

**International Benchrest Shooters – 2018 Agenda Items
For consideration at January 13, 2018 Annual Meeting**

SC1: Recommendation for Score SOY Program

This is a petition to change the current point system for Score Shooter of the Year (SSOY). SSOY should encourage people to travel and promote shooting this sport against competitors from all over. The current system was to only be a 1 year trial, and we would like to see the Score Committee change it back to 2016's way of calculations with changes in the number of points awarded.

EBoard note: this petition is not an agenda item that proposes a rulebook or by-laws amendment. It is, rather, a recommendation to the Score Committee that controls the Score Shooter of Year program. This item will be sent to the Score Committee for its consideration.

SC2: New 6x Class

Any current legal light varmint rifle with a 6x score, weighing 10.5 lbs or less, will be acceptable for this new 6x class. We did not want to disturb the Hunter, or Varmint Hunter rules or records with making changes to the current guns so a new class should start where anyone can bring an existing LV rifle out and compete. Any Hunter or VH rifle can compete in this new class. Records should be awarded only after 2 calendar year of competition.

Score Committee Recommendation: Not specific but a number of Score Committee members signed the agenda item petition.

LR1: "For 600 yard competition at a given range, only one IBS club may host matches that earn 600 yard SOY points"

One IBS affiliated club may use a single or common range facility including the ability to award 600 yard IBS SOY points. Any additional IBS club wishing to use a range or club facility that another IBS club is currently using may not award 600 yard SOY points at their matches.

Reason for Rule Change - There is no existing rule concerning this matter and this proposal would be an addition to the rules instead of a "Change". Currently we have no formal policy in place for the addition or prohibition of new IBS clubs or existing IBS clubs piggybacking an existing IBS range/club facility. At the Winter Meeting of 2015 it was decided by the LR committee that any additional IBS clubs, whether new or existing, may not use any IBS affiliated range/club facility that is currently being used by a IBS club including the ability to award SOY points. See current January 16, 2016 IBS 600 YARD SHOOTER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM on the IBS website. In effort to promote consistency within the 600 yard discipline and at the direction of the LR committee.

Long Range Committee Recommendation: APPROVE

LR2: "One Range/One Club" in 1000 yard competition

RE: New Long Range Rule Book, Page 2, Definitions, Roles and Responsibilities. Club, Line 221 thru Line 223.

Existing:

221 Club. An affiliated Club, as defined in the By-Laws of the association, or an individual of the
222 Association who owns, leases, or controls a range meeting the specifications of a range
suitable

223 for holding a Registered Tournament.

PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THIS RULE:

At this end of line 223 add the following: No IBS range or facility may allow more than one club to use their range or facility for the purpose of awarding additional IBS SOY points. Each IBS approved range location has the ability to appoint only one club which can award and submit SOY points to the IBS for consideration on an annual basis.

Reason for change: In the past more than one IBS club has piggybacked on other club's range. All IBS clubs in the past have had the ability to award SOY points. With the ability to allow additional IBS clubs to shoot at another IBS Facility/Range there exists the chance of an unfair abundance of SOY points in a specific geographical location. It is impossible to determine the intent of these "piggyback" clubs that operate without their own ranges and therefore should not be allowed the ability to award SOY points. With the presence of these "piggyback" clubs in close proximity to other legitimate/conventional IBS clubs creates a situation of an overabundance of available matches in a specific geographical area that hurts the attendance and viability of the legitimate/conventional IBS clubs.

Score Committee Recommendation: OPPOSE

LR3: "One Club/One Range with Exceptions" in 1000 yard competition

1000 yard Ranges and Clubs - Ranges are only permitted to hold IBS sanctioned matches for one IBS Club for its 1000 yard matches, noting that:

- ✓ The Virginia 1000 Yard Benchrest Club is grandfathered and is not subject to this rule.
- ✓ By action of the Long Range Committee, and with agreement by the Executive Board, this one range/one club rule may be waived in order to allow more than one club to use the same range if there is a reasonable expectation that it will lead to growth of the 1000 yard discipline. However, the second club at the range must be a distinct club with distinct officers running its own matches, not a clone of the other club.
- ✓ The Long Range Committee is required, to the best of its ability, to establish a 1000 yard Shooter of the Year points system that minimizes geographical advantage. (EBoard comment-this last bullet is a recommendation and not subject to a rules amendment)

Long Range Committee Recommendation: APPROVE

LR4: "One Range/More Than One Club"

It is recognized that the number of Ranges Suitable for conducting IBS Long Range matches is limited. Long Range Clubs may conduct their matches at a Range owned by the Club, or at a Range that is owned by persons other than the Club. More than one Club may conduct its

matches at the same Range provided that each Club is recognized by IBS as a separate Club, each Club is in good standing with IBS, and the range used by each Club is covered by liability insurance that is suitable to the owner of the Range.

Score Committee Recommendation: OPPOSE

LR5: "Coaching Rule" Changes

RE: New Long Range Rule Book, Page 26, "General Rules", Coaching.

Existing Rule:

1147 Coaching. Coaching will be allowed during the sighter period only. Exception: for safety and

1148 instruction purposes, new shooters may be assisted during their sighter period and record string

1149 with permission for the Range Officer and for no more than two matches. Other than this 1150 exception competitors caught coaching or receiving coaching will be disqualified.

Proposed Rule Change:

Replace lines 1147, 1148, 1149 and 1150 with the following:

Coaching will be allowed during the sighter period only. Exceptions for safety reasons only. New shooters may be assisted during their "Rookie" period with permission for the Range/Safety Officer. Mentally or Physically handicapped shooters may receive assistance with permission from the Range/Safety Officer. Handicapped shooters must indicate what type of assistance they may require prior to the start of the match. It is for the Range/Safety Officer to determine whether this request is reasonable, fair or within current IBS rules. The Range/Safety Officer may allow a New, Rookie or handicapped shooter a previously designated coach and that person/coach, during the sighter period only, may fire a sufficient number of shots until one shot is spotted on the bank, berm or sighter target. Then the New, Rookie or handicapped shooter must resume firing the rifle for the remainder of the sighter period. If a Coach performs more than described here and or to the Range/Safety Officer, then both the shooter and Coach will be disqualified from the matches in which they committed the violations.

Reason for Change/Addendum: Pursuant to the 2016 IBS National Championship incident where an advising competitor took possession of another competitors gun, occupied the same competitors seat at their assigned bench. Shot the same competitors rifle and adjusted the same competitors scope so as to be "On Target". The previously mentioned "same" competitor had participated in many previous IBS matches including top ten finishes at National competitions and obviously did not have Rookie status.

Through a misunderstanding with a Range Officer this "advising" competitor took full advantage of the Range Officer's lack of familiarity with this "advising" competitor and did not convey their full intentions. It is also commonly felt that this was a violation of existing rules but further clarification would be helpful in future situations.

Long Range Committee Recommendation: APPROVE