

International Benchrest Shooters



*Official Rules of Competition
for
Long Range Disciplines*

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164 Objectives of International Benchrest Shooters

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- 166 • To develop and encourage uniform competition to achieve extreme accuracy in firearms,
167 ammunition, equipment, and shooting methods
- 168 • To standardize on an international basis the entire Benchrest shooting program so that the
169 targets, ranges, scoring methods, records and match procedures will be uniform and
170 comparable
- 171 • To assist and encourage any individual or organization in the promotion of Benchrest
172 Shooting
- 173 • To gather and make available to its members pertinent statistics and technical data

174 Guidance for New Shooters

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- 176 • Safety is **paramount**. No bolts or magazines will be in rifles at any time unless on the
177 firing line and then only on direct command of the Range Officer.
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- 176 • If you have a rifle that uses a magazine, no rounds will be loaded in the magazine at any
177 time. The magazine will only be used to support a single round when the command to
178 “Commence Fire” is given. Rounds will be manually fed one at a time into the chamber.
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- 180 • No rounds may touch the feed ramp prior to the “Commence Fire” command. **DO NOT**
181 anticipate commands.
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- 183 • Focus on understanding Safety and Course of Fire descriptions in the Official Rules.
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- 185 • Seek out a mentor. Veterans will help you. No question is dumb! Ask and learn.
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- 187 • Bring what you have. A rifle not made specifically for Benchrest can win a 600 or 1000
188 Yard match! Make sure you have known 100 yard zero for the rounds you will be firing.
189 If you don’t know, say so. Seek advice for 600 or 1000 yard elevation, if you don’t know
190 it. To get this advice you must know your “load” so veterans who have the experience
191 can get you in the ballpark. The objective is to make sure you get on target as quickly as
192 possible during the sighter period.
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- 194 • You are allowed to have a veteran at your side when you shoot in your first two matches.
195 Take advantage of this opportunity.
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- 197 • You’ll make mistakes - even veterans make mistakes. Shake it off. Put them in the
198 memory bank and learn from them.
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- 200 • Should you have a misfire, **DO NOT** open the bolt. Raise your hand and a Safety Officer
201 will assist. Your life or the life of a fellow shooter can be at stake. People have been
202 fatally injured by acting too hastily with a misfire.

- 203 • Keep your eyes and ears open. Listen for commands. Observe how veteran shooters
204 handle a course of fire and range conditions.

205 Definitions, Roles and Responsibilities

206 Definitions

207 Alibi. An alibi is a reason for being unable to complete a stage of fire. A legitimate alibi could
208 allow the competitor the opportunity to complete the stage of fire. Rifle, and/or Bolt, and/or Rest
209 and/or Ammunition failure and/or shooter error are not legitimate alibis, even if there is
210 insufficient time remaining after the failure is rectified during the record period to complete that
211 stage of fire. Mechanical malfunction of range equipment, targets falling off carriages partially
212 or completely, targets being pulled too soon, or official's failures to properly give range
213 commands or call time are examples of Range alibis. Range Officers and Referees will address
214 alibi conditions and their ruling is final.

215 Bench. A bench shall be a rigidly constructed table of a height to permit a shooter of more or
216 less average height to sit comfortably thereat by merely increasing or decreasing the height of the
217 stool on which he/she sits. It shall be constructed to permit firing by either a right or left-handed
218 shooter. *Note: In the event that any Club will construct new benches please keep in mind some*
219 *shooters position themselves behind the bench and keeping the muzzle past the front of the bench*
220 *does decrease muzzle exit gas disturbance.*

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 Benchrest Tournament.

224 Firing Line. The firing line shall preferably be coincident with the forward edge of the bench.
225 So as to have a fixed point at which the firing line is delineated across all benches/shooting
226 positions.

227 Guiding Means. Any device, addition, contour or dimension on any rifle of any class,
228 designed or adapted to co-act with mating or reciprocal features of a rest to guide its return to
229 firing position so that it shall not be necessary to re-aim the rifle optically for each shot.

230 Heavy Gun (HG). There is no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight or sights. Caliber
231 is restricted to .409 or less. Muzzle brakes are allowed.

232 Light Gun (LG). Guns shooting in the Light Gun class must weigh 17 pounds or less, inclusive
233 of bolt, scope, diopters, muzzle brake, and any attached equipment.

234 Match. A Match is a single event in a Tournament. A Match must consist of at least one relay
235 per Class (LG or HG). A Match shall consist of a one, two, or three target aggregate. Shooters
236 will compete against the same shooters for each of the targets to be included in the Match
237 aggregate. The number of targets to be shot for a Match will be determined by the individual
238 Clubs, submitted with their Match contract and approved by the IBS Match Schedule Chairman
239 before the start of their season.

240 Muzzle Brake. A device connected to the muzzle of a rifle that redirects propellant gases to
241 counter or control recoil. Muzzle Brakes may not be of "Clamshell" or any other design that
242 intentionally exit gas directly rearward. **Note:** By the nature of gas dissipation, there will be

243 some rearward movement of gases. The intent here is to prohibit muzzle brakes designed to
244 intentionally direct this gas rearward beyond the 90 degree plane.

245 Range. A place to shoot competitive matches having not less than 5 benches on the firing line.
246 The bullet stop must be adequate to stop bullets of any caliber legal for IBS competition and
247 shall be sufficiently high to intercept ricochets.

248 Ready Area. An area where the oncoming Relay next to fire may stage equipment in order to
249 be closer to the firing line. A Ready Area facilitates more rapid changes between Relays.
250 Shooters/competitors will receive instruction during initial briefings and before competition
251 begins about that particular range's Ready Area.

252 Registered Tournament. A tournament is an orderly program of competitive shooting of one
253 or more Matches authorized by the appropriate office of the IBS and conducted under Rules and
254 Regulations in accordance with the official tournament procedures approved by the IBS. The
255 words "shoot" and "meet" are synonymous. 1000 yard Ranges and clubs-ranges are only permitted
256 to hold IBS sanctioned matches for one IBS Club for its 1000 yard matches. By action of the
257 Long Range Committee, and with agreement by the Executive Board, this one range/club rule may
258 be waived in order to allow more than one club to use the same range if there is a reasonable
259 expectation that it will lead to growth of the 1000 yard discipline. However the second club at the
260 range must be a distinct club with distinct officers running its own matches, not a clone of the other
261 club.

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263 Relay. A relay is one set of shooters firing in competition with each other, within one class,
264 Light Gun, Heavy Gun, Tactical, Factory and or Unlimited.

265 Rest. A front rest sand bag shall support the front part of a rifle: a rear rest sand bag shall
266 support the rear part of a rifle; neither rest may be attached to the bench, the rifle, or to the other.
267 They must be movable in all directions independently of the other. Any part of the rifle resting
268 thereon must maintain one half inch distance from any part of the rest holding the sandbag on
269 which the rifle rests. Wherever the rifle makes contact on its sides there may a maximum one
270 half inch in height and a minimum of one half inch thick on each side. This does not apply to any
271 device holding the sand bags in place or any fore-end stop. Sand bags on front rests must be a
272 minimum of one and one half inches wide from the direction of the muzzle to the butt stock and
273 rear rest sand bags must be a minimum of one and one half inches wide by three inches long.
274 Multi-piece front bag systems are acceptable as long as they meet all other criteria listed in this
275 definition. Only "Heavy Guns" are allowed rear rests that utilize mechanical adjustments. Rifles
276 will be removable from their front rests without lifting any part of the front rest from its contact
277 points with the bench it is occupying.

278 Rookie. A new shooter to the sport of IBS competition who has not more than 2 years of
279 experience in IBS and/or NBRSA competition and/or Williamsport competition. The clock
280 starts at any time during a calendar year. For example, a new shooter whose first competition is
281 in July 2015, will be deemed to have 1 year experience at the conclusion of the 2015 IBS
282 calendar. The shooter can compete in all of calendar year 2016 at which time their Rookie status
283 ends. They will not be considered a rookie for the 2017 season, for example. Correct and
284 accurate Rookie designation is important on Match results submitted to IBS so that points can be
285 tracked for Rookie of the Year determination. Match forms should contain the rookie's name

286 and “(R)”. (e.g.: **Joe Rookie (R)**) Club Presidents are responsible for ensuring accurate Rookie
287 status for their Club members.

288 Sandbag. A sand bag is defined as a bag with or without a pedestal, with a leather, cloth or
289 synthetic cover that is capable of being easily flexed by the fingers. They may contain a dry
290 finely divided nonmetallic substance such as, but not limited to, “Heavy Sand”, sand, gravel or
291 grain, without additive and packed loosely enough that bag can be easily deformed by pressure
292 of the fingers. The cover of the sand bags must not be bound in such a manner to prohibit free

293 movement of the contents. Lubricants on the sand bag may be used. Front and rear rest sandbags
294 must be such that when lifting the rifle from the rests, the rests does not lose any contact from the
295 bench it is occupying. Vertical spacers under a rear bag are allowed as long as they do not
296 contain any protrusions which can be inserted into the bench top or a sandbag.

297 Shoot-Off. In the 1000 Yard discipline, relay winners in group and score for each class (Light
298 Gun or Heavy Gun), proceed to a shoot-off between them to determine the overall Match winner
299 for group and score. When a competitor earns a place in a shoot-off, and then subsequently
300 shoots a world record target for either group or score it will be recognized no matter what
301 category (score or group) they entered or earned their place in the shoot-off. Any 1000 yard IBS
302 club electing to use the new and pending Aggregate system for SOY points, in lieu of the current
303 and existing Relay/Shoot-off system is exempt from the mandatory "Shoot-offs". 1000 yard
304 clubs may choose either the new aggregate SOY system (as described in the 2016 SOY rules) or
305 the existing Relay/Shoot-Off system for the awarding of SOY points to the IBS and a shooter.
306 Both systems will be recognized by the IBS.

307 Roles and Responsibilities

308 Host Club Match Director. This Director is normally the President of the Club whose
309 matches are being held. The Director can be a designated representative in absence of the Club
310 President. The Director or his/her designated representative may also be a shooter. The
311 exception to this rule is that in National Championships he/she may *not* be a shooter. The
312 Director is responsible for ensuring the smooth conduct of a Match/Tournament.

313 Range Officer

- 307 • The Range Officer conducts Matches, controls the firing line and supervises competitors.
- 308 • He/she shall direct the actions of the Target Detail while on the range.
- 309 • He/she shall enforce all safety rules. In the event of boisterous or unsportsmanlike
310 conduct of a competitor, he/she shall first caution such competitor, and if the offense is
311 repeated shall disqualify the competitor for the match in which the second offense was
312 committed. Refusal to comply with the Range Officer shall be grounds for barring a
313 competitor from the range.
- 314 • He/she ensures Range flags are raised and that competitor wind flags are rule compliant.
- 315 • The Range Officer controls all downrange movement.
- 316 • Responsible for communications and emergency signaling.
- 317 • In the event of any situation arriving (e.g. Act of God), procedures for which are not
318 covered by these rules, the Range Officer has full authority to pause or stop the Match
319 and after consultation with the Referees, announce a decision or procedure, which shall
320 be final and binding. Any such occurrence shall be fully reported to the Board of
321 Directors by the Senior Referee for possible remedial legislation. Such report shall be in
322 writing.

323 Range Official. General term covering Host Club Match Director, Range Officer, Target
324 Captain, Scorers, Statistician, Safety Officers and Referees.

- 325 • All officials at National Championship Matches must be approved by the IBS President.
 - 326 • In all Registered Tournaments there shall be a Range Officer, three Referees and an
327 alternate, a Statistician, and an Official Scorer.
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- 329 Referees. Appointed officials for a Match or Tournament.
- 330 • They must be IBS members in good standing and will be selected based on their
 - 331 experience and demonstrated knowledge of the Rules and how to apply them for 600
 - 332 Yard and 1000 Yard competition.
 - 333 • Three (3) referees and an alternate will be selected by the Host Club Match Director. One
 - 334 referee will be designated the Senior Referee. An alternate is selected in the event a
 - 335 target shot by a referee must be judged.
 - 336 • Referees may not judge their own target.
 - 337 • Insofar as possible, referees will come from different participating Clubs.
 - 338 • They have the authority to conduct spot compliance inspections. The Referees may
 - 339 inspect the equipment of competitors at their discretion, then pass judgement upon
 - 340 whether such equipment complies with the requirements of the class in which the shooter
 - 341 is competing. If found to be noncompliant, the shooter shall be given the opportunity to
 - 342 correct it, to shoot in a class in which his/her equipment does qualify, provided that the
 - 343 shooter has not shot any part of the Registered Tournament, or, to file a protest and shoot
 - 344 under protest.
 - 345 • They adjudicate scoring at the request of the Scorers.
 - 346 • They handle protests from competitors.
 - 347 • They adjudicate violations identified by Safety Officers or the Range Officer.
 - 348 • Referees also shall investigate any complaints of conduct on the range, hardship in the
 - 349 assignment of benches, alleged crossfires and similar matters and shall report their
 - 350 finding and recommendations to the Range Officer who shall make a decision.
 - 351 • In all registered IBS Matches, State Championships and National Matches, Long Range
 - 352 Committee members (600/1000, Group and/or Score) or Executive Board members
 - 353 **cannot** serve as a referee.
 - 354 • For the National Championships and State Tournaments, an odd number of referees
 - 355 (either three or no more than five) will be selected from all the participating clubs. No
 - 356 more than one referee will be from the same Club unless there are no additional Club
 - 357 attendees.

358 Safety Officers

- 359 • Appointed assistants to the Range Officer overseeing safe conduct on the Range at all
- 360 times. The number of safety Officers is determined by each Club.
- 361 • They have the authority to flag prohibited practices for potential shooter disqualification
- 362 with final determination by the Range Officer, Referees, or the Host Club Match
- 363 Director.

364 Scorer

- 365 • Receive targets directly from the Target Captain or representative of the Target Detail,
- 366 scores them and provides results to the Statistician.
- 367 • Posts group and score winning targets.
- 368 • The Official Scorer shall direct the duties of the individuals comprising the scoring detail.
- 369 He/she shall coordinate his/her duties with those of the Statistician.
- 370 • The Scorer may score his/her own targets but the Statistician *must* verify all group
- 371 measurements and scores on Scorer-fired targets. If the Statistician is unable to do this
- 372 the Senior Referee will verify instead.

- 373 Shooter/Competitor. The individual shooter/competitor is responsible for:
- 374 • Safe, professional and courteous personal conduct. In the event of boisterous or
 - 375 unsportsmanlike conduct of a competitor, the Range Officer or Safety Officer shall first
 - 376 caution such competitor, and if the offense is repeated the Range Officer shall disqualify
 - 377 the competitor for the Match in which the second offense was committed. Refusal to
 - 378 comply with the Range Officer shall be grounds for disqualification and barring a
 - 379 competitor from the range.
 - 380 • Good sportsmanship and consideration for fellow competitors
 - 381 • Presenting valid IBS membership card when asked to do so
 - 382 • Coming to the Match prepared (e.g.: known zero and reasonably accurate dope)
 - 383 • Complying with instructions and decisions of Range Officials
 - 384 • Not interfering with Target Crew, Scorers, Statistician or other Range Officials while
 - 385 they perform their duties. No contestant will enter the Score House or engage with the
 - 386 Scorers or Statistician in the performance of their scoring duties. Any shooter violating
 - 387 this rule will be subject to disqualification. When required, the Statistician or a Referee
 - 388 will summon a shooter if a question needs to be answered.
 - 389 • Becoming knowledgeable about individual Range rules and requirements.
 - 390 • Reporting to the firing line when the relay or shoot-off they are in is called by the Range
 - 391 Officer.

392 Statistician

- 393 • Sets up relays based on information taken from competitor's registration forms, taking
- 394 care to balance non-IBS and Rookie shooters across all Relays, and to allow for
- 395 necessary equipment sharing. Female shooters who are IBS members are not balanced
- 396 across relays because their IBS member male counterparts are not balanced across relays.
- 397 • He/she shall supervise the work of the scoring detail and assist scoring when required.
- 398 • Records Relay, Match and Tournament results
- 399 • Keeps and reports official Match and Tournament results to IBS
- 400 • Provides Match or Tournament results to competitors via e-mail if a legible e-mail
- 401 address is provided on registration forms
- 402 • Provides Match or Tournament results to the Club Webmaster for posting.

403 Target Captain/Pit Chairman/Pit Officer

- 404 • *(Note: The terms Target Captain, Pit Chairman and Pit Officer are synonymous)*
- 405 • Runs the Pits and target line and the entire Pit Crew.
- 406 • Communicates directly with and reports to the Range Officer. *(See Target Detail*
- 407 *Functioning for greater detail.)*

408 Treasurer

- 409 • Receives all match registration forms and conveys them to the Statistician. They will
- 410 require each contestant to:
 - 411 ○ Show appropriate membership card
 - 412 ○ Fill out completely and sign an IBS Match Registration Form
 - 413 ○ Clearly identify whether they are non-IBS or a Rookie on registration forms
 - 414 ○ Elect the class or classes of competition in which he/she will compete
 - 415 ○ Pay the appropriate registration fees

- 416 ○ Elect whether to compete for awards, or for record only, and if for awards, to pay
417 the appropriate entry fees
- 418 ○ Indicate the sharing of equipment between contestants so the Statistician may
419 appropriately set up Relay assignments.
- 420 ● Receives monies at Match/Tournament events. They shall segregate from the registration
421 fees that part reserved for IBS and deliver the balance to the Host Club. He/she shall
422 retain the match entry fees and distribute them as awards when the winners thereof have
423 been ascertained, if cash awards are given. The Treasurer or designated will also pay any
424 range personnel per agreement with the host range (e.g.: paid target pullers).
- 425 ● Receives new IBS applications, Club memberships, and their monies and forward to IBS
426 as appropriate.
- 427 ● The Treasurer may employ a designated representative.

428 Safety. Safety is paramount.

429 Responsibility. It is the responsibility of every contestant and all Range Officials to ensure
430 safety. Anyone has the right and the responsibility to speak up if they see an unsafe condition or
431 practice. A Range Official will make the final determinations on matters concerning safety.

432 Emergency Cease Fire. Anyone may call an emergency cease fire. When an Emergency
433 Cease Fire is called all shooters on the firing line are to remain seated and may not touch their
434 rifles and are to wait for further instructions from the Range Officer.

435 Bolts. Bolts will be removed from all rifles during the course of a tournament, at all times,
436 except between appropriate commands given by the Range Officer. Bolts are not to be placed in
437 rifles in the loading area or any other area at the range/club except between the commands given
438 by the Range Officer. If an individual has a problem and needs to check a trigger, shoulder bump
439 back, or check a dummy, they will need to contact a Referee who will direct them to a place
440 where a stripped and flagged bolt can be inserted into the rifle. This will be supervised by a
441 Referee or an experienced shooter in order to ensure safety.

442 Magazines. Contestants with rifles who have actions requiring a magazine will only use the
443 magazine to support a single round as it is being chambered, under appropriate command of the
444 Range Officer. At no time will any contestant's rifle magazine(s) be loaded anywhere on the
445 range. Violators are subject to disqualification and being banned from the range.

446 Firing Commands. No shot shall be fired until the command "**COMMENCE FIRE**" has
447 been given in its entirety or after the command "**CEASE FIRE**" has been initiated. A
448 competitor firing before "**Commence Fire**" in its entirety or after "**CEASE FIRE**" has been
449 initiated (i.e.: after the word "**Cease**") shall constitute grounds for disqualification in all classes
450 of competition and voiding of all his/her groups/targets fired at the Tournament.

451 Muzzle Position. In all registered tournaments, for any class of competition, the rifle does
452 not have to be placed so the muzzle breaks the plane of the front edge of the bench. Range
453 Officials may review the safety of a shooter's rest and rifle's position on the bench and refuse to
454 allow the competitor to shoot if the rest/rifle setup is judged to be unsafe. This is a subjective
455 opinion. Range Official rulings are final.

456 Safe Control of the Firing Line. In order for the Range Officer and/or Safety Officers to
457 maintain safe control of the firing line, all competitors are to remain seated and quiet at their
458 assigned bench until the **“CLEAR THE BENCHES”** command is given by the Range Officer.

459 Downrange Movement. At no time after the registered aggregate has begun will any
460 person, other than Range Officials or Referees, be permitted down range until that Match
461 aggregate has been completed. Any person violating this safety rule will be automatically
462 disqualified. At some ranges, shooters are allowed, between relays, to place rests, shooting
463 stools, etc. immediately in front of the shooting bench and well below the line of fire. This is not
464 deemed to be “down range” for purposes of this rule. The Range Officer controls all downrange
465 movement.

466 Prohibition of Alcoholic Beverages. Drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind is
467 prohibited on Range premises at all times until competition is completed and upon
468 **approval of the Range Owner.** Note that individual Range Owners may prohibit even the
469 possession of alcoholic beverages on their range.

470 Unsafe Equipment. Any equipment thought to be unsafe, harmful, destructive, or otherwise
471 unpredictable will not be allowed on the range at any time. Examples, such as but not limited to,
472 auto-loading weapons, tracers, incendiary projectiles, rifle calibers larger than .409.

473 Shooting Position. All shooters shall shoot from designated benches. Shooting off-hand or
474 from the prone or kneeling position is not allowed.

475 Safety Briefing. A complete Safety Briefing will be verbally given to every competitor
476 before the start of any day’s Matches. This briefing will be given by the Host Club Match
477 Director, the Range Officer or a designated Safety Officer. It is a safety violation if a Safety
478 Briefing is not given. The Safety Briefing is found on page 17.

479 Posting of Local Emergency Services. The Host Club will post at the range information
480 for contacting local emergency services – Police, Fire and Rescue. The Range Officer will have
481 a copy of this information on the line. A copy will also be in the Score House and on the Range
482 bulletin board. The address of the Range will be posted with emergency service numbers.

483 Tournament Procedures

484 *Note: Safe firearms not qualifying under the definition of various classes set out herein, may be*
485 *fired in any tournament provided the shooters and competitors be informed that he/she is not*
486 *eligible for any records, awards, prizes, or place in the aggregate, and provided that the range*
487 *facilities are conveniently available. Should any person develop a rifle and/or equipment that do*
488 *not meet existing rules and classifications, the rifle or equipment may be submitted to the IBS*
489 *Directors for evaluation and approval or disapproval.*

490 Administration

491 Types of Tournaments. Tournaments shall be of two general classes: Registered or
492 Unregistered. Only Registered Tournaments shall be considered for record purposes.

493 Registered Tournaments

494 Only clubs affiliated with IBS, which are in good standing, and which have the facilities and
495 equipment required to conduct a shoot under the procedures required by the Association may
496 hold Registered Tournaments. Registered Tournaments shall be held only on dates approved by
497 the Chairperson of the Board of Directors (hereafter referred to "First Vice President").

498 Registered Tournaments may be held for either one or both of the recognized classes of Rifles:
499 Heavy Gun and/or Light Gun.

500 Approval of Tournament Dates

501 Any club desiring to hold a Registered Benchrest Tournament shall apply for assignment of a
502 date for such a Tournament.

503 The application shall be in the form of a contract entitled "Registered Tournament" signed by the
504 applicant. The application shall be sent to the First Vice President and delivered to this officer
505 not less than 30 days before the tournament's proposed date. The application shall state:

- 506 • The name and address of the host club making the application
- 507 • The location of the range on which the tournament is proposed to be held
- 508 • A program of events to be scheduled. IBS match contracts shall include a provision
509 allowing the host club to insert the types of multiple gun aggregate competitions.
510 International Championships are excluded from this provision

511 The First Vice President shall examine the application, consult other tournament schedules, and
512 if the range facilities are approved and no interference with other tournaments exists, shall assign
513 the requested date to the applying club.

514 Location of Tournaments

515 Club Tournaments and State Championships are held at Host range facilities.

516 IBS National Championship Tournaments shall be conducted, if possible, in areas of easiest
517 accessibility to the greatest number of IBS competitors. Suitable accommodations and range
518 facilities will also be a factor in selecting the site of Championship Tournaments. Interpretation
519 of the word "suitable" shall be left to the discretion of the First Vice President.

520 Competitor Eligibility/Membership Criterion

521 Subject to eligibility rules of the Club conducting the shoot and complying with Registration
522 requirements, any shooter may compete in a Registered Tournament, however, to compete in
523 IBS National Championships, the shooter must be a current IBS member or have current
524 Williamsport membership.

525 *Note: Non-IBS shooters may shoot in Club matches, however, they will not earn IBS points for*
526 *group, score or aggregate, and will not go on to a shoot-off should they win their relay. If a*
527 *shooter elects not to become an IBS member they can still shoot. The Club must make an honest*
528 *attempt to explain the process about not being able to advance to the Shoot-offs and not earning*
529 *points to avoid any issues later on.*

530 Competitor Registration

531 All competitors at every Registered Tournament shall be required to complete a registration form
532 supplied by IBS. These forms are found on the IBS website and at the registration table at Host
533 Club events.

534 Pre-Registration for IBS National Championships. Pre-registration shall be required 30
535 days in advance of IBS National Championships. Prepayment of fees is not required, however, a
536 written declaration of intent to attend is required. There will be a mandatory late fee of \$10.00
537 assessed for all registrations (written declaration of intent to attend) received after 30 days before
538 the National Championship. Should a preregistered competitor be unable to attend, the total fees
539 paid will be refunded.

540 Proof of Membership

541 If any IBS member shall fail to have a membership card and is unable to furnish reasonable proof
542 of membership by other methods, he/she shall pay, or have paid on his/her behalf, the IBS
543 Membership fee, and upon proof from records that he/she was, on the date of the Tournament, a
544 member in good standing, a refund shall be made to him/her or the Host Club as the facts may
545 require.

546 For the IBS National Championships a shooter may present a current Williamsport membership
547 card to shoot and participate in the event, win Shooter of the Year and Long Range Marksman
548 points and any other honors that the shooter may earn.

549 Registration Fees

550 Each competitor shall be charged (or have paid on his/her behalf) a registration fee for each day
551 for each class in which he/she competes, as determined by the Host Club. (It has been customary
552 for Host Clubs to pay the IBS President fees). At its option, the Host Club may charge a
553 registration fee not greater than may be approved by the Directors or may conduct the match and
554 pay the prescribed IBS registration fee at the expense of its own treasury.

555 Any non-member may pay the prescribed IBS annual dues at any Registered Tournament thus
556 becoming a member of IBS at that tournament. For their results to count, they must apply to be
557 an IBS member before the tournament begins. The Treasurer is responsible for submitting their
558 IBS membership forms and payment to IBS.

559 IBS Junior members and non-IBS shooters (17 & under) registration fees shall be set at 1/2 the
560 fees of adults.

561 Match Entry Fees

562 At IBS Registered Tournaments, competitors will not be required to pay the cash awards match
563 fees, unless they wish to.

564 In those cases where merchandise prizes are to be awarded in lieu of cash, a competitor shall pay
565 the match fee, if he/she wants to compete for same.

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

569 Any club holding a Registered Tournament with cash awards and which does not undertake to
570 return 100% of the cash award entry fees shall so state in its program.

571 Forwarding Forms and Payment to IBS. The Host Club shall forward to the headquarters
572 of IBS within four weeks of the Tournament, all registration forms together with a registration
573 fee of \$2.00 per match per day per person payable to IBS.

574 Preparation and Use of Forms

575 The Statistician shall have supervision and control of any statistical forms used in the conduct of
576 a tournament, and shall be responsible for all entries made therein. In the event that any entry of
577 a scoring figure shall prove to be in error, the Statistician shall make a correction.

578 The Registration Form shall be used in the preparation of all other forms.

579 All other forms should for the sake of uniformity, be obtained from IBS. Irrespective of the order
580 in which registrants were entered on the Registration Form, the succeeding forms should list
581 them in the order of bench or target number, thereby reducing the chance of erroneous entry as
582 targets are scored.

583 Additional Items. The Host Club should have:

- 584 • Range Officer Tally sheets giving name and bench number of each contestant in each
585 relay.
- 586 • Match and Aggregate Score (M&AS) Posting Form in duplicate. The Statistician will
587 post results for review by competitors as the tournament progresses.
- 588 • Application forms for IBS Membership and Club Membership.

589 Relay and Bench Assignments. The over-arching tenet is relay and bench assignment must
590 be done fairly so as to not discriminately advantage or disadvantage any shooter, regardless of
591 their experience or seniority in the sport. Designation of shooting positions and relays shall be
592 determined by individual Clubs, *per below rules*.

593 Clubs conducting Registered Tournaments do not routinely have the privilege of permitting
594 competitors to select their relay or bench assignment. Three exceptions are allowed. First, an
595 exception may be allowed to accommodate legitimate requirements a shooter might have such as
596 a scheduled doctor's appointment that day, as an example. Second, physical handicap may be
597 accommodated. Third, Clubs have the option of assigning all non-IBS shooters to the same
598 relay(s). Exceptions are considered and can be granted by the Host Club Match Director or
599 Statistician.

600 Computer-Based Program. One method uses a computer-based program to randomly 601
assign shooters to relays and benches. Typically, this random generator is used to determine
602 relay and bench assignment for each individual Match by class.

603 Drawing. A second method is conducting a drawing for benches. An example is each
604 shooter pulls from a container colored and numbered chips that indicate relay and bench
605 assignment. Another example is each shooter selecting one face-down playing card. One of the
606 Referees or the Statistician shall be present to see the drawing is fairly conducted and to
607 represent registered shooters not present when called upon to draw. Clubs have the option of
608 having but one drawing and requiring each competitor to shoot from the same bench for all
609 matches in a class at all distances or they may allow two drawings - one for matches at the first

610 distance and one for the matches at the second distance. Clubs may also draw for each Match,
611 each class.

612 Shooters in the 600 Yard discipline commonly share wind flags. With the permission of
613 the Range Officer or Statistician, a competitor may identify up to three other competitors to share
614 bench assignment at the time of bench drawing. He/she must declare the other individuals prior
615 to any of the individuals drawing for benches. The Host Club will accommodate the request up
616 to available benches on currently open relays. This option is not open to the 1000 Yard
617 discipline.

618 Bench Rotation. A third method is bench rotation.

619 At IBS National Championship Tournaments bench rotation shall be used, whereby each
620 competitor shall draw by lot his/her competitor or bench number for the first event of each day or
621 at each range, and for each following events shall move a predetermined number of benches.
622 He/she may be assigned the same competitor number for all subsequent events at the same
623 Tournament.

624 Since rotation of benches is required at IBS National Championship Tournaments and
625 preregistration is also mandatory, the Host Club may draw benches for competitors and assign
626 benches for competitors having legitimate physical hardships prior to the Tournament occurring.
627 This speeds up registration at the Tournament and reduces complications.

628 Bench rotation may be used by a Host Club at any IBS Registered Tournament.

629 Changes of Relay or Bench Assignments

630 Regardless of method of assignment used, latecomers will be assigned to benches and relays by
631 the Statistician as long as the shooter arrives prior to the announced deadline for registration.

632 Having drawn or been assigned a bench or benches, a competitor will not be allowed to switch 633
positions with another shooter, nor may they switch to an unoccupied bench within a match. If 634
necessary and depending on circumstances, the Range Officer may change the assignment to a 635
bench or relay or both in such a way as to relieve any hardship. Any changes must be
636 immediately made known to the Target Captain and Statistician.

637 Program Announcements. Upon receiving assignment of a Tournament date the Host Club
638 may prepare a program for circulation to interested shooters. Posting of the Tournament dates on
639 the IBS website and/or to Club website satisfies this rule. The program shall state:

- 640 • The name of the Host Club, the location of the Range, and the date of the Tournament
- 641 • The Schedule of Events. (Note: Clubs are not required to offer competition in both
642 sanctioned classes. Clubs have the right to limit the number of classes a competitor can
643 enter in a specific tournament.
- 644 • The Amount of the Registration fee
- 645 • When offered - the Entry Fee for each match and a statement that no entry fee shall be
646 required of anyone not desiring to compete for awards
- 647 • A Schedule of Cash Awards expressed as a percentage of entry fees Collected
- 648 • A statement as to the method relays and benches will be assigned and if bench rotation
649 will be used
- 650 • The name, address, and telephone number of the Secretary and Director of the Club

651 Posting of Results/Official Score Bulletins

652 Relay and Match results will be posted at a location convenient for shooters to see results as the
653 Tournament progresses.

654 At the conclusion of a Tournament, the Tournament Sponsor shall supply every registered
655 competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin which shall be a complete record of all
656 Groups and Scores fired and as applicable all Registered Tournament aggregates. Equipment
657 data shall be listed for a minimum of the top 20 competitors at Championship Tournaments and
658 top 10 of all other Registered Tournaments.

659 Posting to a Club website complies with this provision.

660 Rule Book Availability. All Clubs shall have one or more current copies of the current Rule
661 Book at every IBS Tournament. It is suggested that one be at the line with the Range Officer and
662 another copy kept in the Score House.

663 Targets. Targets used in sanctioned matches are designated by the IBS Long Range Rules
664 Committee and approved by the IBS Executive Board.

665 Target Detail Functioning. *(This section has details pertinent to pre-and-post match (i.e.
666 Administrative) and in-match (i.e.: Operational) functioning. It also expands on roles and
667 responsibilities for specific personnel. It straddles both Administration and Operational and is
668 therefore placed here.)*

669 Personnel. The Target Detail is comprised of the Target Captain and the Pit Crew. People
670 comprising the Target Detail are appointed by the Host Club.

671 Target Captain. The Target Captain is responsible for:

672 • Training the Pit Crew in the proper and efficient handling of targets and Pit functions.
673 • Controlling and directing the movement and activities of the Pit Crew.
674 • Ensuring Pit infrastructure (target frames, carriages, etc.) are in good repair and functional
675 prior to the conduct of a Tournament.
676 • Ensuring sufficient supplies are on hand to conduct the Tournament. This includes
677 targets, shot markers, pasters, clays, pins, staplers, etc.
678 • Ensuring communications are tested and functional prior to the Target Detail going
679 downrange.
680 • Proper marking of targets for each Bench and Relay.
681 • Movement of targets from the Pits to the Scorer.
682 • Proper handling of potential World Record targets. The Target Captain will have in
683 his/her possession a copy of current World Records as posted on the IBS Website.
684 • Raising or lowering of Range wind flags downrange.

685 Pit Crew. The Pit Crew is responsible for:

686 • Orderly and professional conduct in the Pits.
687 • Prompt response to commands from the Target Captain.
688 • Prompt, efficient and proper servicing of targets.

689 Range Officer. The Range Officer is in control of the Target Detail.

- 690 • He/she controls any movement downrange
- 691 • Directs any actions required of the Target Detail
- 692 • Keeps the Target Captain informed of Range status, course of fire and conditions on the
- 693 firing line
- 694 • He/she ensures Range flags are raised and that all competitor wind flags are in
- 695 compliance with rules.

696 Pit Crew Training

697 If Target Pullers are used, the Target Captain will demonstrate to them exactly how and when
698 Sighter targets are to be pulled, shots marked with appropriate visible markers, and previous shot
699 holes in Sighter targets taped over. He/she will also instruct new crew especially to NOT pull
700 record targets once Record fire begins, and to only pull and remove them when they are
701 instructed to do so.

702 The Target Captain will instruct Target Pullers to look for any shots inadvertently fired on
703 Record targets *prior* to the Record period. If any such shots are seen, they will immediately
704 inform the Target Captain who will then inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer will
705 provide appropriate direction.

706 The Target Captain will instruct Target Pullers to count shots in the bank during Record fire if
707 there are sufficient Target Pullers for each target to do so and they are in a position to safely
708 observe the impacts. If they observe more shots in the bank behind their target than are allowed
709 in that course of fire they will inform the Target Captain BEFORE targets are taken from their
710 backers/carriages.

711 The Target Captain will instruct the Pit Crew to keep targets in order, by target and bench
712 number, as they are removed from target frames. (For example, bench 1 target 1, bench 2 target
713 2....etc. to bench 10 target 10.) Targets need to come off in order as listed by the Range Tally
714 Sheet for the Relay or Shoot-off in which they were shot. It is vitally important that each target
715 be appropriately marked so each shooter can be correlated to the specific target they fired on.

716 Communications. ***Safety is paramount.*** Direct, positive communications will at all times be
717 maintained between the Range Officer and the Target Captain. Depending on circumstances, the
718 Range Officer at his/her discretion and judgment may call an immediate “**CEASE FIRE**”
719 whether in Sighter or Record fire until positive communications is re-established. Handheld
720 portable radio and backup cellphone communications should be used. It is recommended that
721 Clubs and Range Owners consider alternative, fallback communications methods if **all** voice
722 communications between the Range Officer and Target Captain are down. Air horns are one
723 possible method. If there is an emergency downrange and voice communications is out, and an
724 immediate cease-fire should be called, a backup plan appropriate to that range should be
725 available and be implemented.

726 Target Preparation

727 The Range Officer and/or Target Captain will inspect target frames and carriages, and see that all
728 defects are corrected or repaired prior to the Tournament. Prior to the Tournament, an estimate of
729 the attendance and an estimate of the number of the entries in the several classes shall be made.
730 Sufficient targets shall be prepared to provide enough for each relay in each class for the first
731 match.

732 After completion of bench assignments the Statistician shall prepare and furnish the Range
733 Officer and the Captain of the Target Detail with a copy of the Range Officer Tally, which shall
734 show which competitor occupies each bench in each relay of each match, thereby furnishing
735 information necessary to complete the identification marking of the targets for matches
736 subsequent to Match number one, and to avoid preparing targets for inactive benches.

737 The Target Captain is charged with the proper marking and identification of every target. The
738 marking shall correspond with the correct Match, Relay and Target numbers of the event, and
739 bench number. Also the competitor's bench number shall be marked behind or near the target
740 frame or carriage and conspicuously visible from the bench at the distance being shot.

741 Movement Downrange. The Target Detail will not enter the range except by order of the
742 Range Officer. A routine for entering and leaving the range between relays shall be established
743 by the Club and rigidly adhered to.

744 Pit Functioning

745 When the Range Officer has authorized movement downrange the Target Detail will proceed to
746 the Pits. The Target Captain will ensure he/she has the Range Officer Tally Sheets and direct the
747 Pit Crew to prepare targets for the first Relay of the day. The Target Captain is charged with the
748 orderly placing of correctly marked targets in the target frames, appropriate for the Match and
749 upcoming stage of fire.

750 The Target Captain will walk the line to inspect each target and personally ensure the target line
751 is ready.

752 The Range Officer will direct any adjustments necessary, examples being better affixing a target
753 to a backer or adjusting/placing additional clays for sighters.

754 The Target Captain is responsible for removal of the Target Detail from positions of hazard,
755 indicating to the Range Officer that firing may begin. When the Target Captain is satisfied that
756 the target line is ready, this indication is given by an unambiguous signal to the Range Officer,
757 e.g.: "**Target Detail Clear and Ready for Sighters**" or "**Target Detail Clear and Ready for
758 Record Fire**".

759 The Range Officer will then make appropriate announcement to the shooters on the line and
760 command "**Commence Fire**". (See pages 21 and 24 for Range Commands.)

761 If during a course of fire a target must be fixed, it will only be done under specific direction of
762 the Range Officer and only after "**Cease Fire**" has been called and the command is given to
763 shooters to "**Remove Bolts. Show Bolts.**" Safety Officers will verify appropriately with the
764 Range Officer and **then and only then** on his/her command will there be any movement
765 downrange from a position of cover by the Target Detail to correct a problem.

766 Once the problem is taken care of and the Target Detail is back safely under cover, the Target
767 Captain will inform the Range Officer, e.g.: "**Target Detail Clear and Ready**". The Range
768 Officer will then command the shooters appropriately.

769 At the end of a Sighter Period, the Range Officer will direct the Target Captain to put Record
770 Targets in the air, as appropriate. (This must be done expeditiously, within one minute, otherwise
771 an additional sighter shot may be allowed to shooters.) Once in the air and the Target Detail is
772 safely under cover, the Target Captain will inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer will
773 then command shooters appropriately.

774 After “**Cease Fire**” and “**Show Bolts**” has been commanded, and prior to any Record target
775 being taken down from backers/carriages, the Target Captain will walk the line looking at each
776 target. Any target that could potentially be a World Record will be flagged to the Range Officer.
777 The Range Officer will then instruct the Target Captain to take personal control of that target all
778 the way to the Official Scorer. (*See page 36 for handling of potential World Record targets.*) As
779 the Target Captain walks the target line prior to any target being removed, he/she will also flag to
780 the Range Officer all targets having less than or more than the correct number of shots for that
781 course of fire. The Range Officer will provide further direction.

782 When these steps are completed, the Target Captain is responsible for the orderly removal of
783 targets from the frames and the orderly delivery of targets to the Official Scorer. No shooter may
784 see results or touch these targets while being delivered to the Official Scorer.

785 This process repeats through all Relays and classes of competition for the Tournament.

786 Cold Range. When the last shot is fired in the last Relay for the day, and “**Cease Fire**” and
787 “**Show Bolts**” has been commanded and followed, the Range Officer will declare, “**The Range**
788 **is Cold**” and inform the Target Captain. Appropriate Range flags will be lowered.

789 Closing the Pits. The Range Captain will close the Pits and be the last person to leave. The
790 Pits will be left in a condition ready for future competition. Any maintenance issues will be
791 reported by the Target Captain to the Range Officer or President of the Host Club.

792 Operational Conduct of a Match. (*Note: Range Officer/Range Official*
793 *Commands are Italicized and Bolded.*)

794 Preliminaries. There may or may not be a ceremony preliminary to the tournament events. If
795 there is one, the Range Officer will wait until it is over before calling the first relay to the line.
796 The Target detail may still be on the range. Preliminaries do not require an empty range.

797 Safety Briefing. At each Tournament and at the conclusion of the registration period, there
798 will be a **mandatory** safety meeting prior to the first match of each day. All competitors are
799 required to be at the safety meeting and they are to be away from their equipment and/or
800 benches, and are to be listening to the Range Officer or other Range Official who leads the safety
801 meeting. Competitors not attending the safety meeting will not be allowed to compete. In the
802 interest of time, the Statistician, who may also be a competitor, may be busily setting up Relay
803 assignments when this safety brief commences. Before the Statistician shoots, they will be given
804 a safety briefing separately by a Range Official. If new shooters show up for subsequent matches
805 later in the day, they must be briefed by a Range Official. The Range Official conducting the
806 safety meeting will either read the Safety Brief contained on the following page or play a
807 recording of the Safety Brief.

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SAFETY BRIEFING

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814 *Are there any new shooters today?*

815 *Bolts will be removed from all rifles during the course of a tournament at all times, except*
816 *between appropriate commands given by the Range Officer. Bolts are not to be placed in rifles*
817 *in the ready area or any other area at the Club except between the commands given by the*
818 *Range Officer. If a shooter has a problem and needs to check a trigger, shoulder bump back,*
819 *or check a dummy, they must contact a Referee who will direct them to a place where the bolt*
820 *can be inserted into the rifle under the supervision of a Range Official.*

821 *All actions shall remain open and bolts to the rear of the action with no loaded cartridge*
822 *touching the loading ramp, or in the chamber, until the Range Officer gives the command*
823 *“COMMENCE FIRE” at the start of the sighter period. After the sighter period bolts may*
824 *remain in the rifle unless commanded otherwise, but no loaded cartridge may touch the*
825 *loading ramp or be chambered until the Range Officer gives the command “COMMENCE*
826 *FIRE”.*

827 *If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period the remaining time will be dealt with perrule.*

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829 *In order for the Range Officer and/or Safety Officers to maintain safe control of the firing*
830 *line, all competitors are to remain seated and quiet at their assigned bench until the “CLEAR*
831 *THE BENCHES” command is given by the Range Officer.*

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833 *Referees will spot check at their discretion rifle weight and dimensions and rests. An*
834 *overweight rifle, one outside the rules dimensionally, or an illegal rest, constitutes grounds for*
835 *disqualification.*

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837 *If during the relay or shoot-off a situation arises which shall require a cessation of fire, the*
838 *Range Officer shall command “CEASE FIRE” or “EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE”. All*
839 *competitors are to leave their rifles alone and wait for follow-up command from the Range*
840 *Officer.*

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842 *Any rounds fired after a cease fire command will result in disqualification.*

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844 *Once the range officer has determined whether or not it is a safety interruption, such as a*
845 *person downrange or a procedural interruption, such as a loose target, the Range Officer will*
846 *give further instructions. A procedural cease fire may only be called in the sighter period.*

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848 *If it is a safety incident, that is an ‘EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE’. All rifles are to be left*
849 *untouched until the Range Officer commands otherwise.*

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851 *If it is a procedural incident, the Range Officer can then command “CLEAR YOUR RIFLE*
852 *BY FIRING” or by “OPEN BOLTS”.*

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854 *All bolts must be out of rifles and the “CLEAR THE BENCHES” command must be given*

855 *prior to the Target Detail going downrange.*

856 *There will be no movement by any person downrange without the command of the Range*
857 *Officer.*

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859 *Any time lost by interruption of shooting not governed by the Rule book shall not be charged*
860 *against your allotted time.*

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862 *Shooters, if you have a malfunction, raise your hand and a Safety Officer will assist. If you* 863
have a misfire DO NOT – DO NOT open your bolt. Wait 30 seconds or more before opening 864 *the*
865 *bolt and first ensure that all observers behind the rifle are clear. Is this understood?*

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866 *The Referees for today will be (name them) and the Alternate Referee will be (name them).*

867 *Safety Officers will be (name them).*

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869 *Shooters, it is advised that before loading a round in your chamber that you look down your*
870 *barrel and verify you have no obstructions.*

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872 *Any questions?* (If so, answer them. If none, proceed).

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874 *First Relay, to the line.*

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883 Pits and Firing Line Ready. The Range Officer will confirm that he/she has positive
884 communications with the Target Captain and that all targets are ready. He/she will also confirm
885 that shooters in the Relay are ready and inform the Target Captain that rounds are coming
886 downrange.

887 Commands. The Range Officer issues commands to the shooters on the firing line appropriate 888
to the Course of Fire for the 1000 Yard or 600 Yard discipline. (*See pages 21 and 24 for Range* 889
Commands.)

890 1000 Yard Course of Fire – Heavy Gun

891 A Match shall consist of a one, two, or three target aggregate, number of targets to be shot for a 892
Match will be determined by the individual Clubs, and submitted with their Match contract and 893
approved by the IBS Match Schedule Chairman before the start of their season.

894 Shooters will compete against the same shooters for each of the targets to be included in the
895 Match aggregate.

896 All shooters have **six (6) minutes** to shoot an unlimited number of **sighter** shots, which are
897 individually spotted.

898 If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock
899 immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than 2 minutes, then the clock will
900 resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than 2 minutes, it rounds back to
901 2 minutes.

902 At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters
903 must fire their **ten (10) shots for record** within a **ten (10) minute time period**. If for some
904 reason a period of more than one minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the
905 command commence fire, an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot.

906 In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of
907 theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their arm up
908 and asking for attention. The range officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the
909 sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not
910 finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have
911 completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to
912 correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one minute sighter period and go
913 directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will remain
914 courteous and seated until the shooter with the problem has completed firing and the Range
915 Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches.

916 At the command of the Range Officer to "**COMMENCE FIRE**", the allotted time for both
917 sighter shots and record string, in sequence, begins.

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919 1000 Yard Course of Fire – Light Gun

920 All shooters have **six (6) minutes** to shoot an unlimited number of **sighter** shots that are
921 individually spotted.

922 If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock
923 immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than 2 minutes, then the clock will

924 resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than 2 minutes, it rounds back to
925 2 minutes.

926 At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters
927 must fire their **five (5) shots for record** within a **ten (10) minute time period**. If for some
928 reason a period of more than one minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the
929 command commence fire, an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot.

930 In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of
931 theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their arm up
932 and asking for attention. The range officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the
933 sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not
934 finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have
935 completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to
936 correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one minute sighter period and go
937 directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will remain
938 courteous and seated until the shooter with the problem has completed firing and the Range
939 Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches.

940 At the command of the Range Officer to "**COMMENCE FIRE**", the allotted time for both
941 sighter shots and record string, in sequence, begins.

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Course of Fire Range Commands for 1000 Yard Discipline. See next page.

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Range Commands for 1000 Yard Discipline

Immediately prior to the beginning of a Relay the Range Officer will announce to competitors the following commands in ***BOLD ITALICS***:

“THIS IS LG OR HG MATCH NUMBER RELAY NUMBER (or “This is LG or HG MATCH NUMBER SHOOT-OFF)

YOU WILL BE ALLOWED 6 MINUTES TO COMPLETE YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD FOLLOWED BY 10 MINUTES FOR YOUR RECORD TARGET. CLUBS HAVE THE OPTION TO REDUCE THE SIGHTER PERIOD TO 3 MINUTES SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST TARGET OF EACH CLASS

AFTER THE “CEASE FIRE” COMMAND AT THE END OF THE SIGHTER PERIOD AND BEFORE THE “COMMENCE FIRE” COMMAND FOR THE 10 MIN RECORD PERIOD, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A LOADED ROUND TOUCHING YOUR RIFLE ACTION OR IN THE CHAMBER.

DURING THE SIGHTER AND RECORD PERIODS YOU WILL BE GIVEN TIME WARNINGS FOR 3 MIN, 2 MIN, 1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS, AND “CEASE FIRE”.

The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence in a fluid cadence:

START OF SIGHTER PERIOD – “READY ON THE RIGHT, READY ON THE LEFT, INSERT BOLTS, COMMENCE FIRE.”

END OF SIGHTER PERIOD/START OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE. THIS ENDS YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD. ALL SPOTTERS AND NON-SHOOTERS OFF THE FIRING LINE.”

In less than one (1) minute the Range Officer will confirm that all Record Targets are in the air. When confirmed he/she commands: ***“COMMENCE FIRE.”***

Note: If more than one (1) minute elapses after Cease Fire for the sighter period and Commence Fire for the Record period, shooters will be given one (1) additional minute for sighters.

END OF RECORD PERIOD – When 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, CEASE FIRE THIS ENDS YOUR RECORD PERIOD. REMAIN SEATED. REMOVE AND SHOW BOLTS.”*** This applies anytime that a “CEASE FIRE” is called and the benches have to be cleared to allow target crews or others downrange.

At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed Safety Officers, who will signal the Range Officer with a “thumbs up” sign that all bolts are out.

997 Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: ***“CLEAR THE***
998 ***BENCHES.*** (For first LG match the Range Officer commands: ***“WEIGH LIGHT GUNS”***)
999 ***NEXT RELAY TO THE LINE.”***

1000 The Range Officer is in charge of the target detail and the target detail is not to enter the range
1001 until the Range Officer has given the command to ***“CLEAR THE BENCHES”*** and has given
1002 the target crew the command to go downrange.
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1004 This process repeats as required until all Relays in the Match and Shoot-Offs for each class are
1005 complete.
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1007 Shoot-Offs for both LG and HG will be conducted at the conclusion of all Relays for both
1008 classes. With the exception of Aggregate matches.

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1017 600 Yard Course of Fire

1018 The Official Target shall be the Official 1000 yard target with the scoring rings reduced 60%.

1019 The aiming square would reduce by 40% (same size as currently used) to maintain the same sight
1020 picture as if shooting at a 1000 yard target.

1021 This is an aggregate match with four targets combined for group average and total score. Groups
1022 will be added together and divided by 4 for average group size. Score will be computed by
1023 adding the value of the scoring rings containing bullet holes. For example: a perfect score for one
1024 target would be fifty (50) points and a perfect match score would be two hundred (200) points.

1025 All shooters will have a six (6) minute sighter period for the first target and two (2) minutes for
1026 each successive target in the class aggregate. Shooters are permitted unlimited number of sighter
1027 shots during the sighter period.

1028 Clubs with pits have the following option: At this time a second record target will be hung. On
1029 the command of the range officer you will have one (1) minute to fire a sighter and have it
1030 spotted. At the end of this allotted time and at the command of the Range Officer all shooters
1031 must fire their second five (5) shots for record. After two (2) targets are completed all equipment
1032 will be removed from the benches and the succeeding relays will shoot two (2) targets each.
1033 Each two-target string will commence with a six (6) minute sighter period as described for the
1034 first.

1035 If for some reason a period of more than one (1) minute elapses between the end of the sighters
1036 and the command commence fire, an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot.

1037 If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock
1038 immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than two (2) minutes, then the clock
1039 will resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than two (2) minutes, it
1040 rounds back to two (2) minutes.

1041 At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters
1042 must fire their **five (5) shots for record** within a **ten (10) minute time period**.

1043 In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of
1044 theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their arm up
1045 and asking for attention. The Range Officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the
1046 sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not
1047 finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have
1048 completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to
1049 correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one (1) minute sighter period and
1050 go directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will
1051 remain courteous and seated until the shooter experiencing the problem has completed firing and
1052 the Range Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches.

1053 At the command of the Range Officer to "**COMMENCE FIRE**", the allotted time for both
1054 sighter shots and record string, in sequence, begins.

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Course of Fire Range Commands for 600 Yard Discipline. See next page.

Range Commands for 600 Yard Discipline

Immediately prior to the beginning of a Relay the Range Officer will announce to competitors the following commands in ***BOLD ITALICS***):

“THIS IS LG OR HG MATCH NUMBER RELAY NUMBER TARGET NUMBER_”

Note: The first target of each Class has a 6 minute Sighter Period. All subsequent targets for each Class have a 2 minute Sighter Period.

YOU WILL BE ALLOWED MINUTES TO COMPLETE YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD FOLLOWED BY 10 MINUTES FOR YOUR RECORD TARGET.

AFTER THE CEASE FIRE COMMAND AT THE END OF THE SIGHTER PERIOD AND BEFORE THE COMMENCE FIRE COMMAND FOR THE 10 MIN RECORD PERIOD YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A LOADED ROUND TOUCHING YOUR RIFLE ACTION OR IN THE CHAMBER.

DURING THE SIGHTER AND RECORD PERIODS YOU WILL BE GIVEN TIME WARNINGS FOR 3 MIN, 2 MIN, 1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS, AND CEASE FIRE.” (Note: For targets having a 2 minute sighter period, the time warnings will be ***“1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS, AND CEASE FIRE.”***)

The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence in a fluid cadence:

START OF SIGHTER PERIOD -“READY ON THE RIGHT, READY ON THE LEFT, INSERT BOLTS, COMMENCE FIRE.”

END OF SIGHTER PERIOD/START OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE THIS ENDS YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD. ALL SPOTTERS AND NON-SHOOTERS OFF THE FIRING LINE.

The Range Officer will confirm that Record Targets are in the air. When confirmed he/she commands ***“COMMENCE FIRE.”***

END OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE THIS ENDS YOUR RECORD PERIOD. REMAIN SEATED. REMOVE AND SHOW BOLTS.”

The Range Officer will instruct the Target Crew to remove the Record Targets just shot and replace them with new, clean Record Targets. He/She will receive confirmation when this is done and that Sighter Targets for the second sighter period are ready. When they are ready, the Range Officer announces the above commands to competitors, stating 2 minutes for the Sighter Period.

1105 At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed
1106 Safety Officers, as appropriate, who will signal the Range Officer with a “thumbs up” sign that
1107 all bolts are out.

1108 Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: **“CLEAR THE**
1109 **BENCHES.** (For first LG match the Range Officer commands: **“WEIGH LIGHT GUNS”**)
1110 **NEXT RELAY TO THE LINE.”**
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1112 The Range Officer is in charge of the target detail and the target detail is not to enter the range
1113 until the Range Officer has given the command to **“CLEAR THE BENCHES”** and has given
1114 the target crew the command to go downrange.
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1116 This process repeats as required until all Relays in the Match for each class are complete.
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1118 Tactical, Factory and Unlimited Class: refer to the Rule Page of The International Benchrest
1119 Association website: Tactical Rules dated 4/28/21 and Factory Rules dated 2/9/20.
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1124 Course of Fire – IBS Nationals
1125 The 1000 Yard Nationals will be fired using an aggregate format of a least two (2) targets per
1126 class (Light Gun and Heavy Gun) with the option to add additional targets if the club determines
1127 they can complete the match with additional time needed based on available range facilities. The
1128 course of fire to be used for any given year will be decided when the Championships are
1129 awarded to the hosting club at the IBS Annual Meeting. The format of the Championships will
1130 be clearly stated in all advertising for the Championships so that competitors have a clear
1131 understanding of the format that will be used each year.

1132 Aggregates will be calculated in the manner explained in Scoring Procedures, page 34.

1133 General Rules and Regulations

1134 Alibis

1135 Range Alibi. The Range Officer will stop time for the affected shooter if a target blows down
1136 or there is some delay in the pits. If there is a range equipment failure, the shooter has the option
1137 to have the problem repaired and finish shooting after one sighter shot (if desired), or to shoot
1138 over at the end of the relay. Unaffected shooters should complete their record targets and be
1139 released to clear their benches after the “clear your bench” command has been issued by the
1140 Range Officer.

1141 Shooter’s Alibi. No shooter's alibi will be permitted.

1142 Alteration of Facilities . No mutilation or alteration of range facilities, (benches, target
1143 frames, etc.) by anyone will be tolerated. Definition of mutilation or alteration is determined by
1144 Range Owner. Competitors must ask for permission prior to any alterations.

1145 Artificial Lights. The firing of Registered Tournaments or any part thereof, under artificial
1146 lights, is authorized.

1147 Coaching. 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 from the
Range/Safety Officer. Mentally or physically handicapped shooters may receive assistance with
permission from the Range/Safety Officer. Handicapped shooters must indicate what kind 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 or begin firing the rifle for the remainder of the sighter period. If a Coach performs more
than described here then both the shooter and Coach will be disqualified from the matches in
which they committed the violations.

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1151 Gun Classification

1152 Heavy Gun Class. There are no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight or sights;
1153 caliber is restricted to .409 or less. Muzzle brakes are allowed. Rifles are fired utilizing sand bag
1154 front rests which may be supported on a pedestal that does not co-act with the sand bag to restrict
1155 upward and/or rearward movement, and rear rests comprised of a sand bag which may be
1156 attached to a pedestal, may be mechanical in nature, and that supports the rifle between the rear
1157 of the pistol grip and the toe of the butt stock.

1158 Light Gun Class. Guns shooting in the light gun class must weigh no more than seventeen (17)
1159 pounds, including bolt, muzzle brake, scope or other sighting devices. The rear rest must not be
1160 mechanical in nature. Bunny ear type bags are acceptable. Muzzle brakes are allowed.

1161 Inspection of Equipment

1162 A scale with certified weights shall be set up near the firing line at all Registered Tournaments
1163 requiring weight limits on rifles. Competitors may use this equipment prior to and during the
1164 matches. A certified weight is one certified by a State Agency or a private company offering
1165 certified weights.

1166 Certified Master Weights are required at all Registered Tournaments. Scales should have a
1167 zeroing pointer. Scales must be balanced and leveled including the one-ounce error factor. Scales
1168 are to be set up in a reasonably permanent location and should remain at this location for the
1169 duration of the Tournament.

1170 Referees will spot check at their discretion rifle weight, dimensions and rests, preferably prior to
1171 the beginning of a match. This will allow any competitor time to correct any violation and still
1172 participate in the competition. Any competitor may request his equipment to be inspected prior
1173 to the beginning of a match for compliance with the rules. Competitors must cooperate with the
1174 Referees or forfeit the right to compete. An overweight rifle, or one outside the rules
1175 dimensionally, or an illegal rest, will result in disqualification if the illegal equipment has been
1176 used to fire any part of the Registered Tournament.

1177 In Tournaments where the dimension factor is involved the Host Club shall provide an accurate
1178 scale, a steel rule, and a pair of calipers or micrometer having a maximum capacity in excess of
1179 1.25". In weighing rifles with scope attached, and bolt, an excess of one (1) ounce shall be
1180 attributed to scale error.

1181 Light Guns in all IBS-registered Tournaments, including National Championships, must be
1182 weighed at the conclusion of the every Relay in the first Light Gun Match of that day as shooters
1183 come off the line. Shooters may weigh Light Guns before the Match to ensure they will make
1184 weight. Still, all shooters must weigh Light Guns as they come off the firing line. The rifle will
1185 be weighed exactly as it was fired, with bolt (removed), muzzle brake (if used) and scope. Any
1186 guns not in compliance will result in the competitor's disqualification.

1187 If a shooter changes Light Guns for subsequent matches that day, this Light Gun must also be
1188 weighed.

1189 Muzzle Position on Shooting Bench. In all Registered Tournaments for any class of
1190 competition the rifle does not have to be placed so the muzzle breaks the plane of the front of the
1191 bench. (RE: 2015 Winter Meeting Long Range #2 Amend Rifle Muzzle Position Rule.) Range
1192 Officials, Safety Officers and Referees may review the safety of a shooters rest and rifle's
1193 position on the bench and refuse to allow the competitor to shoot if the rest/rifle setup is judged
1194 to be unsafe. The Senior Referee has final say.

1195 One Match One Shoot Rule. No shooter may participate and/or shoot more than once in
1196 any scheduled Match, even with different rifles. This rule may not apply in cases of Club
1197 sponsored special events, Shoot Offs, or competition in other classes.

1198 Pit Duty

1199 It is the responsibility of the shooter to be in the pits when called. Pit duty will be posted on the
1200 Range bulletin board. Competitors who win a relay are also responsible for pit duty for the
1201 shoot-off even if the shooter chooses not to shoot in the shoot-off.

1202 If a competitor does not wish to pull targets, it is the competitor's responsibility to provide a
1203 qualified substitute. Roll call will be taken prior to each pit detail. Anyone not fulfilling his/ her
1204 obligation of pit duty will be disqualified for score, group and aggregate for the day's shoot.

1205 All participants that are on pit duty must remain on their assigned target until released by the
1206 Range Safety Officer or Target Captain.

1207 Restriction for Official's Participation. No official, except Referees, shall participate
1208 as contestants in a National Championship Tournament in which he/she is an official. At the
1209 discretion of the Host IBS Club, a Range Officer may shoot as long as he/she is not responsible
1210 for providing Range Officer supervision for a Match in which he/she is actually shooting.

1211 Rests

1212 A front sand bag rest shall support the front part of a rifle: a rear sand bag rest shall support the
1213 rear part of a rifle: neither rest can be attached to the bench, the rifle, nor each other; they must
1214 be movable in all directions independently of the other. Any part of the rifle resting there on
1215 must maintain a minimum of one half inch distance from any part of the retainer or container
1216 holding the sand bag on which the rifle rests. Whenever the rifle makes contact on its sides, there
1217 may be a maximum of sand one-half inch high and a minimum of one-half thick on each side.
1218 Sand bags on front rests must be a minimum of one and one-half inches wide and rear rests sand
1219 bags must be a minimum of one and one-half inches wide by three inches long. No device of any
1220 kind can restrict the upward and/or rearward movement of the rifle. Any; sand bag used as a rest
1221 that is not supported by a retainer and that has movement without restraint need not comply with
1222 this rule. A multi-piece front bag system are acceptable as long as they meet all other criteria
1223 listed in this definition. Rifles will be removable from their front rests without lifting any part of
1224 the front rest from its contact points with the bench it is occupying.

1225 Any rest changes or recoil systems may be shown to and approved by the Referees and/or Range
1226 Officer before being used in competition. Rifles must rest on sand bags only; multiple recoil
1227 ("return to battery") systems on front or rear rests are NOT allowed.

1228 Sandbag. The cover of the sand bags must not be bound in such a manner to prohibit free
1229 movement of the contents. Lubricants on the sand bag may be used. Front and rear rest sandbags
1230 must be such that when lifting the rifle from the rests, the rests does not lose any contact from the
1231 bench it is occupying. Vertical spacers under a rear bag are allowed as long as they do not
1232 contain any protrusions which can be inserted into the bench top or a sandbag.

1233 Shared Equipment. In the event that any two or more competitors using the same rifle or
1234 equipment qualify to participate in the same Shoot Off, it is the sole responsibility of the
1235 competitor to provide the necessary equipment to participate when the competitors for the Shoot-
1236 Off are called to the firing line.

1237 Shooter Additional Duties. A shooter may work as Range Officer, target crew, Scorer or
1238 Statistician but may not handle or score targets from the relay(s) in which he is a competitor. The
1239 exception is the official Target Scorer may score their own target but it must be verified by the
1240 Statistician or Senior Referee.

1241 Spectators. All spectators must remain behind the designated ready line.

1242 Timeliness Reporting to the Firing Line. Once a relay is determined for a shooter and
1243 the time to shoot is designated, the competitor must be available to report to the firing line when
1244 the relay or shoot-off is called by the Range Officer. If a competitor fails to report at the
1245 designated time the Range Officer has the option to proceed and DQ the absent competitor, or,
1246 wait until the competitor reports.

1247 Unused Benches. In all Registered Tournaments it shall be required that no contestant shall
1248 physically occupy with their person any bench in a relay in which he/she is not shooting.
1249 Violating this rule will result in disqualification from the Tournament.

1250 Wind Flags

1251 Range-owned wind flags are placed at Range owner's discretion, and should be placed where
1252 observable by all competitors on an equal basis.

1253 In the 600 Yard discipline, wind flags of any size may be placed by competitors no higher than
1254 the line between the highest point of bench top to bottom of target along the line of sight seen
1255 through the scope.

1256 Except as provided for below, personal wind flags will be restricted to within the competitive
1257 shooting lane of the competitor placing the flags. A shooting lane is defined as the centerlines
1258 between benches to the centerline between the targets unique to each competitor.

1259 Competitors may place personal wind flags off to the side of the range; that is, left of the left-
1260 most bench on the range, and/or right of the right-most and right-most bench being used on a
1261 given day at the tournament.

1262 After the first shot of the aggregate, including the warm-up match (should one be conducted),
1263 flags may only be moved by Referees under the direction of the Range Officer. In no
1264 circumstance shall any flag be moved for the shooter's convenience or benefit for the remainder
1265 of that aggregate. If a flag is causing an obstruction for any shooter, range personnel will lay
1266 down the flag and pole in question. At any tournaments where multiple aggregates are being
1267 contested on the same day, flags may be moved and/or adjusted by competitors between
1268 aggregates.

1269 Electronic Wind Gauges. Electronic wind gauges are not allowed.

1270 Written Notice of Caliber Change. Every competitor who changes calibers after first
1271 filling out their Registration Form for the tournament must give written notice to the Range
1272 Officer. The Range Officer will give this notice to the Statistician. This is for purposes of
1273 resolving scoring issues should they arise. This Change Form may be found in Tab 1, Appendix
1274 A, page 45.

1275 Scoring, Protests and Appeals

1276 Scoring

1277 General

1278 • Maintaining the integrity of scoring is critical to this sport. In order to ensure integrity,
1279 scoring principles and procedures must be followed. Range measurements stand as the
1280 official results of a match and must be honored in the placement of competitors.

- 1281 • Electronic Marking and Scoring systems may be used during the sighter period only, in
1282 IBS Registered Tournaments

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1283 Scoring Roles

1284 Scorer's Role

- 1285 • Maintains reticles and calipers necessary to score targets
1286 • Receives shot targets from the Target Captain or designated representative
1287 • Scores targets
1288 • May score their own target but it must be verified by Statistician or Senior Referee
1289 • Enters Groups and Scores onto scoring sheets and provides them to the Statistician
1290 • Calls for Referees as required to help resolve scoring issues

1291 Statistician's Role

- 1292 • Retains all Tournament registration forms that competitors filled out
1293 • Assigns shooters to and sets up Relays and Shoot-Offs
1294 • Receives Relay and Shoot-off Groups and Scores from the Scorer
1295 • Enters Relay and Shoot-off Groups and Scores into official Match Results Forms
1296 • Posts results for competitor viewing as the Tournament progresses
1297 • Retains official Match results in Club files, and sends copies to IBS
1298 • Calculates aggregates
1299 • Scores all Scorer shot targets
1300 • Assists the Scorer and Referee's as required

1301 Referee's Role

- 1302 • As required, are called upon to use their professional judgment to resolve issues
1303 • Referees are called one at a time to look at a target in question so as not to influence each
1304 other's opinions. Each uses their professional judgment to make a recommendation
1305 about that target. The Scorer and Statistician note the majority opinion. The majority
1306 opinion decides the final result for that target.
1307 • No referee will help resolve issues with their own target. In such circumstances, the
1308 Alternate Referee will judge that target.

1309 Scoring Procedures. After receiving the shot targets from the Target Captain, the Scorer
1310 verifies that targets are in order (e.g.: benches 1 through 10) and makes sure all targets are
1311 properly numbered and correlated to benches. If unnumbered targets can't be determined by
1312 process of elimination the Target Captain and Range Officer are consulted.

1313 Scoring Scenarios

- 1314 • Correct Number of Shots on Target. This is the easiest scoring scenario. The
1315 Scorer measures the group and score on each target and records the results to a score
1316 sheet that only identifies the shooter by target/bench number, not by name. Scorers do
1317 not know the names of the shooters of each target. After finishing scoring the relay, the
1318 Scorer verifies that each target's score and group were correctly transferred to the score
1319 sheet, designates the group and score winner on the sheet, and turns the sheet over to the
1320 Statistician. The targets are then released. Winning group and score targets are posted.
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- No Shots on Target. If there are no shots on a target, the Scorer looks at all adjoining targets to see if there are extra shots on them. If there are no extra shots on adjoining targets, the target is scored as a zero and disqualified.
- Less than the Allowed Number of Shots on Target. If there are less than the required number of shots on target, the Scorer again looks at all adjoining targets for additional shots. In the absence of any, the Scorer will try to define any doubles (two bullets in nearly the same hole) by turning targets over, or using reticles. Referees are called one at a time to look at the target in question and indicate his/her decision to the Scorer. Referee majority decision determines the result. If the shooter protests, follow procedures as set forth for Protests and Appeals. In no circumstances may the shooter be in the Scoring Shed or see their target prior to Referee decision. The target is marked with the number of shots on, as appropriate (e.g.: “4 on”).
- Cross Fires with Distinguishable Calibers. A crossfire is a situation of a shooter on one bench firing on the target of a fellow competitor. Crossfires can be reconciled by distinction in caliber or paint marking. The Statistician will inform the Scorer of the calibers each shooter indicated on their match registration form. Shooters can be asked if they used painted bullets. Acetone can be used on the bullet holes to bring out any color.
- Cross Fire with Same Caliber or Indistinguishable Calibers. If there are greater than the number of required shots on the target and less than the number of shots on an adjoining target, the Scorer will try to decipher the shots by caliber or paint marking. If Scorers cannot determine any difference, the shooter with more than the correct number of shots on his/her target, *without seeing the target*, will be asked if they will accept the larger group and lowest score, or whether they opt to re-shoot. If they opt to re-shoot, the Range Officer and Statistician are notified. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-shoot in the soonest available relay. If they accept the largest group and lowest score, the Statistician records that result. If the shooter protests, Referees become involved. The shooter who did not have the correct number of shots on target is disqualified.

Scoring 1000 Yard Discipline

General. All shooters have the option of coloring their bullets. In the event a Scorer can determine the bullets used by the color of the bullet holes they may render a decision with that evidence.

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 precedence, and the competitor with the next highest score will advance to the Shoot-Off.

1362 Heavy Gun

1363 All **10** shots for measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for awards. When a
1364 competitor has the smallest group and the highest score, he/she must take the smallest group for
1365 the shoot-off competition. Any shooter firing more than ten shots during the record period will be
disqualified.

1366 There must be **10** verifiable shots on a Record target. Any group that appears to have less than **10**
1367 shots must be reviewed by the Pit Officer and the assigned target puller(s) or if no pits, then the
1368 Head Scorer at the scoring shed, for verifiable duplicate shots. Their decision is reviewable by
1369 Referees. The target in question must be signed and the total number of shots noted by the
1370 official Scorer, Pit officer and/or assigned target puller(s). Targets in question may be reviewed
1371 by a club's Board of Directors or match officials at the request of the pit chairman or if no pits,
1372 then the Head Scorer.

1373 11 or more shots appear on a target and **9** or less appear on another, the shooter with **9** or less is
1374 disqualified. If a difference in caliber size or the use of colored bullets can determine the errant
1375 bullet holes the Head Scorer, Pit Chairman or referees may disregard their presence and score the
1376 target accordingly. No one has the authority to eliminate errant bullet holes with their location on
1377 the target being a determining factor.

1378 In case no decision can be made by the Pit Chairman or Head Scorer, the shooter with **11** or
1379 more shots has the choice of accepting the largest group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The
1380 shooter cannot be notified of the size of the **11** or more shot group, nor his/her total score until
1381 after he/she has made his/her choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-
1382 shoot in the soonest available relay.

1383 In the event the Pit Chairman or, if no pits then the Head Scorer, cannot determine the ownership
1384 of the **11th** Shot and the shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the group size will be
1385 determined by measuring the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the
1386 target. Score will be determined by scoring the lowest value shots. The shooter has the choice of
1387 accepting largest group and smallest score.

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1389 Light Gun

1390 All **5** shots for measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for awards. When a
1391 competitor has the smallest group and the highest score, he/she must take the smallest group for
1392 the shoot-off competition. Any competitor firing more than 5 shots during a record period will be
disqualified.

1393 There must be **5** verifiable shots on a Record target. Any group that appears to have less than **5**
1394 shots must be reviewed by the Pit Officer and the assigned target puller(s) or if no pits, then the
1395 Head Scorer at the scoring shed, for verifiable duplicate shots. Their decision is reviewable by
1396 Referees. The target in question must be signed and the total number of shots noted by the
1397 official Scorer, Pit Officer and/or assigned target puller(s). Targets in question may be reviewed
1398 by match officials at the request of the Target Captain or if no pits, then the Head Scorer.

1399 If **6** or more shots appear on a target and **4** or less appear on another, the shooter with **4** or less is
1400 disqualified. If a difference in caliber size or the use of colored bullets can determine the errant
1401 bullet holes the Head Scorer, Pit Chairman or referees may disregard their presence and score the
1402 target accordingly. No one has the authority to eliminate errant bullet holes with their location on
1403 the target being a determining factor.

1404 In case no decision can be made by the Pit Chairman or Head Scorer, the shooter with **6** or more
1405 shots has the choice of accepting the largest group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The
1406 shooter cannot be notified of the size of the **6** or more shot group, nor his/her total score until
1407 after he/she has made his/her choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-
1408 shoot in the soonest available relay.

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1410 and the shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the group size will be determined by
1411 measuring the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the target. Score
1412 will be determined by scoring the lowest value shots. The shooter has the choice of accepting
1413 largest group and smallest score.

1414 Scoring 600 Yard Discipline

1415 General. All shooters have the option of coloring their bullets. In the event a Scorer can
1416 determine the bullets used by the color of the bullet holes they may render a decision with that
1417 evidence.

1418 All **5** shots for measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for awards. When a
1419 competitor has the smallest group and the highest score, he/she must take the smallest group for
1420 the shoot-off competition. Any competitor firing more than five shots during the record period will
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1425 official Scorer, Pit Officer and/or assigned target puller(s). Targets in question may be reviewed
1426 by match officials at the request of the Target Captain or if no pits, then the Head Scorer.

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1428 disqualified. If a difference in caliber size or the use of colored bullets can determine the errant
1429 bullet holes the Head Scorer, Pit Chairman or referees may disregard their presence and score the
1430 target accordingly. No one has the authority to eliminate errant bullet holes with their location on
1431 the target being a determining factor.

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1433 shots has the choice of accepting the largest group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The
1434 shooter cannot be notified of the size of the **6** or more shot group, nor his/her total score until
1435 after he/she has made his/her choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-
1436 shoot in the soonest available relay.

1437 In the event the Pit Chairman or, if no pits then the Head Scorer, cannot determine the **6th** Shot
1438 and the shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the group size will be determined by
1439 measuring the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the target. Score
1440 will be determined by scoring the lowest value shots. The shooter has the choice of accepting
1441 largest group and smallest score.

1442 Breaking Ties 1000 Yard Disciplines. In case of a tie, winners are determined as
1443 follows:

- 1444 • In any case of a tie for score, the number of shots in the X ring will be totaled and the
1445 target with the most X's will determine the winner.

- 1446 • In the case of a tie for score and the X ring count, the smallest group will determine the
1447 winner.
1448 • If there is still a tie for score the target with the closest shot to the center of the target
1449 which is represented by the X in the center of the X ring, will determine the winner.
1450 • In the case of a tie for the smallest group, the higher score determines the winner.
1451 • In the case of a tie for the smallest group, and score is also tied, the bullet nearest to the
1452 center of the bull's-eye determines the winner.

1453 **Breaking Ties 600 yard Discipline:**

1454 . In case of a tie for highest total Score, the shooter with the smallest group aggregate will
1455 determine the score winner.

1456 .In case of a tie for Smallest Group aggregate, the shooter with the highest total Score will
1457 determine the group winner.

1458 . In either of the above scenarios if a tie still exists the shooter with the highest "X" count
1459 will be the winner.

1460 . If a tie exists after the above 3 scenarios the shooter with a bullet hole nearest the center of
1461 the bullseye will be the winner.

1462 Aggregates. The procedure for determining aggregates is the same for all IBS registered
1463 matches. The only factor that may differ is the number of targets considered in the aggregate.

1464 A shooter must have their required number of scoreable targets to be eligible for any Aggregate
1465 Award or Trophies, within certain events. In the event a shooter has a target that has been
1466 disqualified they are no longer eligible for Aggregate Awards or Trophies within that certain
1467 event. However they are still eligible for Individual target Awards and or Trophies within certain
1468 events.

1469 Club membership may be required for participation in annual Club aggregates.

1470 Calculating Aggregates. For purposes of discussion the following example will be used to
1471 show how aggregates and aggregate rankings are calculated. 600 yard matches may use "totals"
1472 in lieu of aggregates for the purposes of scoring programs or match results

Agg worksheet example Light Gun										
Light Gun Group						LG Group				
Shooter	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Aggregate	Rank				
Wilma F	2.335	3.568	4.442	3.558	3.476	1				
Fred F	5.889	6.111	3.001	5.662	5.166	3				
Barney R	6.257	6.221	2.665	5.521	5.166	4				
Bam Bam	3.225	6.225	4.221	2.123	3.949	2				
Light Gun Score						LG Score	LG Group	Overall		
Shooter	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Aggregate	Rank	Rank	LG Rank	LG Place	
Wilma F	45	32	50	41	42.00	1	1	2	1	
Fred F	46	48	42	32	42.00	2	3	5	2	
Barney R	35	28	48	50	40.25	3	4	7	4	
Bam Bam	36	50	20	48	38.50	4	2	6	3	

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Shooter	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Aggregate	Group				
Wilma F	4.386	4.192	6.745	7.422	5.686	4				
Fred F	5.369	5.556	4.285	6.471	5.420	2				
Barney R	4.916	6.278	6.995	3.789	5.495	3				
Bam Bam	7.003	4.444	5.843	4.390	5.420	1				
Heavy Gun Score						HG Score	HG	Overall		
Shooter	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Aggregate	Rank	Group	HG Rank	HG Place	
Wilma F	90	86	91	84	87.75	2	4	6	3	
Fred F	92	90	92	74	87.00	3	2	5	2	
Barney R	79	83	87	99	87.00	4	3	7	4	
Bam Bam	85	94	93	100	93.00	1	1	2	1	

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2 Gun Aggregate Ranking						
Shooter	HG Group Rank	LG Group Rank	HG Score Rank	LG Score Rank	2 Gun Agg	2 Gun Agg Rank
Wilma F	4	1	2	1	8	2
Fred F	2	3	3	2	10	3
Barney R	3	4	4	3	14	4
Bam Bam	1	2	1	4	8	1

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- The group aggregate for any single shooter in a class (HG or LG) is determined by adding the group sizes together and dividing by the number of targets shot.

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- The score aggregate for any shooter in a class (HG or LG) is determined by adding the scores together and dividing by the number of targets shot.

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- Shooters will be given a ranking based on the group and score rankings by sorting from smallest to largest group and highest to smallest score.

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- The shooter's ranking numbers will be added together to give an overall ranking per class. This ranking will be sorted in ascending order, the lowest number being deemed the class overall winners.

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- A two-gun aggregate for any shooter is their LG aggregate and HG aggregate added together. Ranking will be sorted in ascending order, the lowest number being deemed the overall two-gun aggregate winner.

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Breaking Aggregate Ties 600 and 1000 Yard Disciplines. In case of an aggregate tie, winners are determined as follows:

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- Group ties between shooters are given to the shooter having the best score aggregate/total.

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- Score ties between shooters are given to the shooter having the best group aggregate.

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- Ties in 2-Gun Ranking are broken by: Smallest 2-Gun group aggregate, and if still a tie, by Highest 2-Gun score aggregate or total.

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- If a tie then remains, the shooter with the highest "X" count wins.

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- If a tie still remains, the shooter with the shot closest to the center of the "X" wins.

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Handling of Potential World Record-Setting Targets. **The following protocol will be strictly adhered to. The Host Club Match Director will:**

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- 1515 • Ensure control of the prospective record target once it is identified as such. No one other
1516 than Pit Crew, Scorers and Referees may physically touch at any time a prospective
1517 record target. The shooter may not touch this target.
- 1518 • Inquire of the Match Referees and Range Officers that all rules and regulations were
1519 followed when the prospective record target was shot. This will require an inspection of
1520 rifle and rests used to ensure they were compliant.
- 1521 • Ensure all Match Referees and the Range Officer have verified and signed the
1522 prospective record target.
- 1523 • The target will be turned over to the Host Club Match Director with duplicate copies of
1524 the Record Submission Form on or before the last day of the tournament in which they
1525 were shot.
- 1526 • Verify that the information on the Record Submission Form matches that information
1527 submitted by the competitor on the competitor's registration form.
- 1528 • Retain one copy of the Record Submission Form for file and forward the prospective
1529 record target with one copy of the Record Submission Form to the Chairperson of the
1530 Official Measurement Committee. This should be done via registered mail, or, in person.

1536 Protests and Appeals

1537 Scoring Protests. When a target is scored at the Target Shed/ Target House, it is official. Any
1538 shooter, IBS member or not, may protest. Designated match officials may give reconsideration to
1539 the shooter provided a cash protest fee is paid in advance of any decision and the target in
1540 question is turned over to a match official.

1541 Other Protests. "Other" protests includes all grievances other than related to scoring.
1542 Designated match officials may give reconsideration to the shooter provided a cash protest fee is
1543 paid in advance of any decision. Any shooter, IBS member or not, may protest.

1544 Protest Timeliness. Protests related to scoring must be initiated within one hour after the target's
1545 posting or before shoot-offs begin. Shoot-off targets must be protested before the designated
1546 match officials leave the range. "Other" protests must be initiated before the range is "cold" and
1547 before the aggrieved shooter and Range Officials leave the range. Protests must be in writing.

1548 Protest Fee. A fee of \$10.00 shall be in place for any target to be rescored or re-measured. If
1549 the target changes score the fee shall be returned to the shooter, otherwise the fee shall be
1550 forfeited to the Club holding the match. A group size shall have to change .020 inch or more
1551 (smaller or larger) to be considered a change. The fee applies to "other" protests as well.

1552 Resolution. Match officials may uphold their original decision or find in favor of the shooter.

1553 Appeals. Appeals are a request for reconsideration of a ruling made on a protest. Only
1554 appeals by current IBS members will be considered.

1557 Any IBS member competitor at a Registered Tournament, who feels aggrieved by a decision of
1558 the Range Officer, Referees or other Range Official, may before leaving the range on the day the
1559 grievance arose, appeal the decision. The steps in the appeal process:

1560 **Step 1:** The aggrieved shooter will give \$10 and a short, handwritten and signed note to the
1561 Range Officer that simply says: "I will file an appeal for X decision. Signed, Aggrieved
1562 Shooter." No other details are necessary at this point.

1563 **Step 2:** The Range Officer will ensure he/she understands the grievance and will then convey the
1564 aggrieved shooter's note to the Long Range Committee Chairman.

1565 **Step 3:** The aggrieved shooter, within two full days after the Match, will provide a full, legible
1566 and signed statement sent via e-mail or certified mail to the Long Range Committee Chairman.
1567 The statement will include:

- 1568 • The ruling made by the Referees, and/or Range Officer and/or other Range Official
- 1569 • The reason(s) why the aggrieved shooter believes an incorrect decision was made
- 1570 • Names of Referees, Range Officer, Scorer, etc., where appropriate
- 1571 • Aggrieved shooter's full name, address and contact information
- 1572 • Signature of aggrieved shooter

1573 **Step 4:** Concurrently, also within two full days after the Match, the Range Officer will provide a
1574 full, legible and signed statement sent via e-mail or certified mail to the Long Range Committee
1575 Chairman. The statement will include:

- 1576 • Ruling of and logic behind the Referees, Range Officer's, or other Range Official's
1577 decisions
- 1578 • Names of Referees, Range Officer, Scorer, etc., where appropriate
- 1579 • Name of competitor filing grievance
- 1580 • Signatures of involved Range Officials
- 1581 • Contact information for each involved Range Official

1582 **Step 5:** Whether sent via e-mail or by certified mail, the Long Range Committee Chairman will
1583 acknowledge receipt, either by e-mail or phone call. No other discussion is necessary at this
1584 point. This is simply a courtesy notification to the aggrieved shooter and to the Range Officer
1585 that statements have been received.

1586 **Step 6:** The Long Range Committee Chairman will cause the appropriate committee to
1587 investigate the appeal and forward all findings to the Executive Board.

1588 **Step 7:** The Executive Board will make a decision and inform all parties. The Executive Board's
1589 decision is final. If the appeal is substantiated, the protest fee will be returned. If the appeal is
1590 overruled, the fee will be forfeited to the IBS.

1591 Timeliness of Appeal. The aggrieved shooter and the Range Officer have 2 full business days
1592 after the date of the Match where the incident caused the appeal, to each file. For example, if the
1593 date of the Match was 15 April, they have until 6pm 17 April to send the appeal via e-mail. If
1594 sent via registered mail, it has to be postmarked no later than 17 April.

1595 World Records, Points, Awards and National Matches – 1000 Yard
1596 Discipline

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1598 World Records Recognized. Official recording of match results began in the 1995 season.
1599 Only records shot by IBS members in IBS sanctioned 1000-yard Benchrest matches will be
1600 recognized. IBS records in the following categories will be based on match results during the
1601 entire season.

1602 **Heavy Gun Class**

- 1603 • Smallest 10 Shot Group
- 1604 • Highest 10 Shot Score
- 1605 • Smallest 6 match Group aggregate
- 1606 • Smallest 10 match Group aggregate
- 1607 • Highest 6 match Score aggregate
- 1608 • Highest 10 match Score aggregate
- 1609 • Smallest 12 target/6 match Group aggregate
- 1610 • Smallest 20 target/10 Group aggregate
- 1611 • Highest 12 target/6 match Score aggregate
- 1612 • Highest 20 target/10 match Score aggregate

1613 **Light Gun Class**

- 1614
- 1615 • Smallest 5 shot Group
- 1616 • Highest 5 shot Score
- 1617 • Smallest 6 match Group aggregate
- 1618 • Smallest 10 match Group aggregate
- 1619 • Highest 6 match Score aggregate
- 1620 • Highest 10 match Score aggregate
- 1621 • Smallest 12 target/6 match Group aggregate
- 1622 • Smallest 20 target/10 match Group aggregate
- 1623 • Highest 12 target/6 match Score aggregate
- 1624 • Highest 20 target/10 match Score aggregate

1625 Record Precedence. Records are recognized chronologically, by date only, regardless of
1626 match attended or relay participated in. If multiple competitors break a record on a given day,
1627 regardless of the match they attended or the relay on which they shot, each one is given full
1628 credit for breaking the record (including, but not limited to, IBS record certificate and Precision
1629 Rifleman points), and the best score shot on that day is recognized as the record going forward.
1630 This rule shall not be retroactive.

1631 National Events and Special Shoots. Super shoots and the Nationals may be sanctioned IBS
1632 tournaments, but results are usually not considered in determining individual club aggregate
winners.

1633 Club Matches and State Championships Points.

1634 See 1000 Yard Shooter of the Year Program posted on IBS website.
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IBS 1000 Yard National Championship Points.

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- 1636 1000 Yard National Championship Awards
- 1637 Top 20 Aggregate Winners (3" Patches)
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- 1639 2nd-20th place LG 1000yd Group
- 1640 2nd-20th place LG 1000yd Score
- 1641 2nd-20th place HG 1000yd Group
- 1642 2nd-20th place HG 1000yd Score
- 1643 2nd-20th place LG Overall Championship
- 1644 2nd-20th place HG Overall Championship
- 1645 2nd-20th place 2 Gun Overall Championship
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- 1647 **Class Winners (5" Patches)**
- 1648 (1) LG 1000yd Group
- 1649 (1) LG 1000yd Score
- 1650 (1) HG 1000yd Group
- 1651 (1) HG 1000yd Score
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- 1653 **Aggregate Winners (5" Patches)**
- 1654 (1) LG 1000yd Overall Champion
- 1655 (1) HG 1000yd Overall Champion
- 1656 (1) 1000yd 2 Gun Overall Champion
- 1657 (1) 1000yd Junior Overall Champion
- 1658 (1) 1000yd Female Overall Champion
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- 1660 **Keeper Plaques**
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- 1662 **Light Gun Championship**
- 1663 • 1000yd Group Champion
 - 1664 • 1000yd Score Champion
 - 1665 • 1000yd Overall Champion
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- 1667 **Heavy Gun Championship**
- 1668 • 1000yd Group Champion
 - 1669 • 1000yd Score Champion
 - 1670 • 1000yd Overall Champion
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- 1672 **2 Gun Overall Championship**
- 1673 • 1000yd Overall Champion
- 1674 **Relay Winner Pins (Blue/White IBS Pins).** Quantity is variable per participation (2 pins given
- 1675 out per relay shot)

1676 IBS 1000 Yard Shooter of the Year (SOY) Program

1677 The IBS 1000 Yard SOY Program is administered by the IBS Long Range Committee. Detailed
1678 rules for earning points will be developed annually by the Long Range Committee and will be
1679 communicated to the shooters prior to the beginning of a competitive year. The awards for the
1680 program will be determined by the Committee on an annual basis. This will be posted on the
1681 IBS website.

1682 SOY Tie Breaker Criteria. In case of a tie for the SOY points the winners are determined
1683 using the following criteria:

- 1684 • Total number of match wins,
- 1685 • Number of relay wins,
- 1686 • Season group aggregate,
- 1687 • Season score aggregate

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1689 Long Range Marksman Awards

- 1690 • 30 LRM points – Bronze - shooter is awarded a Jacket.
- 1691 • 60 LRM points – Silver - Shooter is awarded a Silver logo and a plaque
- 1692 • 100 LRM points – Gold – Shooter is awarded a Gold logo and a plaque
- 1693 • 130 LRM points – a Star is added to the Bronze logo on jacket and bar added to Gold
1694 LRM plaque
- 1695 • 160 LRM points – a Star is added to the Silver logo on jacket and bar added to Gold
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- 1697 • 190 LRM points – a Star is added to the Gold logo on jacket and bar added to Gold LRM
1698 plaque
- 1699 • 200 LRM points – Platinum logo and a plaque

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1703 World Records, Points, Awards and National Matches – 600 Yard Discipline

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1705 World Records Recognized. IBS recognizes the following World Records. Official
1706 recording of match results began in the 2003 season. The smallest group and highest scores
1707 recorded prior to 1/1/05 shall be adopted as the standing IBS world records. IBS records in the
1708 following categories will be based on match results during the entire season.

- 1709 • Heavy Gun Class
- 1710 • Smallest 5 Shot Group
- 1711 • Highest 5 Shot Score
- 1712 • Highest 4 Target Match Aggregate
- 1713 • Smallest 4 Match Group Aggregate
- 1714 • Light Gun Class
- 1715 • Smallest 5 Shot Group
- 1716 • Highest 5 Shot Score

- 1717 • Highest 4 Target Match Aggregate
- 1718 • Smallest 4 Match Group Aggregate
- 1719 • Grand Aggregate
- 1720 • Smallest 2-Gun LG/HG Group Grand Aggregate
- 1721 • Highest 2-Gun LG/HG Score Grand Aggregate

1722 Record Precedence. Records are recognized chronologically, by date only, regardless of
 1723 match attended or relay participated in. If multiple competitors break a record on a given day,
 1724 regardless of the match they attended or the relay on which they shot, each one is given full
 1725 credit for breaking the record (including, but not limited to, IBS record certificate and Precision
 1726 Rifleman points), and the best score shot on that day is recognized as the record going forward.
 1727 This rule shall not be retroactive.
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1729 National Events. Nationals are sanctioned IBS tournaments but results are usually not
 1730 considered in determining individual club aggregate winners.

1731 600 Yard Awards – Regularly Scheduled Matches. 3” Patches per class contested. One for
 1732 Score and one for Group – “600 Yard Aggregate Winner”.

1733 IBS 600 Yard National Championship

1734 The IBS 600 yard National Championship will be fired using an aggregate format of 8 targets per
 1735 class. (Light Gun and Heavy Gun).

1736 The course of fire and dates will be established when the National Championship is awarded at
 1737 the IBS annual meeting.

1738 The dates and other pertinent information will be advertised on the IBS webpage, in the Accurate
 1739 Shooter website and in any other advertising that the Club chooses. Advertisements will be done
 1740 in a timely manner as per IBS rules pertaining to National Championships.

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 1742 600 Yard National Championship Awards

1743 **Each Top 20 aggregate shooter excluding the Winners (3”patches) IBS furnished**

- 1744 • Light gun group
- 1745 • Light gun score
- 1746 • Heavy gun group
- 1747 • Heavy gun score
- 1748 • Light gun overall
- 1749 • Heavy gun overall
- 1750 • 2 gun overall

1751 **Class Winners (5” patches) IBS furnished.**

- 1752 • Light gun group
- 1753 • Light gun score
- 1754 • Heavy gun group
- 1755 • Heavy gun score

- 1756 **Aggregate Winners** (5" patches) IBS furnished.
- 1757 • Light gun overall Champion
- 1758 • Heavy gun overall Champion
- 1759 • 2 gun overall Champion
- 1760 • Junior overall Champion
- 1761 • Female overall Champion
- 1762 **Keeper Plaques.** Club furnished.
- 1763 • Light Gun Championship
- 1764 ○ 600yd Group Champion
- 1765 ○ 600yd Score Champion
- 1766 ○ 600yd Overall Champion
- 1767 • Heavy Gun Championship
- 1768 ○ 600yd Group Champion
- 1769 ○ 600yd Score Champion
- 1770 ○ 600yd Overall Champion
- 1771 • Two Gun Overall Championship
- 1772 ○ Two Gun Overall Champion
- 1773 **Relay Winner Pins** (Blue/White IBS pins) Quantity is dependent on Participation (2 pins
- 1774 required per relay. IBS furnished.
- 1775 **Traveling Trophies/Plaques.** IBS furnished.
- 1776 • Light Gun Group
- 1777 • Light Gun Score
- 1778 • Light Gun Overall
- 1779 • Heavy Gun Group
- 1780 • Heavy Gun Score
- 1781 • Heavy Gun Overall
- 1782 • Two Gun Overall
- 1783 World Record Eligibility. Only single targets in each class, for score and group, will be
- 1784 recognized for world records.
- 1785 IBS 600 Yard Shooter of the Year (SOY) Program.
- 1786 The IBS 600 Yard SOY program is to be administered by the IBS Long Range Committee.
- 1787 Detailed rules for earning points will be developed annually by the Long Range committee and
- 1788 will be communicated to the shooters prior to the beginning of a competitive year. The awards
- 1789 for the program will be determined by the Committee on an annual basis. This will be posted on
- 1790 the IBS website. **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.**
- Beginning in the 2021 Season SOY points will be awarded for Light Gun and Heavy Gun Overall. Two Gun Champions will be determined by using the actual numeric Light and Heavy Gun, Score and Group aggregates.**
- 1791 600 Yard Precision Rifleman Award

1792 The Precision Rifleman/woman award system was developed to recognize the accomplishments

1793 of shooters who have consistently performed well at registered IBS Tournaments over a period
1794 of time.

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There are three levels of achievement recognized. These levels are achieved through point accrual. The levels and awards are:

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- Bronze for 30 Points – a shooting jacket embroidered with the shooters name
- Silver for 60 Points – a certificate
- Gold for 100 Points – a certificate

1801 Appendix A. Additional Forms and Documents

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1816 TAB 1. Caliber Change Form

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NOTICE OF CALIBER CHANGE

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1820 Name: _____

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1822 HG or LG: (Circle one)

1823 Bench and Relay Assigned: Bench _____ Relay _____

1824 Caliber at Registration: _____

1825 Change Caliber To: _____

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1827 Instructions:

1828 1. Complete the change card ***before*** shooting in the relay and submit to the **Range Officer**.

1829 2. Provide your name as you registered

1830 3. Indicate the Match is which you will fire this caliber change (e.g.: Match 6)

1831 4. Circle whether this is for HG or LG

1832 5. Provide the bench number and relay to which you are assigned when you will shoot this
1833 changed caliber (e.g.: Bench 6, Relay 2)

1834 6. Provide your caliber written at registration (e.g. 300WM)

1835 7. Provide the caliber you are changing to (e.g.: 6 Dasher)

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