

5.2. OPEN ACTIONS: All bolts shall be removed from the action until the command "Place Bolts in Rifles" is given. (Refer to item 7, this section for exceptions.)

5.3. FIRING: No shot shall be fired until the command "COMMENCE FIRING" has been given and no shot shall be fired after the command "CEASE FIRING" has begun.

5.4. POSITION OF MUZZLE: The muzzle of every rifle (when in the firing position) shall be in front of the front edge of the bench upon which it rests.

5.5. EMERGENCY COMMANDS: All competitors must obey at once the command “CEASE FIRE” and shall not fire again until the command “COMMENCE FIRE” is given. In the event that conditions require a suspension of fire, 2 minutes will be added to the remaining time of the relay but NOT to exceed the original time limit of 7 minutes or 12 minutes, or if in the first match of the yardage, 10 minutes or15 minutes.

5.6. SPORTSMANSHIP: There shall be no boisterous conduct on the firing line during the firing of any event. A rifle range is no place for pranks, and any shooter failing to observe this fact may be disqualified by the Range Officer after a warning.

5.7. Clubs expect shooters and campers to put litter in trash barrels.

5.8. BOLTS: All rifle bolts must be kept out of all rifles except as the Range officer commands. Bolts must be out of all rifles behind the line and in all loading and parking areas of the range. Competitors may place bolts in actions in the loading area provided:

5.8.1. The bolt is stripped of the firing pin.

5.8.2. The powder and primer are removed from the case.

5.8.3. The bolt and case is shown to neighbors.

5.8.4. The muzzle is pointed in a safe direction. Violations of this procedure will be grounds for disqualification.

5.9. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: No alcoholic beverages will be consumed on the Range during a match until the last match of the day is completed. Violators will be subject to Disqualification.

5.10. CELL PHONES: Cell phones shall be prohibited at the firing line unless they are being used as timers, in which case they shall be muted. If there is a discrepancy, the Referee has the final decision.

5.11. MUZZLE ATTACHMENTS USED AS TUNERS: Once the command “COMMENCE FIRING” is given by the Range Officer, there shall be NO adjusting of muzzle attachments at the firing line unless the competitor removes his/her rifle bolt. If a competitor does not remove his/her rifle bolt prior to adjusting his/her tuner, he/she will be disqualified.

5.12. LASERS: The use of Lasers for flag setting at the NBRSA National Competitions is prohibited. At other matches, the decision to allow or prohibit Lasers for the setting of flags shall be at the discretion of the Host Club.

5.13. SMOKING: Smoking on the firing line or the loading area is prohibited

6. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

6.1. REGISTRATION: All competitors at every Registered Tournament shall be required to be a member of the NBRSA, must complete a registration form, and must produce for inspection a current membership card. If any member shall fail to have with him/her his/her membership card, he/she shall pay or have paid on his/her behalf, the current NBRSA membership fee. Upon proof from the NBRSA records, that he/she was a member in good standing on the date of the tournament, a refund shall be made for him/her. Any non-member may pay the prescribed annual dues at any Registered Tournament and become a member of NBRSA. New Shooters may shoot their first match without being an NBRSA Member.

6.2. REGISTRATION FEES:

6.2.1. CLUB FEES: Each competitor shall be charged (or have paid on his behalf) a registration fee for each day in which he/she participates. As of January l, 2009, the maximum amount that may be charged is $60.00 per day. No Club may charge more than a total of $60.00 per day and this will be strictly enforced.

6.2.2. TARGET FEE: Match Directors will be allowed to charge competitors a target fee in addition to the entry fee. This applies to both club and national tournaments.

6.2.3. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FEES: Fees for the National Tournament Matches shall be sixty dollars (US$60.00) per day maximum, regardless of the number of classes or stages fired in 1 day. No club may charge more than a total of sixty dollars (US$60.00) per day and this will be strictly enforced. Every competitor (with the exclusion of Junior shooters) at any NBRSA National Tournament will pay a National Award Fee of $15.00 which includes a patch, certificate and coin, but no trophies. These “Award Fees” are to be forwarded to NBRSA Headquarters by the Host Club. Pre-registration is required for all National Matches. The registration fee is fully returnable in the event that the shooter cannot attend the match, but an additional $40.00 charge is mandatory if a shooter does not complete his/her registration 30 days prior to the match.

6.2.4. NBRSA FEES: The Host Club shall pay the NBRSA $3.00 per competitor per day for a Registered Tournament with no limit. A National Tournament's fees will also be $3.00 per competitor per day with no limit. All Registration Fees are to be sent to NBRSA Headquarters within 30 days of the Match and shall be accompanied by a properly completed voucher and match report.

6.3. MONEY SHOOTS: Every Region shall be allowed to hold Money Shoots. The Director of the region shall note on the region schedule the designated Money Shoots. Match fees shall be at the discretion of the Host Club.

6.3.1. MATCH ENTRY FEES: At a registered NBRSA Tournament, competitors will not be required to pay the cash awards fees unless they wish to. In those cases where merchandise prizes are to be awarded in lieu of cash, a competitor shall pay the match fee, if he/she wants to compete in the Tournament, however, Competitors not paying the cash awards fees will not participate in prize awards, but will receive credit and ranking for groups and aggregates fired, including recognition for any record group or aggregate. Any Club holding a Registered Tournament and which does not undertake to return 100% of the cash awards fees as awards shall so state in its program. Nothing in the above paragraph shall prevent the host club from paying Tournament. Registration Fees to competitors in lieu of trophies.

6.4. SELECTION OF RELAY: Clubs conducting Registered Tournaments have the privilege of permitting competitors to select their relay, but the Clubs cannot alter the NBRSA rule governing the selection of benches. At the Group Nationals, relays may be rotated on a daily basis (ie: 1st relay shoots first on day one, 2nd relay on day two, 3rd relay on day three, etc.)

6.5. DRAWING FOR BENCHES: The Host Club (through its representative), having a list of competitors, shall conduct a drawing for benches in the presence of the shooters of the relay affected.

6.5.1. One of the Referees shall be present to see that the drawing is fairly conducted and to represent shooters not present when called upon to draw. Latecomers must draw their benches by lot in the presence of the Chairman Referee.

6.5.2. A new shooter participating in his/her first registered match, will be allowed to share the same bench or adjoining bench of a more experienced shooter, whose equipment he/she may be using, as long as the more experienced shooter's bench has been selected appropriately. Having drawn a bench, a competitor will not be permitted to make any further changes in relay or bench, except when through some physical condition a hardship results. In which case, before the second event, but not thereafter, the Range Officer may change the assignment of bench or relay or both in such a way as to relieve the hardship.

6.5.3. For a “2-gun”, “3-gun”, or “4-gun” aggregate, the Host Club will have only 1 drawing for benches. This is to facilitate the Statistician in computing these multiple class aggregates. If a Club elects to rotate benches after each group, then it may assign shooters to a bench. Otherwise, the competitor shall draw for bench assignment.

6.5.4. At the request of a shooter, the Club is authorized to grant to that shooter a bench assignment which is the same as another shooter so that these shooters can share the same Wind Flags.

6.5.5. Under no circumstances will a shooter be allowed to select his/her bench. In lieu of a physical bench drawing, computer software approved by the NBRSA Board of Directors may be used to randomly draw benches. At National Championship Tournaments, a system of bench rotation will be used whereby each competitor will fire his/her first match on the assigned bench and for each following event, he/she shall move a predetermined number of benches to the right. This bench rotation system may be used at any NBRSA Match when so elected by the Host Club.

6.6. INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT: A Referee, before each relay of the first event, should inspect the rifles and rests of all competitors in that relay and, except under protest, no competitor shall use in that match, or in any other, any rifle or equipment which is not approved.

6.6.1. No competitor having gained approval of rifle and equipment shall make any substitution thereafter without submitting such proposed substitute items to the Head Referee for approval.

6.6.2. In events which a weight or dimension factor is involved, the Host Club shall provide an accurate scale, which shall be available to the competitors at that event. It is recommended that each range purchase certified weights. However, the weights may be borrowed for the match. It is the responsibility of the Host Range to have such weights available at and during each and every Registered Event.

6.6.3. If weights are not available for regional and national tournaments the event will be considered unregistered and no possibility of records may exist. For local tournaments clubs are encouraged to have certified weights but they are not required in order to hold a registered tournament.

6.6.4. The Host Club must also provide a steel rule and a set of calipers or a micrometer having a maximum capacity in excess of 1.25 inches.

6.6.5. When weighing rifles with scope attached, an excess of 1⁄2 ounce shall be attributable to scale error.

6.6.6. At all Registered Events, the weighing of rifles shall be done on a random basis immediately at the end of a match. The total number of competitors chosen to have their rifles weighed shall be at the discretion of the Referees, but will not be less than five. Those chosen will immediately follow the Referee to the scales for the of their rifle. Scales must be available for a reasonable time for competitors to weigh their rifles before the event. The host club can appoint an official to weigh rifles at any match.

6.6.7. At Group National Events, the Host Club shall make available to the referees an Australian stock measuring device. The device is to be used at the referee's discretion. Any violation of this inspection rule will result in disqualification.

6.7. PROTESTS AND APPEALS: Any competitor in a Registered Tournament who feels aggrieved at a decision of the Range Officer or the Referees, may, before leaving the range on the day the grievance arose and upon payment of the protest fee, appeal from such decision by filing a written notice of appeal with the Range Officer (For protests of a Target Measurement, refer to: Section C.Targets, Item 2. At All Matches). Such notice of appeal, with any written argument submitted by the appellant, together with a statement in writing signed by the Official from whose decision the appeal has been taken, shall be forwarded promptly to the Regional Director of the area in which the tournament was held.

6.7.1. The Regional Director shall append his/her comments and forward the record to the National Executive Committee of NBRSA, which shall decide the appeal without undue delay. The decision of the National Executive Committee shall be final, and if the protest is overruled, all fees paid by the appellant shall be accepted.

6.7.2. The National Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, and a majority of the NBRSA Directors.

6.7.3. Protest fees are $10 at a Regional match and $50 per target at a National or World Team qualifier; if a competitor wishes to protest another competitor's target. The referee must advise the protesting competitor of the rule and amount of the fee.

6.7.4. It is the referee's discretion to determine if the target measurement is an obvious mistake. If this is the case, no charge will be applied. If a competitor wishes to protest his own target during the match, the fee is ten US dollars.

6.8. OFFICIAL SCORE BULLETIN: The tournament sponsor shall supply every registered competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin, including equipment lists, which shall be a complete record of all groups fired and all programmed aggregates. At all Registered Matches, a Top 10 Equipment List must be furnished and at a National Championship, a Top 20 Equipment List must be furnished. A copy of the bulletin must be sent to each competitor within 4 weeks after the match is completed. Match Directors can e-mail match results to the Competitors provided that the Competitor has NOT checked the "Hard Copy Results" Box on his/her Entry Form. A copy of the bulletin must also be sent to the NBRSA Headquarters within 4 weeks after the match is completed and the equipment list, along with the official score bulletin, must be forwarded to the Editor. At all Registered Tournaments, the Host Club must post preliminary bulletins as soon as possible in order that competitors may check the results of their firing.

6.9. APPOINTMENT OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS:

6.9.1. In all Registered Tournaments there shall be a Range Officer, three Referees, a Statistician, and an Official Scorer. The same person may hold the last two offices, other than in National Tournaments. The Host Club shall appoint the Range Officer, Statistician and Official Scorer other than in National and World Team Qualifying Tournaments.

6.9.2. The Regional Director of the NBRSA shall appoint a Chairman Referee who, with the Club Referee shall appoint the third Referee.

6.9.3. At National Tournaments the Director of the Host Region shall appoint from among registered shooters, three Referees and an alternate Referee. The appointed Referees shall select the Head Referee.

6.9.4. No official, except the Referees and Match Directors shall participate as contestants in a National Tournament or World Qualifying Match in which he/she is officiating.

7. GROUPS AND AGGREGATES RECOGNIZED BY THE NBRSA

7.1. Groups:

7.1.1. 5 shots @ 100 yards for all classes

7.1.2. 5 shots @ 200 yards for all classes

7.1.3. 5 shots @ 300 yards for all classes

7.1.4. 10 shots @ 100 yards for Unlimited Rifle

7.1.5. 10 shots @ 200 yards for Unlimited Rifle

7.1.6. 10 shots @ 300 yards for Unlimited Rifle

7.2. Aggregates:

7.2.1. 5 “5 shot” groups @ 100 yards for all classes

7.2.2. 5 “5 shot” groups @ 200 yards for all classes

7.2.3. 5 “5 shot” groups @ 300 yards for all classes

7.2.4. 8 “10 shot” groups @ 100 yards for Unlimited Rifle

7.2.5. 8 “10 shot” groups @ 200 yards for Unlimited Rifle

7.2.6. 8 “10 shot” groups @ 300 yards for Unlimited Rifle

7.3. NBRSA recognizes meters as a course of fire and for records for the European Region only.

7.4. A combination of the 100 and 200 yard aggregates (Grand Aggregate) shall be recognized as the National Match Course of fire for the National Championship in the Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint, and Sporter Classes.

7.5. A combination of the 100 and 200 yard aggregates (or a total of 16–10 shot groups) shall determine the National Championship in the Unlimited Class. A combination of the 200 and 300 yard aggregates shall be recognized as the long range course of fire.

8. DUTIES OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

8.1. RANGE OFFICER: He/she shall conduct the matches and supervise the competitors. He/she shall direct the actions of the Target Detail while they are on the range. He/she shall enforce all safety rules. In the event of boisterous or un-sportsmanlike conduct of a competitor, he/she shall first caution such competitor.

8.2. If the offence is repeated, the Range Officer shall consult with the referees, and if determined appropriate, the Competitor shall be disqualified from the aggregate in which the offence was committed.

8.3. In the event of a safety violation, disqualification shall be at the sole discretion of the Range Officer.

8.4. Refusal to comply with an order of the Range Officer shall be grounds for barring a competitor from the range.

8.5. At each relay of the first match of each day, general instructions shall be announced by the Range Officer in words equivalent to the following:

8.5.1. "If, during the match, an emergency arises, which shall require an immediate cessation of fire, I shall command, Emergency Cease Fire – unlock your bolt. This will permit all guns to be made safe without extracting the case from the chamber. This command will be given only in cases of such urgency that we cannot permit you to clear your rifle by firing. If a condition should arise, which shall require a temporary suspension of firing, I shall command, Hold your fire – clear your rifle by firing or by removing your bolt."

8.5.2. "Do not place any ammunition in the action or breech of your rifle until the command Commence Fire is given by the Range Officer."

8.5.3. "If during a match, a live round is stuck in the chamber and cannot be extracted or fired, remove the bolt and notify the range officer to call an immediate cease fire. At this time, the rifle shall be cased and held by the Range Officer until the end of that relay."

8.5.4. "It is the competitor's responsibility to pick up the rifle and remove it to a safe place."

8.5.5. "Any violations of these safety rules will result in disqualification."

8.5.6. "Any time lost by any such interruption of shooting shall not be charged against your allotted time, and 2 minutes will be added to the remaining time. You must report crossfires to me immediately following the completion of the relay in which they occur. Your crossfire will be counted toward your own record number of required shots. Therefore if you crossfire once, you should shoot only 4 times (shoot 9 times in a 10-shot match) on your record target.

8.6. At every relay of every match, the Range Officer shall announce in substantially these words:

8.6.1. "This is Match number _____."

8.6.2. "Relay number _____ ."

8.6.3. "It is a _____ shot match at _____ yards."

8.6.4. "You will be allowed _____ minutes to complete your firing."

8.6.5. "I shall give a time warning 2 minutes before the cease fire command, 1 minute before, 30 seconds, 15 seconds and 5 seconds before."

8.6.6. "Check your competitor number."

8.7. The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence with an approximate 5-second interval between each command:

8.7.1. "Ready on the Right…."

8.7.2. "Ready on the Left…."

8.7.3. "Ready on the Firing Line…."

8.7.4. "Place bolts in rifles, Commence Firing."

8.8. Two minutes before the time limit shall expire, the Range Officer shall announce:

8.8.1. "You have 2 minutes left to complete your firing."

8.8.2. At the proper intervals, he/she shall then announce:

8.8.2.1. "You have 1 minute left to complete your firing."

8.8.2.2. "You have 30 seconds left to complete your firing."

8.8.2.3. "You have 15 seconds left to complete your firing."

8.8.2.4. "You have 5 seconds left to complete your firing."

8.9. When the match time has expired, or when the last shooter has finished his/her string of fire (whichever shall be earlier), the Range Officer will give the following commands:

8.9.1. "Cease Fire – Remove your bolts – Clear the benches."

8.10. In the event of any situation arising (e.g. Act of God) that is not covered by these rules, the Range Officer has full authority to stop the match and, after consultation with the Referees, announce a decision or procedure which shall be final and binding. Any such occurrence shall be fully reported to the Regional Director for possible remedial legislation. Such report shall be in writing. If at all possible, relays of a match should not be interrupted. No match should be started if it is assumed that all relays may not be completed (Darkness, etc.)

8.11. REFEREES: The referees shall inspect the equipment of competitors and pass upon whether such equipment complies with the requirements of the class in which the shooter is competing.

8.11.1. If found to be non-conforming, the shooter shall be given the right to correct it, to shoot in a class in which his/her equipment does qualify, or to file a protest and shoot under protest.

8.11.2. The Referees shall investigate any complaints of conduct on the range, hardship in the assignment of benches, alleged crossfires, and similar matters and shall report their findings to the Range Officer, who shall enforce their decision.

8.11.3. If any competitor shall be aggrieved by any ruling of a Referee concerning the eligibility of his/her equipment, or any finding of the Statistician concerning a crossfire

or a deficiency in the number of shots on his/her target, he/she shall, upon notifying the Range Officer of his/her objection, be advised of his/her right to protest as provided in these rules.

8.11.4. The Range Officer, Referees, Official Scorer and/or Statistician, as the case may be, shall then prepare a statement of fact to accompany the protest if and when properly executed.

8.12. THE TARGET DETAIL: The Host Club shall appoint the Target Detail, which shall be under the immediate command of a Target Captain.

8.12.1. The Target Captain shall direct the activities of his/her crew within the authority granted to him/her by the Host Club.

8.12.2. The Range Officer shall supervise the activity on the Range, and the Statistician shall supervise the handling of targets before and after being placed on, and taken from the Range.

8.12.3. The Target Captain shall be charged with the proper marking and identification of every target and its backer or backers. The marking shall correspond with the numbers of the event, the bench, and the competitor who shall fire upon the target.

8.12.4. He/she shall see that the same order is preserved with respect to the backer or backers.

8.12.5. He/she shall not enter upon the Range, except by order of the Range Officer and he/she shall be responsible for the removal of his/ her crew from positions of hazard before giving the “All Clear” signal to the Range Officer.

8.12.6. The foregoing responsibilities shall be met by the observance of a Standard Operating Procedure, in which the Range Officer shall instruct him/her. The following procedure is suggested: Prior to the match, an estimate of attendance and an estimate of the number of entries in the several classes shall be made. Sufficient targets shall be prepared to provide enough for each relay in each class for the first match.

8.12.7. The Captain of the Target Detail shall instruct his/her crew in the theory and practice of keeping targets in order and shall demonstrate, on the range, the methods to be followed to insure this result.

8.12.8. With the Range Officer, he/she shall inspect the target frames, target covers, if any, and the moving backer mechanism, and see that all defects are corrected or repaired prior to the match. A routine for entering and leaving the range between relays shall be established and rigidly adhered to.

8.12.9. The Captain shall be the last one to leave the range and shall be responsible for actuating the moving backer and the stationary backer, if any, with their proper target.

8.13. STATISTICIAN: The Statistician shall have charge of the Target Detail while off the Range and shall arrange for the orderly reception of the targets by the Official Scorer. He/she shall supervise the work of the Scoring Detail.

8.13.1. He/she shall collect the scored targets from the Official Scorer and enter the scores of the competitors.

8.13.2. He/she shall be in charge of all totals, subtotals, and aggregates, the operation of the computer, the determination and payment of all awards and the preparation of the Tournament Bulletin and for furnishing the report to the Official Publication of the NBRSA. The Statistician, or an assistant appointed by him/her, shall require each contestant:

8.13.2.1. To exhibit his/her current NBRSA membership card;

8.13.2.2. To fill out and sign an NBRSA registration card;

8.13.2.3. To elect the class or classes of competition in which he/she will compete.

8.13.2.4. To pay the appropriate Registration Fee or Fees.

8.13.2.5. To elect whether to compete for awards, or for record only and, if for awards, to pay the appropriate Awards Fees;

8.13.2.6. To indicate which relay, if preferred. The data thus obtained, where applicable, should be entered onto NBRSA Form RD (Registration Data), and the Host Club shall hold the Registration Card for a period of 1 year.

8.13.3. The Statistician shall act as Treasurer and Disbursing Officer of the Tournament. He/she shall segregate from the Registration Fees that part reserved for the NBRSA and deliver the balance to the Host Club. He/she shall retain the Match Entry Fees and distribute then as awards when the winners thereof have been ascertained.

8.13.4. The Statistician shall have supervision and control of all statistical forms used in the conduct of the Tournament, and shall be responsible for all entries made therein. In the event that any entry of a scoring figure shall prove to be in error, a correction shall be made in an ink of a conspicuously different color, without deleting the original entry. Mere clerical errors not involving scores may be corrected by erasure.

8.14. OFFICIAL SCORER: The official scorer shall direct the duties of the individuals comprising the Scoring Detail and shall in most cases operate the measuring device. He/she shall coordinate his/her duties with those of the Statistician.

8.14.1. Competitors are not permitted in scoring area or stat house unless accompanied by a Referee or a Match Director. Violators will be disqualified from that aggregate.

8.14.2. All scoring shall be by group size from center to center of the widest shots, using an approved measuring device.

8.14.3. The following procedure has proven successful:

8.14.3.1. Immediately after the conclusion of a relay, or a match, as the case may be, the Target Detail shall check the moving backers and count the bullet holes.

8.14.3.2. After counting the bullet holes, if there is less than the required number, the backer shall be attached to its target. The scorer shall examine the target and backer and if he/she determines that there is less than the required number of shots on the backer or target, he/she shall present the target and backer to the referees for their decision. The matter should be resolved prior to the display of the target.

8.14.3.3. Another person, usually the Official Scorer, shall operate and read the measuring device and mark the widest measurement clearly and boldly at a predetermined place on the face of the target. The same person shall score all targets for any one (1) match.

8.14.3.4. Upon completion of scoring for each match, winning places shall be decided and entered onto a form for display to the contestants.

8.14.3.5. National Yardage aggregates shall be computed and posted promptly after the last target of the last match for each course is scored. The total of scores for all National 100-yard matches divided by the number of matches shall be the aggregate. The total of scores for the National 200-yard matches divided by twice the number of matches shall be the National 200- yard aggregate. The sum of the 100-yard and 200-yard aggregates divided by 2 shall be the Grand Aggregate.

8.14.3.6. If in an individual match, 2 or more contestants shall have groups of identical size, their relative position in the match shall be determined in accordance with their relative positions in the day's aggregate for the distance at which the tie match was fired.

8.14.3.7. If in an aggregate, 2 or more contestants are tied with aggregate measurements of identical size, their relative position shall be determined by reference to the individual targets comprising the aggregate. The contestant having the smallest group shall prevail in an aggregate, or the average of the smallest groups (M.O.A.) at 100 and 200 yards shall prevail in a grand aggregate.

8.14.3.8. For the Group Nationals only, if two people appear to be tied for multi-gun aggregates, the scorer will do an add-up with the lowest total to determine the winner.

9. HOST CLUB

9.1. PROGRAMS: Upon receiving assignment of a Tournament date, the Host Club may prepare a Program for circulation to interested shooters. The program shall state:

9.1.1. The name of the Host Club, the location of the Range, and the date of the Tournament;

9.1.2. The schedule of events;

9.1.3. The amount of the Registration Fee;

9.1.4. A schedule of cash awards expressed as a percentage of entry fees or cash option fees collected.

9.1.5. Host Clubs must state in the publication or program whether or not there will be an optional “warm-up” match, 3-minute “sight-in period” or a 10 (or 15) minute match for the first match at each distance;

9.1.6. The Host Club shall signify if bench rotation is to be used either after each match or at a class and/or range; and

9.1.7. The name and address of the secretary of the Club.

9.2. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:

9.2.1. There may or may not be a ceremony preliminary to the Tournament events. If there is one, the Range Officer shall wait until it is over before he/she calls the first Relay of the first Match.

9.2.2. The Target Detail may still be on the range, since the preliminaries do not require an empty range.

9.2.3. The Host Club shall be responsible for the conduct of the event. It also provides for the orderly registration of the contestants; the apportionment of fees; the preparation of forms; the handling, scoring and posting of targets; the preparation and posting of interim bulletins, the handling of protests, and other items incident to a well conducted tournament.

9.2.4. THE HOST RANGE for the National Championship Matches will provide a place for contestants to practice firing on the same range on which the National Matches will be held.

9.2.5. THE HOST CLUB shall absorb all match costs, range help, statistical help, match result bulletins, pre-match announcements and advertisements. Group National Trophies Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited): The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/ awards for at least the following places: 3 Places in Each Aggregate; 5 Places in Grand Aggregates; Small Groups at Each Yardage; and 5 places for "2-Gun", "3- Gun", and "4-Gun".

9.2.6. REGISTRATION FORMS: All clubs holding Registered Matches must retain registration forms for a period of 1 year. Registration forms shall have in case of emergency, please notify (name) and (phone number) to each Shooter Registration Form submitted for matches.

9.2.7. PREPARATION AND USE OF FORMS:

9.2.7.1. There shall be a form posted for the competitors that shows the Competitors name and Competitor number (bench number).

9.2.7.2. The Host Club shall post match and aggregate scores.

9.2.7.3. Forms for NBRSA Membership Applications shall be available.

9.2.7.4. There shall be a match competitor score card for each competitor in National Championship Matches.

10. OFFICIAL RULES FOR LONG-RANGE VARMINT COMPETITION

10.1. Adopted and approved by the NBRSA Directors at their 2001 annual meeting.

10.1.1. RIFLES

10.1.1.1. Light Varmint Rifle as already recognized by NBRSA.

10.1.1.2. Heavy Varmint Rifle as already recognized by NBRSA.

10.1.2. COURSE OF FIRE shall be 5 "5-shot" matches at 200 yards and 5 "5-shot" matches at 300 yards.

10.1.3. The smallest 200/300 yard aggregate for each class shall be the 200/300 Yard Champion. The winner of the Grand Aggregate for each class, combining the 200 and 300-yard aggregates (expressed in minute of angle) shall be the Long Range Varmint Champion for that class.

10.1.4. The competitor with the lowest combined average aggregate (M.O.A.) for both the Light Varmint and the Heavy Varmint shall be the Long-Range Varmint "2-Gun" Champion.

11. OFFICIAL RULES FOR SCORE SHOOTING COMPETITION

11.1. RIFLES. There shall be 2 types (classes) of rifles used for score shooting.

11.1.1. Hunter Bench Rest - definitions to follow

11.1.2. Varmint for Score - as previously defined in Section 2. Definitions, 2(b) Heavy Varmint Rifle and 2(c) Light Varmint Rifle.

11.1.3. Hunter Rifle Definitions:

11.1.3.1. Stocks must not be over 2 1⁄4 inches wide and convex on all bottom surfaces.

11.1.3.2. Bolt action receivers must be no wider than 1.400 inches and no longer than 10.25 inches. Projection on diameter not to include items such as recoil lug, sight bases, safety and similar items.

11.1.3.3. The rifle barrel and action cannot be constructed in one piece.

11.1.3.4. Method of connecting a Hunter Rifle barrel to the receiver shall not be longer than 1.50 inches. This shall include the recoil lug barrel ring, barrel bracket or combination thereof.

11.1.3.5. A Hunter Rifle Barrel must not be less than 18 inches long. The barrel shall have a diameter at and not more than 4 inches in front of the bolt face of not more than 1.250 inches. The barrel shall also have a diameter of not greater than .750 inches at the muzzle at 26 inches from the bolt face. Original factory issue barrels need not meet these specifications. However, any rechambering of factory barrels or rebarreling with new or OEM barrels would require that barrel to meet the above taper specifications.

11.1.3.6. No blocking or sleeving of actions or barrels or actions will be allowed. Glue-ins are not allowed and barrel and action must be removable from the stock without destruction of the stock. Nothing may be fastened to the barrel except sights, sight bases, mirage shields, tuners and original manufacturer’s attachments.

11.1.3.7. There shall be no minimum bore diameter. There shall be a maximum bore diameter. It shall be .338. There shall be no minimum case capacity.

11.1.3.8. Magazines are not required, but actions must be cutout for a magazine. Such a cutout must be large enough to pass the cartridge the rifle is chambered for. Cartridge for this purpose shall mean the cartridge as ordinarily configured, including the seated bullet, when held parallel to the bore. A cartridge

follower or ramp may be installed and may not be attached permanently to the action in any way, by any means.

11.1.3.9. Any sights may be used. Scopes must be limited to 6X magnification or less. Variables may be used, but must set and taped to 6X.

11.1.3.10. Rifle and scope and attachments are not to exceed 10 pounds in weight.

11.1.3.11. Falling Block/Rolling Block rifles will be allowed in Hunter Bench Rest Competition.

11.1.3.12. VFS bore diameter is to be not greater than .338 inch.

11.2. CLASSIFICATIONS. There shall be only 2 classifications in NBRSA Score competition; Hunter Bench Rest and Varmint for Score. Member clubs may award trophies for factory rifles or light hunting rifles, however, any attempt to limit participation of qualified rifles or to set up separate classes may result in suspension of the Member Club. This is not to in any way sanction a separate class for factory rifles. The intent is to encourage new shooters to participate in Registered Benchrest Competition within the rules set forth herein. All Varmint for Score rifles shall compete as one class, no matter what weight class they compete in as Varmint rifles.

11.3. COURSES OF FIRE

11.3.1. Targets (100-yard, 200-yard, 300-yard) for Score Shooting are to be NBRSA approved.

11.3.2. The course of fire shall be 5 record matches at each range aggregate of 100, 200 and 300 yards. The total of 2 or 3 yardage aggregates will determine the Grand Aggregate winner. A “warm-up” match is optional at the discretion of the participating Club.

11.3.3. Matches are to be fired separately with 30 minutes elapsing between the end of one relay and the start of the same relay in the next match. Seven minutes are allowed to fire 5 record shots.

11.3.4. Penalties. When an identifiable crossfire occurs on another competitor’s target, the low value or identifiable shot shall be transferred to the offender’s target and a penalty of one point shall be deducted. Should the same competitor crossfire again on the same target, then he/she shall receive no points for that crossfire or subsequent crossfires. The competitor who crossfires must not then shoot the corresponding bull on their own target. To do so may result in a disqualification, if it is determined that this was an attempt to conceal the crossfire. Any open bull, not a crossfire shall be scored as a 0. If there is more than 1 shot on a record bull, only the lowest score on that bull will count.

11.3.5. Rifles shall be fired from benches, single load only, on non-conforming pliable sandbags, both front and rear. Adjustable pedestals with sandbags under the forearm of the rifle are permitted. Blocks, boxes, or such devices to achieve proper elevation are

permitted. No machine rests or any rest that can return to battery or which retards recoil will be allowed.

11.3.6. The course of fire for Regional Tournaments is to be the same as National Tournaments.

11.3.7. If the first shot during the first record match of an aggregate strikes outside the sighter box and lands in the record portion of the target, and the competitor immediately notifies the range officer for verification, that the shot will not be scored as a record shot. Any subsequent shots in the record portion of the target in the remainder of the Aggregate shall be scored as record shots. This rule will apply at tournaments where there is a 10 minute time limit for the first match of the aggregate. At tournaments where there is a warm-up match, any shot landing outside the sighter box and onto the record portion of the first and subsequent record targets of that aggregate will be scored as a record shot.

11.4. RULES FOR PROCEDURE

11.4.1. More than 1 rifle may be fired, in the case of malfunction, but no re-entry of rifles will be allowed.

11.4.1.1. Only 1 rifle per class may be fired for record.

11.4.1.2. One rifle may be fired for one yardage and a different rifle of the same class may be fired for another yardage.

11.4.1.3. A competitor cannot enter a match with either the same or a different rifle of the same class on 2 relays. This will constitute re-entry.

11.4.1.4. In the case of malfunction of a competitor's rifle, a replacement rifle may be used to finish that target. The competitor must still complete that target within the time allotted.

11.4.1.5. The Range Officer is in charge of the registered tournament and along with the Referees, will rule on all matters of the shoot. The decisions of the referees are final. They have the authority to disqualify any competitor for cause, or if the competitor's rifle or equipment is not within the rules.

11.4.1.6. At the end of the tournament, the aggregate score will be posted. The time of posting will be noted and 15 minutes will be allowed for protest of scores.

11.4.1.7. Safety rules of the NBRSA, NRA and Host Club must be observed. Any more stringent rule of the Host Club shall supercede that of the NBRSA.

11.4.1.8. All score targets shall be scored with the official NBRSA score reticle.

11.4.2. RECORDS. The NBRSA shall maintain records for the 100 yard aggregate, 200 yard aggregate, 300 yard aggregate and all Grand Aggregates. There shall be the establishment of a Two (2) Gun Grand Aggregate, Hunter Bench Rest Rifle and Varmint for Score Rifle. The Two Gun Grand Aggregates will be the aggregate of 100-200 yards, both guns, and 200-300 yards, both guns, and 100-200-300 yards, both guns. (effective 1/1/2011).

11.4.3. The same procedure for submission of records previously stated herein, shall be followed.

11.4.4. All competitors at every registered tournament shall be required to be a member of the NBRSA. (effective 1/1/1998).

11.5. NATIONAL MATCH

11.5.1. The 100-200 yard National Hunter Bench Rest course of fire shall consist of a "warm-up" match and 5 record matches at 100 yards and 200 yards, with a Grand Aggregate winner.

11.5.2. The 100-200 yard National Varmint for Score course of fire shall consist of a "warm-up" match and 5 record matches at 100 yards and 200 yards, with a Grand Aggregate winner.

11.5.3. Hunter Bench Rest Nationals and Varmint for Score Nationals (Short Range 100 yard and 200 yard) shall be bid as a combined event.

11.5.4. Full bench rotation shall be used at all National Match events. Stationary backers must be used, at a minimum of 3 feet behind the targets at 100 yards and 6 feet at 200 yards and 9 feet at 300 yards. Host Clubs are urged to remove and identify the backers after each relay.

11.5.5. Member clubs must submit a bid for a Nationals 2 years in advance at the Annual Meeting of the Directors. Said bid shall include the date proposed for holding these Nationals, and must be then approved by the Directors. All NBRSA Nationals will always be held within the continental United States.

11.5.6. The Match Director of the Score Nationals (Short Range), is responsible for taking minutes at the General Membership meeting. These minutes are to be submitted to the Region Director of the region holding the Nationals for consideration by the Board of Directors.

11.5.7. National Trophies (Score). The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/ awards for at least the following places: 3 places in each Aggregate: 5 places in each Grand Aggregate and most X's at each Aggregate and Grand Aggregate.

11.5.8. Every competitor (with the exclusion of Junior Shooters) at any NBRSA Score Nationals will pay a $15.00 “Nationals Award Fee”.

11.5.9. Ties (using the “Creedmoor Method”)

11.5.10. Yardage Aggregate Ties – Refer to Match #1 and compare scores successively until the tie is broken, match by match. If still tied at Match #5, then revert to Match #1, bull #1 and compare score by bull until tie is broken.

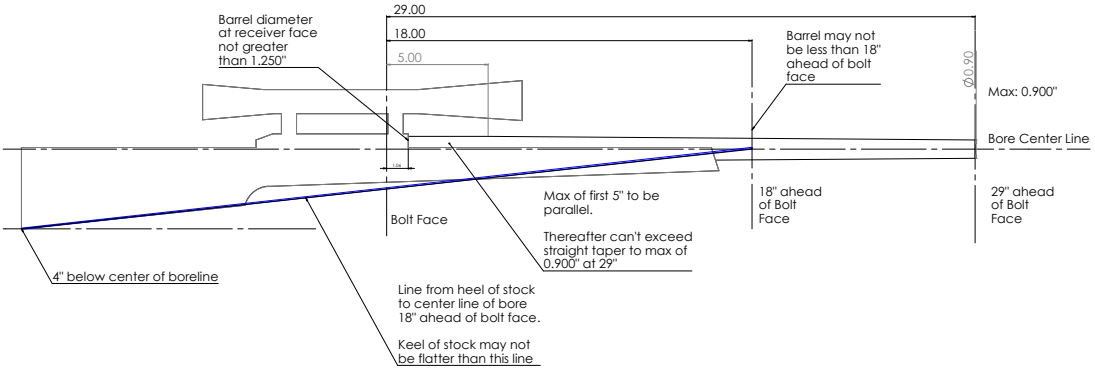
11.5.11. Grand Aggregate Ties – Start with the score of the shortest yardage in the Grand Aggregate. If needed, then start as in the yardage tie method. The tie breaking will continue by match all the way through the multiple yardages in the Grand Aggregate before reverting to bull #1, Match #1, or the shortest yardage.

11.5.12. In the event of a tie of 250 and 25 X’s, then the scorer will break the tie by determining the number of “wipeout” X’s. A wipeout X is defined as the complete X dot being fully circumscribed by the caliber specific ring of the NBRSA scoring reticle.

11.5.13. Any rules not in direct conflict to the above Score Shooting rules shall be in full force and effect.

12. THE VARMINT RIFLE DIAGRAM

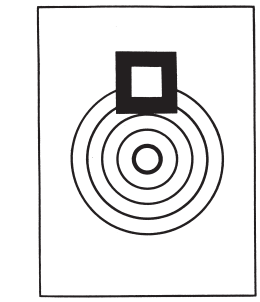
Varmint Rifle Diagram
NBRSA

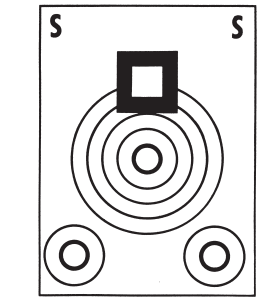


13. TARGET DRAWING

The shot outside of the rectangular border of the target is a Penalty Shot (1” at 100 yards, 2” at 200 yards, 3” at 300 yards) and is not to be measured with the group.

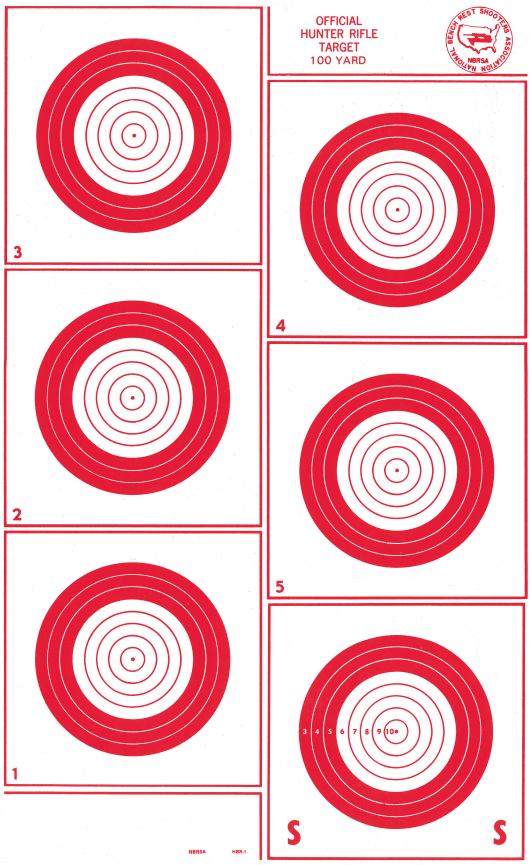
The group is first measured and then the Penalty is added to it. Example: Group of .250 + Penalty of 1.000 = 1.250





OFFICIAL 100 YD.
BENCH REST TARGET

NBRSA BR-100

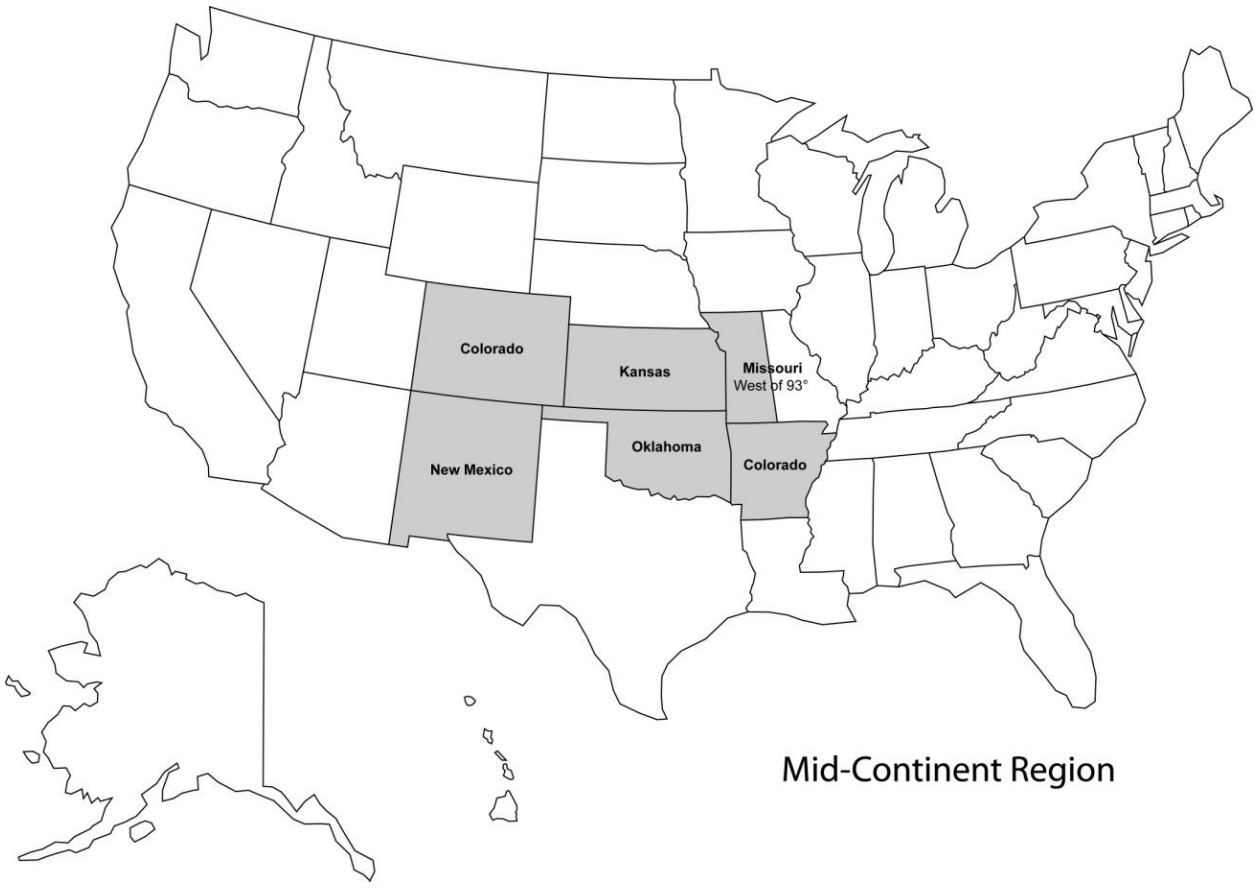


14. REGIONAL MAPS

14.1. EASTERN REGION & NORTHEAST REGION

The Eastern Region also includes Washington, DC; and the Canadian Provinces of QUEBEC and ONTARIO.

NOTE: The Northeastern Region is comprised of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York. Following the September 24, 2005, Annual Board Meeting, the Northeastern Region was combined with the Eastern Region. There were no nominees who chose to serve as the Northeastern Regional Director at that time. When someone desires to serve and is eligible to serve as the Northeastern Regional Director, there will once again be two individual regions:


Colorado
Kansas
Missouri
West of 93°
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Colorado
Mid-Continent Region

Wisconsin
Illinois
Missouri
East of 93°
Mississippi Valley Region

The North Central Region also includes the Canadian Provinces of SASKATCHEWAN and MANITOBA.

The Northwestern Region also includes Alaska and Canadian Provinces of BRITISH COLUMBIA & ALBERTA.

Virginia
North Carolina
Tennessee
South Carolina
Georgia
Alabama
Mississippi
Florida
Southeast Region

The North Central Region also includes the Canadian Provinces of SASKATCHEWAN and MANITOBA.

The Northwestern Region also includes Alaska and Canadian Provinces of BRITISH COLUMBIA & ALBERTA.

The Southwestern Region also includes HAWAII.

By-Laws

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ARTICLE I – MEMBERS

1. Section 1. Members Authorized. The Association shall have three classes of members. Individual Members and Affiliated Club Members shall be admitted to membership after application in the form approved by the Board of Directors and the payment of dues. Continued membership shall be contingent upon the timely annual payment of dues and assessments (if any), continued qualification under these By-laws, and continued good standing in accordance with the judgment of the Board of Directors. Qualifications of membership shall include:

1.1. Individual Members must be individuals of good character, must be friendly to the United States of America, and must honestly believe in the American way of life and principles of freedom. Annual dues for Individual Members shall be as set from time to time by the Board of Directors. Life Members are those Individual Members who pay a one-time fee as set by the Board of Directors. Life Members are entitled to all rights and privileges of an Individual Member for and during the Member's life, except that Life Members who join the Association after August 28, 1999, will also be billed annually for the cost of receiving the official Association publication.

1.2. Affiliated Club Members must be organizations comprised of individual members as described in Article I, Section 1(a) above. Affiliated Club Members have no voting privileges or membership rights, but may receive the official Association publication. Annual dues for Affiliated Club Members shall be as set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

1.3. Associate Members are spouses of Individual Members or any youth (under the age of 18 years) who is sponsored and mentored by a current NBRSA member. Associate Members have no voting privileges or membership rights and do not receive the official Association publication. Life Associates are the spouses of individual life-members who pay a one-time fee (Associate Life) as set by the Board of Directors.

2. Evidence of Membership.

2.1. Each member may be issued a membership certificate. Membership and membership certificates are not transferable.

3. Annual Meetings.

3.1. The annual meeting of members of this Association shall be held each calendar year during the period of a National Championship Tournament, at such time and place as may be designated by the President and specified in the notice of such meeting.

4. Special Meetings.

4.1. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President, the Board of Directors or members entitled to cast ten percent of the total number of votes entitled to be cast at such a meeting.

5. Action by Members Without a Meeting.

5.1. Whenever under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, the members are required or permitted to take any action by vote, such action may be taken without a meeting on written consent, setting forth the action so taken, signed by all the members entitled to vote thereon.

6. Place of Meetings.

6.1. Meetings of members shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other place, within or without the State of New York, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

7. Notice of Meetings.

7.1. Written notice shall be given of each meeting of members, shall state the place, date and hour of the meeting and, unless it is an Annual Meeting, shall also indicate that it is being issued by or at the direction of the person or persons calling the meeting. Notice of a Special Meeting shall also state the purpose or purposes for which it is being called.

7.2. A copy of the notice of any meeting shall be given, personally, by first class mail, or by email not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the meeting, or by another class of mail not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days before such date, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice is given when deposited in the United States mail, with postage thereon prepaid, directed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the record of members, or if the member shall have filed with the Secretary a written request that notices to the member be mailed to some other address, then directed to the member at such other address.

7.3. Notice of meeting need not be given to any member who submits a signed waiver of notice, in person or by proxy, whether before of after the meeting. The attendance of any member at a meeting in person or by proxy, without protesting prior to the conclusion of the meeting the lack of notice of such meeting, shall constitute a waiver of notice.

8. Qualification of Voters.

8.1. Every Individual Member of record of the Association, in good standing, shall be entitled at every meeting of the members to one vote. No other classes of members shall be entitled to vote.

8.2. The Board may fix a date as the record date for the purpose of determining the members entitled to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or to express consent to or dissent

from any proposal without a meeting. The record date shall not be more than fifty (50) nor less than ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

9. Quorum and Adjourned Meetings.

9.1. Members entitled to cast one-tenth of the total number of votes entitled to be cast at a meeting of members or one hundred (100) votes, whichever is lesser, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any members.

9.2. Despite the absence of a quorum, the members present may adjourn the meeting to another time and place and it shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. If a quorum is present at the adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted on the original date of the meeting. If after the adjournment, however, the Board of Directors fixes a new record date for determining the members entitled to vote at the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each member then entitled to notice under Section 7 of this Article I of the By-laws.

10. Organization.

10.1. At every meeting of the members, the President, or in the absence of the President, a Vice President, or in the absence of such officers, a person selected by the meeting, shall act as chairman of the meeting.

10.2. The Secretary or, in the absence of the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, shall act as secretary of the meeting, and in the absence of both the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary, a person selected by the meeting shall act as secretary of the meeting.

11. Voting.

11.1. Whenever any corporate action, other than the election of directors, is to be taken by vote of the members, it shall, except as otherwise required by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation be authorized by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting.

11.2. Directors shall be elected in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of these By-laws.

12. Proxies.

12.1. Every member entitled to vote at a meeting of members or to express consent or dissent without a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for such member by proxy.

12.2. Every proxy must be signed by the member or the member’s attorney in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of eleven months from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the

proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it, except as otherwise provided by law.

12.3. The authority of the holder of a proxy to act shall not be revoked by the incompetence or death of the member who executed the proxy unless, before the authority is exercised, written notice of adjudication of incompetence or of death is received by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary.

13. Inspectors of Election.

13.1. The Board of Directors, in advance of any meeting of members, may appoint one or more inspectors to act at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. If inspectors are not so appointed, the person presiding at a meeting of members may, and on the request of any member entitled to vote thereat shall, appoint one or more inspectors. In case any person appointed fails to appear or act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting by the person presiding thereat. Each inspector, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take and sign an oath faithfully to execute the duties of inspector at such meeting with strict impartiality and according to the best of his ability.

13.2. The inspectors shall determine the number of membership certificates outstanding and the voting power of each, the certificates represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the validity and effect of proxies, and shall receive votes, ballots or consents, hear and determine all challenges and questions arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate all votes, ballots or consents, determine the result, and do such acts as are proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all members. On request of the person presiding at the meeting or any member entitled to vote thereat, the inspectors shall make a report in writing of any challenge, question or matter determined by them and execute a certificate of any fact found by them. Any report or certificate made by them shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated and of the vote as certified by them.

14. List of Members at Meeting.

14.1. A list or record of members entitled to vote, certified by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, shall be produced at any meeting of members upon the request therefore of any member who has given written notice to the Association that such request will be made at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. If the right to vote at any meeting is challenged, the inspectors of election, or person presiding thereat shall require such list or record of members to be produced as evidence of the right of the persons challenged to vote at such meeting, and all persons who appear from such list of record to be members entitled to vote thereat may vote at such meeting.

ARTICLE II – REGIONS

1. Regions.

1.1. There shall be 10 regions, as follows: Eastern; Gulf Coast; Mid- Continent; Mississippi Valley; Northeastern; North Central, Northwestern; Southeastern; Southwestern; and European. (The NBRSA Nationals shall always be restricted to venue in the United States.) Attached hereto are geographical maps showing the states and area included in each region. The Business Manager shall maintain a membership list by region with the addresses of each member.

2. Directors.

2.1. Each region shall have one (1) director to be elected by the Individual Members resident in that region as set forth in Article III, Section 2. The Alternate Director shall be elected to serve for the same term as their Regional Director has been elected to serve.

2.2. Each region will elect an alternate for its director. In the absence of a director from a meeting of the Board of Directors, his or her alternate may, upon written notice to the Secretary, attend such meeting and exercise therein the rights, powers and privileges of the absent director.

2.3. Past directors of the Association residing in that region may nominate a person for director. Other members may also nominate by a petition containing the signatures of at least 10 members residing in that region. Affiliated Club Members may also nominate. Any such nominations must be received by the Business Manager by March 1st.

2.4. Ballots for all regions will be prepared by the Business Manager and mailed to all members in each region with a self-addressed envelope marked “Ballot.” They must be mailed by June 1st. The Business Manager must receive the ballots by July 1st. Tabulations of the results by the Business Manager shall be completed as soon as possible, but not later than July 15th. Ballots must be preprinted and have a form of identification to verify that the ballots received are not reproductions.

2.5. Nominees may furnish a 1-page letter stating their qualifications, which will be included with the mailing of the “Ballot.” The nominee must supply the letters and/or copies to be sent to each member of that region.

2.6. The costs of the paper, envelopes, postage and printing for the ballots shall be the responsibility of the Association.

2.7. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In case of a tie between those receiving the most votes, then a run-off election will be held between those persons.

2.8. The official publication of the Association shall declare the newly elected directors. Any member may request from the Business Manager the actual number of ballots sent out, the number returned and the number of votes received by each nominee.

3. Meetings.

3.1. The director of each region shall call an annual meeting of the region's members either in person or by electronic communication to set forth a match schedule and to conduct any business of the region. All members of the region must be notified by an advertisement placed in the official magazine of the NBRSA and on the NBRSA website or by email at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. The director of each region shall decide the final dates for all registered matches in his or her region. They must not be in conflict with any National matches. The members present at the annual meeting shall be allowed to conduct any business of the region, so long as such business does not conflict with any By-Laws or rules of the Association which shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Power of Board and Qualifications of Directors.

1.1. The Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Each director shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall have been a member of the Association for at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to running for director. Any member will be given up to thirty days (30) to renew from a membership lapse and still eligible for director/alternate director election. Candidates must also be a member of the region that they wish to represent.

2. Number and Term of Office.

2.1. The Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) Individual Member elected from and by each of the nine (10) Regions. As used in this Article, "entire Board of Directors means the total number of directors entitled to vote which the Association would have if there were no vacancies.

2.2. The term of office shall be for approximately two (2) years, beginning on the first Monday following the conclusion of the Group Nationals of that calendar year, and the Board shall be staggered as evenly as possible.

2.3. The director of any region may appoint one or more associate(s) to help him or her in his or her duties as director; however, such associate(s) shall not serve as an alternate director.

2.4. Each director shall have one vote.

3. Organization.

3.1. At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the President, or, in the absence of the President, a Vice President, shall preside, or in the absence of either of such officers, a chairman chosen by a majority of the directors present shall preside. The secretary shall act as secretary of the Board of Directors.

3.2. In the event the Secretary shall be absent from any meeting of the Board of Directors, the meeting shall select its secretary.

4. Resignations and Removal of Directors.

4.1. Any director of the Association may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or to the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time be specified, then on delivery.

4.2. Any director may be removed for cause by vote of the Individual Members from that region, or by vote of the directors provided there is a quorum of not less than a majority of the entire Board of Directors present at the meeting of directors at which such action is taken. Any director may also be removed without cause by vote of the Individual Members from that region.

5. Vacancies.

5.1. A vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors for whatever reason (resignation, illness, death) the elected Alternate Director will step in for the vacant Director position. Alternate Directors filling the Director vacancy shall serve until the next meeting at which the election of directors is in the regular order of business. If neither can serve, the Board of Directors will appoint someone to fill that position that would complete the remainder of the term. In the event that no alternate director exists, the alternate director position will not be filled until next election cycle.

5.2. Except as otherwise provided by law or in these By-laws, the act of the Board of Directors means action at a meeting of the Board by vote of a majority of the directors present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time.

5.3. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or the committee consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written consents thereto by the members of the Board or committee shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee.

5.4. Any one or more members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

5.5. Any rule change governing equipment or course of fire for each shooting discipline (Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited, Long Range Varmint (200 and 300 yard), Hunter, Long Range Hunter (200 and 300 yard), Rimfire, 600-Yard and 1,000- Yard Benchrest Shooting) must first be approved by the Board of Directors. The rule change would then be “temporarily effective” beginning on January 1 of the following year. The regions will have already given the rule change a “first look”. Then during this “temporarily effective” period, the changes will go through a “trial period” before final ratification by the General Membership. The following year, the rule change must be ratified by a majority of the members voting at the National Championship Tournament in the particular discipline affected by the change, and then shall become effective upon ratification.

6. Place of Meeting.

6.1. The Board of Directors may hold its meetings at the principal office of the Association, or at such place or places within or without the State of New York as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution determine.

7. Annual Meeting.

7.1. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall begin at noon on the Saturday prior to the Nationals at a place to be fixed by the Board of Directors, or at any other time and place to be fixed by the Board of Directors. The President shall notify all directors by mail or email at least

thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Meetings of the directors can also be held from time to time throughout the year as called for and agreed to by the directors of the board and President.

7.2. Members will be allowed up to sixty (60) minutes to address the directors at the annual meeting. Their written agenda item(s) must be submitted in writing within seventy two (72) hours of the start of the meeting. Such written notice will be submitted to their regional director or the president.

8. Regular Meetings.

8.1. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such times as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

9. Special Meetings.

9.1. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President, or by any two (2) of the directors. Notice shall be given by email or mail and shall state the purposes, time and place/medium of the meeting. Notice shall be given not less than three (3) days before the meeting.

9.2. The President, Vice President, Controller and Board of Directors will hold quarterly conference calls in addition to the annual Board of Directors meeting on an “as needed” basis to improve communication.

10. Waivers of Notice.

10.1. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who submits a signed waiver of notice whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice.

11. Quorum.

11.1. A majority of the entire Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

11.2. A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place without notice to any director.

12. Compensation.

12.1. Directors shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for the expenses reasonably incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

13. Annual Report.

13.1. The Board of Directors shall present at the Annual Meeting of members a report verified by the President and Business Manager or by a majority of the directors, showing in appropriate detail the following:

13.1.1. The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Association as of the end of the twelve-month fiscal period terminating not more than six months prior to said meeting.

13.1.2. The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during said fiscal period.

13.1.3. The revenue or receipts of the Association, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes during said fiscal period.

13.1.4. The expenses or disbursements of the Association for both general and restricted purposes, during said fiscal period.

13.1.5. The number of members of the Association as of the date of the report, together with a statement of increase or decrease in such number during said fiscal period and a statement of the place where the names and places of residence of the current members may be found.

13.2. This report shall be filed with the records of this Association and a copy thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of members.

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

1. Executive Committee and Other Standing Committees.

1.1. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board, may designate from among its members an Executive Committee and other standing committees consisting of three (3) or more directors. The standing committees shall have such authority as the Board shall by resolution provide; and the Executive Committee shall have all the authority of the Board, except that no such committee shall have authority as to the following matters:

1.1.1. The submission to members of any action requiring members' approval under the law.

1.1.2. The filling of vacancies in the Board or in any committee.

1.1.3. The fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the Board or on any committee.

1.1.4. The amendment or repeal of the By-laws or the adoption of new By-laws.

1.1.5. The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board which by its terms, shall not be so amendable or repealable. Any reference in these By-laws to the Board of Directors shall include the Executive Committee unless the context or express provision otherwise provide.

2. Special Committees.

2.1. The Board of Directors may designate special committees, each of which shall consist of such persons and shall have such authority as is provided in the resolution designating the committee, except that such authority shall not exceed the authority conferred on the Executive Committee by Section 1 of this Article IV.

3. Meetings.

3.1. Meetings of committees, of which no notice shall be necessary, shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the President of the Association or the chairman of the committee or by vote of a majority of all of the members of the committee.

4. Quorum and Manner of Acting.

4.1. Unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors, a majority of all of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the vote of a majority of all of the members of the committee shall be the act of the committee. The procedures and manner of acting of the Executive Committee and of the committees of the Board shall be subject at all times to the directions of the Board of Directors.

5. Tenure of Members of Committees of the Board.

5.1. Each committee of the Board and every member thereof shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

6. Alternate Members.

6.1. The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of the Executive Committee or of any standing committee of the Board, who may replace any absent member or members at any meeting of such committee.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

1. Number.

1.1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Business Manager, a Secretary and such other officers as the Board of Directors may in its discretion determine. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

2. Term of Office, Election and Qualifications.

2.1. Those officers, with the exception of the President, whose titles are specifically mentioned in Section 1 of this Article V shall be nominated and elected by the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting. Unless a shorter term is provided in the resolution of the Board electing such officer, the term of office of each officer shall be for two (2) years and extend to the first meeting of directors following the second Annual Meeting after the Annual Meeting at which he or she has been elected and until the officer's successor is elected and qualified. The President and Vice President must be a past or present member of the Board of Directors.

2.2. At the annual meeting in the year prior to a presidential election, the President will name a nominating committee consisting of two directors to construct a list of members eligible for the position of president and vice president. The nominating committee will contact each eligible member and determine his/her interest in seeking office. Each interested member will be requested to provide a brief biography with goals that he or she would like to accomplish as President. All biographies with small picture will be published in June issue of the Precision Rifleman magazine. Following discussions with their regional membership, the board directors will nominate candidates and elect eligible members for the positions of president and vice president.

3. Additional Officers.

3.1. Additional officers may be elected for such period, have such authority and perform such duties, either in an administrative or subordinate capacity, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

4. Removal of Officers.

4.1. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors with or without cause at any time.

5. Resignation.

5.1. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, or to the President or to the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time be specified, then upon delivery.

6. Vacancies.

6.1. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

7. President.

7.1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors at which the President is present. The President shall act as the chief executive officer of the Association and shall supervise generally the management of the affairs of the Association subject only to the supervision of the Board. The President shall cast a vote should a tie occur on any matter.

7.2. The President shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board.

8. Vice Presidents.

8.1. In the absence or incapacity to act of the President, or if the office of President be vacant, the Vice President or, if there be more than one Vice President, the Vice Presidents in order of seniority as determined by the Board of Directors, shall preside at all meetings of the members, and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, subject to the right of the Board from time to time to extend or confine such powers and duties or to assign them to others.

8.2. Each Vice President shall have such powers and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

9. Business Manager.

9.1. The Business Manager shall, if required by the Board of Directors, obtain a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such sum and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall require. The Business Manager shall keep and maintain the books of account and shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Association, and deposit all such funds in the name of and to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors. The Business Manager shall also perform all other duties customarily incident to the office of Business Manager and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

10. Secretary.

10.1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to act as secretary of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and to keep the minutes of all such meetings in a proper book or books to be provided for that purpose; the Secretary shall see that all notices required to be given by the Association are duly given and served; the Secretary shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, for use at meetings of the members the list or record of members referred to in Article I, Section 14 of these By-laws and shall certify such list; the Secretary shall keep

a current list of the Association's directors and officers and their residence addresses; the Secretary shall be custodian of the seal of the Association and shall affix the seal, or cause it to be affixed, to all agreements, documents and other papers requiring the same. The Secretary shall have custody of the minute book containing the minutes of all meetings of members, directors, the Executive Committee, and any other committees which may keep minutes, and of all other contracts and documents which are not in the custody of the Treasurer of the Association, or in the custody of some other person authorized by the Board of Directors to have such custody.

11. Appointed Officers.

11.1. The Board of Directors may delegate to any officer or committee the power to appoint and to remove any subordinate officer, agent or employee.

11.2. Assignment and Transfer of Stocks, Bonds and Securities.

11.3. The President, the Vice Presidents, the Business Manager, the Secretary, and each of them, shall have power to assign, or to endorse for transfer, under the corporate seal, and to deliver, any stock, bonds, subscription rights, or other securities, or any beneficial interest therein, held or owned by the Association.

ARTICLE VI – CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DRAFTS AND BANK ACCOUNTS

1. Execution of Contracts.

1.1. The Board of Directors, except as in these By-laws otherwise provided, may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, in the name of and on behalf of the Association to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; but, unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, or expressly authorized by these By-laws, no officers, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Association by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable pecuniarily in any amount for any purpose.

2. Loans.

2.1. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Association unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

3. Checks, Drafts, etc.

3.1. All checks, drafts and other orders for the payment of money out of the funds of the Association, and all notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Association, shall be signed on behalf of the Association in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

4. Deposits.

4.1. All funds of the Association not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE VII – INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

1. Authorized Indemnification.

1.1. Unless clearly prohibited by law or Section 2 of this Article VII, the Association shall indemnify any person ("Indemnified Person") made, or threatened to be made, a party in any action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or otherwise, including any action by or in the right of the Association, by reason of the fact that he or she (or his or her testator or intestate), whether before or after adoption of this Section, (a) is or was a director or officer of the Association, or (b) in addition is serving or served, in any capacity, at the request of the Association, as a director or officer of any other Association, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise. The indemnification shall be against all judgments, fines, penalties, amounts paid in settlement (provided the Association shall have consented to such settlement) and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs of investigation, incurred by an Indemnified Person with respect to any such threatened or actual action or proceeding, and any appeal thereof.

2. Prohibited Indemnification.

2.1. The Association shall not indemnify any person if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the Indemnified Person (or to the person whose actions are the basis for the action or proceeding) establishes, or the Board of Directors in good faith determines, that such person's acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated or that he or she personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

3. Advancement of Expenses.

3.1. The Association shall, on request of any Indemnified Person who is or may be entitled to be indemnified by the Association, pay or promptly reimburse the Indemnified Person's reasonably incurred expenses in connection with a threatened or actual action or proceeding prior to its final disposition. However, no such advancement of expenses shall be made unless the Indemnified Person makes a binding, written commitment to repay the Association, with interest, for any amount advanced for which it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified under the law or Section 2 of this Article VII. An Indemnified Person shall cooperate in good faith with any request by the Association that common legal counsel be used by the parties to such action or proceeding who are similarly situated unless it would be inappropriate to do so because of actual or potential conflicts between the interests of the parties.

4. Indemnification of Others.

4.1. Unless clearly prohibited by law or Section 2 of this Article VII, the Board of Directors may approve Association indemnification as set forth in Section 1 of this Article VII or advancement of expenses as set forth in Section 3 of this Article VII, to a person (or the testator or intestate of a person) who is or was employed by the Association or who is or was a volunteer for the

Association, and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party in any action or proceeding, by reason of the fact of such employment or volunteer activity, including actions undertaken in connection with service at the request of the Association in any capacity for any other Association, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

5. Determination of Indemnification.

5.1. Indemnification mandated by a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction will be paid. After termination or disposition of any actual or threatened action or proceeding against an Indemnified Person, if indemnification has not been ordered by a court the Board of Directors shall, upon written request by the Indemnified Person, determine whether and to what extent indemnification is permitted pursuant to these By-laws. Before indemnification can occur the Board of Directors must explicitly find that such indemnification will not violate the provisions of Section 2 of this Article VII. No director with a personal interest in the outcome, or who is a party to such actual or threatened action or proceeding concerning which indemnification is sought, shall participate in this determination. If a quorum of disinterested directors is not obtainable, the Board of Directors shall act only after receiving the opinion in writing of independent legal counsel that indemnification is proper in the circumstances under then applicable law and these By- laws.

6. Binding Effect.

6.1. Any person entitled to indemnification under these By-laws has a legally enforceable right to indemnification which cannot be abridged by amendment of these By-laws with respect to any event, action or omission occurring prior to the date of such amendment.

7. Insurance.

7.1. The Association is not required to purchase directors' and officers' liability insurance, but the Association may purchase such insurance if authorized and approved by the Board of Directors. To the extent permitted by law, such insurance may insure the Association for any obligation it incurs as a result of this Article VII or operation of law and it may insure directly the directors, officers, employees or volunteers of the Association for liabilities against which they are not entitled to indemnification under this Article VII as well as for liabilities against which they are entitled or permitted to be indemnified by the Association.

8. Nonexclusive Rights.

8.1. The provisions of this Article VII shall not limit or exclude any other rights to which any person may be entitled under law or contract. The Board of Directors is authorized to enter into agreements on behalf of the Association with any director, officer, employee or volunteer providing them rights to indemnification or advancement of expenses in connection with potential indemnification in addition to the provisions therefore in this Article VII, subject in all cases to the limitations of Section 2 of this Article VII.

ARTICLE VIII – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Definition of Conflicts of Interest.

1.1. A conflict of interest will be deemed to exist whenever an individual is in the position to approve or influence Association policies or actions which involve or could ultimately harm or benefit financially: (a) the individual; (b) any member of his immediate family (spouse, parents, children, brothers or sisters, and spouses of these individuals); or (c) any organization in which he or she or an immediate family member is a director, trustee, officer, member, partner or more than 10% shareholder. Service on the board of another not-for-profit Association does not constitute a conflict of interest.

2. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest.

2.1. A director or officer shall disclose a conflict of interest: (a) prior to voting on or otherwise discharging his duties with respect to any matter involving the conflict which comes before the Board or any committee; (b) prior to entering into any contract or transaction involving the conflict; (c) as soon as possible after the director or officer learns of the conflict; and (d) on the annual conflict of interest disclosure form. The Secretary of the Association shall distribute annually to all directors and officers, a form soliciting the disclosure of all conflicts of interest, including specific information concerning the terms of any contract or transaction with the Association and whether the process for approval set forth in Section 3 of this Article VIII was used.

3. Approval of Contracts and Transactions Involving Potential Conflicts of Interest.

3.1. A director or officer who has or learns about a potential conflict of interest should disclose promptly to the Secretary of the Association the material facts surrounding any actual or potential conflict of interest, including specific information concerning the terms of any contract or transaction with the Association. All effort should be made to disclose any such contract or transaction and have it approved by the Board before the arrangement is entered into. Following receipt of information concerning a contract or transaction involving a potential conflict of interest, the Board shall consider the material facts concerning the proposed contract or transaction including the process by which the decision was made to recommend entering into the arrangement on the terms proposed. The Board shall approve only those contracts or transactions in which the terms are fair and reasonable to the Association and the arrangements are consistent with the best interests of the Association. Fairness includes, but is not limited to, the concepts that the Association should pay no more than fair market value for any goods or services which the Association receives and that the Association should receive fair market value consideration for any goods or services that it furnishes others.

3.2. The Board shall set forth the basis for its decision with respect to approval of contracts or transactions involving conflicts of interest in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision is made, including the basis for determining that the consideration to be paid is fair to the Association.

4. Validity of Actions.

4.1. No contract or other transaction between the Association and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, firm, association or other entity in which one or more of its directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a substantial financial interest, shall be either void or voidable for this reason alone or by reason alone that such director or directors or officer or officers are present at the meeting of the Board of Directors, or of a committee thereof, which authorizes such contract or transaction, or that his or their votes are counted for such purpose, if the material facts as to such director's or officer's interest in such contract or transaction and as to any such common directorship, officership or financial interest are disclosed in good faith or known to the Board or committee, and the Board or committee authorizes such contract or transaction by a vote sufficient for such purpose without counting the vote or votes of such interested director or officers. Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or committee which authorizes such contract or transaction. At the time of the discussion and decision concerning the authorization of such contract or transaction, the interested director or officer should not be present at the meeting.

5. Employee Conflicts of Interest.

5.1. An employee of the Association with a potential conflict of interest in a particular matter shall promptly and fully disclose the potential conflict to his supervisor. The employee shall thereafter refrain from participating in deliberations and discussion, as well as any decisions, relating to the matter and follow the direction of the supervisor as to how the Association decisions which are the subject of the conflict will be determined. The President shall be responsible for determining the proper way for the Association to handle Association decisions which involve unresolved employee conflicts of interest. In making such determinations, the President may consult with legal counsel. The President shall report to the Board at least annually concerning employee conflicts of interest which have been disclosed and contracts and transactions involving employee conflicts which the President has approved.

ARTICLE IX – COMPENSATION

1. Reasonable Compensation.

1.1. It is the policy of the Association to pay no more than reasonable compensation for personal services rendered to the Association by officers and employees. The directors of the Association shall not receive compensation for fulfilling their duties as directors, although directors may be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses which they incur in order to fulfill their duties as directors. Expenses of spouses will not be reimbursed by the Association unless the expenses are necessary to achieve an Association purpose.

2. Approval of Compensation.

2.1. The Board of Directors must approve in advance the amount of all compensation for officers of the Association. Before approving the compensation of an officer, the Board shall determine that the total compensation to be provided by the Association to the officer is reasonable in amount in light of the position, responsibility and qualification of the officer for the position held, including the result of an evaluation of the officer's prior performance for the Association, if applicable. In making the determination, the Board shall consider total compensation to include the salary and the value of all benefits provided by the Association to the individual in payment for services. At the time of the discussion and decision concerning an officer's compensation, the officer should not be present in the meeting. The Board shall obtain and consider appropriate data concerning comparable compensation paid to similar officers in like circumstances. The Board shall set forth the basis for its decisions with respect to compensation in the minutes of the meeting at which the decisions are made, including the conclusions of the evaluation and the basis for determining that the individual's compensation was reasonable in light of the evaluation and the comparability data.

ARTICLE X – GENERAL

1. Office.

1.1. The office of the Association shall be at such place as the Board of Directors may determine.

2. Rule Book.

2.1. The Association will publish a Rule Book from time to time establishing rules for the conduct of tournaments, types of equipment to be used, and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the Association. These By-laws shall be included in such Rule Books as may be published by the Association from time to time.

3. Books and Records.

3.1. There shall be kept at the office of the Association:

3.1.1. correct and complete books and records of account;

3.1.2. minutes of the proceedings of the members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee;

3.1.3. a current list of the directors and officers of the Association and their residence addresses;

3.1.4. a list of record containing the names and addresses of all members, the class or classes of membership or capital certificates, and the number of capital certificates (if any) held by each and the dates when they respectively became the holders of record thereof (a list of records, etc. add – Only NBRSA affiliated clubs holding the NBRSA Nationals will be allowed to have access to the NBRSA membership files and they are to sign a "Privacy Agreement" BEFORE the files are released to them;

3.1.5. a copy of these By-laws;

3.1.6. a copy of the Association's application for recognition of exemption with the Internal Revenue Service; and

3.1.7. copies of the past three years information returns to the Internal Revenue Service.

4. Seal.

4.1. The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the following: National Bench Rest Shooters Association 1956 New York Not-for-Profit Corporation.

5. Fiscal Year.

5.1. The fiscal year of the Association shall commence January 1 in each calendar year and end on December 31.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

The By-laws of the Association may be amended or repealed by the members at the time entitled to vote in the election of directors or by action of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors. Any Bylaw adopted by the Board may be amended or repealed by the members and, unless otherwise provided in the By-laws adopted by the members, any by-law adopted by the members may be amended or repealed by the Board. If any By-law regulating an impending election of directors is adopted, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors, there shall be set forth in the notice of the next meeting of the members for the election of directors the By-laws so adopted, amended or repealed, together with a concise statement of the changes made.

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