

## N. Official Rules for Score Shooting Competition

### 1. Rifles

- a. There shall be 2 types (classes) of rifles used for score shooting.
  - (1) Hunter Bench Rest – definitions to follow
  - (2) Varmint for Score – as previously defined in “B. Definitions” section 3. Heavy Varmint Rifle and 4. Light Varmint Rifle
  
- b. Hunter rifle definitions
  - (1) Stocks must not be over 2 ¼ inches wide and convex on all bottom surfaces
  - (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.
  - (3) The rifle barrel and action cannot be constructed in one piece
  - (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
  - (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 boltface 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 boltface. 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
  - (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.
  - (7) There shall be no minimum bore diameter, with a maximum diameter of .338 inch. There shall be no minimum case capacity.
  - (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 anyway, by any means
  - (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.
  - (10) Rifle and scope and attachments are not to exceed 10 pounds in weight
  - (11) Falling Block/Rolling block rifles will be allowed in Hunter Bench Rest competition
  - (12) VFS bore diameter is to be not greater than .338 inch

## 2. Classifications

- a. 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. This intent is to encourage new shooters to participate in Registered Benchrest Competition within the rules set forth herein.
- b. All Varmint for Score rifles shall compete as 1 class, no matter what weight class they compete in as Varmint rifles

## 3. Courses of Fire

- a. Targets (100 yd, 200 yd, 300 yd) for Score Shooting are to be NBRSA approved
- b. 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
- c. 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. 7 minutes are allowed to fire 5 record shots
- d. 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 (1) point shall be deducted. Should the same competitor crossfire again on the same target, than 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.
- e. 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 raise achieve proper elevation are permitted. No machine rests or any rest that can return to battery or which retards recoil will be allowed.
- f. The course of fire for Regional Tournaments is to be the same as National Tournaments.
- g. There shall be no penalty of the first shot of each match if it strikes outside the sighter bull area if it is reported to the Range Officer before firing another shot. Any shot outside of and not touching the sighter bull after the first shot will be counted as the score of the nearest record bull. However, a shot in the area to the left of the sighter box or above the sighter box that still touches the extensions of the surrounding lines of the sighter box shall be considered as sighter shots.

#### 4. Rules for Procedure

- a. More than 1 rifle may be fired, in the case of malfunction, but no re-entry rifles will be allowed. Only 1 rifle per class may be fired for record. One rifle may be fired for one yardage and a different rifle of the same class may be fired for another yardage. A competitor cannot enter a match with either the same or a different rifle of the same class on 2 relays, this will constitute a re-entry.
- b. 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.
- c. The Rangemaster is in charge of the registered shoot, and, along with the Referrees, 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.
- d. At the end of the match, the aggregate score will be posted. The time of posting will be noted and 15 minutes will be allowed for protest of scores.
- e. 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.
- f. All score targets shall be scored with the official NBRSA score reticle

#### 5. Records

- a. 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 Aggregate 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)
- b. The same procedure for submission of records, previously stated herein, shall be followed.
- c. All Competitors at every registered tournament shall be required to be a member of the NBRSA. (effective 1/1/1998)

#### 6. National Match

- a. 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. The 200-300 yard National Hunter Bench Rest Long Range course of fire shall consist of a "warm-up" match and 5 record matches at 200 yards and 300 yards, with a Grand Aggregate winner.
- b. 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. The 200-300 yard National Varmint for Score Long Range course of fire shall consist of a "warm-up" match and 5 record matches, with a Grand Aggregate winner
- c. Hunter Bench Rest Nationals and Varmint for Score Nationals shall be bid as a combined event. The Short Range (100 yd and 200 yd) and the Long Range events (200 yd. and 300 yd.) may be bid as separate or contiguous events, and may be hosted by the same or separate clubs (effective 1/1/2014)

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.

Member clubs may 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 then be approved by the Directors. All NBRSA Nationals will always be held within the continental United States

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.

- d. Every competitor (with the exclusion of Junior Shooters) at any NBRSA Score Nationals will pay a \$20.00 "Trophy Fee". This one-time fee shall cover all yardages contested at that Nationals event. {See:F.2.(b)}
- e. Ties (using the "Creedmore Method").
  - (1) 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.
  - (2) 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, of the shortest yardage.
  - (3) 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.
- f. Any rules not in direct conflict to the above Score Shooting rules shall be in full force and effect.