

# International Benchrest Shooters 2007 Annual Meeting Rule Change Agenda Items

## LR Agenda Item 1:

### Long Range Marksman Program - points

#### Current rule:

*There is nothing in the rule book currently*

#### *Reason and description of proposed change:*

*Even though there is nothing in the rule book for the Long Range Marksman (LRM) program, this has been a life time achievement award and points have been given on the same basis as the Shooter of the Year program in the past. This was inadvertently left out of the rule book a number of years ago. The new proposed point system is strictly for the LRM program and not the Shooter of the Year program, the two awards are different programs. The proposed system will award points based on the number of shooters beaten during a relay and match.*

#### *The following rule(s) changes have been proposed:*

#### *J) 1000 Yard Competition-*

#### *7) LONG RANGE MARKSMAN AWARDS AND RECOGNITION IBS sanctioned 1000 yard competition only.*

*a. IBS 1000 Yard Long Range Marksman awards will be based solely on points accumulated in 1000 yard registered IBS benchrest matches.*

- 1) IBS registered match must have 2 or more competitors.
- 2) The total number of shooters in a class will be divided as evenly as possible into relays.
- 3) In the case where there is only one relay the winner of that relay must shoot another target that would be scored as there shoot off target.
- 4) It is the responsibility of the individual 1000 yard clubs to submit a schedule of points awarded to each shooter (relay and match) per match to the Long Range committee which will designate one individual to be **Keeper of the Points** who will submit a report to all shooters of the results periodically during the year.
- 5) Class relay winners .05 points for every IBS shooter in the relay.
- 6) Class shoot-off winner .03 points for every IBS competitor in the class.
- 7) IBS National Championship
  - (a) Two gun
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place .03 points per IBS shooter registered
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place .02 points per IBS registered

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place .01 point per IBS shooter registered
- (b) Overall light and heavy gun classes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place .025 points per IBS shooter registered.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place .015 points per IBS shooter registered.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place .01 point per IBS shooter registered.
- (c) Individual classes ( light/heavy score and group)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place .025 points per IBS shooter registered.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place .015 points per IBS shooter registered.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place .01 point per IBS shooter registered.
- (d) IBS records
  - Group or score - 4 points
  - Aggregate records – 4 points
    - (a) Six and ten match aggregate records will be based solely on the first 10 IBS sanctioned matches of the year per club (relay targets only).
  - (e) There is no limit as to the number of clubs a shooter may accumulate LRM points at during the year

### LR Agenda Item 2:

#### Long Range Marksman Program - Awards

##### Current rule:

*There is nothing in the rule book currently*

##### *Reason and description of proposed change:*

*Even though there is nothing in the rule book for the Long Range Marksman (LRM) program, this has been a life time achievement award and points have been given on the same basis as the Shooter of the Year program in the past. This was inadvertently left out of the rule book a number of years ago. The new proposed awards are strictly for the LRM program and not the Shooter of the Year program, the two are different programs. The proposal will give awards for life time achievements beyond the current gold awards.*

##### *The following rule(s) changes have been proposed:*

*The Long Range Marksman Awards will be as follows:*

- 1) 30 LRM points – Bronze - shooter is awarded a Jacket.*
- 2) 60 LRM points – Silver - Shooter is awarded a Silver logo and a plaque*

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- 3) 100 LRM points – Gold – Shooter is awarded a Gold logo and a Plaque
- 4) 130 LRM points – a Star is added to the Bronze logo and a Plaque
- 5) 160 LRM points – a Star is added to the Silver Logo and a Plaque
- 6) 190 LRM points – a Star is added to the Gold logo and a Plaque
- 7) 200 LRM points – Platinum logo and a Plaque

## LR Agenda Item 3:

### Definition of a Relay

#### Current rule:

*J) 1000 yard Completion- 1) course of fire – Heavy Gun  
a. Competitors are assigned to relays. Group size and score winners from each relay will compete in respective Shoot-Offs to determine the overall match winners. If a competitor has both the smallest group and highest score in a relay, the smallest group will take precedent, and the competitor with the next highest score will advance to the score Shoot Off.*

#### *Reason and description of proposed change:*

*This proposal would allow the individual 1000 yard clubs to determine the number of relay targets to be shot and aggregated in a match to determine the shooters that would advance to the shoot offs. This would give the shooters of a club potentially more shooting and allow clubs currently not affiliated with the IBS to affiliate with the IBS and shoot the IBS format in addition to their clubs current affiliation format.*

#### *The following rule(s) changes have been proposed:*

*a. Competitors are assigned to relays. A relay shall consist of a one, two, or three target aggregate, number of targets to be shot for a relay will be determined by the individual Clubs, submitted with their Match contract and approved by the IBS Match Schedule Chairman before the start of their season. Points awarded under the individual Long Range Marksman and Shooter of the Year programs would be the same irregardless of the number of targets shot in a relay. Six and Ten Match aggregates for IBS records would be based solely on the first target shot in a relay. Group size and score winners from each relay will compete in respective Shoot-Offs to determine the overall match winners. If a*

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*competitor has both the smallest group and highest score in a relay, the smallest group will take precedent, and the competitor with the next highest score will advance to the score Shoot Off.*

## LR Agenda Item 4:

### 1000 yard Shooter of the Year program and points

#### Current rule:

#### *J) 1000 Yard Competition-*

#### *5) IBS Awards and Recognition*

*a. IBS 1000 yard Shooter of the Year (SOY) honors will be based solely on the points accumulated at the first 10 sanctioned IBS 1000 yard benchrest matches.*

#### *b. IBS Nationals (50 or more competitors in class)*

- (a) Two Gun winner 4 points*
- (b) Class Group winner 3 points*
- (c) Class Score winner 3 points*
- (d) 2-10 Class winner 1 point*

#### *c. IBS Nationals (20 to 49 competitors)*

- (a) Two Gun winner 2 points*
- (b) Class Group winner 1 points*
- (c) Class Score winner 1 points*
- (d) 2-10 Class winner 1/2 point*

#### *d. IBS Sanctioned Match (50 or more competitors)*

- (a) Class shoot-off winner 2 points*
- (b) Class Relay winner 1/2 point*

#### *e. IBS Sanctioned Match (20 to 49 competitors )*

- (a) Class shoot-off winner 1 points*
- (b) Class Relay winner 1/2 point*

#### *f. IBS Record Set*

- (a) Group Record 4 points*
- (b) Score Record 4 points*
- (c) Aggregate Record 4 points*

#### Reason and description of proposed change:

*The new proposed points system would award Shooter of the Year points based on the number of shooters beaten on a relay and the total number of shooters beaten in a class for the Match. It is believed this is a fairer system of awarding points for Relay and match wins where as the current system has only two point breaks, 20 shooters are needed to hold a match points are the same from 20*

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*shooters through 49 and additional point is awarded for shooters in excess of 50 for match wins. The current point system is the same for relay wins irregardless of the number of shooters on a relay. Under the proposed system Shooter of the Year points will awarded at a match with 2 or more shooters verses the old 20 or more shooters.*

*The following rule(s) changes have been proposed:*

## **J) 1000 Yard Competition-**

### **5) IBS Awards and Recognition**

**a. IBS 1000 yard Shooter of the Year (SOY) honors will be based solely on the points accumulated at the first 10 sanctioned IBS 1000 yard matches per IBS 1000 yard club per year. There is no limit as to the number of clubs a shooter may accumulate SOY points at, as long as they are the first 10 matches sanctioned by the IBS per club during the calendar year.**

### **b. 1000 yard Shooter of the Year Program**

- 1) IBS registered match must have 2 or more competitors.**
- 2) IBS 1000 yard Shooter of the Year (SOY) honors will be based solely on the points accumulated at the first 10 sanctioned IBS 1000 yard matches per IBS 1000 yard club per year. There is no limit as to the number of clubs a shooter may accumulate SOY points at, as long as they are the first 10 matches sanctioned by the IBS per club during the calendar year.**
- 3) The total number of shooters in a class will be divided as evenly as possible into relays.**
- 4) In the case where there is only one relay the winner of that relay must shoot another target that would be scored as there shoot off target.**
- 5) It is the responsibility of the individual 1000 yard clubs to submit a schedule of points awarded to each shooter (relay and match) per match for SOY. The Long Range committee which will designate one individual to be Keeper of the Points who will submit a report of results to all shooters periodically during the year.**
- 6) Class relay winners .05 points for every IBS shooter in the relay.**
- 7) Class shoot-off winner .03 points for every IBS competitor in the class.**
- 8) IBS National Championship**
  - (e) Two gun**
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place .03 points per IBS shooter registered**
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place .02 points per IBS registered**
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place .01 point per IBS shooter registered**
  - (f) Overall light and heavy gun classes**
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place .025 points per IBS shooter registered.**
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place .015 points per IBS shooter registered.**

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3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place .01 point per IBS shooter registered.

(g) Individual classes ( light/heavy score and group)

1<sup>st</sup> place .025 points per IBS shooter registered.

2<sup>nd</sup> place .015 points per IBS shooter registered.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place .01 point per IBS shooter registered.

(h) IBS records

Group or score - 4 points

Aggregate records – 4 points

(a) Six and ten match aggregate records will be based solely on the first 10 IBS sanctioned matches of the year per club (relay targets only). The six match aggregates will be determined by the best 6 group and score targets out of the first 10 IBS sanctioned matches of the year per club (relay targets only). A shooter may have six and ten match. Aggregates at each IBS 1000 yard club.

### LR Agenda Item 7: Score tie breaker –

#### *Current rule:*

**LONG RANGE COMPETITION E 20)** In case of a tie for any award in an individual match, winners are determined as follows: in any case of a tie for score, the smallest group of the two targets will determine the winner. In the case of a tie for the smallest group, the higher score determines the winner. In case of a tie for the smallest group, and score is also tied, the bullet nearest to the center of the bull's-eye determines the winner. In the case of a tie for score, and group size in the same as well, the bullet hole nearest to the center of the bull's-eye determines the winner.

#### *Reason and description of proposed change:*

Proposed change to the current 1000 yard Benchrest score tie breaker rule which uses group size as the first tie breaker.

It is my contention that group size is secondary and contradictory to establishing a winning score target and should not be the first choice for a tie breaker. In view of that I suggest the current rule be revised to use X count as the first tie breaker. Should that fail to establish a clear cut winner then and only then will group size can be used to finally determine the winner. In the very unlikely instance that the previous methods fail to establish a clear cut winner closest to center would be the final criteria used to establish a winner. To establish the winner for score at any long range match the following procedure must be followed. Total numerical value will be established by totaling the value of each shot in accordance to its location in the scoring rings. The highest point value is declared the winner for score. Should that value be the same as another shooter(s) the number of X's will be totaled for each target and the target with the most Xs will be awarded the win. Should the targets still have equal value the smallest group size as measured and established by the official scorers will be the declared winner. Should there still be a tie the final criteria will be the target with the shot closest to the center of the target which is represented by the X in the center of the X Ring. If the above

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methods fail to establish a winner the shooters of the targets will be awarded relay points and wins thereby advancing to the shoot offs. If this occurs in a shoot off and reshoot should be declared

***The following rule(s) changes have been proposed:***

In case of a tie for any award in an individual match, winners are determined as follows: in any case of a tie for score, the number shots in the X ring will be totaled and the target with the most X's will determine the winner. In the case of a tie for score and the X ring count, the smallest group will determine the winner. If there is still a tie for score the target with the closest shot to the center of the target which is represented by the X in the center of the X ring, will determine the winner. In the case of a tie for the smallest group, the higher score determines the winner. In case of a tie for the smallest group, and score is also tied, the bullet nearest to the center of the bull's-eye determines the winner.

**LR Agenda Item #8:**

**Shooter of the Year Program**

**A.**

**If this agenda item is passed it will go into effect for the 2007 shooting season and will be for a one year trial period.**

Reason and description of the proposed change:

The purpose of this proposal is to make the points at the National Championship more uniform.. Instead of 1<sup>st</sup> place getting a lot of points and 2<sup>nd</sup> place getting just a few this would even things out more. For instance 10<sup>th</sup> place should not get as many points as 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the individual classes.

The following rule change has been proposed:

VII) Long Range Competition

D) 1000 Yard Competition

4) IBS AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

IBS sanctioned 1000 Yard competition only.

c. IBS National Championship Points ( 20 or more competitors)

(a) Two Gun

1<sup>st</sup> place- 2 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place- 1 point

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place – 0.5 point

(b) Overall Light and Heavy Gun Classes

1<sup>st</sup> place – 1 point

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 0.5 point

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place 0.25 point

(c) Individual classes (Light/Heavy score and group)

1<sup>st</sup> place – 1.5 points

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2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place - 1 point  
6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place – 0.5 point

### LR Agenda Item #9:

#### Shooter of the Year Program

If this agenda item is passed it will go into effect for the 2007 shooting season and will be for a one year trial period.

Reason and description of the proposed change:

The purpose of this proposal is to put more emphasis on the relay. A shooter shoots against a larger number of shooters in the relay than he does in the shootoffs. This would make it more fair for a shooter who wins relays but not shootoffs to accumulate points towards his Shooter of the Year awards.

The following rule change has been proposed:

#### VII) Long Range Competition

##### D) 1000 Yard Competition

##### 4) IBS AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

IBS sanctioned 1000 Yard competition only.

- a. IBS 1000 Yard Shooter of the Year honors will be based solely on points accumulated in the 10 sanctioned aggregate 1000 Yard matches at each club, the National Championships, and records.

- (a) In case of a tie for the Shooter of the Year points the winners are determined

Using the following criteria: #1- Total number of shoot-off wins,  
#2- Number

Of relay wins, #3- Season group aggregate, #4- Season score aggregate.

- b. IBS sanctioned match(20 or more competitors)

- (a) The number of shooters in a class will be divided as evenly as possible into relays.

- (b) Class Shoot-off winner : 0.5 points (20 to 49 shooters)

1 point (50 or more shooters)

- (c) Class Relay winner : 0.1 point for every IBS shooter in the relay

Records:

Group or score 4 points

Aggregate records 4 points

SC#1

### **Proposed By-Law For the IBS**

Rule as currently written:

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Directors  
Article XIV  
Score Committee  
Section 1.

The Score Committee shall consist minimum of three(3) and a maximum of six (6) individual members nominated and elected by a majority vote of the Hunter rifle competitors at the Annual Meeting.

Reason for rule change:

The current bylaws allow for only the Hunter rifles competitors present at the annual meeting to nominate and vote on Score Committee members. The Score Committee represents both Hunter and Varmint for Score competitors and the rules need to be changed to reflect that ALL score shooters have a choice as to who is nominated and voted on for the Score Committee at the annual meeting.

Proposed change to rules:

In the bylaws, under directors Article XIV Score Committee Section 1, change the words "Hunter Competitors" to read "Score Competitors".

**The Score Committee recommends this by-law change.**

SC#2

## **VII. Score Shooting**

C. Rifle-Hunter and Varmint Hunter

*8.A magazine shall be capable of holding two or more loaded rounds of ammunition.* The action will have a magazine cut in its bottom and the magazine shall be capable of holding two or more loaded rounds of ammunition for which the rifle barrel is chambered.

Strike" *A magazine shall be capable of holding two or more loaded rounds of ammunition*"

Add the balance of the text to more clearly define a hunter action and the type of ammunition it must be able to hold within its magazine.

**The Score Committee recommends this rule change.**

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SC#3

## VII Score Shooting

- 1) Hunter rifle stocks must conform to the requirements established for the Heavy Varmint Rifle with the following additional requirements: 1) The maximum width is 2.250 inches and 2) Stocks must have a magazine area that will meet the magazine requirements for Hunter Class rifles in VII C-8.  
Stocks must be conventional hunting design and shape, not over 2.25 inches wide. Stocks of synthetic materials are allowed. Stocks to be convex on all bottom surfaces perpendicular to the barrel”

Add” Hunter rifle stocks must conform to the requirements established for the Heavy Varmint rifle with the following additional requirements: 1) The maximum width is 2.250 inches and 2) Stocks must have a magazine area that will meet the magazine requirement for Hunter Class Rifles in C-8.

**Delete** Stocks must be conventional hunting design and shape, not over 2.25 inches wide. Stocks of synthetic materials are allowed. Stocks to be convex on all bottom surfaces perpendicular to the barrel”

The convex bottom requirement is suggested dropped because many of the currently manufactured hunter rifle stocks have a flat bottom.

**The Score committee recommends this rule change.**

SC#4

Rule as currently written:

Score Shooting

### B. Purpose

- a. 5) To attract shooters not previously engaged in Competitive Target Shooting
- 6) To improve hunting rifle accuracy and effects of components used therein
- 7) To better acquaint shooters with their rifles and competitive sportsmanship

### B. Classifications

- 1) Hunter Class shall be fired with any cartridge with no less than 30-30 Win case capacity. This is accepted as 45 grains of water to the top of the neck. It shall be fired with a rifle meeting the rules described in Section VI.C

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2) Varmint-Hunter Class shall be fired with any center fire cartridge.  
The rifle shall meet the rules as described in Section VI.C

3) Varmint For Score shall be fired with any rifle meeting the Light Varmint or Heavy Varmint rules as described Sections V.B.2 and V.B.3 of this rulebook. Records will be recognized for Light Varmint and Heavy Varmint Rifles but both rifles shall compete as a single center fire class. Rimfire rifles shall compete as separate Light Varmint and Heavy Varmint classes. There shall be no distinction between Light Varmint and Sporter records. They shall be considered singly as a 10 ½ pound class.

### **Reason for rule change:**

To allow the HV and LV classes to compete separately would allow the clubs, IF THEY CHOOSE, to offer a LV/HV grand aggregate match. This format would provide the shooters more opportunities to compete as well as more revenue for the IBS and the local clubs from the additional match fees.

### **Proposed change to rule:**

Under “Score Shooting B. classifications” change 3) to read, “**Varmint for Score** shall be fired with any rifle meeting the Light Varmint or Heavy Varmint rules as described Sections V.B.2 and V.B.3 of this rulebook. Records will be recognized for Light Varmint and Heavy Varmint Rifles and both rifles may compete as an individual class within the VFS class. Rimfire rifles shall compete as separate Light Varmint and Heavy Varmint classes. There shall be no distinction between Light Varmint and Sporter records. They shall be considered singly as a 10-½ pound class.

**The Score Committee recommends this change if the agenda item wording remains unchanged**

### **SC#5**

Establish Jr. Records in all IBS disciplines and classes beginning with the 2007 shooting season.

**The Score Committee does not recommend this rule change.** The Score Committee feels this agenda item needs to be reviewed by the various discipline Committees to determine if establishing Jr. Records is practical.

### **SC#6**

Item K Official Score Bulletins

The tournament sponsor shall supply every registered competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin which shall be a complete record of all groups fired, etc.

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K. Competitor “may elect” to have results e-mailed to save club money or postage.  
If competitor does not elect e-mail of results, club will mail results.

**The Score committee recommends this change as written if the emailed match reports are complete as described in the rulebook. Abbreviated reports are not acceptable.**

**Sc#7 thru SC#30 Rule changes**, these agenda items were submitted by the IBS rule book committee. These agenda items are spelling corrections, clarifications, and general clean-up of rule book wording.

**The Score Committee recommends the changes as written.** The committee also recommends that these agenda items be voted on as a group rather than voting on each item.

## SC7

### Current Rule:

#### III Tournament procedures

##### M Conduct of Tournaments

###### O. Unused Benches:

In all Registered Tournament it shall be required that no contestant shall occupy any bench in a relay in which he/she is not shooting

### Proposed Rule:

#### III Tournament procedures

##### M Conduct of Tournaments

###### O. Unused Benches:

In all Registered Tournament it shall be required that no contestant shall occupy any bench in a relay in which he/she is not shooting. Violating this rule will result in disqualification from the tournament.

## SC#8

### Current Rule:

#### II Definitions

##### H. Rests in a Registered Tournament:

**3. The rear sandbag** shall be a bag, or combination of bags containing sand only. The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least ¼” with finger pressure at any point, except for the bottom 1 inch of the bag, which may be hard.

### Proposed Change:

##### H. Rests in a Registered Tournament:

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3. The rear sandbag shall be a bag, or combination of bags containing sand only. Zirconium silicate, known as heavy sand, is allowed. No other metallic sand will be used by any competitor .

## SC#9:

### Current Rule:

#### III. Tournament Procedures

##### A. Tournaments

###### 1) Types of Tournaments

- a. Tournaments shall be of two general classes: (a) Registered, and (b) Unregistered. Only Registered Tournaments shall be recognized for record purposes
- b. All tournaments shall consist of any sight matches with no coaching permitted. Exception: see Score Shooting & 1000 YRD

### Proposed Change:

#### A. Tournaments

##### 1) Types of Tournaments

- a. Tournaments shall be of two general classes: (a) Registered, and (b) Unregistered. Only Registered Tournaments shall be recognized for record purposes
- b. All tournaments shall consist of any sight matches with no coaching permitted. Exception: see Score Shooting & 1000 YRD page32 VI E96) Score Shooting rule section and page 33, VII A(3) of the Long Range Competition rules

This gives a competitor the page and rules numbers referenced here...for clarity.

## SC#10:

### Current Rule:

#### III. Tournament Procedures

##### B. Registration

2. The Host Club shall forward to the headquarters of IBS within four weeks of the Tournament, all registration cards together with a registration fee of \$2.00 per day. (Rimfire rules specify \$1.00 Per Gun).

### Proposed Rule:

##### B. Registration

3. The Host Club shall forward to the headquarters of IBS within four weeks of the Tournament, all registration cards together with a registration fee of \$2.00 per day. (Rimfire rules specify \$1.00 Per Gun). 1000 yard competitors will pay \$1 per day per registered gun, except for the 100 Yard Nationals which is \$2 per day per registered gun (to account for one shooter firing multiple guns if a host club allows.)

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Rule clarification.

## SC#11:

### Current Rule:

III. Tournament Procedures

#### **D. Match Entry Fees**

3. Competitors not paying entry fees will not participate in merchandise or money awards but will receive credit and ranking for groups and aggregates fired, including recognition for any record group or aggregate

### Proposed Change:

III. Tournament Procedures

#### **D. Match Entry Fees**

3. Competitors not paying cash fees will not participate in merchandise or money awards but will receive credit and ranking for groups and aggregates fired, including recognition for any record group or aggregate

Add the word “cash” and strike the word “entry” to differentiate between entry fees and cash fees.

## SC#12

### Current Rule:

#### **III. Tournament procedures**

##### **G. Appointment of Tournament Officials**

- 1) In all Registered Tournaments there shall be a Range Officer, three Referees, a Statistician, and an Official Scorer
- 2) All officials at Championship Tournaments must be approved by the President of IBS
- 3) No official, except Referees, shall participate as contestants in a Championship Tournament in which he/she is an official.
- 4) Referees must be IBS members in good standing

### Proposed Rule:

III Tournament Procedures

#### *G. Appointment of Tournament Officials*

1. In all Registered Tournaments there shall be a Range Officer, three Referees and an alternate, a Statistician, and an Official Scorer. The purpose of the alternate referee is to act in the place of any referee who is shooting and who requests one of his/her targets to be re-

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measured or plugged. No referee will, under any circumstance, judge their own target or targets.

2. All officials at Championship Tournaments must be approved by the President of IBS
3. No official, except Referees, shall participate as contestants in a Championship Tournament in which he/she is an official. At the discretion of the host IBS club, a Range Officer may shoot as long as he/she is not responsible for providing Range Officer supervision for a Match in which he/she is actually shooting.
4. Referees and alternates must be IBS members in good standing

### SC#13:

#### Current Rule:

##### *I. Inspection of Equipment*

- 1) A scale with official weights shall be set up near the firing line at all Registered Tournaments requiring

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- weight limits on rifles. Competitors may use this equipment prior to and during the matches
- 2) The Referees shall inspect every rifle on the firing line, preferably as the competitors leave the firing line but at the Referees' discretion, during the firing of the matches
  - 3) Referees will spot check at their discretion rifle weight dimensions and rests. Please cooperate. An overweight rifle, or one outside the rules dimensionally, or an illegal rest constitutes grounds for disqualification
  - 4) Certified Master Weights are required at all Registered Tournaments. Scales should have a zeroing pointer. Scales must be balanced and leveled including the one-ounce error factor. Scales are to be set up in a reasonably permanent location and should remain at this location for the duration of the Tournament
  - 5) In Tournament where the dimension factor is involved the Host Club shall provide an accurate scale, a steel rule, and a pair of calipers or micrometer having a maximum capacity in excess of 1.25". In weighing rifles with scope attached an excess of one ounce shall be attributed to scale error

## **Proposed Rule:**

### III Tournament Procedures

#### *I. Inspection of Equipment*

1. A scale with **certified** weights shall be set up near the firing line at all Registered Tournaments requiring weight limits on rifles. Competitors may use this equipment prior to and during the matches. A certified weight is one certified by a State Agency or a private company offering certified weights
- 2) The Referees shall inspect every rifle on the firing line at all State and National Championship Tournaments, preferably as the competitors leave the firing line but at the Referees' discretion, during the firing of the matches. **At all registered IBS tournaments, referees will conduct random rifle weighings and will inspect rifles and rests to insure that rifles will be removable from their front rests without lifting any part of the front rest from its contact points with the bench it is occupying. These two checks are the minimum checks that must be done at all IBS Registered Tournaments. They may be performed before or after a Tournament begins.**
- 3) Referees will spot check at their discretion rifle weight, dimensions and rests. Please cooperate. An overweight rifle, or one outside the rules dimensionally, or an illegal rest **will result in disqualification if the illegal equipment has been used to fire any part of the Registered Tournament.**

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- 4) Acceptable scales are: a balance beam scale with a zeroing pointer and capable of ounce weight resolution; an electronic scale with a zeroing capability and with ounce weighing capability or in pounds and tenths of a pound. Scale must be leveled and are to be set up in a fixed location and should remain at this location for the duration of the Tournament.
- 5) In Tournament where the dimension factor is involved the Host Club shall provide an accurate scale, a steel rule, and a pair of calipers or micrometer having a maximum capacity in excess of 1.25". In weighing rifles with scope attached an excess of one ounce shall be attributed to scale error

## SC14:

### Current Rule:

#### **K. Official Score Bulletins**

The Tournament Sponsor shall supply every registered competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin which shall be a complete record of all Groups fired and all programmed aggregates. Equipment data shall be listed for a minimum of the top 20 Competitors at Championship Tournaments and top ten at all other Registered Tournaments

### Proposed Rule:

#### III Tournament Procedures

#### **K. Official Score Bulletins**

The Tournament Sponsor shall supply every registered competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin which shall be a complete record of all Groups **and Scores** fired and all **Registered Tournament** aggregates. Equipment data shall be listed for a minimum of the top 20 Competitors at Championship Tournaments and top ten at all other Registered Tournaments

## SC15:

### Current Rule:

#### III Tournament Procedures

#### **L. Programs**

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

1. The name of the Host Club, the location of the Range, and the date of the Tournament
2. The Schedule of Events
3. The Amount of the Registration fee
4. Where offered - the Entry Fee for each match and a statement that no entry fee shall be required of anyone not desiring to compete for awards
5. A Schedule of Cash Awards expressed as a percentage of entry fees collected
6. A statement as to whether or not a drawing for benches shall follow the requirements for Championship Tournament and if not, the number of drawings
7. The name, address, and telephone number of the Secretary and Director of the Club.

### Proposed Rule:

#### III Tournament Procedures

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## **M. Programs**

Upon receiving assignment of a Tournament date the Host Club may prepare a program for circulation to interested shooters. [Posting of Tournament dates on the IBS Website satisfies this rule.](#) The program shall state

1. The name of the Host Club, the location of the Range, and the date of the Tournament
2. The Schedule of Events
3. The Amount of the Registration fee
4. Where offered - the Entry Fee for each match and a statement that no entry fee shall be required of anyone not desiring to compete for awards
5. A Schedule of Cash Awards expressed as a percentage of entry fees collected
6. A statement as to whether or not a drawing for benches shall follow the requirements for Championship Tournament and if not, the number of drawings
7. The name, address, and telephone number of the Secretary and Director of the Club.

## **SC#16:**

### **Current Rule:**

III Tournament Procedures

## ***M. Conduct of Tournaments***

### **1) Target Detail**

- a. The target detail shall be appointed by the Host Club and shall be under the immediate command of a Target Captain who shall direct the activities of the crew within the authority reposed in the Captain by the Host Club. The Range Officer shall supervise handling of the targets before and after being placed on and taken from the range. 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 number shall be marked on each target in numbers easily identifiable from the bench. He/she shall be charged with the orderly placing of targets in the target frames, the orderly removal of targets from the frames and the orderly delivery of targets to the Official Scorer. He/she shall see that the same order is preserved with respect to the backer and backers. He/she shall not enter the range except by order of the Range Officer and shall be responsible for removal of the crew from positions of hazard giving the "All Clear" signal to the Range Officer
- b. The foregoing responsibilities shall be met by the observance of a standard operating procedure, in which they shall be instructed by the Range Officer. The following procedure is suggested: prior to the Tournament, an estimate of the attendance and an estimate of the number of the 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
- c. After completion of bench assignments the Statistician shall prepare and furnish the Range Officer and the Captain of the Target Detail with a copy of the Range Officer Tally, which shall show which competitor occupies each bench in each relay of each match, thereby furnishing information necessary to complete the identification marking of the targets for matches subsequent to

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match number one, and to avoid preparing target for inactive benches

d. The Captain of the Target Detail shall instruct the crew in the theory and practice of keeping targets in order, and shall demonstrate on the methods to be followed to insure this result. The Range Officer 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

e. The Captain shall be the last person to leave the range and shall be responsible for actuating the moving backer mechanism. With the Statistician they shall adopt a routine for identifying the moving backer and stationary backer, if any, with their proper Target

## **Proposed Rule:**

### III Tournament Procedures

#### *M. Conduct of Tournaments*

#### **4. Target Detail**

a. The target detail shall be appointed by the Host Club and shall be under the immediate command of a Target Captain who shall direct the activities of the crew within the authority reposed in the Captain by the Host Club. The Range Officer shall supervise handling of the targets before and after being placed on and taken from the range. 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 number shall be marked on each target in numbers easily identifiable from the bench. He/she shall be charged with the orderly placing of targets in the target frames, the orderly removal of targets from the frames and the orderly delivery of targets to the Official Scorer. He/she shall see that the same order is preserved with respect to the backer and backers. He/she shall not enter the range except by order of the Range Officer and shall be responsible for removal of the crew from positions of hazard giving the "All Clear" signal to the Range Officer

c. The Captain shall be the last person to leave the range and shall be responsible for actuating the moving backer mechanism [at group shoots or for pasting stationary backers at grand aggregate Score Shoots](#). With the Statistician they shall adopt a routine for identifying the moving backer and stationary backer, if any, with their proper Target

## **SC#17:**

### **Current Rule:**

#### III Tournament Procedures

#### **5. Conduct of Tournaments**

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## 3) General Instructions

- a. At each tournament the first match of each day, general instructions shall be announced by the Range Officer in words equivalent to the following: "Referees will spot check at their discretion rifle weight and dimensions and rests. An overweight rifle, one outside the rules dimensionally, or an illegal rest, constitutes grounds for disqualification. 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 safetied without extracting the case from the chamber. The command will be given in such urgency that we cannot permit you to clear your rifle by firing. If a condition shall arise which shall require a temporary suspension of firing, I will command, "Hold your fire-clear your rifle by firing or opening the bolt." All competitors must be cleared from the benches prior to the target detail entering the range. Any time lost by such interruption of shooting shall not be charged against your allotted time

### Proposed Rule:

#### III Tournament Procedures

##### M. Conduct of Tournaments

###### 3. General Instructions

- a. At each tournament the first match of each day, general instructions shall be announced by the Range Officer in words equivalent to the following: "Referees will spot check at their discretion rifle weight and dimensions and rests. An overweight rifle, one outside the rules dimensionally, or an illegal rest, **will result in disqualification from the tournament if the illegal equipment has been used in the Tournament.** 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 safetied without extracting the case from the chamber. The command will be given in such urgency that we cannot permit you to clear your rifle by firing. If a condition shall arise which shall require a temporary suspension of firing, I will command, "Hold your fire-clear your rifle by firing or opening the bolt." All competitors must be cleared from the benches **and all bolts must be removed from the rifles on the firing line** prior to the target detail entering the range **The target crew may not enter the range for any reason until the emergency situation has been rectified and all bolts have been removed from all rifles on the line.** Any time lost by such interruption of shooting shall not be charged against your allotted time

### SC#18:

#### Current Rule:

#### III Tournament Procedures

##### M. Conduct of Tournaments

###### 3. General Instructions

- c. All actions shall remain open and bolts to the rear of the action with no loaded cartridge on the loading ramp, or in the chamber, until the Range Officer gives the command of "Commence Fire".

### Proposed Rule:

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#### 3. General Instructions

- c. All actions shall remain open and bolts to the rear of the action with no loaded cartridge on the loading ramp, or in the chamber, until the Range Officer gives the command of "Commence Fire *in its entirety*." *Any competitor placing a round on the loading ramp or closing the bolt on a loaded round before the "Commence Fire" command is given in its entirety shall be warned that a second occurrence will result in disqualification from the tournament.*

### SC19:

#### Current Rule:

## III Tournament Procedures

### M. Conduct of Tournaments

#### 3. General Instructions

- e. 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: "Cease Fire – Remove your bolts – Clear the benches."

#### Proposed Rule:

## III Tournament Procedures

### M. Conduct of Tournaments

#### 3. General Instructions

- e. 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: "Cease Fire – Remove your bolts – Clear the benches." *Clearing the benches means that the rifle and all other equipment must be removed from the bench and the competitors must leave the firing line, EXCEPT that the front and rear rest and bags may remain on the bench if needed by the next competitor to use the bench or if the bench is being used by only one competitor. The rifle must always be removed from the bench.*

### SC#20:

#### Current Rule:

### M. Conduct of Tournament

#### 5. Duties of Tournament officials

- b. **Reffrees:** 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. If found to be noncompliance, 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. 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

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## Proposed Rule:

### M. Conduct of Tournaments 5. Duties of Tournament Officials

#### 1) Referees:

The Referees shall inspect the equipment of competitors according to Rule I. and pass upon whether such equipment complies with the requirements of the class in which the shooter is competing. If found to be in noncompliance, the shooter shall be given the right to correct it, to shoot in a class in which his/her equipment does qualify, provided that the shooter has not fired any part of the Registered Tournament, or to file a protest and shoot under protest. 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

## SC#21

### Current Rule:

### III Tournament procedures:

#### M. Conduct of Tournament:

U. Sight-In Targets Sight-in targets are to be provided for the first match of each class. The sight-in targets will consist as a minimum of two large pieces of paper, with new benchrest targets affixed thereto.

### Proposed Rule:

#### III Tournament Procedures

##### M Conduct of Tournaments

#### U. Sight-In Targets

Sight in targets will be provided and will remain hanging for the duration of the aggregate. The host club shall replace shot out sight in targets as needed. The sight-in targets will consist as a minimum of cardboard or other firm backing material other than wood with new benchrest targets affixed thereto, 2 sight in targets for every 6 record targets.

## SC#22

### Current Rule:

#### III. Tournament procedures

##### M. Conduct of Tournaments

V. Display of Targets Targets at Championships are to be displayed for viewing by competitors. Ranges to provide protection of targets from the elements. This will allow competitors to protest inappropriately scored targets to Referees.

### Proposed Rule:

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##### M. Conduct of Tournaments

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## V. Display of Targets

Targets at [all IBS registered Tournaments](#) are to be displayed for viewing by competitors. Ranges are to provide protection of targets from the elements. This will allow competitors to protest inappropriately scored targets to Referees. [Record targets](#) will be hung as soon as they are scored and recorded. They will remain hanging for the duration of the yardage aggregate. Any shooter may ask for a target or targets to be re-measured or re-scored (Score Shoots) for matches one through 4 inclusive up until the match five (5) targets are displayed. After match five (5) targets are hung, 20 minutes will be allowed for any competitor to request a re-measure or re-score of their target from match five (5) only. At the end of this time, no requests for re-measure or re-score will be allowed. The host club will provide and utilize a timer, set for 30 minutes, and will activate the timer immediately after all match five (5) targets are hung.

## SC#23

### Current Rule:

#### V. Safety

##### A. Occupancy of Benches

- 1) No person shall sit at, or be within five feet of any bench during the changes of targets until the Range Officer shall announce, "Competitors may take their places at their benches."
- 2) At the discretion of the Host Range, the placing of rifles on rests between matches is allowed provided that the "Bolts out" expect between proper commands rule is retained.

### Proposed Rule:

#### V. Safety

##### A. Occupancy of Benches

- 1) No person shall sit at, or be within five feet of any bench during the changes of targets until the Range Officer shall announce, "Competitors may take their places at their benches."
- 2) At the discretion of the Host Range, the placing of rifles on rests between matches is allowed provided that the "Bolts out" except between proper commands rule is retained [and only after the Range Officer has called a competitors relay to the line as in A.5 above.](#)

## SC#24

### Current Rule:

#### V. Safety

##### C. Firing

- 1) No shot shall be fired until the command "Commence Fire" has been given or after the command "Cease Fire."
- 2) A competitor firing before "Commence Fire" or after "Cease Fire" shall constitute grounds for disqualification in all classes of competition and voiding of all his/her groups/targets fired at the effected Tournament

### Proposed Rule:

#### V. Safety

##### C. Firing

- 1) No shot shall be fired until the command "Commence Fire" [has been given in its entirety or after the command "Cease Fire" has been initiated.](#)

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- 2) A competitor firing before the commands "Commence Fire" in its entirety or after "Cease Fire" has been initiated, will be disqualified in all classes of competition and voiding of all his/her groups-scores/targets fired at the Tournament

## SC25

### Current Rule:

#### V. Safety

**G. People Down Range** At no time after the registered aggregate has begun will any person, other than range personnel or referees, be permitted down range until that range aggregate has been completed. Any person violating this safety rule will be automatically disqualified

### Proposed Rule:

#### V. Safety

#### **G. People Down Range**

At no time after the registered tournament has begun will any person, other than range personnel or referees, be permitted down range until that registered tournament has been completed. Any person violating this safety rule will be automatically disqualified from the tournament.

## SC#26:

### Current Rule:

#### VII. Score Shooting

**E. Rules For Procedure** Rules of procedure as outlined in Section III of this rulebook are to be used here with the following additions:

- 5) Scores will be posted and thirty minutes allowed for protests to be brought to the attention of the Referees.

### Proposed Change:

#### VII. Score Shooting

#### **E. Rules For Procedure**

5. Scores will be posted when match five (5) targets are hung and thirty minutes allowed for protests, involving only mathematical scoring errors, to be brought to the attention of the Referees. The host range will provide a timer set for 30 minutes and will actuate the timer when match five (5) targets and tournament scores are posted.

## SC#27

- 2) Definitions

### Current Rule:

#### **F. Match:**

A single event in a Tournament.

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## Proposed Change:

### **F. Match:**

A single event in a yardage aggregate; e.g. at a shoot at one yardage with a warmup and five (5) record targets the warmup is the "warmup match, and each record target is match one through match five.

This to more clearly define a match in the rule book.

## SC#28

### Current Rule

#### 3) Definitions

##### **E. Tournament:**

An orderly program of competitive shooting. The words SHOOT and MEET are synonymous.

## Proposed Change:

##### **E. Tournament**

An orderly program of competitive shooting consisting of one or more yardage aggregates. If multiple yardage aggregates are advertised, a Tournament is the total of all advertised yardage aggregates to be shot. A yardage aggregate is the warmup match, if held, and five (5) record targets of the prescribed number of shots per target. The words SHOOT and MEET are synonymous.

## SC#29

#### 4) Definitions

## Current Rule:

##### **D. Range for Registered Tournaments:**

A place to shoot having not less than 5 benches on the firing line: it shall have sturdy target frames at measured distances from the firing line not less than 100 yards (50 Yards for Rimfire), preferably 100 and 200 yards and desirably at 100, 200, and 300 yards, 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. Moving backers are not required for score shooting. Ranges laid out in 100 or 100 and 200-meter distances are also accepted.

## Proposed Change:

##### **C. Range for Registered Tournaments:**

A place to shoot having not less than 5 benches on the firing line: it shall have sturdy target frames at measured distances from the firing line not less than 100 yards (50 Yards for Rimfire), preferably 100 and 200 yards and desirably at 100, 200, and 300 yards, 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. Moving backers are not required for score shooting. Stationary backers are

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required for all Score Shoot Tournaments with a grand aggregate format. Ranges laid out in 100 or 100 and 200-meter distances are also accepted.

This will bring this definition in line with the score section rule requiring stationary backers at all grand aggregate shoots.

## SC#30

### Current Rule:

#### III. Tournament procedures

##### M. Conduct of Tournaments

###### R. Wind Flags

- 1) Official wind flags shall be a minimum size, 1.5" x 24", but personal flags of any size, placed below the line of bullet flight, by the competitor, will be permitted but shall not be moved after the warm-up except by Range Personnel
- 2) The use of electronic wind gauges or similar devices will be only allowed in Heavy Bench Rifle Competition

### Proposed Rule:

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##### M. Conduct of Tournaments

###### R. Wind Flags

- 3) Official wind flags shall be a minimum size, 1.5" x 24", but personal flags of any size, placed below the line of bullet flight, by the competitor, will be permitted but shall not be moved after the [beginning of the tournament](#) except by Range Personnel. [After a yardage aggregate in a tournament has begun, only a referee will be allowed downrange to make a flag adjustment. Referees will attempt to make a reasonable effort to accommodate shooters needing small vertical and/or horizontal adjustments of flags or other allowable wind sensing devices that are interfering with their bullet trajectory or are blocking the target sight path or bullet path of other competitors. No accommodation to flag position will be made otherwise unless the flag is in violation of this rule.](#)
- 4) The use of electronic wind gauges or similar devices will be only allowed in Heavy Bench Rifle Competition