

Temporary rule change

Please vote yes or no to the following rule changes and mail back with your ballot in the envelope provided. Return envelope must be signed in order to count.

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 proposed, 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 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 competitor's 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 mentions "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.

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LR1: "For 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 an IBS affiliated range/club facility that is currently being used by a IBS club including the ability to away 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 600 yard discipline and at the direction of the LR committee.

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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 statement is a recommendation and not subject to a rules amendment)

_____yes

_____No