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These Rules, for the conduct of National Championships, have been compiled as interim rules, with amendments by the SSAA National Discipline Chairman's Conference and approved and ratified for printing by the SSAA Inc National Board.

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SECTION 1: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1** The development and encouragement of long range competition shooting
- 1.2** To achieve extreme accuracy in firearms, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods
- 1.3** To promote experimentation to achieve these goals.

SECTION 2: SSAA STANDARD RULES

The SSAA Standard Rules cover common rules, including the protest and appeals process that apply to all disciplines.

The current edition of the Standard Rules is available on the SSAA website at www.ssaa.org.au/standard-rules

These Standard Rules should be used with each disciplines current rule book and they take precedence over any standard rule that may be in a discipline's rule book.

The Rules covered are shown as heading and subheadings in this rule book.

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SECTION 3: LONG RANGE PRECISION SHOOTING EVENTS

Precision shooting events for both rifle and pistol shall consist of three classes

3.1 RIFLE FIELD EVENTS

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3.1.2.2 Rimfire Pistol

3.3 OPEN EVENTS

SECTION 4: RIFLE FIELD EVENTS

4.1 RIFLE CLASSES FOR FIELD EVENTS

There are five classes of rifles for Long Range Precision (Field event).

- 4.1.1 Class "A". Any rifle with a bullet diameter up to .316" with a total weight of no more than 8.5 kg (18.734 lb) including all attachments (except monopod). No fore end shall exceed 75mm in width. Muzzle brakes are permitted.
- 4.1.2 Class "B". Any rifle with a bullet diameter up to .360" with a total weight of no more than 8.5 kg (18.734 lb) including all attachments (except monopod). No fore end shall exceed 75mm in width, (even though class "A" rifles would be disadvantaged they are permitted in Class "B" Matches). Muzzle brakes are permitted.
- 4.1.3 Class "C". Any Rifle with a bullet diameter larger than .360" with a total weight of no more than 18.5 kg (40.785 lb) including all attachments (except monopod). No fore end shall exceed 75mm in width. Muzzle brakes are permitted.
- 4.1.4 Class "H". A common Hunting style rifle built by a major arms manufacturer with a bullet diameter no larger than .316, weighing 4.6 kg (10 pound 2.257 ounces) including all attachments (except monopod).

Also meeting the following specifications.

Trigger: May be adjusted but may not be replaced with a custom trigger.

Stock: Must conform to factory stock dimensions. The stock may not be hollowed out externally. Epoxy bedding and the addition of a recoil pad are allowed.

Barrel: Any replacement barrel shall conform to the dimensions, chambering and configurations of the factory original but may vary in material. Factory fitted Muzzle brakes permitted.

Types: Non bolt action single-shot rifles must have a separate buttstock and forend. All other types of rifle must be repeater types

No custom rifles will be permitted.

- 4.1.5 "50 Cal". Any rifle chambered for one of the following calibres: .50 BMG, .55 Boys, .50 DTC with a total weight of no more than 18.5 kg (40.785 lb) including all attachments (except monopod). Muzzle brakes are permitted.
- 4.1.6 Note: Juniors or physically disabled competitors may have assistance placing a rifle at the shooting position.

4.2 EQUIPMENT

4.2.1 Scope power for Field events shall not exceed 25x and if variable must be set at 25x or less and taped. Boosted type scopes to be set at the scrutineers discretion.

4.2.2 Bipods / Monopods: Bipods must be able to fold forward or backward. The bipod can only provide two points of contact to the ground and must be mounted to the rifle a minimum of 250mm forward of the trigger guard.

The bipod feet can have a maximum footprint area no larger than 50mm at their widest point.

Rubber, metal or non-metal feet are allowed. Spikes on the bottom of the bipod feet can be a maximum of 35mm long.

Bipods that are of spike design must have a marking on each leg which is plainly visible 35mm from the bottom of the leg's spike. The marking on the spike portion of the bipod is to ensure that the spike does not enter the ground to a depth exceeding 35mm.

Monopods or "Bean Bags" are permitted.

A "Monopod" is any device attached to the rifle at any point to the rear of the trigger guard and used for the purpose of raising or lowering point of aim. The monopod must use a foot which conforms to the same dimensional requirement as a bipod foot but may not have a spike.

"Bean Bags" must be one cavity, no more than 250mm in any opposing plane, must not have supportive ears and will only be filled with lightweight material, i.e. no sand or shot. The construction shall be from a pliable material easily compressed by hand.

4.3 CERTIFICATION OF RIFLES

Rifles must be weighed, measured, and certified for compliance before being fired in a Match. In case of a malfunction, a replacement firearm must be certified.

4.4 POSITION

Competitors will shoot and compete from a prone shooting position with rifles equipped with bipods and monopods/Bean Bag (optional). See Rules 4.2.2 & 6.2.3

Prone shooting position: To shoot from the ground with the aid of an optional ground mat and/or blast sheet. The use of an earth-only trench or bipod retention on the shooting mat for the bipod feet will be allowed. Anchoring of the rifle to the ground by any means is prohibited and the firearm must be free to be lifted straight up from the firing position

No other rifle contact with the ground is allowed.

4.5 COURSE OF FIRE

For the Field events, the course of fire shall be five targets of five scoring shots at a single distance. With the exception of Class "C" and "50 Cal" where three targets of five scoring shots at a single distance will be shot. Seven minutes will be allowed for each relay. Metal targets as per Rule 10.1 may be used.

Fouling Shots: A competitor may be allowed one only fouling shot, in a 30 second period, prior to each match at the discretion of the host branch.

Sighting shots for Field events are not allowed as a part of the course of fire. This does not prohibit 100/200 yds/mtrs zero check targets provided all competitors have equal opportunity to use such targets. Zero checking must not be permitted to interfere with the safe, efficient and scheduled operation of the program.

4.6 ROTATION

For each relay the details may be randomly drawn for shooting order.

4.7 RIMFIRE RIFLE

Rules will be identical to The Field Events with the following exceptions:

Rifles: Must comply with Class "A" specifications.

4.7.1 General Rules for Rimfire:

The firearm must fire .22 long rifle only.

Matches to be shot on Mini Core targets or suitable Knock Down Steel targets may be used.

Distances to Start @ 100 metres / yards to a maximum of 250 metres / yards in 50 metre / yard increments.

SECTION 5: PISTOL FIELD EVENTS

5.1 PISTOL CLASSES FOR FIELD EVENTS

There are two classes of pistols for Long Range Precision (Field event).

- 5.1.1 Unlimited Iron Sight:** Any pistol with a barrel no longer than 38 cm (15") utilising iron sights only with a total weight no more than 2.8 kg (7.5 lb) including all attachments. Muzzle brakes are permitted but shall be measured as part of the barrel.

5.1.2 Unlimited Any Sight: Any pistol with a barrel no longer than 38 cm (15") utilising any sights with a total weight no more than 2.8 kg (7.5 lb) including all attachments. Muzzle brakes are permitted but shall be measured as part of the barrel.

5.2 EQUIPMENT

5.2.1 Artificial Support: Artificial support is allowed as a single point support (i.e. a bipod, sand bag)

5.2.2 The point of support must be forward of the Trigger Guard. If the support isn't attached it will have no greater than 75mm contact area and the pistol must be able to be lifted without resistance from the support rest.

5.2.3 No other pistol contact with the ground is allowed.

5.3 CERTIFICATION OF PISTOLS

Pistols must be weighed, measured, and certified for compliance before being fired in a Match. In case of a malfunction, a replacement firearm must be certified.

5.4 POSITION

5.4.1 Shooting position: The shooting position shall be freestyle with only the use of a shooting mat allowed for the purpose of protection from the ground.

5.5 COURSE OF FIRE

For the Field events, the course of fire shall be five targets of five scoring shots at a single distance. Seven minutes will be allowed for each relay. Metal targets as per Rule 10.1 may be used.

Sighting shots for Field events are not allowed as a part of the course of fire.

This does not prohibit practice matches or practice targets provided all competitors have equal opportunity to enter such events or to use such targets. Practice must not be permitted to interfere with the safe, efficient and scheduled operation of the program.

5.6 ROTATION

For each relay the details may be randomly drawn for shooting order.

5.7 RIMFIRE PISTOL

Rules will be identical to The Field Events (as per 5.1) with the following exceptions:

Pistol: Any pistol (including single shot), any sight, weighing no more than 3.6 kg.

5.7.1 General Rules for Rimfire

The firearm must fire .22 long rifle only.

Matches to be shot on Mini Core targets or suitable Knock Down Steel targets may be used.

Distances to Start @ 100 metres /yards to a maximum of 250 metres / yards in 50 metre / yard increments.

SECTION 6: RIFLE OPEN EVENTS

6.1 RIFLE CLASSES FOR OPEN EVENTS

There are four classes of rifles for Long Range Precision (Open event).

6.1.1 Class "A". Any rifle with a bullet diameter up to .316" that the competitor can carry to the shooting position unaided. Muzzle brakes are permitted.

6.1.2 Class "B". Any rifle with a bullet diameter up to .360 that the competitor can carry to the shooting position unaided (even though class "A" rifles would be disadvantaged they are permitted in Class "B" Matches). Muzzle brakes are permitted.

6.1.3 Class "C". Any Rifle with a bullet diameter larger than .360" that the competitor can carry to the shooting position unaided. Muzzle brakes are permitted.

6.1.4 "50 Cal". Any rifle chambered for one of the following calibres: .50 BMG, .55 Boys, .50 DTC that the competitor can carry to the shooting position unaided. Muzzle brakes are permitted.

6.1.5 Note: Juniors or physically disabled competitors may have assistance placing a rifle at the shooting position.

6.2 EQUIPMENT

6.2.1 Benches: The open match can be shot from a shooting bench provided that they are of standard construction and are strong enough to withstand the weight and recoil of "50 Cal" rifles, if being used for that purpose.

Benches should be spaced with competitor safety in mind. Alternately the match can be shot from the ground.

6.2.2 Rests: A rest is allowed to support the front end of the rifle / pistol. A rest is also allowed to support the rear of the rifle / pistol. Rests are restricted to the sand bag type made from soft pliable leather or a soft pliable material, filled only with sand, with a minimum of 13mm thickness of sandbag between the firearm and the rifle rest system wherever the firearm comes in contact with the sandbag, or as per Rule 6.2.3.

The rests cannot be attached to the firearm itself or connected to each other. Front and rear rests must be movable independent of each other. Neither rest is allowed to be attached to the shooting bench and the firearm must be able to be lifted vertically independent of the rest. Rests shall not restrain the recoil of the firearm. Drag reducing tape may be applied to the surface of the rest.

6.2.3 Bipods / Monopods: Bipods (as per Field Event) with or without the use of a monopod are acceptable. A monopod is any device attached to the rifle at any point to the rear of the trigger guard and used for the purpose of raising or lowering point of aim. The monopod must use a foot which conforms to the same dimensional requirement as a bipod foot but may not have a spike. These attachments must be included in the weight.

6.2.4 Alternatively a competitor may use a rear sand bag in conjunction with a bipod.

6.3 CERTIFICATION OF RIFLES

Rifles must be weighed, measured, and certified for compliance before being fired in a Match. In case of a malfunction, a replacement firearm must be certified.

6.4 POSITION

Competitors will shoot and compete from a bench or the prone shooting position with rifles equipped with bipods as defined below.

Prone shooting position: To shoot from the ground with the aid of an optional ground mat and/or blast sheet. The use of an earth-only trench or bipod retention on the shooting mat for the bipod feet will be allowed. Anchoring of the rifle to the ground by any means is prohibited and the firearm must be free to be lifted straight up from the firing position.

6.5 COURSE OF FIRE

For the Open events, the course of fire shall be three targets of ten scoring shots at a single distance. With the exception of Class "C" and "50 Cal" where two targets of ten shot groups at a single distance will be shot. Twelve minutes will be allowed for each relay, including sighters

6.6 ROTATION

For each relay the details may be randomly drawn for shooting order.

SECTION 7: PISTOL OPEN EVENTS

7.1 PISTOL CLASSES

There are two classes of pistols for Long Range Precision (Open event).

- 7.1.1 Unlimited Iron Sight: Any pistol with a barrel no longer than 38 cm (15") utilising iron sights only with a total weight no more than 2.8 kg (7.5 lb) including all attachments. Muzzle brakes are permitted but shall be measured as part of the barrel.
- 7.1.2 Unlimited Any Sight: Any pistol with a barrel no longer than 38 cm (15") utilising any sights with a total weight no more than 2.8 kg (7.5 lb) including all attachments. Muzzle brakes are permitted but shall be measured as part of the barrel.

7.2 EQUIPMENT

- 7.2.1 Benches: The open match can be shot from a shooting bench provided that they are of standard construction and are strong enough to withstand the weight and recoil of "50 Cal" rifles, if being used for that purpose.

Benches should be spaced with competitor safety in mind. Alternately the match can be shot from the ground.

- 7.2.2 Rests: A rest is allowed to support the front end of the rifle / pistol. A rest is also allowed to support the rear of the rifle / pistol. Rests are restricted to the sand bag type made from soft pliable leather or a soft pliable material, filled only with sand, with a minimum of 13mm thickness of sandbag between the firearm and the rifle rest system wherever the firearm comes in contact with the sandbag, or as per Rule 6.2.3.

The rests cannot be attached to the firearm itself or connected to each other. Front and rear rests must be movable independent of each other. Neither rest is allowed to be attached to the shooting bench and the firearm must be able to be lifted vertically independent of the rest. Rests shall not restrain the recoil of the firearm. Drag reducing tape may be applied to the surface of the rest.

- 7.2.3 Bipods / Monopods: Bipods (as per Field Event) with or without the use of a monopod are acceptable. A monopod is any device attached to the rifle at any point to the rear of the trigger guard and used for the purpose of raising or lowering point of aim. The monopod must use a foot which conforms to the same dimensional requirement as a bipod foot but may not have a spike. These attachments must be included in the weight.
- 7.2.4 Alternatively a competitor may use a rear sand bag in conjunction with a bipod especially in pistol.

7.3 CERTIFICATION OF PISTOLS

Pistols must be weighed, measured, and certified for compliance before being fired in a Match. In case of a malfunction, a replacement firearm must be certified.

7.4 POSITION

Shooting position: The shooting position shall be freestyle and may be shot from the ground or a bench.

7.5 COURSE OF FIRE

For the Open events, the course of fire shall be three targets of ten scoring shots at a single distance. Twelve minutes will be allowed for each relay, including sighters

Pistol Matches may use steel targets as per Rule 10.3.1

7.6 ROTATION

For each relay the details may be randomly drawn for shooting order.

SECTION 8: GENERAL RULES FOR ALL EVENTS

8.1 READY PERIOD

A 90 second "Ready" period will be allowed immediately before each relay. Once the Ready command is given competitors and/or their spotters can turn on any electronic devices. No adjustments, handling of firearms, etc before the "Ready" call.

8.2 CHANGING FIREARMS

Unless it has become disabled and has been so designated by the Range Officer, no competitor will change their firearm during the firing of any Match. Different firearms may be used during a Championship but in each Aggregate (which may consist of a number of Matches), the same rifle must be used for all Matches in that Aggregate. Only one alibi will be allowed in a Match. A claim that a firearm is disabled must be made immediately. All shots fired up to the time that the claim is made will stand as part of the official score. The competitor will be given 90 seconds for each remaining shot.

8.3 EQUIPMENT

All devices or equipment which may facilitate shooting and which are not mentioned in these Rules, or which are contrary to the spirit of these Rules and Regulations are forbidden.

The Official Range Officer and Appeals Committee or Match Director shall have the right to examine a competitor's equipment. The responsibility shall be upon the competitor to submit questionable equipment for official inspection and approval in sufficient time prior to the beginning of a Match so that it will not inconvenience either the competitor or the officials.

- 8.3.1 Trigger: Any functional safe trigger of any release weight.
- 8.3.2 Trigger Guard: Must be fitted.
- 8.3.3 Release Triggers: Triggers which function on release are not allowed.
- 8.3.4 Compensators and Muzzle Breaks: The use of compensators, muzzle brakes and barrel porting is permitted but shall be included in the overall barrel length.
- 8.3.5 Electronic Devices and Wind Meters: The use of electronic devices and wind meters is allowed provided they are behind the firing line and the use and positioning of them doesn't impede or distract other competitors. The use and reading of these devices must only be conducted during the allocated time.
- 8.3.6 Spotting Scopes: Are allowed and may be used by a spotter / coach or competitor provided they don't interfere with other shooters.
- 8.3.7 Wind Flags: Wind flags are only permitted in Open Matches. Field events are to simulate long range hunting so flags are not allowed.
- 8.3.8 Slings: Are permitted.

8.4 AMMUNITION

Only the required amount of rounds permitted on the line.

SECTION 9: RANGE STANDARDS

9.1 SAFETY

The Range must meet all normal and local safety requirements.

9.2 FIRING LINE

The firing line is for safety and measurement purposes. No competitor will place any part of their body forward of the firing line. Bipod feet must be on or behind the firing line.

9.3 FIRING POINT

Each firing point shall be numbered to correspond with a target or bank of metal targets and should ideally have a minimum width of 1.8 m.

9.4 SHELTER

The firing points may be protected with a roof but may not be wholly or partly enclosed. Competitors must be exposed to prevailing winds. This does not

preclude the construction of Ranges within areas surrounded or partially surrounded by safety walls. Umbrellas or other types of temporary individual shelters are not to be used.

9.5 DISTANCES

All distances are measured from the firing line to the face of the targets when targets are placed in their proper positions. The distances may be in metres or yards but competitors must be notified of which in any advertising. Matches are commonly fired at the following distances (a +/-1% variation is permissible).

9.5.1 Rifles

All Rifle classes(excluding rimfire) will be shot at a minimum of 400 metres / yards and increase in multiples of 100 metres / yards. The maximum distances are as follows:

9.5.1.1 Class "A" Maximum 1000 metres / yards

9.5.1.2 Class "B" Maximum 1500 metres / yards

9.5.1.3 Class "C" Maximum 2000 metres / yards

9.5.1.4 "50 Cal" Maximum 2500 metres / yards

9.5.2 Pistols

All Pistol Classes(excluding rimfire) will be shot at a minimum of 200 metres / yards and increase in multiples of 100 metres / yards. The maximum distances will be 500 metres / yards.

SECTION 10: TARGETS

10.1 TARGETS

All Matches are to be shot on the Core Target or the Mini Core Target, with the exception of the Field Event. The Field Event can also be shot on banks of five steel targets of identical dimensions, with each target having a five point value when knocked down. These must be shot at in left to right order. All ties will be decided on Core or Mini Core targets.

Note: It is recommended that Centre fire Steel targets are a minimum of 360 bhn and 10mm thick. Rimfire targets may be of mild steel and 5mm thick.

10.2 PATCHING TARGETS

Targets once scored by the scorers and each shot value recorded may be patched for the next competitor. The Head Scorer will ensure all targets are patched correctly. Patches must be of a similar colour. All ties will be shot on clean unused targets.

10.3 SIGHTING TARGETS

10.3.1 Open event: Sighter targets or Plates are permitted only in the Open event but no extra time will be allowed.

TARGET 1: CORE TARGET (1200MM X 1200MM)



Background: Yellow

Aiming Mark: Black

Dimensions	Diameter	Value
Central	150mm	5.1
Bull	300mm	5
Inner	600mm	4
Magpie	900mm	3
Outer	1200mm	2
Rest of Target		1

TARGET 2: MINI CORE TARGET (600MM X 600MM)



Background: Yellow

Aiming Mark: Black

Dimensions	Diameter	Value
Central	75mm	5.1
Bull	150mm	5
Inner	300mm	4
Magpie	450mm	3
Outer	600mm	2
Rest of Target		1

SECTION 11: SCORING

11.1 SCORING

A maximum of 5 shots will be scored on any one target. Targets are to be scored in the usual manner, i.e. a hit that touches a scoring ring shall be given the higher value if a gauge of the same calibre as that used to fire on the target, touches some part of the ring when the gauge is inserted in the bullet hole, or an overlay scoring slide of the same calibre as that used to fire on the target touches some part of the scoring ring when the slide is laid on the target. A round that is found to have "tumbled" will be scored in the usual manner (best edge) if any part of the shot touches the scoring ring then it will be given that value. A tumbled round cannot be gauged. Steel Knock Down Targets (as per Rule 10.1) will have a 5 point value each, with hits and misses noted on a score card.

11.2 HEAD SCORER

The Head Scorer must not be a competitor.

11.3 CROSS-FIRES ONTO ANOTHER COMPETITOR'S TARGET

A competitor firing on another competitor's target shall lose all the shots cross-fired. The competitor, whose target has been cross-fired on, shall not receive the benefit of the cross-fired shot when this can be identified. If the cross-fired shot cannot be identified, it is assumed to be the lowest valued shot on the target.

11.4 EXTRA SHOTS

Where a competitor has fired more than the permitted number of shots for the relay, the highest valued shots will be struck out from targets on which more than 5 shots have been fired until only the number of shots required for that relay remain. If an extra shot or shots have been fired at another competitor's target, then the highest scoring shot fired in that position will be struck from the offender's targets for each infringement.

11.5 TIME PENALTIES

Any shooter who fires outside (before or after) the shooting times denoted by the commands as outlined in these Rules shall have the highest scoring shot taken from their score in that position for each infringement.

11.6 INFRINGEMENTS

In the event of a combination of the above errors, the infringements will be dealt with in the following order:

- a. Cross fires
- b. Extra shots
- c. Time penalties

11.7 TIE BREAKING

In the event that scores are tied in single distance or an **aggregate** (equal score including V-Bulls) there will be a count back carried out by the Head Scorer, (i.e. the person with the highest number of 5's shall be judged the winner. Failing this then the highest number of 4's, 3's, 2's, 1's in that order).

In the event that the scores are still tied, then a shoot off will be conducted in the following format: One 5 shot relay on a new target at the last distance contested. The competitor with the highest total score will be the winner. If the scores remain the same and a tie still exists after countback, the smallest group size will be deemed the winner.

No "sighting in" will be permitted prior to the conduct of any Tie Breaking shoot off.

SECTION 12: COMMANDS AND PROCEDURES

12.1 COMMANDS

Upon being called to the firing line, competitors shall place their rifles, with bolts removed (where possible) and/or an empty chamber indicator or other visible safety device, equipment and ammunition in their shooting position / bench, before the command "Ready" is given. After the "Ready" command competitors may at that time handle their rifles, dry-fire as desired, set their sights and also the competitor and/or spotter can turn on any electronic devices. Ninety seconds will be allowed before the command "Fire" is given. Once the allocated firing time has expired the Range Officer will give the command "Cease Fire". It is recommended that the Range Officer explain the Range Commands before starting the Match.

12.2 MALFUNCTIONS

If a malfunction occurs, the competitor will be allowed to use another rifle and or cartridge and will be given 120 seconds for each unfired round of the relay. Such completion firing may be done immediately, or on a later detail, at the Range Officer's discretion, based on the length of the delay involved, such as rifle repair, substitution, or other pertinent factors. If the completion is delayed the scorer will record the score, adding the alibi scores later.

12.3 DIFFERENT FIREARMS

Different firearms may be used during a tournament, but in each individual Match, the same firearm must be used for all stages in that Match, except when firearm failure occurs and is certified as such by the Range Officer.

12.4 COACH / SPOTTER

Each competitor may have one coach with them on the firing line who may have scope or binoculars and advise the competitor where shots are going, operate electronic devices, keep time, or otherwise advise. The coach may not touch the competitors firearm from the "Ready" command, until the competitor completes firing.

SECTION 13: TERMS & DEFINITIONS

Match: A Match will be the total score for all targets at a single distance in a Class.

Aggregates: Aggregates will be a combination of the scores from no less than two Matches in a Class.

Rifle Championship: A Rifle championship will be the combination of both a Class "A" and Class "B" Aggregates or two Class "A" Aggregates.

Pistol Championship: A Pistol Championship will be the combination of both Iron Sight and Any Sight Aggregates.

Teams Championship: Will be the Team aggregate for the whole championship.

Teams will comprise of two competitors who must be nominated prior to commencement of competition. The team will act as spotters for each other and will shoot with no assistance from others.

National Championships

- **Rifle:** Will consist of both class "A" and Class "B" **Field events** or two class "A" Field events being shot over a minimum of two distances each. Preferably utilising the maximum distance available for each Class.
- A competitor may shoot a Class/Event and/or the championship in Class "H" **instead** of "A" and/or "B" but will still be eligible for all aggregate, team and championship medals.

Medals will be awarded for

- a. Rifle Champion 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- b. JNR Rifle Champion 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- c. U/15 JNR Rifle Champion 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- d. Teams Championship 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- e. Best aggregate (for each Class or Event) 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- f. Best Class "A" or "B" Match Score (for each Match)
- g. Best Class "H" Match Score (for each Match)

- **Pistol:** Will consist of Both Iron Sight and Any Sight, being shot over a minimum of two distances.

Medals will be awarded for

- a. Best match Score (For each Match)
- b. Best Aggregate (for both Iron and Any Sight) at one distance
- c. Pistol Champion
- d. JNR Pistol Champion
- e. U/15 JNR Pistol Champion

National Champion: The National Champion will be the winner of the Rifle Championship at the National Championships.

Open Events: Note: Both or either of these can be shot at the National championship, but will only have Best Match Score and Best Aggregate awards.

Black Powder Cartridge Target Rifle: All technical rules for Black Powder Cartridge Target Rifle matches will be from the current NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Rule book.

(Exception: Core Targets will be used)