

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

THE NRA HANDBOOK



Including the NRA RULES OF SHOOTING and the Programme of the 141st IMPERIAL MEETING BISLEY THURSDAY 1 TO SUNDAY 26 JULY 2010

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FOREWORD

This edition of the NRA Handbook has been completely revised and updated and a number of major rule changes have been incorporated. The usual method of sidelining any changes has been dispensed with this year in view of the very large number of amendments. For this reason you are advised to read carefully the whole Handbook.

Some of the major amendments are outlined below:

The document has been restructured into the **Handbook**, the **Rules of Shooting**, and the **Imperial Meeting**. The NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook is conceptually part of this document, and is authorised by Council as stated on page 5, but is published separately. The table of Contents on pages 11 to 13 shows the new structure.

The **Handbook** includes a variety of policy documents and general information. It is planned to extend this in future to form a more comprehensive reference book. Included in the Handbook are the Bisley Camp Standing Orders and the Bisley Range Safety Regulations. These are under the control of the Managing Director NSC and are written to be stand-alone documents. Consequently some items are repeated in both documents and/or in the Rules of Shooting.

The **Rules of Shooting** are, as far as possible, generic rules for use on any range. The work of separating out elements of the previous rules and structuring elements of limited application continues.

The **Imperial Meeting** section contains all the administrative regulations for the Meeting, and the competition conditions and timetables. The major change in the document itself is that F Class events have been separated to indicate clearly the status of F Class as a discipline distinct from TR. The major changes in the schedule appear on Second Thursday and Second Friday, where there have been substantial changes to make the Chairman's Prize independent of the Queen's Second Stage and to reduce the number of late evening finishes by rescheduling the Inter-Services Long Range, the St George's Second Stage and the Donaldson Memorial Final. The schedules for the Barlow, Stickledown, Queen's Consolation and PW Richardson have been adjusted to improve opportunities for those not involved in second stages or international matches to shoot all these events if they wish.

Individual rules where the substance has changed significantly:

The precedence of the various rules, regulations and conditions, which is specified at Para 101.

Responsibility of a match organiser using NRA Rules with exceptions, not to except any of the Safety Rules, at Para 102.

TR ammunition rules at Para 151.

In the Safety Rules, at Paras 252-265:

The procedure following an emergency stop.

The misfire procedures.

The rules regarding responsibilities and procedures for clearing firearms.

Observing fall of shot for other competitors following a miss, at Para 269b.

Conditions to continue after a miss with the first shot, at Para 277.

Procedure for converting sighters in a team match, at Para 300a.

Persons allowed to submit a challenge, and persons responsible for informing the RCO when the spotting disc unmistakably disagrees, at Paras 316-319.

Responsibilities of firer and register keeper for correct recording of scores and completion of register cards, at Paras 342 and 343.

Eligibility for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Great Britain, now part of NRA Policy.

Classification of overseas competitors, at Para 715 and Appendix XVI.

Ammunition arrangements for the Imperial Meeting, including availability at cost of NRA .308” 155gr ammunition to competitors in disciplines other than TR, at Paras 780-782.

Definition of the “Services” for the purposes of competition, at Appendix XI.

The Champion of Champions competition will be shot at 1000 yards on Second Monday.

F Class events except the Queen’s First Stage, the Donaldson Memorial Final and those based on 20-shot MR events are 2ss + 15 shots.

Individual rules where the wording or layout has changed to improve clarity or remove anomalies:

The dimensional requirements for a Target Rifle at Para 150.

The definition of Match Rifle at Para 156.

Definition of F Class rifles at Para 164.

Paras 203, 204, 209 and 210 which deal with jackets, slings, gloves and screening of firearms. The new wording is extensively copied from the ICFRA TR Technical Rules.

Rules defining the various positions used in competition, at Para 213.

Rules regarding being on time for squadded competitions at Paras 266 and 270.

Circumstances in which another sighter will be allowed, at Para 298.

Scoring a shot fired out of turn, at Para 355.

At Para 451 and many others, Gallery Rifle and Pistol rules have been transferred to the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately)

Offences for which the potential penalty is expulsion, at Para 544.

At Paras 811-821, use of the various tickets and claim cards in the Imperial Meeting.

THE HANDBOOK OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

This book contains three Volumes, each containing Parts, Sections and Paragraphs. Appendices appear at the end of each Volume. Parts, Sections, Paragraphs and Appendices are all numbered consecutively through the entire book. To avoid repeating pronouns, the masculine form only is used throughout. Thus 'he' should be read as 'he/she', 'him' as 'him/her', and 'his' as 'his/her(s)'. The 24 hour clock is used throughout.

Volume 4, the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook, is published separately, but derives its authority from the Council's authorisation of this Handbook.

This book is available in large print on A4 paper by application to the Squadding Department or as an A4 pdf download on the NRA website.

Information contained in this Handbook is valid as at 1 March 2010. Changes will be notified via the NRA website, the NRA Journal and, if necessary, by e-mail and/or post.

All errors in this Handbook should be notified to Karen Robertson by e-mail at karen@nra.org.uk or in writing via the NRA.

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The Principal Committees of the NRA General Council are:

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CONDITIONS OF NRA MEMBERSHIP

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Registered (Full) Membership

Annual Standard Rate £60.00

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Open to all who are qualified for full membership

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(a) under 25 years of age, or £35.00

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Special introductory first year membership offer £35.00

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Valid for the duration of the NRA Imperial Meeting only £45.00

Membership of the NRA, whether Full or Meeting only, is a compulsory qualification for competing in any event during the Imperial Meeting

Junior Meeting Membership

(a) Under 21, or under 25 and in full-time education £20.00

or (b) Under 21, or under 25 and in full-time education, and first entry to any events (excluding Schools competitions) during the NRA Imperial Meeting Free

Service Membership

(a) Present member of HM Forces competing in NRA Service Weapon and/or Service Representative events only Free

or (b) If entering any other events in the Imperial Meeting £40.00

Gallery Rifle or Pistol Membership

If entering Gallery Rifle or Pistol events only £5.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP**Life Membership Table**

Age at 1 Jan	UK Lump Sum	UK 7yr @	Overseas Lump Sum
40 or under	5,000.00	750.00	3,000.00
41 to 50	4,000.00	600.00	2,400.00
51 to 60	3,000.00	450.00	1,800.00
61 to 70	1,500.00	250.00	900.00
Over 70	750.00	140.00	450.00

All annual subscriptions are due on 1 January and run until 31 December in the same year.

Life Membership subscriptions may be paid either as a lump sum or, for UK residents, over a seven year period by Standing Order and, if possible, under Gift Aid. This benefits the NRA at no expense to the member concerned and may also benefit a higher rate tax payer personally. Full details may be obtained from the Financial Director.

Junior Life Membership**£175.00**

Covers membership until 31 December in year of 25th birthday.

The Junior Life Membership fee will be deducted from the full Life Membership fee (above) should the member wish to become a Life Member at age 25, or at any subsequent time so long as annual membership has been paid continuously during the intervening period.

PRIVILEGES OF NRA MEMBERSHIP

- 1 The support of the NRA in all matters connected with target shooting.
- 2 To stand for General Council and to vote at General Meetings and Elections.
- 3 To receive a copy of the Annual Report.
- 4 To receive the NRA Journal.
- 5 To hire firearms from the NRA, either by the day or annually, within the provisions of the Firearms Acts.
- 6 To buy NRA ammunition, within the provisions of the Firearms Acts.
- 7 To hire targets on Bisley Ranges.
- 8 To wear the NRA colours.
- 9 To shoot in the Imperial Meeting.
- 10 Admission to the Members' enclosures on the ranges and at the Presentation of Prizes (on production of membership badge or card).
- 11 To be covered under the Members' Insurance Policy including Public Liability.
- 12 To be eligible for selection for GB and NRA representative teams.
- 13 To be eligible to register for the NRA Shooting Club.

Item 9 is the only privilege that applies to any category of Meeting Membership.

Items 2, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 are applicable only to Full Members.

A permanent pass will be issued to all Life and Junior Life Members.

Sections 2-9 *Reserved*

Paras 2-19 *Reserved*

B – NRA POLICY

20 The Policy of the National Rifle Association derives from its Royal Charter. The text of the original Charter and associated and subsequent fundamental documents are published on the Association's website, and can be obtained by members on application to the Secretary General. The structure of the Association's policy document set is complex, and much content is not immediately applicable to day-to-day operations. Elements of NRA policy of particular note to members are published below. Sections 10, 11 and 12 below are the authoritative documents on international teams, disciplinary matters and drug abuse respectively. Other sections in this part are summaries or extracts from larger policy documents which may be viewed on the website or on application to the Secretary General.

SECTION 10 – INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

Teams from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the NRA and Great Britain (see Para 107)

- 21 a No person may apply to or be selected to represent the NRA or Great Britain in an international match unless he is a full member of the NRA.
- b A person will only be eligible to represent Great Britain if he satisfies the test of nationality. The test shall be either:
 - i country of birth, or
 - ii legal citizenship, or
 - iii country of residence for a continuous period of not less than five years preceding the date of a match
 - iv descent from a parent qualified by country of birth or legal citizenship
- c A person who has been a member of a team competing against Great Britain shall not be allowed to represent Great Britain for the next 2½ years.
- d Sub-para c does not apply to a person who is representing England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales against Great Britain in a match outwith the Imperial Meeting. Sub-Para c does not apply when two or more teams representing Great Britain compete in the same match.

A member of the NRA who is a citizen of the Isle of Man or one of the Channel Isles and who is not eligible to represent any country outside the Isle of Man or the Channel Isles may, with the approval of their home Governing Body, apply to be a member of a GB team. For the avoidance of doubt, Paragraph 21c above shall apply to such a person.

22 Representative Great Britain or NRA teams may only travel overseas following receipt of an official invitation from the Governing Body, recognised by the NRA of Great Britain, of the country or countries concerned.

23 A person who has been a member of, or a reserve for, a team representing England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales in a discipline recognised by the NRA of Great Britain, shall never be allowed to represent another of these countries. A person who has, prior to 1977, been a reserve only, shall not be affected by this paragraph. Because of the different criteria for eligibility, this rule shall not apply to participation in the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Shooting Federation events which shall be disregarded in considering a person's representative status.

24 As an exception to Paragraph 23 above, a person who has represented Ireland and is ineligible to represent Northern Ireland may, in the F Class International Match and as an alternative to representing the Republic of Ireland, represent any one of England, Scotland or Wales that they are (but for the provisions of Paragraph 23 above) eligible to represent, without affecting their representative status for Ireland in other disciplines. Such a person shall only ever represent one of England, Scotland and Wales in F Class and then only if they have never represented the Republic of Ireland.

25 Any person who finds that, as a consequence of the interaction of eligibility rules, his is denied any way to participate in an event under the control of the NRA, may apply to the Shooting Committee for a dispensation from such of Paras 21-24 as are necessary to enable him to participate.

Recognition of National Shooting Organisations

26 For the purposes of competition at home and abroad the NRA of Great Britain will recognise only one national shooting organisation in each country unless different disciplines are administered by different organisations. In that event the appropriate organisation for each discipline will be recognised.

If there are two or more organisations in a country the NRA of Great Britain will recognise either:

- a the organisation that all other organisations in that country agree shall be the representative body,

or, in the absence of such agreement,

- b the organisation that
 - i promotes the greatest number of shooting disciplines comparable with disciplines within the NRA of Great Britain, and
 - ii has the largest membership, and
 - iii has no bar to membership.

States, Provinces or other sub-divisions

27 The NRA of Great Britain will recognise the governing organisation of any state, province or other sub-division using the same criteria as for national organisations providing that the organisation itself is recognised by its own national organisation.

28 A state, province or other sub-division may not compete in any competition in which a team from its own national organisation is also competing unless permission from that national organisation has been given and the match conditions allow.

29 A state, province or sub-division, or groups of individuals from the same overseas country may not become a national team for the purposes of competition unless authority to do so has been given to them by their own national organisation. This authority must be in writing and must be received by the NRA of Great Britain before any entry can be accepted.

Groups of National Organisations

30 The NRA of Great Britain will recognise an organisation which represents a group of national organisations providing that all constituent national organisations (and which must themselves be recognised by the NRA of Great Britain) agree that the said organisation should represent them. A title implying a geographic region or continent will not be accepted unless the shooting organisations within that region, continent or area implied by the title agree that the said organisation should represent them.

31 A team representing a group of national organisations may not compete in a competition under a name which suggests that it includes a nation which is also competing as a national team. In that event the title of the team must be changed to indicate the difference.

Groups of States, Provinces or other sub-divisions

32 Groups of states, provinces or other sub-divisions may compete in a competition only if the respective national organisations of each of the states, provinces or other sub-divisions have agreed.

SECTION 11 - CODE OF OPERATION OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**33 Structure and Appointment of the Disciplinary Body**

The Council has granted summary powers to deal with matters of conduct and discipline by way of a separate code of operation. The Disciplinary Body shall comprise a Disciplinary Committee and an Appeal Committee (the members of both of which shall be appointed by the General Council).

- a The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of no more than six members comprising:
 - i not more than three persons with legal training (“legal”), and
 - ii not more than three “lay” persons.

When sitting in formal hearing the Disciplinary Committee shall comprise not fewer than four and not more than six members of whom there shall be equal numbers of legal and lay persons.

- b The Appeal Committee shall consist of no more than six members comprising:
 - i not more than three persons with legal training (“legal”), and
 - ii not more than three “lay” persons.

When sitting in formal hearing the Appeal Committee shall comprise not fewer than four and not more than six members of whom there shall be equal numbers of legal and lay persons.

- c Every member of the Disciplinary Committee and of the Appeal Committee shall hold office for a period of three years, but shall be eligible for re-election at the end of such three year term.
- d Lay members of the Disciplinary Committee and of the Appeal Committee shall be elected from members of the General Council. Should such lay member cease to be a member of the General Council during his three year term that person shall remain (if he so wishes) as a member of the Disciplinary Committee or of the Appeal Committee (as the case may be) for the remainder of his three year term.
- e No serving member of the Council, other than the Chairman of the Disciplinary Body (ex officio), may be or become a member of the Disciplinary Body.
- f Should a vacancy occur amongst the members of the Disciplinary Committee or Appeal Committee for any hearing, the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee (as the case may be) shall have the power to fill such vacancy for the purposes of that hearing only. Such vacancy shall be filled from members of the General Council or from the other Disciplinary Body Committee, provided

- always that no person shall sit on the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee in respect of the same matter.
- g The responsibilities and powers of the Disciplinary Committee shall be:
- i to have full authority for the determination of all disciplinary matters concerning members of the NRA, whether or not Registered Members or members of NRA affiliated clubs, and including (for the avoidance of doubt) Associate Members and affiliated bodies, and concerning matters occurring on the Bisley ranges and within the Camp, or during all meetings held at Bisley or elsewhere under the auspices and rules of the NRA, and/or relating to the conduct of any NRA member, or member of an affiliated club, or affiliated body wherever occurring.
 - ii to have powers for the imposition, mitigation, increase, remission and variation of penalties;
 - iii to advise the Council in relation to the drafting, implementation and operation of disciplinary affairs, including the fixing of tariffs of penalties and fines, and related matters.
- h The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final as to the result of any competition.
- j The responsibilities and powers of the Appeal Committee shall be:
- i to hear such appeals as are put to it by the Disciplinary Committee;
 - ii to review, confirm, impose, mitigate, increase, remit or vary the decision of and any penalty and/or fine imposed by the Disciplinary Committee;
- k The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final in all respects.
- l The Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee shall each elect its own Chairman from amongst its members. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall automatically act as Chairman of the Disciplinary Body.
- m Captains of Overseas Teams will be entitled to attend and speak (but not vote) at meetings of the Disciplinary Committee and of the Appeal Committee only when a member of their particular team is involved.
- n From time to time the Council may, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers of the Disciplinary Committee and of the Appeal Committee, allot to such Committees specific

roles and responsibilities. The Council may also vary them as it may decide.

- o The Secretary General shall act as Secretary to the Disciplinary Committee and to the Appeal Committee.
- p A meeting of the Disciplinary Committee or of the Appeal Committee may be called by the Chairman of each Committee, the Secretary General or the Council.
- q The Secretary General shall maintain a register with details of the offences and of penalties and fines awarded.

34 **Code of Operation of Disciplinary Matters**

- a The Secretary General shall be responsible for co-ordinating all disciplinary matters. The power to fix penalties and fines for any particular offence shall be reserved to the Council, and shall be listed in Rules and Regulations of the NRA.
- b Where a disciplinary offence has been alleged, whether of any Rules and Regulations of the NRA, of the Bisley Range Safety Regulations or those relating to conduct, safety and security, or otherwise, particulars of the offence and all supporting facts, information and materials shall be immediately given or otherwise made available to the Secretary General.
- c The Secretary General shall investigate, or cause to be investigated, the alleged offence.
- d If the Secretary General reasonably considers that an offence has been committed he shall give notice thereof in writing to the offender as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.
- e The general principle shall be that the Disciplinary Body, except where sub-para f below applies, shall deal with all offences.
- f Where an offence has occurred the Secretary General shall have the power to deal with the imposition of the appropriate penalty and/or fine (based upon precedent but subject to a maximum fine of £250 in any event) directly with the offender and so avoid the summoning of a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee, subject always to the offender accepting liability for the offence and agreeing to the proposed penalty and/or fine outcome.
- g If the offender does not so accept liability for the alleged offence and proposed outcome as set out in sub-para f above, or if the alleged offence is such that it requires to be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee, then the Secretary General shall arrange to summon a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee as soon as conveniently possible, given all the circumstances. Offences which might involve

expulsion from, or suspension of membership of the NRA, exclusion from Bisley or similar penalties, must be tried by the Disciplinary Committee, as must any second or more recurrences of the same offence within a period of three years.

- h The Secretary General shall be responsible for establishing evidence and preparing the case for the Disciplinary Committee and (as the case may be) the Appeal Committee. He may be assisted in this regard by other members or advisers as he seems necessary.
- i The Disciplinary Committee shall act in accordance with its powers as set out in Bylaw 8. Any appeal from the Disciplinary Committee shall be made in writing to the Secretary General within two weeks of notification of its outcome. The Appeal Committee shall act in accordance with its powers as set out in Bylaw 8.
- j Upon determination of an offence the Secretary General shall cause to be published in the NRA Journal, on the NRA website and on the Secretary General's Notice Board or as otherwise appropriate, the identity of the offender as well as particulars of the offence and of the outcome/determination.
- k The Secretary General (or in his absence the Managing Director of NSC) shall have the power to order suspension of membership of the NRA and/or exclusion from Bisley pending the decision of the Disciplinary Committee and/or the Appeal Committee. Any such suspension or exclusion may be rescinded by the Secretary General (or in his absence the Managing Director of NSC) at any time.
- l The Council, following consultation with the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, may at any time amend or add to this Code of Operation.

35 *Reserved*

SECTION 12 – ABUSE OF DRUGS

36 General

- a Drug abuse is the use or distribution, by a shooter or other competitor, of banned substances (defined as being in contravention of these rules) or the use of various prohibited methods of administration of drugs.
- b Any competitor or shooter must, if requested by an official designated by the NRA for the purpose of drug control, submit to a drug control test. Failure to do so will be taken as if a positive result had been obtained and dealt with accordingly.

- c The identification of a banned substance and/or one of its metabolites, or the presence of specified amounts of endogenous substances subject to quantitative analysis, in a body fluid will constitute an offence and the offender may be penalised (see Para 544).
- d Any person assisting or inciting others in the contravention of these rules shall be considered as having committed an offence against these rules, and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Exceptions

- e Except where other Federation or Union rules disallow it, competitors and shooters who have valid medical reasons for taking banned drugs will, subject to certain provisions being met, be permitted to enter for or be eligible for selection for individual and team competitions respectively at national and international level. No inhibition will be placed upon their ability to win a prize. A competitor falling within this category must provide to the NRA, prior to an event in which drug testing may take place, a certificate to that effect signed by his doctor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the NRA will reserve the right, with the competitor's permission, to request its Medical Adviser to verify the details of the case with the doctor.
- f Warning – it could be highly dangerous for a competitor to give up or reduce a drug regularly taken. No such competitor should take this course of action without medical advice.

37 Banned Substances

The banned substances and prohibited methods are those listed at the World Anti-Doping Agency's 2010 Prohibited List which can be downloaded from their website. The Squadding Department can provide a copy to competitors who have no internet access. The NRA, noting the wide age and health range of participants in shooting and wishing to minimise cost and administrative effort, will accept a doctors certificate as at sub-para e above in all circumstances where a Therapeutic Use Exemption would be required under WADA rules.

UK Anti-Doping

<http://www.ukad.org.uk/>

WADA

<http://www.wada-ama.org/>

SECTION 13 – PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**41 a NRA Policy**

The NRA believes that child protection is everyone's responsibility. We all have a moral and legal obligation to look after children with whom we may be working. The same consideration applies equally to shooters that may be 'vulnerable adults'.

b Guidance

To help affiliated Associations and Clubs the NRA has produced a guide containing practical advice, based on work done by British Shooting. The NRA's full policy statement can be found on its website in a downloadable pdf format.

c Effective Implementation

For the policy to be effective will depend upon a reporting system using Child Protection Officers (CPOs) at all levels. CPOs will be 100% reliable in terms of discretion and will understand the importance of confidentiality in the handling of child protection issues. The NRA has appointed a national CPO: associations and clubs will need to consider their own appointments.

d Good Practice

The guide contains advice and gives examples of good practice for everyone involved in shooting. It deals with

- i The types of abuse, bullying and harassment that may occur.
- ii Coaches or officials working with children in an open environment.
- iii The need for keeping physical contact to a minimum when coaching children, seeking agreement from the child before adjusting a shooting position or helping with shooting equipment, and making parents aware of these issues
- iv Consent issues if officials/coaches are required to transport young people in their cars.
- v Avoiding children staying at a coach's home unsupervised.
- vi Coaches/club officials working in pairs and/or as mixed male/female teams if classes or groups of children have to be supervised in a changing room or overnight.
- vii Dealing with emergencies.
- viii The need to make a detailed note of what they have seen or heard if a child or any other person mentions concerns or suspicions

- ix To listen carefully if a child tells a coach that he or she is being abused, and take it seriously.
- x Reassuring a child but without promising confidentiality.
- xi The need to make a detailed note of what the child has said and to pass on the information immediately.

e **Reporting and Disciplinary Issues**

The guide deals with reporting and disciplinary issues. It advises that all concerns and allegations of abuse must be reported immediately to a club official, ideally the Association or Club CPO. It may require referral to Social Services and to the Police.

It stresses that it is not the responsibility of club officials to decide whether or not child abuse is taking place but it is their responsibility to report the concerns or suspicions. It covers the priority actions when dealing with concerns about behaviour or the welfare of a child including dealing with any medical emergencies, reporting the incident to the Club CPO, completing the reporting forms, and reporting the incident to the Police or Social Services who will then investigate.

Thereafter the guide notes that the relevant shooting bodies will need to consider what action to take against any individual through their disciplinary procedures.

f **Photography**

Photographing children or vulnerable adults at sporting events, ranging from school sports days to major events has given rise to much comment. The term “photograph” applies to any photographic image:

- i whether it is recorded on film or digitally, or for immediate transmission/broadcast and
- ii consisting of still or moving/video images and
- iii taken with any sort of camera, webcam, mobile phone or even a satellite.

The guidance deals with this in detail.

g **Conclusion**

We all hope that we never have to become involved in any incident of the sort for which the law has been enacted or the NRA guide prepared. The guidance is both common-sense and a practical approach to our obligations. Use it and safeguard vulnerable groups and protect all those that participate.

SECTION 14 – EQUITY IN SPORT

42 Objective

a The National Governing Bodies that form ‘British Shooting’ (formerly the Great Britain Target Shooting Federation) have joined together under that banner to produce a statement of their commitment to provide equal opportunities for all, in the shooting disciplines under their jurisdiction

It is hoped that in doing so it will make access to the shooting sports even easier, and provide opportunities for all members of the community to become involved in shooting

b The NRA wants to help all who become involved in their activities to fully realise their potential, whether as shooters, officials, coaches or administrators.

c It is already known that shooting is truly a sport for all but, to further its development as such, the NRA reiterates its commitment to the following policies:

Policy Statement 1

The NRA will endeavour to increase the number of participants of both sexes taking part in shooting, and to make it easier for them to gain access to all disciplines of the sport.

Policy Statement 2

The NRA will endeavour to increase the number of participants in the shooting sports from all ethnic groups, without distinction.

Policy Statement 3

The NRA will endeavour to help more disabled people become actively involved in shooting, and to increase the opportunities for their participation.

Policy Statement 4

The NRA will endeavour to ensure that all people involved in shooting may do so without discrimination from any quarter, the only restrictions on their participation being that the people concerned should act lawfully, safely and with due respect for others.

Policy Statement 5

The NRA will endeavour to ensure that age will not be a barrier to participation in shooting, and that people will be encouraged to take part throughout their life while ever it is safe for them to do so.

Policy Statement 6

The NRA will endeavour to ensure that all member organisations of ‘British Shooting’ adopt equal opportunity policies wherever possible.

SECTION 15 – THE NRA SAFE SHOOTING SYSTEM

43 The MoD requires all civilian organisations using military ranges to have an auditable system of training based on a specific risk assessment. In response the NRA has developed a Safe Shooting System (SSS), which has been approved by the MoD. All clubs affiliated to the NRA who use military ranges must adopt the NRA Safe Shooting System, introduced in April 2008. All civilian shooters must also have a certificate of competence signed by their Club Chairman in order to use MoD or Bisley ranges or must be coached on a one-to-one basis by the holder of such a certificate.

44 Organisations with existing MoD approved Codes of Practice (eg BDS and MLAGB) are not required to follow the NRA training scheme. Other groups, however, will need to either adopt the NRA scheme or have their training approved by the NRA.

45 The NRA SSS is based on four elements: Safe Shooter, Safe Equipment, Safe Practice and Safe Place.

Safe Shooter

- a The safe shooter is someone who has received the information, training and supervision to enable him to acquire knowledge and develop the skills necessary to demonstrate that he can handle firearms and ammunition safely. The NRA probationary course provides this training, which is not limited to target rifle.

Safe Equipment

- b The NRA Rules of Shooting, published annually, define the types of firearms and ammunition that may be used for NRA target shooting competitions. The individual firer is responsible for ensuring that his firearm is properly maintained and that the ammunition used is in every way safe and within the range parameters for muzzle velocity (MV) and muzzle energy (ME).

Safe Practice

- c The NRA Rules of Shooting contain detailed regulations concerning the conduct of shooting for all its shooting disciplines. Qualified NRA RCOs are responsible for the safe running of MoD ranges for civilian shooters. Additional RCO qualifications are required if sporting rifle or muzzle loading firearms, or if ammunition developing a ME greater than 4500 Joules, are being used on MoD ranges.
- d A specific zeroing practice will also be required for those using ammunition with an ME greater than 4500 Joules. In the event of an incident on military ranges involving a civilian shooter a joint MoD

/NRA inquiry will take place and the club will be required to assist with the investigation.

Safe Place

- e A safe place is one in which the controls which are necessary to enable shooting to be conducted safely have been identified by a site specific risk assessment and directed through the Range Standing Orders. All MoD ranges have site specific Range Standing Orders which must be complied with at all times. MoD ranges are maintained by the range administering authority and are subject to regular inspections.
- f The NRA RCO running the range for a civilian club must sign for the range on the MoD Form 906, thus certifying that he is qualified to conduct the shooting practice and that he has read and will comply with the range standing orders. An RCO (HME) must annotate the MoD 906 if ammunition with a ME greater than 4500 Joules is used.

46 Copies of all documents relating to the introduction of the NRA Safe Shooting System are held by the Director of Training.

Sections 16-22 *Reserved*

Paras 47-80 *Reserved*

C – BISLEY CAMP INFORMATION

81 Although the National Rifle Association actively promotes shooting throughout the United Kingdom, a large proportion of shooting under the direction or control of the NRA takes place at the National Shooting Centre, Bisley. Sections 23-24 and Appendices I and II below are provided for the convenient reference of users of Bisley Camp and Ranges. These Sections are correct at time of publication, but are subject to amendment. The definitive versions are displayed in the Range Office. All users of Bisley must, in particular, check Range Safety Regulations before firing.

SECTION 23 – COMMENCEMENT AND CESSATION OF FIRING

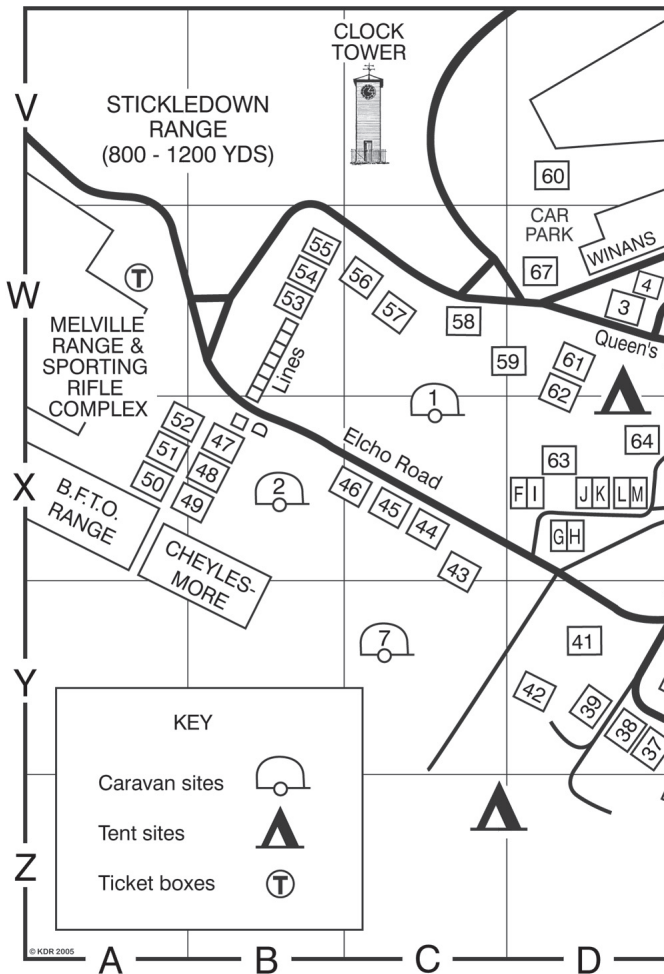
82 Commencement of firing

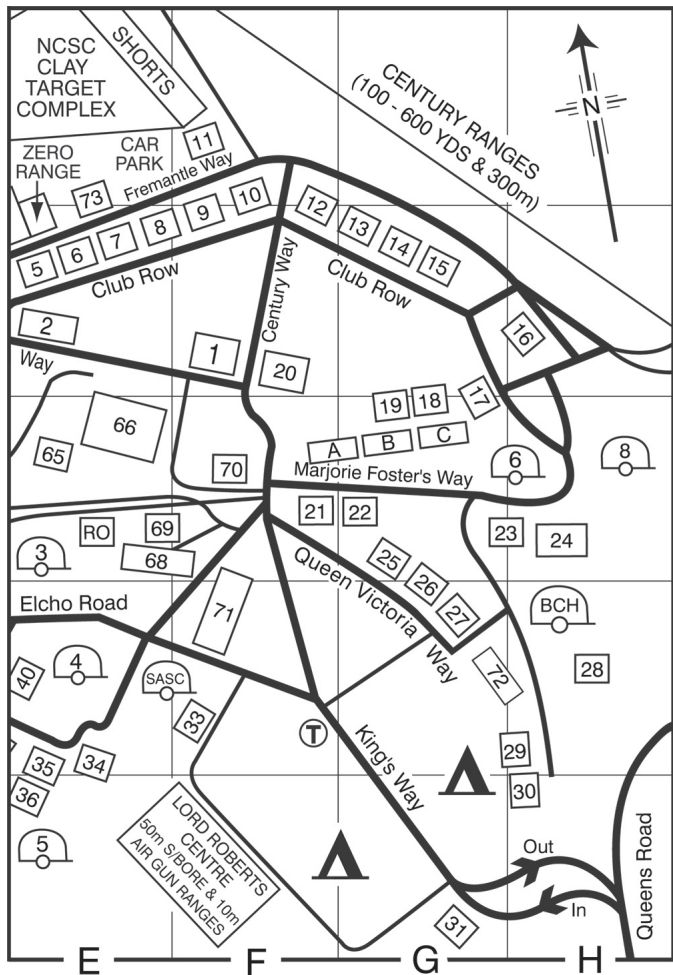
One blast will be sounded on the sirens by the Range Office, unless otherwise ordered, as a signal that firing may commence.

83 Signal to cease fire

- a The sounding of two blasts at an interval of about 15 seconds, is an order to “Cease Fire” at any moment during the day and must be obeyed at once, and all firearms unloaded and cleared.
- b The general signal to cease fire will be given daily as soon as all firing has been completed.
- c Should an immediate cease fire be required at any other time this will be indicated by four (or more) blasts of the siren: all shooters must cease fire at once. All RCOs and radio users must select the emergency channel on their radios and await instructions. Permission to continue firing will be indicated by one long blast on the siren.

SECTION 24 – PLAN OF BISLEY CAMP AND RANGES





84 **Legend to Plan of Camp and Ranges**

1	NRA Offices	FW	47	Poppy Lodge	BX
2	Exhibition Hut (MLAGB)	EW	48	Hedgehog Hut	BX
3	ARA Officers Mess	DW	49	Kangaroo Corner	BX
4	ATSC Caretaker	DW	50	Mallabar (BFTO)	AX
5	Surrey RA	EW	51	Imperial Lodge	AX
6	English XX	EW	52	Running Deer Hut (Central Bankers)	AX
7	Richardson Lodge	EW			
8	North London RC	EW	53	Elcho Lodge	BW
9	Ibis RC	FW	54	Stickledown Lodge	BW
10	City RC	FV	55	Cottesloe Lodge	BW
11	Jenny's Snack Bar	FV	56	Clock Tower Lodge	CW
12	London & Middlesex RA	FW	57	Ranfurly Lodge	CW
13	The Cottage	GW	58	Evans Gunmakers	CW
14	Bunhill Lodge	GW	59	Bisley Shooting Ground	DW
15	Artists RC	GW	60	National Clay Shooting Centre	DV
16	British Commonwealth RC	HW	61	English VIII	DW
17	Anderby Lodge	GX	62	British Pistol Club	DW
18	Broome Lodge	GX	63	Greshams School	DX
19	Woffington Lodge	GX	64	Sit Perpetuum RC	DX
20	Fultons / Welsh RA / SLRC / Ten Ring / Old Guildfordians	FW	65	Marylebone R & PC (Dukka Hut)	EX
21	Lloyds Bank RC	FX	66	NRA Pavilion	EX
22	Bullet Lodge	GX	67	NRA Training Centre	DW
23	Erin	GX	68	NRA Target Store	EX
24	NRA Workshops	HX	69	MoD / NRA Armouries	EX
25	The Barn	GX	70	Derby Lodge (TARA / CCRS)	FX
26	Queen's Lodge	GY	71	Old Cookhouse	FY
27	Macdonald Stewart Pavilion	GY	72	Victoria Row Rifle Club	GY
28	Camp Cottage	HY	73	Bisley Gun Club	EV
29	NRA Estate Staff	HY		Huts	
30	Old Sergeants Mess RC	HZ		A, B, C, Lines	GX
31	CPSA	GZ		D Lines	BW
33	St George's Lodge (LMRA)	FY		F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M Lines	DX
34	Royal Marines RA	EY		RO Lines	EX
35	Dolphin Lodge	EY		Caravan Sites	
36	Royal Air Force SAA	EZ		Site 1	CX
37	RAF Dormitory	DY		Site 2	BX
38	Dormitory 2	DY		Site 3	EX
39	The Menagerie	DY		Site 4	EY
40	Atholl Row	EY		Site 5	EZ
41	Hythe Lodge (HQ ARA)	DY		Site 6	HX
42	Inns of Court	DY		Site 7	CY
43	HAC	CX		Site 8	HX
44	Trethewey Lodge	CX		Site BCH	HY
45	The Spott (BDMP)	CX		Site SASC	EY
46	The Hut	CX		Tent Sites	
					DW, CZ, FZ, GY

APPENDIX I – NATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE STANDING ORDERS

Applicable throughout the year unless stated to the contrary.

General

1 The National Shooting Centre and ranges are managed by the National Shooting Centre Limited (NSC) on behalf of the National Rifle Association (NRA).

2 The Managing Director of NSC is responsible overall for the estate and ranges. All shooting activities are controlled by the Managing Director and his authorised officers.

The NRA is directed by its Council advised by the General Council and its Committees as listed on pages 14 to 18. The executive officer of the NRA is the Secretary General.

Members of Service Police and Traffic Wardens on duty act under the authority of the NSC.

National Shooting Centre

3 The Managing Director or his authorised officers may require anyone to leave the National Shooting Centre who shall disregard or breach the Regulations or the NSC Standing Orders or behaves in any manner which in their judgement may be dangerous, subversive or detrimental to good order. Any person required to leave the estate as above shall not be admitted to the estate or ranges again for such period as the NSC may decide or as determined by the Secretary General of the NRA or the Disciplinary Committee.

Firearms/Shooting

4 The discharge of any firearm except on the proper firing point and within the hours of shooting, or in special circumstances with the permission of the Managing Director or his authorised officers, is strictly prohibited. Firearms are not to be left unattended or unsecured at any time on the estate or ranges.

5 Anyone using a bolt-action rifle must at all times, except during a shoot, carry it either with the bolt open and a breech flag clearly inserted, or with the bolt removed from the rifle. Anyone carrying any other firearm must do so in accordance with Bisley Range Safety Regulations.

Ear Protection

6 All persons who intend to shoot, or who are likely to be in close proximity when shooting is taking place, or who are butt marking, are warned of the danger of damage to their hearing if they fail to protect their ears. For this reason they must wear hearing protection.

Exhibitions/Events

7 No weapon (including knives and bayonets), firearm or ammunition shall be displayed or traded at the National Shooting Centre without the consent in writing of the NRA provided by the NSC Ltd as agents of the NRA. This shall apply to any trader or displayer of goods whether a member, tenant or visiting person or persons. For the avoidance of doubt it shall not apply to private sales, exchanges or gifts by or between any members who do not have a Registered Firearms Dealership.

Nothing in this regulation shall apply to bona fide Armed Forces' displays or activities under the control of HM Forces.

Fire

8 Anyone discovering a fire must:

- a Raise the alarm – Shout “FIRE FIRE FIRE” and/or use the alarm bells in campsites. Unless obviously unnecessary, call the Fire Brigade 999 or 112. Post code is GU24 0PA for most of the Camp.
- b Without risking the safety of any person, try to put the fire out.
- c Inform the Range Office.

Accommodation

9 Various accommodation is available on the estate: hutted, caravan, tented or with many of the resident clubs. Full details are available from the Range Office. Full payment is to be made in advance at the time of booking.

10 Huts are let under the following conditions:

- a Huts may not be sub-let, shared or loaned without permission obtained through the Range Office.
- b Huts may not be used for the purposes of trade or exhibition.
- c Damages and deficiencies must be paid for before leaving the estate or on receipt of the bill.
- d Cooking is not allowed in the huts.
- e The NSC reserves the right to resume possession in the event of any infringement of the Regulations or the NSC Standing Orders. In such case no repayment will be made for the unoccupied period.

11 Power sockets in ablutions/laundry rooms are only for hairdryers, shavers and irons used within that building. No batteries may be charged.

Caravans and Camper Vans

12 Members visiting the National Shooting Centre for the purpose of shooting may hire a site in the special area reserved for caravans and camper vans. Caravans and camper vans may not be parked anywhere else nor may they

be used for purposes of trade or exhibition without the prior approval of the Managing Director NSC or a duly authorised officer.

13 Tents may not be pitched on caravan sites. The NSC reserves the right to remove any tents or caravans which have been incorrectly sited.

Cars and Motor Vehicles

14 Within the Bisley estate and ranges the provisions of the Road Traffic Act and all regulations made thereunder are to be observed at all times. In particular driving under the influence of alcohol is forbidden, and any suspected instances will be reported at once to the civilian police.

15 The speed limit in the estate or on the ranges is 15 mph.

16 All vehicles entering the estate must be insured for a minimum of third party liability.

17 No tracked vehicle may enter the estate or ranges.

18 Government vehicles of 15 cwt and over, unless parked in club enclosures, and all coaches must park in the designated parking area.

19 Vehicles are to park in the authorised places and may not be parked on roads or within tented lines.

20 Private vehicles may be subject to a daily charge for entering the estate. In this event car passes will be obtainable at the gate.

Members of the NRA should carry their Life or Annual membership cards with them at all times. This will allow unhindered entrance to the estate and ranges on occasions when a daily car pass system is in operation.

21 Private vehicles may not at any time:

- a Go forward of the 1,000 yards firing point on Stickledown unless going to the butts for marking duty,
- b Go behind the firing points on Century, except at 600 yards, but not in front of the line of small trees.

22 Fees may be waived and rules relaxed for disabled competitors and for officials. All efforts will be made to accommodate disabled drivers' requests through the Range Office. Early applications may assist in range plans to accommodate these requests.

23 Any person driving a vehicle off the roadways is responsible for ensuring it is safe to do so. Claims for damage caused to vehicles by obstruction, ditches, etc, will not be entertained. A fine may be levied if any vehicle has to be recovered by the NSC staff.

Dogs

24 Owners are responsible for the behaviour of their dogs which must be kept on a leash at all times in the domestic area of the estate and on the ranges when

shooting is taking place. It is the dog owner's responsibility to clean up after their dog.

Fireworks

- 25 a may only be let off on the estate with prior notification to the NSC (Range Office) and authorised by them,
- b may only be let off at the rear of Century Range or on Stickledown Range, and on no other areas of Bisley Camp, and
- c are not permitted after 21:00 unless prior permission has been given by the NSC.

Notices

- 26 No notice may be placed on any NRA or NSC noticeboard nor may one be marked or altered without the permission of the Secretary General or by order of the Managing Director or his authorised agents.
- 27 During Service and NRA Meetings, medical arrangements will be notified on the NSC notice board.

APPENDIX II – BISLEY RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS

Note: These Range Regulations will be amended as necessary, and range users must check the current version displayed in the Range Office. The National Shooting Centre Ltd (NSC), on behalf of the National Rifle Association (NRA), through the Range Office, administers all ranges unless specifically shown otherwise.

1 General

These Range Safety Regulations govern the safe conduct of shooting on the NRA ranges at Bisley. All users of the ranges are bound by the Regulations, other than HM Forces and Government agencies operating under their own procedures with the prior approval of the NSC. The Regulations are augmented by, and should be read in conjunction with, the Rules of Shooting published annually by the NRA, the Regulations for Butt Markers and the regulations governing the administration of the ranges, which can be seen in the Range Office. In the interests of safety, any breach of these Regulations is to be reported immediately to an official of the NSC.

The NRA and NSC disclaim responsibility for any accident, injury, loss or damage arising from non-compliance with these Regulations.

2 Firearms and Ammunition

- a All shooters are responsible for ensuring that their firearms and ammunition are safe to use. All firearms and ammunition must

be made available for inspection and testing whenever required. The regulations concerning dangerous ammunition are laid out in Appendix V to the Rules of Shooting (the Bisley Bible), which is available on request.

- b No tracer, incendiary, armour piercing, armour piercing incendiary, depleted uranium or any other rounds containing any igniferous or explosive substance may be used on Bisley Ranges at any time unless prior permission has been given by the Managing Director or his authorised officers. Permission will rarely be given and then only in exceptional circumstances.
- c The use of a range is set by its safety certificate. Other than in (iii) below the firearms may be used without specific zeroing requirements on individual ranges as in regulation d below, but subject always to:
 - i for Rifle ranges, no specific calibre limitation (but see regulation 3d below) but:
 - a maximum muzzle velocity of 3280 ft/sec (1000 m/s), and
 - a maximum muzzle energy of 3319 ft lb (4500 Joules);
 - ii for Gallery Rifle and Pistol ranges, no specific calibre limitation but:
 - a maximum muzzle velocity of 2150 ft/sec (655 m/s), and
 - a maximum muzzle energy of 1496 ft lb (2030 Joules).
 - iii for High Muzzle Energy (HME) firearms (see regulation 3a below) the limits are:
 - a maximum muzzle velocity of 3280 ft/sec (1000 m/s), and
 - a maximum muzzle energy of 5160 ft lb (7000 Joules);In this case special zeroing procedures are required as explained in regulation 3b below.

No firearm and ammunition combination which develops a muzzle energy exceeding 5160 ft lb (7000 Joules) may be used on any of the Bisley ranges without the specific permission of the Managing Director or his authorised officers which must be sought well in advance of the planned use.

In addition,

- iv Antique and Muzzle Loading Rifles/Muskets, Pistols and firearms of large calibre whose ammunition is initiated by a black powder or equivalent charge may be discharged on all equivalent ranges except as follows:
 - a none of the above firearms may be discharged on the 300m (AMS), Zero, Running Boar, Running Target or any of the Clay, Small-bore or Air Gun ranges;

- b permission for Muzzle Loading Rifles/Muskets to be discharged on any of the pistol ranges must be obtained from the Managing Director or his authorised officers in advance.
 - v Application to use ammunition above any of the specification limits applicable to a particular range must be made in writing to the Managing Director or his authorised officers well in advance.
 - vi By special arrangement, gallery rifles and muzzle loading pistols may be used on rifle ranges as shown below (except Zero and 300m AMS), but other full bore centre fire rifles may never be used on pistol ranges unless approved in advance by the Managing Director or his authorised officers. Small-bore prone target rifles may be used on Melville but only by prior arrangement with the Range Office. Gallery rifles may be used on any of the pistol ranges.
 - vii Shotguns firing solid slug, or bird or buck shot, may generally only be used on Butt Zero (between the 800 and 900 yard firing points on Stickledown) unless the match conditions of an event authorised by the NSC requires their use elsewhere.
- d Ranges and their permitted usage are as follows:

Rifle Ranges

- i Stickledown (Gallery, 800 - 1200 yards). Rifles; gallery rifles and pistols by special arrangement only. Shotguns firing solid slug may be used only with the prior permission of the Managing Director or his authorised officers. Electronic targets are available.
- ii Century (Gallery, 100 - 600 yards). Rifles; gallery rifles and pistols by special arrangement only. Electronic targets are available.
- iii 300m (Butt 10) (Gallery, 100 yards - 300 metres). Rifles; gallery rifles and pistols by special arrangement only.
- iv 300 metres (AMS) (Gallery, 300 metres only). Target rifles and rifles conforming to ISSF Regulations not exceeding 8mm, limited availability.
- v Short Siberia (Gallery, 100 and 200 yards only). Rifles; gallery rifles and pistols by special arrangement only.
- vi Zero (No Danger Area Range, 71' 7"). Fullbore rifles only. The prone or supine (back) positions only may be used.

- vii Snail Trap (No Danger Area). This is situated in the Zero Range, and may be used for all firearms except muzzle loading. The published instructions must be followed.

Gallery Rifle and Pistol Ranges

- viii Melville (Gallery Rifle and Pistol, turning targets at 25 and 50 metres). Gallery rifles and pistols; prone .22" rimfire and muzzle loading rifles by special arrangement only.
- ix Cheylesmore (No Danger Area Range). (Gallery Rifle and Pistol, turning targets at 25 metres only). Gallery rifles and pistols, muzzle loading rifles by special arrangement only.
- x Time Limit (Gallery Rifle and Pistol, and Shotgun, 10, 25 and 50 metres). Gallery rifles, shotgun, air rifles and air pistols only. Administered by the British Sporting Rifle Club.

Moving Target Ranges

- xi Running Deer (Running and Static Targets at 100 metres only). Administered by the British Sporting Rifle Club.
- xii Running Boar (Running and Static Targets at 50 metres only). GRCE, GRSB and small-bore rifles only. Administered by the British Sporting Rifle Club.
- xiii Running Target (Running Target at 10 metres only). Air rifles only (in the Clubhouse). Administered by the British Sporting Rifle Club.

Clay Target Ranges

- xiv Cottesloe Heath Sporting Clay Target and FITASC Sporting and FITASC layouts. Shotgun only. Administered by Bisley Shooting Ground.
- xv Long Siberia Sporting Clay Target and FITASC Sporting and FITASC layouts. Shotgun only. Administered by Bisley Shooting Ground.
- xvi Shorts Clay Target Ranges, Skeet, Olympic Trap, ABT, DTL and Practice. Shotgun only. Administered by National Clay Shooting Centre.

Smallbore and Air Gun Ranges

- xvii Winans (No Danger Area Range, 10 and 25 metres). Air Rifles and Air Pistols only.
- xviii NSRA International Range (No Danger Area Range, 25 and 50 metres). Smallbore rifle and pistol only. Administered by the National Small-bore Rifle Association.

- xix NSRA International Range (Air Gun, 10m only). Air rifle and air pistol only. Administered by the National Small-bore Rifle Association.
- xx Field Target. Air rifles only. Administered by the Bisley Field Target Organisation.
- e The use of Section 5 firearms (automatic/semi-automatic or pistols) and machine guns/submachine guns, both unconverted and converted to single shot, is only permitted with prior permission from the Managing Director or his authorised officers. Such permission will rarely be given.
- f Shotguns may only be used on Clay Target ranges or on Stickledown, Century, Short Siberia or Time Limit Range. The use of solid shot or slug is allowed on rifle ranges only with the prior permission of the Managing Director or his authorised officers, and on Time Limit Range with the prior permission of the Chairman BSRC. All such use must conform to range safety parameters. Restrictions on the size of lead shot which can be used on the clay target ranges may have to be applied from time to time.

3 High Muzzle Energy (HME) Firearms

- a A High Muzzle Energy (HME) Firearm is defined as any firearm which, using a particular round, develops a muzzle energy (ME) in excess of 4,500 Joules (3,319 ft lb). A special zeroing procedure will be required with these firearms before they may be shot at any distance on any range at Bisley.
- b The muzzle energy of a firearm may be calculated from the bullet mass and the muzzle velocity, and the attached graph may be used to determine whether or not a particular firearm is HME or not. If the ME exceeds 4,500 Joules then the advice of the Ranges Supervisors should be sought. The firearm may be zeroed on the NRA Zero Range using a special target supplied by the Range Office, or at a distance of 200 yards on a special target under the direction of a RCO qualified to conduct HME zeroing (see regulation 5 below).
- c The use on any NRA range of cartridges such as .50" Browning MG, 0.55" Boyes Anti-tank, 12.7mm Russian MG, or cartridges of similar or greater power, whether 'downloaded' or not, is absolutely forbidden, regardless of the type of firearm used to fire them.
- d .338" calibre HME rifles may not be used on any of the ranges due to revised Range Danger Area and Air Danger Height requirements which exceed the available range safety template and air danger height available.

4 Range Use

- a The rifle and pistol ranges are normally closed on Mondays (except Bank Holidays), Good Friday and between Christmas Eve and New Years Day inclusive. The Clay ranges may be open during the Christmas holiday period and at times other than those stated for the rifle and pistol ranges. Other closure periods will be notified at the gate or in the Range Office. No rifle or pistol ranges may be used without the prior permission of the NSC.
- b The ranges are reserved for the use of NRA members, and members of Associations and Clubs affiliated to the NRA. Other persons or bodies may only use the ranges with the prior permission of the NSC.
- c All users of Bisley ranges (other than prone, single shot .22" rimfire shooting from the prone position in practices governed by the rules of the NSRA) must be in possession of a current Certificate of Safety and Competence, or be a novice being coached or certified on a one-to-one basis by the holder of such a certificate. The individual's Club Chairman or the Secretary General of the NRA must sign these certificates. This certificate must be valid for all the firearms for which the user intends to fire on Bisley ranges. This certificate must be produced to the Range Office staff when signing-in as an individual shooter. RCOs must certify (see regulation 5) that all members of their group will comply with the above.
- d No shooting is permitted other than on approved ranges, except with the permission of the NSC.
On the NRA ranges firers must use only the targets and the distances allocated to them by the Range Office.
On the NCSC clay target ranges the layouts to be used will be as allocated by the National Clay Shooting Centre. Only shooters, instructors or coaches authorised by the National Clay Shooting Centre, are permitted on to the firing point/line.
- e **Normal times of shooting:**
 - i **All ranges except NCSC Clay Ranges, Cheylesmore, Winans and Zero Range:**
Low Season
Weekdays: 08:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 16:00
Weekends: 08:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 16:00 (16:30 March)
High Season
Weekdays: 08:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 16:30
Weekends: 08:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:30

ii **Cheylesmore, Winans and Zero Range:**

As in (i) above but, in addition, shooting may recommence at 12:45 rather than 13:30 on all shooting days.

iii **NCSC Clay Target Ranges:**

The NCSC staff in consultation with the Range Office will arrange shooting times.

Unless prior permission has been requested and granted, the start and conclusion of shooting periods will be indicated by siren and must be strictly observed. A cease-fire at the end of a shooting period will be notified by two long blasts on the siren and must be observed immediately. Should an immediate cease-fire be required at any other time this will be indicated by four (or more) blasts of the siren: all shooters must cease fire at once. All RCOs and radio users must select the emergency channel on their radios and await instructions. Permission to continue firing will be indicated by one long blast on the siren.

- f Regulation targets only are to be used in the frames or holders provided and are to be engaged only from the recognised firing points and appropriate shooting station or peg. On no account are tin cans or any other unauthorised objects to be placed and used as targets, and indiscriminate firing is forbidden. In rapid fire practices no more than 15 shots may be fired in one minute unless otherwise permitted by the Managing Director or his authorised officers. Snap targets are to be exposed in or in front of target frames. No laterally-moving target may be used on gallery ranges without the permission of the Managing Director or his authorised officers. Skittles or falling plates may not be engaged at a distance of less than 25 yards (22 metres) without the permission of the Managing Director or his authorised officers.
- g The use of extraordinary target arrays or firing points is forbidden except with the prior authority of the Managing Director or his authorised officers. Any concerns or queries in connection with the targets provided must be reported to the Range Office before firing commences.
- h Rifles other than Gallery Rifles are to be fired from the prone or back position except where expressly provided by the conditions of a particular discipline or approved competition rules. The intention to fire from any other position must be notified to the Range Office at the time of booking to allow suitable target allocation on the range.

5 Range Conducting Officer (RCO)

- a An Association, Club or group of persons intending to shoot on any range or part thereof must appoint a Range Conducting Officer who will be present on the range while shooting is in progress, and whose responsibility it is to ensure that the Range Regulations are read and adhered to at all times. An individual shooter will be regarded as his own RCO.
- b Before commencement of shooting the RCO must sign the register in the NSC Range Office thereby certifying that he is accepting responsibility for the safe conduct of the practices being fired. He must also confirm that no member of the Association, Club or group of persons firing are prohibited (under Section 21 of the Firearms Act) from possessing firearms or ammunition and that they are all full or probationary members of the NRA or of a Club affiliated to the NRA.
- c The RCO must ensure that all those under their control are fully covered by insurance, including third party public liability cover, and either hold a Certificate of Safety and Competence or will be coached on a one-to-one basis by the holder of such a certificate. He must also sign off when shooting is completed and report any infringement of these regulations to an NSC official as soon as possible.
- d If the RCO intends to conduct zeroing practices at 200 yards with an HME firearm (see regulation 3 above) he must hold the RCO (HME) qualification. Once the HME firearm has been correctly zeroed, firing at any other distance or on any other range may be conducted by any RCO, who need not hold the RCO (HME) qualification.

6 Safety Regulations

- a Unless prior permission has been obtained from NSC, no firearm may be loaded or fired before the siren has indicated the commencement of a shooting period, nor shall a firearm be loaded or fired until the RCO has given the order to load and to fire. Equipment and firearms may not be placed on the firing point except under the direction of the RCO and when it is safe in all respects to fire.
- b Aiming or “snapping” an unloaded firearm is NOT allowed except as part of a properly organised course of instruction, or when in the firing position on a firing point with the permission of the RCO, and then only if it would, in all respects, be safe to fire a live round.
- c No firearm is to be loaded until the shooter is in the firing position on a recognised firing point. Except when otherwise prescribed in the conditions of a discipline or competition, a loaded firearm must at all

times point towards the butts. When loading, unloading or checking a rifle, the barrel must at all times be pointed in a safe direction. At no time may any part of the body be placed in front of the muzzle of a loaded firearm.

- d Individual firers are responsible for ensuring that their firearm is safe at all times. On the conclusion of a shoot or stage, or on the order of the RCO, all firers must:
 - i unload their firearm and inspect the chamber, action and magazine (if one is fitted) to ensure that the firearm is clear,
 - ii if using a bolt-action firearm, remove the bolt,
 - iii present their firearm to the coach, register keeper or RCO on the firing point and have them inspect and confirm that the firearm is clear,
 - iv for a Service Weapon, complete the unload,
 - v either keep the bolt removed or insert a breech flag (or both) for any bolt-action rifle, or carry out the equivalent procedure for other firearms (which may include casing in accordance with GR&P procedure)

before leaving the firing point and before anyone goes forward of the firing point. Where applicable the firer must also ensure that the coach, register keeper or RCO signs their squadding card as having inspected and cleared the firearm.

- e At all times except during a shoot a bolt action rifle is either to have the bolt removed or a breech flag inserted. A self-loading firearm is to be in the “unloaded” condition, ie magazine removed, no round in the chamber, working parts forward and not cocked and safety catch applied. The L98 A1 Cadet GP rifle is to be carried with a breech flag inserted. Pistols are to be carried in a box or closed pistol sleeve at all times; pistols are not to be holstered except on the range and as required by the conditions of a shoot. All other firearms are to be carried in as demonstrably safe a manner as is possible for the firearm concerned.
- f A competitor acting in a dangerous manner will forthwith be forbidden to fire again or take further part in any shoot at Bisley until a report has been made to the NSC and the circumstances have been fully investigated. Where considered appropriate the matter will be reported to the NRA for possible disciplinary action.
- g Care must be taken when changing distance or crossing a range. RCOs must immediately call an emergency cease fire (“Stop, Stop, Stop”) and order firearms to be ‘benched’ or unloaded if it appears

that a person is likely to enter the danger area. Particular care must be taken on days when reverse echelon firing (500/600 yards on the left hand side and 200/300 yards on the right hand side of Century Range, or 1000 yards on the left hand side and 900 yards on the right hand side of Stickle-down Range) is operating.

7 Safe Custody

Firearms and live ammunition, when not in the personal care of the person responsible, must be kept in an armoury, under lock and key in secure accommodation or otherwise in accordance with Home Office guidance. Responsibility for the safe custody of firearms or ammunition lies with the individual owner.

8 Butts

- a Markers are to enter and leave the butts by the covered and recognised safe approaches provided and within the markers' gallery; on no account are markers to use the roads in the butts while firing is in progress. Markers and all others in the butts must remain within the protection of their gallery and under the mantlet while shooting is in progress. All who are working or marking in the butts must wear hearing protection.
- b On no account is any object to be thrown or placed upon the face of the butt or mantlet. Butts must be tidied before the marker leaves his position.

9 Minors

Minors under the age of 14 must remain under the supervision of a parent or guardian or other competent adult at all times during shooting periods. Their hearing must be fully protected. They are not allowed as markers in the butts. There is no minimum age limit for minors to shoot on Bisley ranges however, for minors under the age of 14 to fire, an application for permission to shoot must be made to the NSC well in advance of the planned visit. This does not affect any cadet organisations whilst shooting at an official cadet organised event.

10 Dogs

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times in the domestic area of Camp and also on the ranges when shooting is taking place.

11 Spectators

Spectators are to remain behind the firing point at all times and are to comply strictly with the instructions given by the RCO or any NRA or NSC official. Adequate precautions must be taken by spectators to protect their hearing.

12 Cars

- a Unless prior permission has been granted by the Range Office, private cars may never:
 - i go beyond the 1,000 yards firing point on Stickledown Range;
or
 - ii go behind the firing points on Century range except at 600 yards, or behind the firing points on Short Siberia.
- b These rules may be varied for disabled persons and those with special needs only with the permission of the Range Office. This must be requested on each and every occasion. Disabled passes are available, for those registered disabled, on application to the Range Office.
- c Although the annual car pass fee has been abolished, members of the NRA should carry their NRA membership card with them at all times. This will allow unhindered entrance to Bisley on occasions when a daily car pass is in operation for specific events.

13 Breaches of Regulations

Breaches of these regulations are to be reported immediately to a member of staff in the Range Office.

14 Use of Radios and Emergency Procedures

Communications between users and RCOs on the ranges and the Range Control are normally by radio. The control channel on NRA radios is the one on the furthest clockwise stud on the frequency, Channel 8 or Channel 16 (depending on the model). In the event of an emergency RCOs should switch to the control channel and pass the message “Emergency, Emergency, Emergency, Hello Control this is (eg) Range 13 at 300 yards, firer injured and requires . . .”. In this case, all other radio users are to remain off the air until the emergency has been dealt with. First Aid equipment is available in the General Office, the Range Office and the NSC vehicles. Trained First Aiders are on duty in the Range Office. All injuries are to be reported immediately to a member of the Range Office staff who will, if necessary, call an ambulance (and post a guide at the entrance to Camp) and enter full details of the occurrence in both the Accident and Incident Books. The control channel is monitored continuously when the ranges are open, and is the simplest and fastest method of contacting the NSC staff and of obtaining help in an emergency.

15 Health

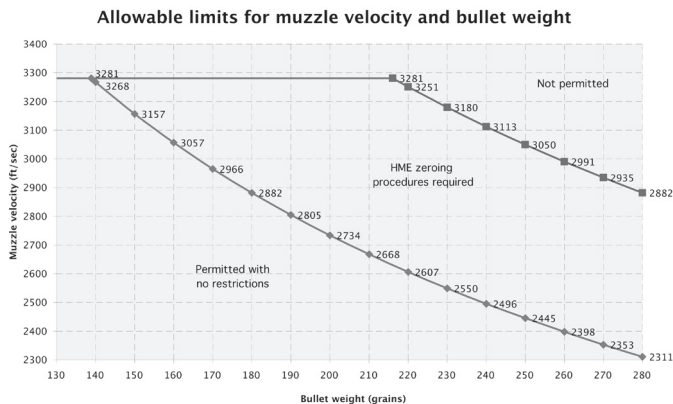
In view of the potential permanent damage, which can be caused to hearing, all persons involved in a shoot, or in close proximity when shooting is taking place, must wear hearing protection. The wearing of hearing protection is mandatory

when in the butts. The wearing of eye protection by all pistol and gallery rifle shooters and by spectators on the range, is highly recommended at all times and will be obligatory in all matches where hard targets are being used or where the competition rules require it.

16 Clothing and Equipment

In accordance with Rule 201, a firer whose equipment (including firearms) or dress are thought inappropriate or likely to bring the Association into disrepute will be challenged by the RCO or other member of NRA or NSC staff and may be required to withdraw.

17 ME Graph



Parts D-E	<i>Reserved</i>
Sections 25-50	<i>Reserved</i>
Paras 85-100	<i>Reserved</i>

THE NRA RULES OF SHOOTING

F – GENERAL RULES

SECTION 51 – EXPLANATORY AND DEFINITIONS

101 The NRA Rules of Shooting (including Appendices) are “Rules” and are of general application. The Imperial Meeting volume contains “Regulations” (including Appendices) for the administration of an event and “Conditions” for specific competitions, which unless stated otherwise are applicable only during the Imperial Meeting. Discipline-specific rules, such as the Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately) may include any or all of Rules, Regulations and Conditions. If compliance with one rule necessitates breaking another, the order of precedence is:

- a Range Safety regulations
 - b Discipline-specific Safety Rules
 - c The generic Safety Rules at Section 61
 - d Conditions
 - e Discipline-specific Regulations
 - f Generic Regulations
 - g Discipline-specific Rules other than Safety Rules
 - h Generic Rules other than Safety Rules
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- a In these Rules the word “Meeting” means the Imperial Prize Meeting of the NRA at Bisley.
 - b In the case of other meetings conducted “under the NRA Rules of Shooting” these Rules shall apply except where otherwise stated.
 - c A match organiser conducting an event “under the NRA Rules of Shooting” but with exceptions, who attempts to exempt or circumvent any of the Safety Rules (Section 61) may be considered to be acting contrary to rule 544b.
 - d Where these Rules apply and any offence of the nature described in Paras 544 and 546 is committed the circumstances should be reported to the NRA as soon as possible.
 - e These Rules, and the Bisley Range Safety Regulations, must be read and complied with by all firers at Bisley. Both have general application throughout the year.

103 Subject to adherence to the policy of the Council, the Shooting Committee is empowered to vary or add to these Rules, Regulations and Conditions, including the cancellation in whole or in part of any competition, whether commenced or not, upon such conditions (if any) as the Committee may determine, if in its

opinion such variation or addition is necessary. In cases of emergency or urgency the Chairman of the Shooting Committee is empowered to make decisions on its behalf. Any such variation or addition will be published on the notice boards during the Imperial Meeting or in the NRA Journal.

The Shooting Committee is granted numerous discretionary powers under these Rules and Regulations. The Shooting Committee may delegate such powers to sub-committees or individuals for the duration of any specific event.

104 The Council has granted summary powers to deal with matters of conduct and discipline by way of a separate code, operated by the Disciplinary Body, which shall be appointed by the General Council. The Code of Operation for the handling of Disciplinary Matters is shown in Section 11.

105 Members must read and comply with all Rules and any notices placed on the notice boards or in the NRA Journal by the authority of the Shooting Committee. Ignorance will not be accepted as an excuse.

106 Complaints must be made in writing and delivered to the appropriate NRA department which will do its best to rectify the problem as quickly as possible.

Countries – Definitions

107 Throughout this document, unless the context explicitly makes clear otherwise:

“Great Britain”, and the abbreviation “GB”, means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

“Ireland” means the island of Ireland, including its islands and seas.

“NI” means Northern Ireland.

“RoI” means the Republic of Ireland.

“British Isles” is a geographic area comprising the territories of GB, RoI, the Channel Isles and the Isle of Man.

A “country” is any one of: a sovereign nation; a self-governing colony of any sovereign nation; a UK Dependency; England; Ireland; Scotland; Wales. Other entities may be designated a “country” on a case-by-case basis.

An “overseas country” is any country wholly outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

“State” refers to a subdivision of a country eg a State of the USA, and not to a Nation State.

Section 52-53 *Reserved*

Para 108-130 *Reserved*

G – FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EQUIPMENT, TARGETS AND TECHNIQUES

SECTION 54 – GENERAL

131 Outside competition, NRA members may use any combination of firearm, ammunition, target, equipment and technique that falls within the safety regulations of the range in use. For reference, the Bisley Range Safety Regulations are reproduced at Section 24. These regulations are liable to change and users of Bisley Ranges must check the latest version, available in the Range Office, before firing.

132 It is forbidden to use any artifice that may facilitate shooting and which is not expressly permitted by the Rules, if in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee such artifice is contrary to the spirit of the Rules (Para 546). A competitor may, before using an artifice in competition, submit such artifice for consideration by the Shooting Committee, and the decision of the Shooting Committee as to its acceptability under the Rules shall then be binding.

133 Drug abuse is forbidden (see Para 544 and Paras 36 and 37).

134 The Shooting Committee may on application permit such modification to the firearm, clothing, equipment or technique of a physically disabled competitor as may assist him to compete on equal terms with other competitors.

135-146 *Reserved*

SECTION 55 – SPECIFICATION OF CATEGORIES OF FIREARMS AND THEIR AMMUNITION

147 Firearms are divided into categories. A firearm and its associated ammunition may be used in competition only if it complies in all respects with the appropriate Rules for a category that is permitted in the Conditions of the competition (see Para 544). A change of ammunition may change the category into which a firearm falls. One year's notice is normally given of any change in any Rule specifying a category.

148 The word "Pistol" embraces all types of handgun whether self-loading (eg Service Pistol and Long Barrelled Pistol), single shot muzzle loading or multiple shot chamber loading.

SR – Service Rifle

149 a The 5.56mm Self Loading Rifle as issued by the British or a Commonwealth Government and used without any unauthorised alterations or additions.

b An officially accredited team from the Armed Forces of any Government other than in a above, may use the Self Loading Rifle in current use in such Armed Forces. An official technical

specification must be provided, and rifles must be used “as issued” in normal combat configuration (eg sights and magazines) without any alterations or additions which are not permitted generally or on general issue. The use of ‘National Match’ or sniper grade rifles or sights is not permitted. A team using rifles in a calibre other than 7.62mm NATO or 5.56mm may have to arrange supply of appropriate ammunition. Team captains must sign a declaration that this Rule has been fully complied with.

- c Units which are armed with the 5.56mm C7 Rifle may use these in SR events.

Gas Plug: Where fitted this must be set to fire in self-loading mode.

Sling: The sling as issued with the rifle may be used as an aid to steady the rifle, either attached to the front sling swivel and used as a single point sling, or attached to both sling swivels as a two-point sling.

With the 5.56mm L85A1 or L85A2 rifle it must also be attached to the body as described in Inf Trg Vol IV Pamphlet No 6.

Bipod: If fitted, may not be used as a support for the rifle when firing.

Sights: Optic – Standard optical sights as issued with the rifle. Iron – Standard iron sights as issued with the rifle. The backsight may not be adjusted laterally nor may the height of the foresight be adjusted once a practice has begun. Iron sights may be blackened. No unauthorised device may be affixed for shielding sights.

Wind must be allowed for by aiming off. If a wind gauge is fitted, it must be set centrally. It is a contravention of Para 132 to move the backsight for this purpose.

Pull of trigger: Minimum 2.267kg (5lbs) in the case of the rifles L85A1, L85A2 and (Canadian) C7. In other cases, the pull of the trigger must be not less than that laid down in the official technical specification for the rifle concerned.

Ammunition: Unless specifically sanctioned, only service ammunition issued on the range may be used (see Para 544).

TR – Target Rifle

150 Any bolt-action rifle which, in the opinion of the Shooting Committee, is of conventional design and safe. All rifles must also conform to the following:

General: The rifle or all its component parts must be readily available in quantity.

Weight: Maximum 6.5kg (14.32lbs) as used including all attachments except the sling.

Barrel and Chamber: Suitable for firing any of:

- a the standard 7.62 x 51mm NATO military cartridge

- b the .308" Winchester commercial cartridge
- c the .303" British Mk VII military cartridge
- d the standard 5.56 x 45mm NATO military cartridge
- e the .223" Remington commercial cartridge

Note: (a) and (b) are not necessarily the same, and (d) and (e) are not the same. Attention is drawn to Appendix V.

Bore and Chamber Dimensions: The dimensions must not be less than either CIP or SAAMI minimum chamber drawings (whichever is the smaller) other than in (a) and (b) above where the following concessions are permitted:

the bore diameter must not be less than 0.298".

the groove diameter must not be less than 0.3065".

the throat diameter must not be less than either the bullet diameter or 0.3085", whichever is the greater.

the minimum throat length may also be reduced but only to such an extent that the bullet of the cartridge in use is not in contact with the rifling. See Appendix V Para 7f.

If reduced bore or groove diameters as above are used, only ammunition developing an average max pressure less than 3650 Bar under CIP test conditions may be used. NRA ammunition "as issued" will satisfy this limit.

Pull of trigger: Minimum 1.5kg (3.307lbs). Set triggers and 'release' triggers are not allowed.

Stock and Butt: May be shaped so as to be comfortable to the firer. A thumb hole for the trigger hand is permitted. Adjustable butt plates without hooks are permitted. The depth of the butt plate curvature shall not exceed 20mm (0.79") at its deepest point. A hand stop is permitted.

Magazine: If fitted shall not be used except as a loading platform for single rounds.

Muzzle brakes: Not allowed.

Sling: Must conform to Para 209.

Backsight: A variable dioptr eye piece or single correcting lens may be used (but see Paras 206 and 207). One or more optically flat filters may also be used in front of or in rear of the aperture. A flexible disc or eyecup may be used. In addition a piece of flat material or a blinder may be fitted to the backsight to restrict the vision of the disengaged eye.

Foresight: Any type which may contain a single clear or coloured magnifying lens which has a minimum focal length of 2 metres (0.5 dioptr) but see Paras 206 and 207. It may also contain optically flat clear or coloured element(s).

Spirit levels: It is permitted to attach spirit levels or other level indicators to the rifle.

Overseas competitors. Where reciprocal agreement has been reached, overseas competitors may use, in competition, target rifles which conform to their home country's Governing Body's rules, during their first three months in the United Kingdom, provided that they conform to the maximum weight, chamber dimensions, minimum trigger pull and sight specifications given above. Out of competition only the minimum trigger weight condition must be complied with. Telescopic sights are not permitted. The rifles must be suitable for use with any ammunition supplied by the NRA (see Appendix V).

- 151 In NRA TR competitions where ammunition "as issued" is specified:
- only 7.62 x 51 mm or .308" Win target rifles may be used.
 - only ammunition issued by the NRA, without any modification, may be used (see Para 544).
 - NRA issued ammunition will conform to CIP dimensions for Win .308" and will develop a maximum average pressure under CIP test procedures of 3650 Bar. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their rifles are safe to fire such ammunition.

Ammunition "as issued" is specified for all TR competitions in the Imperial Meeting, and at some other NRA events. At other times any ammunition may be used, all users of which are responsible for ensuring that it is in every respect safe and within range safety parameters (see Appendix V, Appendix VI and Paras 256, 288 and 544).

152 *Reserved*

Snip – Sniper Rifle

153 Subject to compliance with range safety limits, the Sniper Rifle on general issue to snipers by the British, a Commonwealth or other Government without any unauthorised alterations or additions. Restricted issue or experimental models are not permitted.

Sights: Service telescopic sights as issued for use with that rifle.

Ammunition: As in Para 149.

CSR/PR – Civilian Service Rifle/Practical Rifle

154 Any fullbore single shot rifle which has not been modified in any way which might reduce its safety, and which conforms to the following:

Muzzle brakes: Permitted.

Sound Moderators: Permitted.

Pull of trigger: Minimum 1.5kg (3.307lbs) (see Para 389).

Sights: Any.

Projected laser aiming or ranging devices: Prohibited.

Ammunition: The use of armour piercing, tracer or expanding ammunition is prohibited.

155 *Reserved*

MR – Match Rifle

156 Match Rifle is a long range discipline, normally fired with optically sighted rifles (but note that a Target Rifle as defined complies in all respects with Match Rifle requirements provided barrel weight does not exceed 2.5kg). Whilst rules are drafted around .308W/7.62 NATO calibres, Match Rifles and ammunition in 5.56 x 45mm and .223 Remington calibres are permitted on an identical basis to that specified for .308/7.62mm below.

Rifles: Any rifle suitable for firing the 7.62 x 51mm NATO or .308” Win cartridge of standard dimensions, the barrel of which shall not exceed 2.5kg (5.5lbs) in weight excluding any devices weighing less than 200 grammes and not permanently attached.

Muzzle brakes: Prohibited.

Pull of trigger: Minimum 1.5kg (3.307lbs).

Sights: Any, including magnifying or telescope.

Positions: Rifles may be fired in any position, subject to the constraints of Range Regulations, provided that the weight of the rifle is entirely supported by the firer's person. Flexible padding may be placed between rifle and firer.

An adjustable rest to support the forward hand or forearm in the prone position, or the leg or foot in the supine position, is permitted. There must be no contact whatsoever between rifle and any such rest or the ground. The butt may be supported in the shoulder but must not rest on the ground or any artificial support. In the supine position, whilst the firer is in the aim, the breech-end of the barrel must remain behind the line of pegs; the firer's legs may, however, be in front of the line of the pegs.

Competitors with disabilities which prevent them from shooting prone or supine, may, on application to the Shooting Committee, with suitable evidence, be permitted to shoot seated at a table. The weight of the rifle must be borne fully by the body, but a rest, which must not touch the rifle, may be used to support the forward hand or forearm. The butt may be supported in the shoulder but must not rest on the table or on an artificial support of any kind. The proposed design of the table must be submitted to the Shooting Committee for approval prior to being used. The competitor, table and other equipment together, must not take up more than their allotted space on the firing point. The table must be of conventional design and be capable of being moved and erected by a single person.

Ammunition: Any type of ammunition including handloads is permitted. Only ammunition which is commercially manufactured and has CIP approval may incorporate non-brass cases. These cartridges must be clearly marked and packaged. The external dimensions of the case, as loaded and after firing, must

not exceed the maximum dimensions shown on the current UK Government 7.62 x 51mm NATO or SAAMI .308” Win chamber drawings (see Paras 256, 288 and 544).

Cartridge cases may be subject to checking for compliance with the above dimensions immediately following the conclusion of a competitor’s shoot.

In the case of HME rifles and ammunition (exceeding 4,500 Joules) see Para 168 and Appendix VI.

Any Rifle (Match Rifle)

157 A Match Rifle, complying with Range Safety Regulations, of any calibre up to .577”; generally as specified in Para 156 above with the following exceptions:

Barrel Weight: Unlimited

Trigger Weight: Minimum 0.5kg

Ammunition: Any suitable for use in that particular rifle (see Paras 256, 288 and 544 and Appendices V and VI).

Spor – Sporting Rifle

158 Any rifle which in the opinion of the Shooting Committee or their appointee is in the style of a sporting rifle and without the features and attachments (other than a raised cheek piece) that would make it more in the style of a target, match or sniping rifle, and which complies with the following conditions:

Weight: Maximum 5.5kg (12lbs) unloaded and including any telescopic sight or other attachments used.

Pull of trigger: Minimum 0.5kg (1.1lbs).

Sights: Any, including magnifying or telescope.

Ammunition: Any suitable for the rifle used (Para 256).

TS – Target Shotgun

159 Any multi-shot shotgun as defined in Section 1 or 2 of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) with a single barrel of repeating action type (semi-automatic action, pump action, bolt action or lever action) the design of which is, in the opinion of the Shooting Committee, of conventional design and safe.

Calibre: 20 bore to 10 bore inclusive.

Shotgun weight: No restriction.

Pull of trigger: No restriction, but the trigger mechanism must, at all times, function safely. Triggers and trigger shoes which extend beyond the width of the trigger guard are prohibited.

Sights: Any.

Sling: Permitted.

Suppressors and compensators: Prohibited.

Ammunition: Any suitable ammunition may be used for the engagement of paper, frangible or metallic targets. Such ammunition may be Solid Slug, Small Game or Buckshot.

CTR – Cadet Target Rifle

160 Only Government issue L81 A2 7.62mm Cadet Target Rifles on charge to the contingent are allowed. Any adjustments made must be strictly in accordance with MoD instructions.

Pull of trigger: Minimum 1.5kg (3.307lbs).

Sights: TR backsights and foresights as are allowed by MoD may be used but no other additions or modifications to the rifle are permitted.

Slings: Slings, including the MoD issue sling, are permitted (Para 209).

GP – L98 A1 or L98 A2 Cadet General Purpose Rifle.

161 The 5.56mm L98 A1 or L98 A2 Cadet General Purpose Rifle as issued to the British Cadet Forces with a minimum trigger pull of 3kg (6.61lbs) and used with no unauthorised alterations or additions. Slings must be fitted/used in accordance with Cadet Trg Manual Vol 1, Chapter 4, Section 5. The rifle must be fired from the right shoulder. The magazine may be rested on the ground.

CHA – Classic and Historic Arms

162 As defined in the Classic and Historic Arms section in the Conditions.

163 *Reserved*

F Class

164 F Class has two subdivisions under international rules. Rules common to both subdivisions are:

Ammunition: Supplied by the competitor. Ammunition may be obtained commercially or from the NRA or handloaded by the competitor.

Gauging of shot holes: Irrespective of which calibre is used, all shot holes will be gauged with a 7.62mm gauge.

Muzzle brakes: Prohibited.

Sound moderators: Permitted, but must be included in the rifle maximum weight limit.

Pull of trigger: Any safe trigger weight, (ie the rifle must not fire when the bolt is cycled rapidly).

Sights: Any, including magnifying or telescopic.

Position: The prone position must be used.

Competitors using High Muzzle Energy (HME) firearms must comply with Rule 168.

Rules specific to each subdivision are:

a Open Class

Rifle: Any rifle suitable for firing any cartridge with a calibre of up to 8mm.

Supports: A bipod or front rest is permitted to support the rifle or hand. A sling may be used.

Rear rests: One or two sandbags may be used to support the butt. No mechanical rear rests are allowed.

Rifle weight: Maximum weight 10kg.

b FTR Class

Calibre: .223" Remington or .308" Winchester, or their metric equivalents, only.

Chamber: Must conform to SAAMI or CIP dimensions or to the dimensional requirements of Para 150.

Attachments: An attached bipod is permitted.

Supports: A sling is permitted as a support in addition to a bipod, optionally together with a rear bag which provides no positive mechanical means of returning the rifle to its precise point of aim for the next shot.

Rifle weight: Maximum weight 8.25kg including all attachments (such as, but not limited to, sights, sound moderator and bipod, if any).

Ammunition: There is no restriction on bullet weight.

GRCF – Gallery Rifle Centre Fire

165 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

GRSB – Gallery Rifle Small-bore

166 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

LSR – Light Weight Sport Rifle

167 As specified in the NRA GR&P Handbook (published separately).

All events open to LSR are also open to GRSB. Events listed as open to GRSB, however, are not open to air or CO₂ rifles.

HME – High Muzzle Energy Firearms

168 High Muzzle Energy (HME) firearms are those which, when firing specific ammunition, develop a muzzle energy (ME) in excess of 4,500 Joules (3,319 ft lb). When used on any MoD range (or Bisley ranges) all such firearms must first be zeroed using a special zeroing procedure, agreed with the MoD, at 200 yards

(or on the Bisley Zero Range), prior to being fired at any further distance. During the Meeting, zeroing must be completed before tickets will be issued.

For further details see Appendix VI.

169-171 *Reserved*

SP – Service Pistol

172 A 9mm self-loading pistol on general issue to a British or a Commonwealth Service (ie not pistols on limited issue to specialist units or for specialist purposes). Service competitors must use the pistol on general issue to their Service.

Pull of trigger: Minimum 5lbs (2.27kg).

Butt: Padding and/or whipping of butt is not allowed.

Sights: Strictly open metal sights of standard (fixed) type. Sights may be blackened or whitened, but not coloured.

Note: Pistols as defined above may only be used in competitions open to Service Pistols.

MLP – Muzzle Loading Pistol

173 As permitted under the 1997 Firearms (Amendment) Acts.

174 In an original pistol, black powder only may be used. Pyrodex or similar smokeless powder may only be used in modern reproduction pistols.

AP – Air Pistol

175 Any air pistol as permitted under current legislation and developing a maximum muzzle energy of 6 ft lb.

LBP – Long Barrelled Pistol

176 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

LBR – Long Barrelled Revolver

177 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

LRP – Long Range Pistol

178 Any pistol in a centre-fire pistol calibre may be used in this category. Most LRP may be described as ‘pistol-gripped, short-barrelled rifles’. All LRP must comply with the following:

Dimensions: As required by current legislation.

Calibre: Any rifle or pistol calibre within range regulations, suitable for firing ammunition as defined below.

Trigger weight: No minimum permitted trigger weight but the trigger must be safe in the judgement of the CRO.

Sights: Two types of sights are permitted:

- a Iron. Iron sights, which may include sights of any colour;
- b Optical. Optical sights may include telescopes.

Distances: Short range up to 300 yards, with open or iron sights. Long range over 300 yards, with optic sights.

Ammunition: Straight wall (short range) or bottle-neck (long range).

Firing positions: Usually from a rested position but may be prone.

Firearms recognised by the NRA

179 A more detailed list of firearms recognised by the NRA is available as a separate document available from the NRA.

180-200 *Reserved*

Section 56 *Reserved*

SECTION 57 – DRESS, EQUIPMENT AND POSITIONS

201 Dress for civilian target shooting should be appropriate to the Discipline and weather prevailing or expected. Military uniform should only be worn by military personnel on duty (Para 202). A competitor whose dress, equipment or position is thought inappropriate or likely to bring the Association into disrepute may be challenged by the RCO or other member of staff, and may be required to withdraw.

202 Uniform

- a Present members of HM Forces are to wear uniform in all individual squadded shoots and team shoots with the Service Rifle, Service Pistol and LMG.
- b When uniform is required, competitors must wear the correct uniform authorised by their own Service Rifle Association. Helmets and Combat Body Armour (CBA) must be worn in accordance with the appropriate Service Regulations. No additions of any sort are allowed other than the issued Combat Smock. Gloves may be worn.
- c Greatcoats or wet weather clothing of Service type may be worn only if sanctioned by the CRO.
- d In Service Rifle and LMG events, Skill at Arms Order (ie belt, yoke/straps, ammunition pouches and a water bottle) with a minimum total weight of 7.5kg is to be worn. Pouches may be packed. Elbow pads are not permitted.
- e No combination of uniform and plain clothes may be worn unless specifically authorised in these Rules or the match conditions.

- f Cadet dress: The correct uniform for cadets is:
- i Boots or shoes (black).
 - ii Trousers as issued.
 - iii Shirt as issued, or plain army, school or regimental T-shirt or sweatshirt
 - iv Jersey (seamans/heavy wool) optional.
 - v Windproof jacket DPM or as issued.
 - vi Plain or regimental or school combat cap, or appropriate headdress as issued for other affiliations, so long as this does not interfere with the hearing protection being worn. In cases of doubt, headdress is to be removed whilst on the firing point. The protection of cadets' hearing must take precedence. Cadets are not to wear berets while on the firing point, whether firing or not.
 - vii Badges of rank and flashes must be displayed.
 - viii Non-service waterproof trousers may be worn.
 - ix A shooting glove and strap-on elbow pads may be worn (Para 204).
 - x A regulation button may be sewn on the upper arm of the cadet DPM jacket and the epaulette may be fastened to it to prevent the sling slipping down the arm.
 - xi Uniform is not to be unduly adjusted so as to give unfair support to a firer.

Except for (i), (iii), (viii) and (ix) above, these items of uniform must be Service issue or of identical pattern.

203 In TR, MR including Any Rifle and F Class, any suitable jacket/coat may be worn, provided it gives no support to the forearm. Flexible padding may be attached to protect the shoulder, upper sling arm and elbows. A device may be fitted to the upper sleeve to prevent the sling slipping down the arm or rotating about the upper arm. The pen pocket flap on the combat jacket may be used for this purpose. Internal or external elbow pads may be worn. Adjustable straps or similar for making a coat so tight as to give undue support to the body are not permitted.

204 A flexible padded glove or mitt may be worn on the supporting hand, provided it gives no artificial support. In addition, a lightweight glove, with (or without) one or more fingers cut off, may be worn on the trigger operating hand to protect against cold or sun/windburn.

205 The competitor may wear wet weather clothing. It is permitted to place the rifle butt under a lightweight cape or poncho whilst shooting.

206 Spectacles, eyeglasses or contact lenses may be used, and/or a prescription lens may be fitted in the backsight, provided that the correction is of a similar prescription to that which the competitor would use in everyday use. Permission to use such a lens, supported by a current optometrist's prescription, must be obtained in advance from the NRA.

207 In TR (Para 150), a magnifying lens is permitted in the foresight. If a magnifying lens is fitted in the foresight then only optically flat filters and/or a single prescription lens may be fitted in the backsight (see Para 150 and 206).

208 a Generally, binoculars and telescopes are allowed, together with stands or rests, provided they do not inconvenience other competitors.

b In Service Weapon events, only hand-held binoculars may be used.

209 When using TR, MR including Any Rifle, CTR, F Class, SR or GP rifles a sling may be attached to assist in steadying the rifle. The sling must be attached to the rifle at one or two points, and it must not exceed 2" in width. The sling may not be used or configured in such a manner that it (or its buckles or sling swivels) becomes a prop between the inside of the support elbow and the rifle stock. The sling may be placed round one arm and/or wrist but not round any other part of the competitor's body, except when using SR or Cadet GP rifle when it must be worn in accordance with military regulations.

210 A competitor may not screen himself or his firearm from the sun or weather, nor allow anyone else to do so (see Para 547). However a piece of soft material or an action cover may be used to cover the action, and adhesive tape may be stuck to the barrel or action. A mirage band may be used. Devices covering the action or acting to ameliorate mirage may be draped as the competitor wishes, but may only be attached to themselves and/or the firearm.

211 The height of rifle shooting boxes when in use on the firing point is not to exceed 12".

212 A competitor may use a groundsheet, shooting mat or similar article, provided that it is laid flat on the ground. In Service Weapon and Cadet GP rifle matches a shooting mat may not be used. Holes may not be made in the ground for the elbows.

213 Any position is allowed, subject to the Conditions, provided that such position is not either unsuited to the firing point and target arrangements or dangerous. In all Service Weapon events the handling of weapons will be in accordance with Infantry Training Vol IV Pamphlet 20 Chapter 2, a copy of which will be made available from the NRA to team captains on request. In Target Rifle and F Class competitions the prone position must be used. At no time may any part of the body be placed in front of the muzzle of the firearm in use when it is loaded. The following positions are defined:

a *Prone*. The butt plate of the rifle must be placed against the shoulder or armpit. Elbows must be behind the line defining the forward edge

of the firing point, which may be a notional line defined by the number pegs or other means as ordered by the RCO. The muzzle of the rifle must protrude over the forward edge as defined, and must be well forward of the ears of neighbouring competitors. No competitor may adopt a position that causes inconvenience to the other competitors on his target.

- i TR. All parts of the rifle and sling and of the arms below the elbow, including clothing, must be visibly clear of the ground and of all other objects. The back of the forward wrist must be 4" (approximately the width of this book) clear of the ground, as measured from the outside surface of a glove if worn.
 - ii MR including Any Rifle. A rest may be used as defined in Para 156.
 - iii F Class. Rests and bipods as defined in Para 164 may be used.
 - iv SR, CSR/PR, GP. The magazine may touch or rest on the forearm or on the ground. No part of the wrist of the supporting arm may touch the ground. If firing from cover, the structure of the cover may be used for support.
- b *Supine (Back) Position.* MR (including Any Rifle) only. In accordance with Para 156.
 - c *Disabled Seated.* In accordance with Para 156.
 - d *Standing.* Erect on both feet, no other part of the body to touch the ground or any other object. The rifle may be supported by the forward hand under the magazine (where appropriate). The elbow of the forward arm may be rested on the hip or the ammunition pouch but any form of artificial support is prohibited.
 - e *Standing Alert/Patrol Position.* As for Standing position but with the rifle held pointing downwards at an angle of 45°.
 - f *Kneeling.* No part of the body to touch the ground or any other object except one foot and the other leg from the knee downwards. The forward elbow may rest on the knee.
 - g *Sitting.* Weight of the body supported on buttocks. No part of the body above the buttocks to touch the ground, or any other object. Legs may be apart or crossed and may be in front of the front edge of the firing point. The rifle may be held in any convenient way, provided the butt is in the shoulder or armpit.
 - h *Squatting.* Buttocks must be clear of the ground; the arms may be rested on the knees. The rifle may be held as for the sitting position.

SECTION 58 – TARGETS

221 Particulars of the various targets are given in Appendix IV. Any changes in NRA target dimensions will be ratified by the Shooting Committee and Council during September and will come into effect on 1 April following.

222 Unless otherwise stated in the Conditions, targets as appropriate to the discipline and distance as indicated in Appendix IV will be used. MR including Any Rifle will use TR targets.

Section 59-60 *Reserved*

Paras 223-251 *Reserved*

H – RANGE OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR NRA COMPETITIONS

SECTION 61 – SAFETY RULES

252 If any person on the range considers that there is a potential or actual breach of safety which urgently requires all competitors to stop firing he will immediately give the order “Stop, Stop, Stop”. All competitors must immediately stop firing, take their finger off the trigger, keep their firearms pointing at the target and await further instructions. No-one may unload or move off the firing point. The person ordering the stop, if not himself the RCO, must immediately explain his action to the RCO so that the RCO may take effective control of the situation.

253 When at the firing point a competitor must comply with all orders for the due carrying out of the NRA Rules and Regulations given by the CRO or any official acting under orders of the CRO.

254 No competitor may move himself or his equipment forward onto the firing point until authorised to do so by the RCO.

255 No round may be placed on the loading platform or in the firearm, nor may it be fired, until the RCO has given the order to load and carry on (see Para 546c).

256 A competitor is responsible for ensuring that his firearm and, if provided by himself, his ammunition, is safe to use. He must submit his firearm and ammunition for inspection and testing whenever required.

No ammunition of a dangerous character may be used. For definition of dangerous ammunition and instructions for RCOs see Appendix V and Paras 288 and 544.

257 The bolt (or equivalent working part in other types of firearm) must not be closed (or opened after being closed) on a live round if the barrel is elevated at more than 70 mils (approximately 4°) above the horizontal. In practice this means that when closing or opening the bolt with a live round in the chamber the barrel should be horizontal.

258 Except only where otherwise prescribed in the conditions of a competition a loaded firearm must at all times point no further left or right than the limits of the assigned butt (see Para 546d).

259 Neither aiming nor snapping an unloaded firearm is allowed except when in the firing position on the firing point, and then only if it would be in all respects safe actually to fire and provided it causes no delay. The RCO must give permission before any such aiming or snapping may take place.

Competitors shooting muzzle loading firearms may, after the order has been given by the RCO, “cap off” to clear nipple vents prior to loading for fouling shots. During capping off the firearms must be pointed down range or into

the ground immediately in front of the firing point. When competitors have completed capping off they must retire from the firing point to their designated loading location behind the firing point.

260 A competitor who, whilst on the firing point, accidentally discharges his firearm will not be allowed another cartridge and the shot will be recorded as a miss. He may also be dealt with under Para 261.

261 A competitor acting in a dangerous manner will forthwith be forbidden to fire again until the circumstances have been investigated and decided on, or referred to higher authority, by the CRO.

262 **Misfire Procedures**

- a Bolt-action centrefire rifles. If a misfire occurs the firer must remain on aim for at least 30 seconds (in case of a hangfire) and then inform the RCO. Under the supervision of the RCO the firer should tilt the rifle to the side and open the bolt, ensuring that his hand is not behind the bolt and that no one is standing behind the rifle. He must ensure that the cartridge comes out complete with the bullet.
- b Gallery Rifle. In accordance with the procedures in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately)
- c Other types of firearm. As specified in the procedures for the relevant discipline.

263 **Inspection of Firearms and Magazines**

- a The competitor is primarily responsible for ensuring that his firearm is clear before it is removed from the firing point. Any competitor who fails to present his firearm for inspection whether called to do so or not, or who presents his firearm for inspection in an unsafe condition, may be considered as “acting in a way that might prove dangerous” and be dealt with as in Para 546.
- b The responsibility to carry out inspections falls to a specific individual. When clearing an automatic or semi-automatic firearm, the person designated is the CRO or a member of the range staff to whom the CRO delegates the responsibility. Otherwise in a team competition where a coach is present on the firing point, the coach is the designated person. In individual competition, or if no coach is present, the register keeper is the designated person. In the absence of a coach or register keeper, the RCO is the designated person.
- c On the conclusion of a shoot or stage, or on the order of the RCO, all firers must:
 - i unload their firearm and inspect the chamber, action and magazine (if one is fitted) to ensure that the firearm is clear,
 - ii if using a bolt-action firearm, remove the bolt,

- iii present their firearm to the designated person on the firing point and have them inspect and confirm that the firearm is clear,
- iv for a service weapon complete the unload,
- v either keep the bolt removed or insert a breech flag (or both) for any bolt-action rifle, or carry out the equivalent procedure for other firearms (which may include casing in accordance with GR&P procedure)

before leaving the firing point and before anyone goes forward of the firing point. Where applicable the firer must also ensure that the designated person signs their squadding card confirming that they have cleared the firearm.

264 A competitor using a bolt-action rifle must carry it either with the breech open and a breech flag, which must protrude into the chamber, clearly inserted, or with the bolt removed from the rifle, except when on the firing point. Para 254 applies.

A competitor using a self-loading rifle must carry it unloaded, ie no magazine on it, no round in the chamber, working parts forward, not cocked and safety catch at 'safe'.

Civilian service rifles or practical rifles which are able to utilise a magazine fitted loading block may do so in addition to a breech flag.

The cadet GP rifle must at all times be carried with a breech flag clearly inserted, except during a shoot.

Firearms specified in the NRA GR&P Handbook (published separately) must be carried in accordance with GR&P rules.

All other firearms must be carried in a manner such that they are as clearly unloaded as is possible for that type of firearm.

265 If a firearm cannot be unloaded in the normal manner, the shooter is to leave it on the firing point pointing towards the target. The shooter is to inform the RCO immediately. The firearm is to remain pointing towards the target until the detail has finished and all shooters have cleared the firing point. The RCO is to arrange for a qualified person (at Bisley, the NSC Armourer or a person designated by him) to make the firearm safe on the firing point.

At no time may a loaded firearm be taken from the firing point behind shooters or spectators. Should the armourer have to fire or expend a competitor's live round in the interests of safety, that round will be replaced on the authority of the RCO.

SECTION 62 – CONDUCT OF SHOOTING**General**

266 In squaddled competitions, competitors are expected to be present immediately behind their allotted firing point no later than 15 minutes before the start time of the detail.

267 Competitors will place themselves to the left of the peg denoting their target. The competitor on the right will fire first, and other competitors will fire in turn from right to left. In the Meeting, the computer label issued to competitors for individual squaddled competitions will be marked with the range and target letter, and in TR events the letters R, C or L in brackets indicating whether the competitor is to place himself right, centre or left on the firing point, firing in the order R, C, L.

When competitors are required to fire singly they will fire in order of index numbers, lowest number first.

In squaddled competitions the RCO may, if desirable, transfer a competitor to another target in the same detail, either before he begins to shoot or if the target breaks down. In particular the RCO:

- a must not allow a competitor to fire by himself if there is a vacancy to which he can be transferred (see Para 341),
- b must not allow a competitor who has missed an earlier detail to shoot, unless expressly authorised by the CRO,
- c may, if authorised by the CRO, fill up vacancies with competitors belonging to the next detail.

268 In unsquaddled competitions the RCO will squad competitors, in order of application, to targets, one or more to a target as convenient. A competitor must complete one shoot before handing in a ticket for another one.

269 In individual competitions, competitors whilst on the firing point:

- a may spot for each other.
- b should attempt to observe fall of shot for a competitor whose first sighter has missed the target, until a scoring shot is achieved, and should provide such information on fall of shot as can be determined.
- c may advise on appropriate wind allowance within the circumstances at Para 277.
- d subject to (b) and (c) above, must not give or willingly receive any information or advice in the nature of coaching (see Para 547).

270 The RCO will allow a minimum of five minutes between calling competitors forward and giving Message 1 in all TR and MR competitions. The RCO may allow a competitor who is late for his detail (ie arrives within this five

minute period) to shoot but with a penalty of one point deducted from his score and so long as it does not inconvenience the other firers on his target. Anyone who is not ready at his proper place and time forfeits his right to shoot. If a competitor misses his detail the CRO only may, if satisfied, allow him to shoot in a later detail but with a penalty of up to five points deducted from his score.

271 Access to an area comprising the firing point and a distance to the rear is restricted during a competition and for such period before and after as the CRO may specify. The CRO will define the area as he requires by the firing point ditch, a rope, a painted line, an imaginary line through a series of objects or other means as convenient. Within the restricted area only the following are permitted:

- a Staff on range duty;
- b Competitors required for firing or otherwise taking part in the competition;
- c Persons authorised to assist in the conduct of the competition.

272 No person is allowed to make any noise or disturbance likely to affect a competitor. The RCO may have any person infringing this regulation removed from the vicinity of the firing point.

273 No competitor may get up from his firing point until all competitors on that target have finished firing unless permission has been given by the RCO.

274 Firing may be suspended temporarily by order of the CRO if, in his opinion, the weather makes such suspension desirable. Firing will be resumed as soon as possible (see Para 298).

275 A competitor "retires" when he voluntarily ceases to fire before being required to do so by the Rules or Conditions. Having retired a competitor may not resume firing at that distance.

276 When a competitor retires he will be allowed to count the score that he has actually made. Retirement at one distance of a competition does not debar a competitor from firing at subsequent distances.

277 In deliberate rifle competitions, a competitor whose first shot misses the intended target may only continue if one of the following applies:

- a The shot was seen to strike the stop butt or the ground.
- b The competitor identifies and rectifies a fault or error (eg mis-set sight) that would reasonably account for the miss.
- c There is reasonable evidence (eg an unexplained shot on the next target) that the competitor has crossfired.
- d There is reasonable evidence (eg based on the advice of other competitors, which advice shall not be considered to be in the nature of coaching) that the wind allowance applied was such as to account for the miss.

- e With the permission of the RCO.

278 In an individual competition, a competitor who misses the target with four consecutive shots (including sighting shots) must stop firing until the others on the target have finished. He must then inform the RCO and may, only if the RCO is satisfied that it may be done safely, then complete his shoot but will not be allowed an extra sighting shot.

279 In TR events a sighting target will be exposed in the middle of each butt to allow for adjustments to foresight or backsight. This will be exposed from the beginning of the five minute preparation period to the two minute warning by the CRO, after which it will be lowered.

280 *Reserved*

Firearms and Ammunition – irregularities and malfunctions

281 No two competitors detailed to fire at the same time may shoot with the same firearm.

282 No competitor may change his firearm during his firing at any single distance or practice of an individual competition, unless his first firearm shall become unserviceable, which must be verified by the RCO. For teams see Para 369.

283 Other than in service weapon competitions, where certain allowable breakages (firing pin, extractor and gas plug) will not be penalised, no allowance will be made for a defective firearm or cartridge but if a misfire occurs where a shot is separately signalled, the competitor will be given another cartridge. This will only be allowed if the striker has functioned but the bullet has not left the barrel. No attempt may be made to re-fire a misfired round. A damaged or oversized round may be replaced only on the express instructions of the RCO.

284 The RCO, if satisfied that it can be done with safety, may permit a competitor to quit the firing point to rectify a mishap to his firearm or ammunition, and complete his shoot within the period of his detail or, with the permission of the CRO, on a later detail if available but without any extra sighting shots.

285 *Reserved*

286 Triggers and trigger testing

- a Triggers must not be adjusted on the range without the express approval of the RCO.
- b In team and individual competitions triggers will be tested at the discretion of the RCO and in particular when a score likely to be in the prize list has been made.
- c In tie shoots and team matches all or a selection of competitors' triggers will be tested before commencing to fire. Team captains

- should ensure that all members of their team, including reserves, are present and ready for trigger testing no later than 30 minutes before the appointed time of commencement of firing in a team match.
- d Triggers will be tested, in all cases, with the barrel vertical. All tests are to be made by a RCO or under his supervision by the competitor, if he so requests, or by some other person detailed by the RCO.
 - e If a trigger fails to lift the weight the RCO will, if the competitor so desires, retain the firearm in his possession and re-test it on the firing point after not less than five nor more than ten minutes have elapsed, and if it then passes the test, the score will be allowed.
 - f Should a trigger fail the test the RCO will disallow the competitor's last highest scoring shot from any score made at the distance or practice at which the failure was discovered.
 - g During the Meeting, in the event of an immediate appeal against the decision of the RCO, he will retain the firearm which will be subjected to a further test by the NSC Armourer in the presence of the firer as soon as practicable and if it passes this test the score will be allowed.

287 RCOs are authorised to check the type of ammunition any competitor is firing, and, in particular the appointed Ammunition Officer may take for subsequent critical examination up to three rounds from those which the competitor is about to fire (see Para 544).

288 **Issued Ammunition.** All ammunition issued by the NRA is strictly for use on the firing point and in the competition for which it is issued, and competitors may not under any circumstances take away any unexpended rounds or empty cases. Unused rounds from any converted sighting shots must be handed in to the RCO with the register ticket, or the score may be disallowed and the competitor reported to the Disciplinary Committee (see Para 546).

RCOs and/or competitor ROs must check the headstamps of all returned converted sighters and empty cases to confirm that they are correct, and must then ensure that competitors put their empties in the place provided.

Competitors are not permitted to bring any live ammunition to the firing point, except as provided for in the rules of a competition. In such case a competitor using his own ammunition may not draw ammunition.

A competitor is responsible for ensuring, before leaving the vicinity of the ammunition point, that he has been given the correct number of rounds.

Ammunition as issued may be weighed, or otherwise measured, but must not be tampered with in any way including the application of substances such as moly grease.

Sighting Shots

296 Sighting shots will be fired in accordance with the Conditions of the event. In team matches they are included in the time limit. Sighting shots may be fired in any authorised position (see Para 213) even when the counting shots have to be fired in some particular position.

297 A competitor who cannot tell the position of a sighting shot or the first shot in a match where sighters are not allowed, owing to the display of two (or more) spotting discs, may elect to accept the one of higher value or, alternatively, may request permission from the RCO to repeat the shot. If he does so, the RCO will declare the previous shots on the target void and will issue another round.

298 If during the course of a shoot a competitor has been obliged to move to another target, or has been unable to fire through no fault of his own for 10 minutes, the RCO may, after notifying the register keeper, allow the competitor to fire one extra non-convertible sighting shot before resuming. This extra sighting shot will not be recorded by the register keeper.

299 No practice shots are allowed unless the contrary is stated in the Conditions (eg the Whitehead MR). During an NRA competition at Bisley, any firer may, however, on production of a squadding ticket valid for that or the following day, fire blow-off shots on the NRA Zero Range without charge. The Snail Trap may be used for blow-off or fouling shots.

MR and Any Rifle competitors will be allowed to fire blow-off shots into the stop butt at the beginning of the five minute preparation period prior to each detail of the first match only on each day, and also prior to each detail of the Albert, under the strict control of the CRO Stickle-down. These shots must not be spotted by individuals or by coaches (see Match Rifle Competitions).

At any practice or competition competitors using black powder firearms may, at the commencement of the detail and under the instructions of the RCO, fire fouling shots into the stop butt of their designated target lane, prior to Message 1 and the commencement of sighting/scoring shots.

300 **Convertible Sighting Shots.** Where convertible sighting shots are permitted, the following rules shall apply:

- a After a competitor has fired his second sighting shot, he may elect to count the second sighting shot, or both, in his score. He, or in team matches his coach, plotter, captain or adjutant, must declare his intention to his register keeper before any further shot is fired by him. In the absence of such declaration, he shall be deemed not to have converted his sighting shots. It is acceptable for a captain only to make a declaration in advance on behalf of his team.
- b In deliberate rifle team matches where only one sighting shot is allowed, it may be converted as above.

centre of the V bull. At long range the F Class target will be a Palma target with a solid 5" white circle placed in the centre of the X ring. Scoring will be from 5V down to 1, not 10X down to 6 as for normal Palma targets (see Appendix IV).

In the case of F Class competitors, whether using their own ammunition or the issued ammunition, at both short and long range the smaller, white, F Class V bull will be scored as 6, with all the remaining scoring rings reducing by one point, as follows:

White circle	scores 6	(F Class V bull)
Remainder of TR V bull	scores 5	(F Class Bull)
TR Bull scoring 5	scores 4	(F Class Inner)
TR Inner scoring 4	scores 3	(F Class Magpie)
TR Magpie scoring 3	scores 2	(F Class Outer)
TR Outer scoring 2	scores 1	(F Class Hit)

Any shots outside the TR Outer will be scored as zero (F Class).

- 310 c Option B. In match rifle competitions only, an alternative marking system (sometimes referred to as the Scottish system) will be used at the Imperial Meeting and may be requested during other MR Meetings during the year.

This marking system will use a spotting disc which is red on one side and green on the other. The six scoring regions (V bull, bull, inner, magpie, outer and hit) will be indicated by a disc coloured red, green, red, green, red and green respectively placed in the shot hole.

This system will clearly differentiate between shots which are close to a scoring line and gauge in, and those which do not. No confusion should arise between shots which are marked by discs of the same colour (eg red for V bull, inner and outer, or green for bull, magpie and hit) since these scoring areas are so far apart.

- 311 A spotting disc that has been hit must on no account be used again until it has been patched.

- 312 A shot on the non-scoring area will be signalled as for a miss and by a red spotting disc, if possible. To avoid confusion no spotting disc will be shown if Option B (Scottish system) marking is being used but the position of the shot hole will be reported by the marker to the firing point.

- 313 A shot that misses the target will be signalled by the removal of the value panel and the target sent up clear (ie with the previous spotting disc removed and the hole patched):

- if the marker is sure that a shot has been fired at his target,
- after a radio message.

314 A ricochet will be signalled as a miss. No spotting disc will be shown. A shot will not be marked as a ricochet unless it gives evidence, by throwing sand or dirt against the target or into the gallery, that it has previously struck the ground. An elongated hole is not, by itself, evidence of a ricochet.

315 If two shots strike the target during the same exposure, that having the higher value will be signalled but both shots will be shown by spotting discs. Butt Officers should notify RCOs by radio of such an occurrence.

316 If the spotting disc disagrees unmistakably with the value signalled the firer or register keeper, if not satisfied that the position of the disc indicates the true value of the shot, must at once inform the RCO who will ascertain the true value of the shot (Appendix III, Message 3).

317 If no signal is made after a shot has been fired, the firer or the next competitor to fire, or additionally in a team competition the coach, plotter, captain or adjutant, may request the RCO to have the target examined free of charge (Appendix III, Message 4).

318 If a miss is signalled, the firer may challenge for a scoring shot by paying £1.00 under the conditions given in Para 319. In a team match the challenge may also be made by the coach, plotter, captain or adjutant. There is no fee for a challenge in a team match.

319 The signalled value of a shot, whether a score or a miss, may be challenged once only. Any such challenge must be made to the RCO before any other shot has been fired at the same target. The firer must indicate to the next firer and his register keeper that he intends to challenge, and the register keeper must then annotate the firer's card by, for example, drawing an arrow pointing at the challenged shot with the letters "CH", which should be deleted and initialled if the challenge is upheld. The RCO will then pass Message 5, 7, 11 or 14 as appropriate. In a team match the challenge may also be made by the coach, plotter, captain or adjutant. There is no fee for a challenge in a team match

If the marking in question is confirmed, the firer will be required to pay a fine of £1.00 to the RCO, on the conclusion of the shoot, before his card will be accepted. The RCO will confirm on the card that the fine has been paid by inserting "£1" and his initials against the challenged score. If on the contrary the objection proves well founded, the RCO will record the fact, and the score will be altered accordingly (Appendix III, Message 5).

320 On a challenge (Messages 5, 7, 11 or 14) being received the Butt Officer is to go to the target concerned, raise the Butt Officer's disc above the mantlet and then lower the target. He is to examine the target personally, gauging the shot hole if necessary, after which:

- a If a challenge for a higher value (Message 5), the correct value will be signalled whether it has been altered or not,

- b If a challenge for a scoring shot (Message 7, 11 or 14), the shot (if found) or a miss will be signalled as usual.

The result will also be confirmed by radio.

321 If there is any uncertainty as to the true value of the shot, the RCO will communicate with the Butt Officer by radio to confirm the true value, and the competitor will be credited with such true value.

322 If the circumstances are such that the signalled value of a shot cannot be verified at once, or without considerable delay, the competitor will, unless the CRO or WO decides otherwise, be credited with the signalled value.

323 When using Army gallery targets, if it should be necessary to superimpose the scoring areas for Series A and B on the same target, the value of the hit will be determined by placing the marker panel in the appropriate position as shown in Infantry Training Volume IV, Pamphlet 20, Competition Shooting.

324 A target not being fired at will be half-masted by order of the RCO. In team competitions all targets will remain showing until the completion of all shooting in that detail (Appendix III, Messages 10 and 12).

325-330 *Reserved*

Marking And Scoring – Rapid, Fire with Movement and Snapshooting Competitions

- 331 a Sighting shots will be spotted,
b The number of hits in each division of the target will be shown on a board and/or radioed to the RCO. Shots will also be spotted when each firer has his own target.

332 Where applicable a competitor may ask for his score to be repeated by radio without charge, but must pay a challenge deposit of £1.00 before his target will be re-examined (Appendix III, Message 8).

333 Targets will not be patched out until the RCO so orders.

Marking And Scoring – Pistol and Gallery Rifle Competitions

334 As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

Marking And Scoring – Moving Target Competitions (ie targets moving across the line of fire)

335 Moving target competitions (eg Running Deer) will generally be conducted on electronic targets where the position and value of the shots will be shown on a monitor visible to the firer and scorer.

336 Where this is not possible the value and position of scoring shots will be shown by the position of the hands on the clocks placed to the left and right of

the range. The red hand will be used to show the value of the shot, and the white or black hand will be used to indicate the position of the shot (eg 4 o'clock) using the scoring rings as a clock face. A miss will be indicated by placing the red hand at 0 and the other hand in the direction of the miss, or spinning the hand if this is not known.

In the case of double shots, the one of lower value will be signalled first.

337-340 *Reserved*

Register Keeping (both individual and team competitions)

341 In individual deliberate rifle competitions, competitors squadded in pairs or threes will exchange score cards and each will act as register keeper for the competitor firing immediately after him. In the case of a competitor firing by himself despite pairs or threes being in use, the RCO must detail a register keeper (see Para 267).

342 For each shot, the register keeper must first confirm that the spotting disc agrees with the value signalled. (If the spotting disc disagrees unmistakably with the value signalled, the competitor or the register keeper must at once inform the RCO who will ascertain the value of the shot). He must then call out the result clearly, giving the target number, (or the competitors name), followed by the shot number, the colloquial name (if any) for the scoring zone, and the points value eg "Mr Smith, third to count, bull five". If the competitor decides to convert one or both sighting shots, the value/s must be struck through with a diagonal line and transferred to the boxes for the first, or first and second, counting shot(s) as the case may be. Any scoring spaces left blank, crossed through or written "C" will count zero: only the shots entered in the scoring boxes will be accepted in Stats.

eg None Converted

4	3									
4	5	4	V	5	4	V	5	4	5	46.2

eg One Converted

4	3									
V	5	4	5	V	V	4	5	5	5	48.3

eg Both Converted.

4	5									
V	5	5	4	V	V	V	5	V	5	49.5

The competitor must pay attention to the scores called out by the register keeper and immediately bring any error to the attention of the register keeper. On completion of the shoot, the register keeper is to record in ink and call out the total score including V bulls. The register keeper must complete the safety check

(Para 263) by observing that the firer's bolt is removed and checking that the chamber, magazine (if fitted) and action of the firearm are clear and that, if the bolt is replaced after this inspection, a breech flag is inserted. If the design of the firearm makes the removal of the working parts impractical then the appropriate procedure must be followed to ensure that no live round is retained in the action or chamber.

Only then may the register keeper sign the ticket and place his index number in the space provided. He must allow the firer to check and initial the ticket before it is handed to the RCO together with empty cases and any unfired rounds from converted sighting shots.

343 On conclusion it is the competitor's responsibility to initial his ticket as having been correctly filled in and hand it to the RCO immediately on completion of his shoot (see Para 823). The competitor's acceptance does not absolve the register keeper from liability under Para 548a.

344 In team deliberate competitions, register keepers will normally be provided by an adjacent team or as arranged by the RCO (see also Para 372). They will score as above (see Para 342) but when scoring for two or more firers the name must be called out before the result of each shot.

Team captains are responsible for ensuring that the registers are correct in all respects and for signing them as such.

345 In the absence of a register keeper see Para 263b for procedures regarding clearing of firearms.

346 Other requirements for the proper filling in of register tickets and team registers are given in Paras 806 and 815.

347 Any objection to the scores entered on a register ticket or team register must be made on the firing point at the time (see Para 358), and no competitor or team has the right to object at any subsequent time.

348 Any alteration of a register ticket must be initialled by the register keeper. The RCO or his deputy must verify all such alterations with the register keeper. No erasure is permitted on any score card. Errors must be corrected by striking them out and writing in the correct values, with the scorer initialling the changes.

349 The register keeper is responsible for ensuring that all final scores, if the register ticket has been completed in pencil, are inked in before being handed back to the firer or team captain.

350 *Reserved*

Time Allowance

351 In individual deliberate rifle competitions and tie shoots, the time allowed to a competitor within which to fire a shot is 45 seconds.

The time allowed counts from the order to commence in the case of the first shot, and from the time the target is cleared and available in the case of all subsequent shots. Neither adjustment or blackening of sights, nor faulty loading, will be allowed as a cause of delay.

352 A competitor timed by an RCO and found to have taken too long will be given one warning and thereafter will forfeit the value of any shot which an RCO in person has timed and found to have exceeded the time allowed. The RCO will, in these circumstances, amend the scores on the ticket, endorsing it with the reason.

Target Irregularities

353 If the RCO is satisfied that, at the moment at which a competitor fired, his target was moved in such manner as to falsify the result of his shot, the RCO will cancel this shot and order the competitor to fire another in place of it. A high strike on the target will not, of itself, be evidence that the target moved. If the shot concerned is a convertible sighter, the replacement shot will also be convertible.

354 In all competitions, a competitor who fires at the wrong target will be credited with a miss for each shot so fired.

355 A competitor who fires out of his proper turn at his own target will have one point deducted from the value of the shot, so long as this does not create a negative score for that shot. A V bull or bull will be scored as an inner. If in the circumstances of his shot out of turn two (or more) shots strike the target the value credited will be one point deducted from the shot of highest value unless the competitor whose proper turn it was to shoot has also fired during the same exposure. The deduction will then be from the shot of second highest value.

356 A competitor who intentionally fires at a target other than his own or at a dummy or out of turn may incur expulsion (see Para 544).

357 *Reserved*

Protests

358 Any claim or complaint arising at a firing point must be made at once by way of protest to the RCO or RO. If his decision is disputed, or if the protest is not resolved on the spot, it shall be reported immediately to the WO. If his decision is disputed the matter will be reported to the CRO. In the event that the complaint remains unresolved it must at once be put in writing by the competitor and handed by him to the CRO, or during the Meeting to his representative in the NRA Office, not later than two hours after the occurrence.

359 During the Meeting, protests on points clearly governed by the Rules will be dealt with by the Shooting Committee if referred to them by the CRO. The Secretary General or any Trustee shall have power to convene the Disciplinary

Committee should they decide this to be necessary in the resolution of a protest. A returnable £5.00 deposit from the complainant must be lodged.

360 In team matches no protest will be accepted unless made by the captain or adjutant of a team competing in the match.

361-362 *Reserved*

Bribes

363 The offer of any money or a bribe of any kind to a register keeper or any employee or official of the NRA or NSC is forbidden.

Any person knowing of any such offer, or of any attempt to defraud the NRA or NSC or any competitor, must report the same without delay in writing to the Secretary General (see Para 544).

Radio Communications

364 Except on or near the firing point or in the butts, radio communications as allowed by law are permitted on Bisley ranges providing they do not interfere with any of the NRA frequencies (see also Paras 309 and 368). A mobile telephone is a radio communication device.

365 *Reserved*

SECTION 63 – TEAM COMPETITIONS

366 Each captain is to squad the members of his team to the targets allotted to it. He may at any time order a member to suspend his firing; such member will not be entitled to a sighting shot before resuming. The captain must ensure that the register keepers are informed before any change of target or order of firing is made. A member will be credited with a miss if he fires at a wrong target, even if this target is one allotted to his team, unless he has specifically nominated the alternate target before firing.

367 At each distance of a deliberate match:

- a There will be a time limit for the whole team and each captain is responsible that all the members of his team complete their firing at that distance within the time allowed.
- b The RCO, who will report to the CRO, may extend the time allowed if there has been any exceptional delay not occasioned by any act or neglect of a member of a team.
- c The captain or adjutant is responsible for calling the attention of the RCO to any such delay immediately it occurs.
- d At the expiration of the time allowed the RCO will order all targets to be lowered and all firing at that distance is to cease, whether the team has completed its firing or not.

- 368 a The firers of each team may spot for and coach each other provided they do not infringe the regulation against screening (see Para 210).
- b The captain, adjutant and reserves of a team (if permitted), though not themselves shooting, may help their team in like manner and in deliberate matches may be assisted by a coach and by one sub-coach per target. All persons referred to in this sub-para are members of the team and must be qualified to shoot in it unless otherwise stated in the Conditions.
- c No other person is allowed to give advice or instructions to the competitors.
- d No radio or telephone devices of any sort may be used between coaches, but an intercom system using wires is permitted.
- 369 A member of a team may change his firearm at any time but as a consequence may not fire any extra sighting shots.
- 370 Should a member of a team be prevented from continuing to fire by any cause both imperative and unforeseen, his place may, with the approval of the RCO, be taken by a reserve to fire in the place of the retiring member and to take up the firing at the stage at which such member retired. He shall not be entitled to any extra sighting shots.
- 371 The misconduct of or failure to comply with the Rules by a member of a team will involve the disallowance of the score of the firer concerned. An appropriate penalty may also be imposed by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 372 In team matches each team must be prepared to provide register keepers, to be exchanged in adjacent pairs or in threes, under the direction of the RCO.
- 373 Teams are requested to record their scores on the large blackboards when these are provided.

SECTION 64 – RAPID, FIRE WITH MOVEMENT AND SNAPSHOOTING COMPETITIONS

Individual and Team Competitions

- 374 On completion of sighting shots the RCO will give the necessary orders to bring the competitors and their firearms into the state required by the Conditions.
- 375 a If the rifles are to be “loaded with x rounds”: sights may be adjusted, a magazine with the stated number of rounds must be on it, it is not cocked, the safety catch is at ‘safe’ and, if in the prone position, the stomach and elbows must be on the ground.
- b When the L98A1 or L98A2 Cadet GP rifle is used, the magazine may not touch the rifle until the firer is in the prone position and ready to fire.

- c If the rifles are to be “ready with x rounds”: further to (a) it must be cocked with a round in the chamber and the safety catch at ‘safe’.
- d The safety catch must never be put to ‘fire’ without a further order such as in Para 376 and then only when in the actual firing position stated in the Conditions.

376 When ready, the RCO will give the order “Watch Out” or “Watch and Shoot”, and will signal to the butts to start the practice.

377 The targets will be raised for the required time, or will make the required appearances, during which the shots allowed may be fired.

The raising and lowering of the targets will be carried out as quickly as possible, but will not be included in the time laid down.

378 The scores will be notified as in Para 331.

The RCO must allow each competitor to check that his score has been correctly recorded on his ticket.

It is the competitor’s responsibility that his ticket is correctly completed in all respects.

Team captains are likewise entitled to and responsible for a similar check (see Para 347).

379 Challenges are allowed as in Para 332.

The RCO will not give the order to “patch out” until he has ascertained if any competitor wishes to challenge.

380 No allowance will be made for a misfire or for any shots not fired owing to any defect in or failure of a competitor’s firearm or ammunition (but see Para 283 for allowable breakages in service weapons only).

381 A competitor who fires or endeavours to fire more than the number of shots allowed during a single appearance of the target or at a single distance or during the whole of a competition, will have his score disallowed and may incur expulsion (see Para 544).

382 A competitor who:

- a advances or retires with the safety catch not fully applied (except where this is not possible for the type of firearm concerned),
- b loads or charges a magazine whilst on the move or not at his firing point,

will have his score disallowed and may be excluded from further competition during the Meeting (see Para 546).

Target Irregularities

383 If, in the opinion of the RCO, any individual or team was at undue advantage or undue disadvantage owing to any target failing to act properly

during a competition, the score of the individual or team affected will be cancelled, and the individual or team must fire afresh with as little delay as possible through the whole competition, or through such part of it as the RCO considers to have been unduly affected.

Any claim for a reshoot must be made immediately and before the score is received. Pending the CRO's decision, the RCO will not divulge the score and will ensure that the target is not shown with the shots spotted. Sighting shots will not be allowed before a reshoot awarded under this paragraph, ie Para 298 does not apply.

Excess Hits

384 When, in any practice, the total number of hits on a competitor's target or targets exceeds the number of shots he fired, and when there are no means of identifying these shots, all the hits will be signalled in the usual way, and the procedure will then be as follows:

- a If it is proved that the excess hits were made by the competitor or team firing more than the number of shots allowed, the score will be disallowed and the penalty may be expulsion (see Para 381).
- b When the number of excess hits does not exceed one half of the number of shots allowed, and in any case if the error is not discovered immediately, the score will be adjusted by cancelling first a hit of the lowest value, then a hit of the highest value, and so on alternately, until the hits left are equal to the shots actually fired. For ETR or CGR shoots any excess number of hits will attract a mandatory reshoot.
- c When the number of excess hits exceeds one half of the number of shots allowed and in any case in matches fired on electric target or converted gallery ranges, the score will be cancelled and the competitor will reshoot. A reshoot will be as for the original shoot including:
 - i Sighting shots, if any.
 - ii Previous movements, if any.
 - iii The number of counting shots actually fired.
- d When different targets are used at different times during a practice, the score made on a target without excess hits will stand and the above rules will be applied only to a target with excess hits.

385 When a competitor has more than one target at the same time and there is no excess in the total number of hits as in Para 384, but there are more hits on one particular target than are allowed by the Conditions, the extra hits on this target will be cancelled in the order given in Para 384b.

386 Team Competitions only

- a Each team must be commanded by a captain, who may either shoot in the team or not as the Conditions require and who will give all necessary orders.
- b Members of a team may spot for and coach each other, but no other person is allowed to accompany it on the course, or to give advice or instructions on the firing point.
- c The members of a team may assist each other over obstacles, but each competitor must carry his firearm and equipment over the whole course, and his ammunition until he has fired it.
- d Each competitor must complete the competition in possession of all articles of dress and equipment with which he started; he must only receive assistance in recovering such articles from a member of his team.
- e Any infringement of (b) to (d) above will involve the disallowance of the score of the competitor concerned or of the whole team.

SECTION 65 – CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE/PRACTICAL RIFLE

387 The Rules in this Section are applicable to CSR/PR only, and in CSR/PR events take priority over general Rules dealing with equivalent matters.

388 Civilian service rifles or practical rifles may be equipped with either iron or optical sights. Where it is necessary to differentiate between the sighting systems in match conditions, those conditions applicable to iron sights will be termed 'Iron' and those applicable to optical sights will be termed 'Optic'.

389 Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle Classes:**Service Enfield**

- a Any SMLE, No 4 or No 5 .303" service rifle
- b Rests may not be used
- c Trigger weight 4.5lbs minimum
- d As issued sling

Any Iron

- a Iron sights only
- b No restriction on slings
- c Rests are prohibited
- d Trigger weight 4.5lbs minimum
- e Magazine resting is permitted, no part of the wrist of the supporting arm may touch the ground

Service Optic

- a No restriction on slings
- b Magazine resting is permitted, but no part of the wrist of the supporting arm may touch the ground
- c Vertical fore grips are prohibited
- d Bipods are prohibited
- e Trigger weight 4.5lbs minimum
- f Optic sights maximum magnification of 4.5x

Practical Optic

- a No restriction on slings or rests
- b Bipods may be used, but must remain fitted at all times
- c Vertical fore grips may be used, but must remain fitted at all times
- d Trigger weight 1.5kg minimum
- e No restriction on optic sights

390 Ammunition may be home loaded or commercially manufactured. It may be match (FMJ) or match (BTHP/HP/Polymer tipped).

391 To be eligible for the issued ammunition class shooters are limited to using commercially produced or military surplus ball (FMJ) rounds: the use of home loaded FMJ or commercial FMJ match ammunition is prohibited in this class.

392 Rifle Handling (in response to RCO firing point commands):

- a *Loaded.* The rifle is 'loaded' when a magazine containing rounds is on, the bolt is closed, there is no round in the chamber and the safety catch is applied.
- b *Ready.* The rifle is 'ready' when the action is cocked, there is a round in the chamber and the safety catch is applied.
- c *Made Safe.* The rifle is 'made safe' when it has been unloaded, the chamber has been verified by the firer to be empty, springs eased, safety catch applied, and then a magazine containing live rounds has been inserted (ie a complete 'Unload' followed by a 'Load').
- d *Unloaded.* The rifle is 'unloaded' when the magazine is removed, the chamber is empty, the bolt is closed, the action is not cocked and the safety catch is applied (except where this is not possible for the type of firearm concerned).
- e *Safety Catch.* The safety catch may be set to 'fire' when the order to fire, for example "Watch and Shoot" is given. In practices involving fire with movement when the order "Watch Out" is given, the safety catch is to remain at 'safe' until the firer is in the position and at the distance required by the match conditions.

393 Practising with unloaded rifles may not take place behind the firing point or if anyone else is in front of the rifle.

394 Once a rifle has had its trigger tested it will be marked with a coloured sticker. Any rifles without the correct marking sticker will have to be tested before being fired in any competition or practice.

395 In individual and team matches, random samples of competitors will have their triggers tested. RCOs are to be supplied with a trigger tester of the correct weight for the rifles in use on the range. If a competitor is shooting in a class where the minimum weight is 4.5lbs and fails the test, he has the option to continue the match, providing the rifle passes the 1.5kg test. However he will not be eligible for any prizes. Should a competitor's rifle fail the 1.5kg test, the rifle is not to be fired until the minimum 1.5kg trigger test is passed.

396 Variable power scopes may be used in the Optic Service Class. However, they must only be set at 4.5x power or less.

Dress and Equipment

397 Hearing protection is mandatory during all live firing.

398 The wearing of gloves is permitted during all matches.

Clothing

399 Any jacket or combination of clothing designed or intended to provide support to the body is not permitted. Padding or soft material for the purposes of protection or comfort may be used on the shoulder, on the elbows and on the upper arm.

This padding may be affixed internally or externally to a loose fitting jacket of any design or style having a lightweight, single thickness outer, provided that the combination of the padding and jacket does not provide support to the upper body. Strap-on elbow and knee pads may be worn.

400 Modern medium-weight and heavyweight purpose-designed canvas, leather or synthetic shooting jackets are prohibited. Similarly, the wearing of excessive layers of clothing, with the purpose of restricting upper body movement (thereby providing support), is also prohibited. The wearing of the UK military issue sniper smock is allowed. Sling keepers are allowed.

401 During inclement weather waterproof clothing may be worn in all matches by firers and team officials (if any).

402 Binoculars may be used in all matches. Spotting telescopes are permitted in sniper matches and in other matches where specifically permitted in the match conditions.

Mobile Communications

403 The use of personal communicating devices, including mobile telephones and/or walkie talkie type radios, is forbidden for unauthorised communications between firing points and butts.

Protests and Reshoots

404 In very exceptional cases the RCO is empowered to order the repetition of one or more practices of a match if, in his opinion, this is desirable.

405 No reshoot which is based on a protest will take place unless the occurrence upon which the protest is based has been vouched for by an RCO. Any reshoot must take place at the earliest possible opportunity.

406 If an irregularity of procedure occurs, such as the timing of an exposure or a target or frame breaking, a firer in an individual match, or the team captain in a team match, may protest to the RCO before the score is known or the targets are seen. Once a protest has been upheld no information will be given to an individual or a team about the scores made in the first shoot.

407 Sighting shots, if allowed in the practice, will not be allowed in the reshoot unless there is an interval of ten minutes or more from the time the reshoot was claimed until the reshoot begins.

408 If a reshoot is granted as a result of a protest in a continuous fire and movement match or practice then the individual or team must reshoot the whole practice or match. Where it is possible to separate the score into phases (when ammunition is not carried forward) only the score made in that phase or by that group in which the irregularity occurs will count in the reshoot. The final score will then be the new score, the remainder of the original score plus all penalty points awarded in both shoots.

409 If firing point staff observe a competitor firing on another competitor's target he is to be informed immediately that he is cross-firing. No allowance will be made for shots cross-fired, and no additional penalty will be applied. The competitor at whose target the cross-shots were fired will reshoot that practice or match again without option.

410 In all cases of excess hits on electric targets, the competitor with the excess hits on his target will, without option, reshoot the practice, or complete match if it is a continuous fire and movement match.

411 In snaphooting, rapid fire and fire and movement practices, and any other practice in which each shot is not separately signalled, the method of giving the score will be:

- a Each sighting shot, where allowed, will be signalled by a spotting disc; both spotting discs will be shown after the second sighting shot.

- b When the practice has been completed:
 - i Scores will be taken and the total number of hits and their values will be shown on a score board or sent to the firing point by telephone or radio. The RCO will repeat these details so that competitors can hear, and will record them on the individual squadding card or team register.
 - ii Spotting discs will be placed in as many shot holes as possible on the scoring area and the targets will be raised at the same time as the score board is shown.
- c Once the competitors have seen the score boards or have been told their scores, and have had a chance to see their targets with spotting discs in place, the RCO will ask if there are any challenges.
- d Once any challenges have been resolved, or if there are no challenges, the RCO will order the butts to patch out.

412 In case of doubt or disagreement the RCO will be called to give a decision, which will be final. A gauge, if available, will be used by the Butts Officer to determine the value of doubtful shots.

413 For targets mounted on turning target mechanisms a hit will not count if the length of the hole exceeds twice the diameter of the bullet. For the purposes of this rule twice the diameter of the 7.62mm bullet will be taken as 15mm, in the case of the 9mm bullet 18mm and in the case of the 5.56mm bullet 12 mm.

Scoring Irregularities

414 The following rules will apply:

- a In all relevant competitions when a shot touches a line between two scoring areas of a target the competitor will be credited with the higher value. In case of doubt the marker must lower the target and call the Butts Officer to verify the true value before any such shot is signalled.
- b If two shots strike the target both shots will be shown by spotting discs, but only the higher value will be signalled using the score panel.
- c Only those hits on snaphooting or figure targets which are inside or touching the line drawn 15mm inside the edge of the target, or a proportional amount on representative targets, will count.

Challenges

415 A competitor or team has the right to challenge, once only, the value of a hit, or the score as signalled or telephoned to the firing point, on payment of a deposit: this applies to all matches. A competitor or team may not challenge the score of another competitor or team, but must bring to the attention of the RCO

any unmistakable disagreement between the number of hits recorded and the number of discs shown on the target.

- a Deliberate Practices. An individual competitor may challenge the value of the shot signalled.
- b Timed Practices. The number of, and the values of, hits shown may be challenged.
- c Challenge Fee. In NRA matches, in the case of (a) or (b) above, an individual competitor may have to pay a challenge fee of £1.

Challenge Procedure

416 The procedure for resolving challenges will be as follows:

- a The RCO will contact the Butts Officer. The Butts Officer will order the signal panel to be removed (in deliberate practices) and the target lowered. The spotting disc or discs will be removed and the whole target will be examined by the Butts Officer, during which time a large fluorescent disc, or a red and white flag, will be displayed to indicate his presence at the target. Once he has confirmed the true value of the shot or shots the Butts Officer will order the value or values of the shots to be re-signalled, and will confirm the result to the RCO.
- b If the original score is confirmed then the challenge fee will be forfeited. If, on the other hand, the challenge is upheld the fee will be refunded and the squadding card or team register will be altered accordingly.

417 If the circumstances are such that the signalled value of a shot cannot be verified at once, or without considerable delay, the competitor will be credited with the signalled value.

418 A ricochet will be marked and signalled as a miss. A spotting disc will not be shown. A shot will not be shown as a ricochet unless it gives evidence that it has previously struck the ground by the throwing of sand or dirt against the target or into the gallery. An elongated shot hole is not, by itself, evidence of a ricochet. A ricochet will be reported to the firing point by radio or telephone.

419 Only the regulation spotting discs will be used. Colour blind competitors may request that their spotting discs be reversed so that the white side is shown. When the target is being examined as a result of a Message 4, 5 or 8 all spotting discs will be removed from the target. A spotting disc that has been hit will not be used again until it has been patched. No spotting discs will be put in the shot holes until the score has been taken.

Firing After the Time Limit

420 A competitor firing after the time limit will have deducted from his score the maximum number of points that could have been scored by the shots fired after the time limit. If this results in a negative score the score will be recorded as zero.

This rule applies to all timed practices where fixed targets are used and the time limit is indicated by whistle blast.

421-450 *Reserved*

SECTION 66 – GALLERY RIFLE and PISTOL COMPETITIONS

451 Gallery Rifle and Pistol competitions will be conducted in accordance with the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately) and conditions for each event as specified in the Programme of the Meeting. The GR&P Handbook contains important safety procedures which are to be followed.

452-500 *Reserved*

Section 67-70 *Reserved*

SECTION 71 – TIES**General**

501 A tie occurs when two or more individuals or teams make the same total score in a competition including extra tie shots where applicable, and counting V bulls.

502 In individual competitions, a tie for first place or for a trophy will be shot off unless otherwise stated in the conditions. All other ties will be decided by counting out, subject to Para 511b.

503 A tie may be shot off on the spot, ie decided by a tie shoot at the end of a competition.

504 A tie may be shot off subsequently. During the Meeting a pink notice will be posted on the side of the results boards nearest to the rear of the NRA Offices giving the time and place of the tie shoot and stating the prize or prizes which must be decided by shooting off (see also page 340).

505 Should a competitor fail to shoot off a tie or fail to fire any required extra tie shots, he will be placed after the lowest scorer in the tie shooting or in such higher place as any shots actually fired will entitle him.

506 When a tie remains undecided:

- a Any challenge trophy will be held for equal periods of the year.
- b Any prizes in kind will be decided by lot.
- c Any money prizes will be equally divided but no prize will be awarded of less than the lowest value stated in the Conditions.

- d Prizes of the lowest value will be given when the share amounts to a half or more of this value, but not otherwise.

Counting Out

507 In all TR and MR deliberate shoots, the total score includes the number of V bulls. Thus 50.8 is higher than 50.7. Ties will be counted out as follows:

- a **Deliberate individual rifle and long range pistol competitions where each shot is signalled separately**

- i By the aggregate of the scores in each successive stage, commencing with the last.
- ii If still a tie, by the range totals in order of distance commencing with the longest. In aggregates, the scores of all shoots at each distance will be added together. If all the distances are the same, the count out will be on the scores in reverse order of firing.
- iii If still a tie, by the value of each shot commencing with the last, at the longest distance, V bulls being of higher value than bulls.

- b **Deliberate team rifle competitions where each shot is signalled separately**

- i By the range totals in order of distance commencing with the longest.
- ii If still a tie, by the aggregate of the last shots of all the firers in the team, at the longest distance, followed by the aggregate of the penultimate shots, and so on.

- c **Individual and team rifle competitions not wholly deliberate**

- i By the scores in each type of practice considered in the following order: fire with movement, snap-shooting, rapid, deliberate.
- ii If still a tie, by the greatest number of hits.
- iii If still a tie, by the fewest outers.
- iv If still a tie, by the fewest magpies.

- d **Pistol competitions at distances not exceeding 100 metres, if the procedure is not stated in the Conditions**

- i By the scores at each range in order of distance commencing with the longest (but see sub-para f below).
- ii If still a tie, by the greatest number of hits.
- iii If still a tie, by the fewest number of hits which score the lowest value, in ascending order.

- e **Gallery rifle competitions at distances not exceeding 100 metres**
The tie-breaking procedures for GR events will be individually specified in the match conditions.
- f **Service rifle and service pistol competitions** (*including those fired concurrently with events in the Services Skill at Arms Meetings*).
The rules for counting out given in Infantry Training Volume IV, Pamphlet 20, will apply (but see sub-para c above).
- g **Clay target competitions**
By the value of each shot in order, commencing with the last.

Extra Tie Shoots and Extra Tie Shots

508 When the Conditions state that competitors who make certain scores must fire an extra tie shoot or extra tie shots, a competitor making such a score must at once inform the RCO. In competitions other than deliberate, he will fire again, including sighting shots (if any) as stated in the Conditions, in the presence of the RCO or someone nominated by him.

Extra tie shoots or extra tie shots shall not be fired by those making a lower score than one already known to have been made.

Extra tie shoots and extra tie shots must be recorded on the original ticket, with the signature of the RCO or other witness.

509 The order of merit of competitors with the same original score will be decided as in Para 507 (including extra tie shots) and Para 510 if necessary.

Tie Shoots

510 A tie shoot will be conducted as follows:

- a **In deliberate rifle competitions**
 - i When the number of competitors is twenty or more by firing one convertible sighting shot and ten shots to count at the longest or only distance of the competition, repeating if necessary until the number of competitors is reduced to fewer than twenty, then as in (ii) below.
 - ii When the number of competitors is more than five and fewer than twenty, by firing one convertible sighting shot and five shots to count at the longest or only distance of the competition, repeating if necessary until the number has been reduced to five or fewer competitors. Those who still tie will then fire one convertible sighting shot and three shots to count, followed if necessary by firing single shots until the tie is decided.
 - iii When the number of competitors in the tie is five or fewer, by firing one convertible sighting shot and five shots to count at

the longest or only distance of the competition. Competitors who still tie will then fire single shots until the tie is decided; In (i) and (ii), competitors may be squadded two or three to a target. In (iii) each competitor must have a separate target.

b In rifle competitions, not wholly deliberate

- i By firing again through the longest distance rapid practice of the competition, including sighting shots (if any).
- ii Ties in single practice timed shoots will be resolved by reshooting the whole practice, including sighting shots (if any).
- iii By repeating this as may be necessary until the tie is decided.

c In pistol competitions

- i By firing one string at the longest distance of the competition and in the shortest time limit for this distance, under the same conditions as the competition.
- ii By repeating this as may be necessary until the tie is decided.

d In gallery rifle competitions

The tie-shoot procedures for GR events will be individually specified in the match conditions.

e Nominees

The Shooting Committee will make special rules should a person have to shoot off a tie in more than one capacity.

- 511 a The procedure in Para 510 will be carried out only as far as is necessary to determine the winner and second and third places if necessary (see Para 511b).
- b The order of merit for second and third places will be decided as follows:
- i By the total score in the tie shoot including V bulls.
 - ii If still a tie, by counting out on the tie shoot (see Para 507).
 - iii If still a tie, by firing further shots as necessary until the tie is broken.
- c All subsequent places will be adjudged fourth equal.

512-541 *Reserved*

Section 72-75 *Reserved*

J – PENALTIES

SECTION 76

542 In a case of expulsion under Paras 544 or 545, particulars of the offence and the name of the offender will be posted on the Secretary General's notice board and in the NRA Journal.

543 In most other cases whereby an alleged offender appears before the Disciplinary Committee, particulars of the alleged offence and the outcome of the hearing will be posted on the Secretary General's notice board and in the Journal as a warning to others or, to dispel rumour in the case of a "not guilty" verdict, without the name of the offender.

However the Council shall have the discretion in any event to cause to be published in the NRA Journal or otherwise the identity of any person who has breached any Rules and Regulations of the NRA, the Bisley Range Regulations or those relating to safety and security, as well as particulars of the offence and of the outcome.

Expulsion

544 Any member of the NRA, or of any Club or Association affiliated to the NRA who:

- a during the Meeting:
 - i shoots under a false name (Para 752), or uses a single entry ticket other than the one issued to him (Paras 807 and 808);
 - ii knowingly enters for or shoots in a competition for which he is not qualified (Para 753) or in a class for which he is not eligible;
 - iii shoots in a competition more often than is permitted by the Conditions;
 - iv uses any firearm or ammunition other than as prescribed in the Rules (Paras 148-150, 153, 154, 156-158, 160-162, 164, 172-175 and others);
 - v knowingly claims or accepts points which he has not made, or connives at any such conduct by another competitor (Para 308);
 - vi knowing that the spotting disc disagrees with the value signalled, fails to inform the Range Conducting Officer (Para 316);
 - vii intentionally fires at the wrong target or at a dummy or out of turn (Para 356);
 - viii offers money or a bribe to a register keeper or any employee or official of the NRA (Para 363);

- ix knowing of any offers as in (viii) or of any attempt to defraud the NRA or any competitor, fails to report it without delay to the Secretary General (Para 363);
 - x fires or attempts to fire more than the number of shots allowed (Para 381 only);
 - xi except on valid medical grounds takes any drug as described in Para 37 for which the NRA has not received a valid doctor's certificate (Para 133);
 - xii forges a Certificate of Safety and Competence;
 - xiii is guilty of any conduct which the Council or the Disciplinary Committee may consider to be discreditable;
 - xiv acts, whether in the course of shooting or at any other time, in such a manner as to bring the Association into disrepute;
- b is reported to the Council or the Disciplinary Committee as having at Bisley or elsewhere been guilty of such conduct or of any of the above offences

may, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee or the Disciplinary Appeal Committee, forfeit all his entrance fees, forfeit every prize won since the occurrence, be struck off the register of NRA members and be expelled forever from the Camp and ranges or any such lesser punishment that the Disciplinary Committee or the Disciplinary Appeal Committee may decide is appropriate.

If struck off the register of NRA members the findings of the Disciplinary Committee or the Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall be communicated to the other National Governing Bodies of shooting and, to the extent required by law, the appropriate police force.

545 If any offence in Paras 546 and 547 amounts, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee, to discreditable conduct, the penalty may be expulsion.

Exclusion from further competition during the Meeting or such other penalty as may be imposed by the Disciplinary Committee

546 Any competitor who:

- a discharges a firearm, or is found with a loaded firearm, other than on the firing point and within the hours of shooting (or in special circumstances with the permission of the Managing Director of NSC) (Appendix I, Para 4);
- b discharges a firearm accidentally, either by carelessness or owing to some defect in the firearm;

- c loads or fires before the order to commence fire has been given (Para 255);
- d acts in any way that might prove dangerous (Paras 256, 257, 262, 263 and others);
- e refuses to comply with any order given by a Range Conducting Officer or Butt Officer, for the due carrying out of the NRA Rules (Para 253);
- f fires a practice shot before handing in the appropriate ticket (Para 301);
- g is guilty of any breach of discipline, including firing on an MoD range, or Bisley ranges, without a valid certificate of safety and competence;
- h uses any artifice to facilitate shooting contrary to the spirit of the Rules (Para 132);
- i fails to return any unused rounds from converted sighting shots or empty cases to the Range Conducting Officer immediately on conclusion of his shoot (Para 288)

may, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee or the Disciplinary Appeal Committee, forfeit all his entrance fees, forfeit every prize won since the occurrence and be excluded from all further competition during the Meeting. The Disciplinary Committee may also at its discretion impose any other penalty it may see fit either in lieu of or in addition to the penalty described above.

Disallowance of Score

547 A competitor who:

- a infringes or fails to comply with any of the Rules, Regulations or Conditions applicable to a competition;
- b screens himself or his firearm or allows any one else to do so (Para 210);
- c when coaching is not allowed, gives or willingly receives any advice in the nature of coaching (Para 269);
- d uses an incorrect firing position (Para 213)

shall, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee, have the last shot of the highest value deducted from his score in the competition concerned.

If, having been warned once in connection with any of the above the competitor continues to offend, his entire score in the competition concerned shall be disallowed.

548 A competitor who:

- a fails properly to use, complete (whether as competitor or register keeper) or hand in a ticket and does not obtain relief by paying a fine (Para 823);
- b infringes certain specific Regulations (Paras 381, 382 etc)

shall, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee, have his score in the competition concerned disallowed.

549 A competitor who is absent when required to do special duties shall, on the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee, have five points deducted from his score in the competition concerned (see Paras 868 and 869) and, where necessary, his V bull count adjusted.

Fines

550 The Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine of up to £500.00 in lieu of or in addition to any of the penalties given in Paras 544 to 549.

Fees

551 A competitor who:

- a has a prize list rectified, the error being due to some ticket irregularity (Para 823c);
- b notifies a ticket irregularity before the prize list is published (Para 823b);
- c is allowed another ticket or computer label in lieu of one lost (Para 809);
- d has the Statistical Office correct a ticket irregularity (Para 823a);

shall be required to pay a fee of £5.00.

Deposits

552 A competitor shall pay a fee of:

- a £5.00 if he unsuccessfully appeals to the Disciplinary Committee (Para 359);
- b £1.00 if he unsuccessfully challenges the marking (Paras 318, 319 and 332);
- c £1.00 if he makes an unsuccessful claim for the rectification of a prize list (Para 893).
- d £1.00 if he requires a search for a score he has made (Para 822)

Parts K-L *Reserved*

Sections 77-100 *Reserved*

Paras 553-700 *Reserved*

APPENDICES TO THE NRA RULES OF SHOOTING

APPENDIX III – RADIO CODE MESSAGES

The following code messages should be used for communication between Range Conducting Officers and the butts. The target number will be given, followed by the message number, viz:

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| Message | 1 | Firing about to commence. |
| | 2 | No spotting disc visible. |
| | 3 | Spotting disc unmistakably disagrees with signalled value. Check that spotting disc shows last shot and signals its correct value* (Para 316). The Range Conducting Officer is to view the target before passing the message. |
| | 4 | A shot has been fired but no signal has been made. Examine target carefully and signal the shot, if found, or a miss* (Para 317). |
| | 5 | Firer has challenged for a higher value for his shot. Examine the whole target and signal the correct value* (Para 319). |
| | 6 | Radio the number of hits as score board figures are not clear. |
| | 7 | A miss has been signalled but firer has challenged for a scoring shot. Re-examine the target carefully and signal the shot, if found, or a miss* (Para 318). |
| | 8 | Firer has challenged his score. Re-examine the target and show the correct number and value of the shots* (Para 332). |
| | 9 | Marking/shooting appears to be unduly slow. Butt Officer/Range Conducting Officer to check and correct where necessary. |
| | 10 | Stand easy. Half-mast target. |
| | 11 | It is suspected that the wrong shot hole has been patched out. Butt Officer is to consult marker and confirm correct value.*
†. |
| | 12 | Stand easy. Lower target, patch out and put target back up. |
| | 13 | Blow off shots are about to be fired (MR only). Ensure that all targets are fully lowered until Message 1 is given. |
| | 14 | It is suspected that there is a second shot on the target: inspect the target and indicate any further shot found in addition to the shot presently shown*. |

* The result must also be confirmed by radio.

† This message should only be sent after Message 4 has been sent

APPENDIX IV – TARGETS (See Paras 221-222)**Bisley Target Rifle (TR) Targets**

White with circular black aiming mark.

Divisions	Diameter in inches						Score
	Long Range	600 yards	500 yards	400 yards	300 yards	200 yards	
Aiming Mark	48	39	39	32	22	16	
V Bull	14.4	7.8	6.3	4.8	3.3	2.1	V
Bull	24	13	10.5	8	5.5	3.5	5
Inner	48	26	26	16	11	7	4
Magpie	72	39	39	24	16.5	10.5	3
Outer	96	52	52	32	22	16	2
		Rectangle measuring					
Hit	118w 70h	70w 60h			46w 46h		1

Bisley F Class Rifle (F Class) Targets

White with circular black aiming mark and a central white V bull.

Divisions	Diameter in inches						Score
	Long Range	600 yards	500 yards	400 yards	300 yards	200 yards	
Aiming Mark	44	39	39	32	22	16	
V Bull	5	4.5	3.75	3	2.25	1.5	6
Bull	10	7.8	6.3	4.8	3.3	2.1	5
Inner	20	13	10.5	8	5.5	3.5	4
Magpie	30	26	26	16	11	7	3
Outer	44	39	39	24	16.5	10.5	2
Hit	60	52	52	32	22	16	1

Notes:

- a The TR/MR V bull line will be continuous, and will be half the thickness of the other scoring rings.

- b At all ranges shots clear outside the dimensions of the 'Hit' region of the targets, as shown above, will count as misses.
- c At long range the F Class target will be a modified Palma target, with a white circle, 5" in diameter, placed in the centre of the X-ring as the F Class V bull.
- d At short range the F Class target will be a standard TR target, with a solid white circle, 3/4 of a minute in diameter, placed in the centre of the target rifle V bull as the F Class V bull.
- e In all F Class competitions during the Imperial Meeting the F Class V bull will be scored as 6.
- f For scoring of F Class targets see Para 310.

Any changes in target dimensions will be determined by the Shooting Committee and ratified by Council during September, and will be applicable from 1 April following.

ISSF 300 Metre

White with circular black aiming mark.

10 ring diameter 10 cms, 9 ring 20 cms and so on to 1 ring 100 cms.

Black all inside the 5 ring (60 cms).

Gallery Targets (Services)

Type A – 500 yards

Sand coloured with a Fig 12/59 (95) in the centre as an aiming mark and circles of 300, 375, 600, 750 and 1200 mm.

Type B – 300 yards

Sand coloured with a Fig 12/59 (95) in the centre as an aiming mark and circles of 180, 225, 360, 450 and 750 mm.

scoring:	Series A (Optic)	5,	4,	4,	3,	and	3
(both types)	Series B (Iron)	5,	5,	4,	4,	and	3

Large Snapshooting (Services)

The Figure 12/59 (95) viz the top half of the Figure 11/59 (95).

Series A bull, 240mm diameter	scoring 5	} depending on match conditions.
Series B bull, 300mm diameter	scoring 5 or 4	
Rest of target*	scoring 4 or 3	

Both circles to be centred 300mm below top of target.

*Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

Note: In events in which the targets are lowered when hit, a hit on any part of the target will count.

Small Snapshooting (Services)

The Figure No 12c/59 (95), 400mm high x 330mm wide, viz the top half of the Figure No 11c/59 (95).

Series A bull, 150mm diameter	scoring 5
Series B bull, 200mm diameter	scoring 5
Rest of target *	scoring 4

Both circles to be centred 200mm below top of target.

* Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

In events in which the targets are lowered when hit, a hit on any part of the target will count.

Sniping (Services) and McQueen (CSR and PR)

- Long range target.** White or sand coloured 10' x 6' screen with a Triple Figure 11/59 (95) in the centre. Hits in the 300mm circle on the centre target will score 5, on the remainder of the centre target will score 4 and anywhere on the two flank targets will score 3.
- Short range target.** Figure 14, about 11" high x 8" wide:
Bull, 4" diameter – scoring 5; Inner, rest of target – scoring 4.
- NRA DP 14(07) Target.**
At 200 yards: V bull, 1" diameter – scoring V; Bull, 4" diameter – scoring 5; Inner, 8" diameter – scoring 4; Magpie, rest of target – scoring 3.
At 300 yards: V bull, 4" diameter – scoring V; Bull, 6" diameter – scoring 5; Inner, rest of target – scoring 4.

Gallery Rifle and Pistol Targets

As specified in the NRA Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook (published separately).

Cadet Rapid and Snapshooting Targets

Cadet rapid and snaphooting targets, designated Cadet 11 and Cadet 12 have a disruptive pattern of black and sand colour, not based on the current Service Fig 11 or Fig 12 targets. They will be pasted onto plywood veneers with appropriate scoring circles inscribed as below:

Cadet 11 or Cadet 12	Bull, 300mm	scoring 5
	Rest of target *	scoring 4

*Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

Close Quarter Battle (Services)

The Figure 14 Window Target. This target consists of a Figure 14 pasted on top of an inverted Figure 12 cut off at the shoulders. It may be mounted on the centre of a Fig 11 or Fig 12 veneer.

Within the 100mm (4") circle	scoring 5
Anywhere else on the Figure 14	scoring 5 or 4 **
Elsewhere on the target	scoring 4 or 3 **

(** the scoring rings depending on the match conditions.)

Figure No 11/59 (95) (Services)

Facing: A "Charging Man" coloured black on sand with blue ring (non-scoring)

<i>For Rifle</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>For Pistol</i>	
Bull, 240mm	scoring	5	5	Bull, 80mm	scoring 5
Inner, 300mm	scoring	4	5	Inner, 160mm	scoring 4
Rest of target*	scoring	4	4	Magpie, 300mm	scoring 3
				Outer, rest of target *	scoring 2

*Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

Civilian SR and PR Deliberate/Rapid Fire (DP1) Targets

Facing: A disruptive pattern of black and sand colour pasted onto a plywood veneer with appropriate scoring circles inscribed as below:

<i>For Rifle</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>For Pistol</i>	
Bull, 240mm	scoring	5	5	Bull, 80mm	scoring 5
Inner, 300mm	scoring	4	5	Inner, 160mm	scoring 4
Rest of target*	scoring	4	4	Magpie, 300mm	scoring 3
				Outer, rest of target *	scoring 2

Civilian SR and Practical Rifle Snapshooting Targets

Facing: either the top half of a DP1 facing or (preferably) a Cadet 12 facing, pasted on to a Fig 12 veneer with a DP1 repair centre pasted on top, with the centre of the scoring rings 300mm below the top of the target.

	<i>Series</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	
Bull, 240mm	scoring	5	5	} unless otherwise prescribed in the match conditions
Inner, 300mm	scoring	4	5	
Rest of target*	scoring	4	4	

Hits clear outside the lines drawn inside the edges of the target do not count.

APPENDIX V - DANGEROUS AMMUNITION

Prohibitions

1 The use of armour piercing, armour piercing incendiary (API), tracer or any military ammunition containing explosive or igniferous substances on NRA ranges is forbidden unless the Managing Director of the National Shooting Centre gives permission in writing for each usage.

2 The use on any NRA range of cartridges such as 0.50" Browning Machine Gun, 0.55" Boyes Anti-tank, 12.7mm Russian machine gun, or cartridges of similar or greater power, whether downloaded or not, is absolutely forbidden, regardless of the type of firearm used to fire them.

3 High Muzzle Energy (HME) ammunition and firearms which develop a muzzle energy exceeding 4,500 Joules (3,319 ft lb) are subject to special procedures (see Section 15 and Appendix VI). No ammunition which exceeds either of the following maximum allowable figures: muzzle velocity – 3275 ft/sec (1000 m/s); muzzle energy – 5160 ft lb (7,000 Joules) may be used on any range. Any cases of doubt must first be cleared through the Managing Director of the National Shooting Centre.

4 The use of cartridges which contain depleted uranium (DU) is forbidden.

Handloaded Ammunition

5 The chief danger with handloaded ammunition is that ignorant, inexperienced and irresponsible handloaders can assemble and fire ammunition that may inconvenience or endanger others as well as themselves.

6 The most usual manifestation of unsafe, as opposed to unsatisfactory, handloads is that they produce excessive pressures for the firearm in which they are used. The most common causes of high pressure are set out in Para 7 below; a list of the visible signs of high pressure appears in Para 8 below. In every case the fault is due to lack of care and commonsense on the part of the handloader.

All Ammunition

7 The most usual causes of excessive pressure are:

- a Use of too fast-burning a powder for the application;
- b An excessive charge of powder, often in combination with 7a above. This is by far the most common cause of dangerous pressures in handloads;
- c Over-long cases which have not been trimmed to the recommended maximum length;
- d Use of old or damaged cases;
- e Erroneous loading practices;

- f Differences in the dimensions of the chamber and throat area of a firearm may create excessively high pressures if not compatible with the cartridge in use. Such things as a bullet set further forward to engage the lead or a bullet of larger diameter than that of the chamber throat may cause this. One indication, but by no means the only one, of this particular problem is the pulling of the bullet from the cartridge case when attempting to extract an unfired cartridge. Some, but not all, of the combinations that are likely to cause this sort of problem are:
- i incorrectly assembled ammunition for the chamber dimensions in use, or
 - ii incorrectly dimensioned chamber for the ammunition in use, or
 - iii .308” Win commercial ammunition used in a rifle normally used only with 7.62 x 51mm NATO cartridges, or
 - iv 5.56 x 45mm NATO cartridges used in a rifle chambered for .223” Remington cartridges.

8 Signs that pressures of any ammunition in any firearm exceed the sensible limit for the combination of components in use include:

- a Hard extraction; difficulty in opening the bolt. This may be due to soft or oversize cases, or to rifle factors such as a rough chamber. If it does not occur with factory ammunition, the handloads are at fault.
- b The presence, after firing, of bright marks on the case head matching extractor and ejector slots in the bolt face. These are caused by extruded material being sheared off, and often cause the difficult bolt operation noted in 8a above.
- c Heavily flattened, extruded, cratered or pierced primers. Although some rifles show these signs with factory ammunition, the indication is that pressures are grossly excessive for the combination of components used in that firearm.
- d Gas leaks around the primer. Pressures are at danger level and firing must cease immediately.
- e Complete case head failure, accompanied by loss of primer, severe gas escape and possibly firearm damage or firer injury.

9 Most of the signs set out in Para 8 apply to rifles. Service competitors using service pistols should use only the service ammunition issued, but should be aware of the signs of excessive pressure. Self loading pistols often react by excessively violent operation and ejection, and by producing cases that are bulged near the base.

10 The responsible user of any ammunition should stop firing if he suspects that the ammunition he is using is producing dangerous pressures in his firearm.

It is in competitors' own interests to draw the attention of the Range Conducting Officer to the continued use of apparently dangerous ammunition; the cumulative effect of cartridges producing excessive pressures can lead to firearm failure even in cases where one, or a few, have been discharged without apparent damage or danger.

Dangerous Ammunition – Instructions for Range Conducting Officers

11 If a firer is seen to be using one of the natures of ammunition mentioned in Paras 1 and 2 above, he is to be prevented from further firing, and the matter should at once be brought to the notice of the CRO or Range Office if no CRO is appointed.

12 Range Conducting Officers on Running Deer must ensure that all firearms in use are of an approved calibre, muzzle velocity and muzzle energy.

13 At all times, the Range Conducting Officer should, if he sees a competitor having difficulty because his ammunition is producing signs of excessive pressure (as set out in Para 8 above), or for any other reason, take the following action:

- a Stop the competitor firing any further shots;
- b Ensure, by making him wait until others on the target have completed their shoots, that the competitor does not inconvenience others;
- c Examine the competitor's cases for signs of high pressure: if the cases show the signs of excessive pressure detailed in 8c, 8d or 8e above, the Range Conducting Officer must not allow the competitor to fire again unless he changes his ammunition;
- d Report the matter to the CRO or Range Office if no CRO is appointed.

APPENDIX VI - PROCEDURES FOR HIGH MUZZLE ENERGY (HME) FIREARMS and AMMUNITION

1 A High Muzzle Energy firearm is one which, when firing specific ammunition, develops a muzzle energy (ME) in excess of 4,500 Joules (3,319 ft lb). When used on any MoD range (or Bisley ranges) all such firearms must first be zeroed using a special zeroing procedure, agreed with the MoD, at 200 yards (or on the Bisley Zero Range), prior to being fired at any further distance.

2 This zeroing procedure must be supervised by a specially trained and qualified RCO (HME), and consists of firing a check group at 200 yards or on the NRA Zero Range using a special HME zeroing target available from the Range Office. This is required to ensure that

- a the sights are correctly set and
- b the firer can group such that all shots will be captured by the stop butt.

3 This zeroing procedure must be undertaken on each and every occasion the HME firearm is to be used except when it is to be used for an extended period of consecutive days, in which case it need only be zeroed at the beginning of the period of consecutive days.

4 Special targets must be used for this zeroing procedure, and the zeroing target of each firer must be signed by both the firer and the RCO to confirm that the correct procedures were followed. This target must be retained for a year.

5 Full details of this HME zeroing procedure and the related targets are held by the Range Office and are contained at Annex N in the NRA RCO Training Manual.

Appendices VII-X *Reserved*

THE IMPERIAL MEETING

M – REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE IMPERIAL MEETING

SECTION 101 – GENERAL INFORMATION INCLUDING DEFINITIONS

701 The Meeting is governed by the Council, advised by the Shooting Committee of the General Council. The management of the Meeting is delegated to the National Shooting Centre Limited and managed day to day by the Assistant Director (Competitions). Para 103 applies.

702 Suggestions may be entered in the Suggestions Book in the NRA Office.

703-710 *Reserved*

Units

711 The word “Unit” means one of the sub-divisions of

- a Her Majesty’s Naval, Military, or Air Forces
- b Certain cadet organisations
- c Constabulary and Police Forces

The Units recognised by the NRA for the purpose of the Meeting are given in Appendix XI.

The Shooting Committee is empowered to recognise any other Unit either for the purpose of the Meeting or for the purpose of any particular competition.

712 Any parts of a Unit may compete separately under their own names.

Counties

713 The old London County Council area (those districts having London post codes) is recognised as a geographical county.

Types of Competitors

- 714
- a An “All Comer” includes any person capable of using the firearm allowed.
 - b A “present member of HM Forces” must be a member of any rank of a Unit of HM Home or Overseas Naval, Military, or Air Forces or of one of the Cadet Units given in Appendix XI, and must be actually serving and entitled to pay if belonging to a Regular or Embodied Unit, or must be on the unemployed list or on the unit strength if belonging to a Territorial or Disembodied or Volunteer or Cadet Unit. Only adult staff of Cadet Units may qualify as “present members of HM Forces”.

Commonwealth Service personnel attached to Units of HM Forces for periods in excess of six months may shoot in Inter-Service matches and competitions open to Unit teams. Foreign personnel similarly attached may shoot only in competitions open to Unit teams.

- c A "Volunteer" must be:
- (i) A serving member of the RNR or RMR.
 - (ii) A serving member of the TA or the OTC.
 - (iii) A serving member of the RAuxAF or the various branches of the RAFVR.
 - (iv) An adult Serving Member, with a call out liability, of any cadet organisation.
- NB: A Regular may not compete as a Volunteer even if he is posted to a Volunteer Unit.
- d A "Member of a Rifle Club" must be a life or subscribing member of not less than three months standing of a rifle club or rifle association which has paid its affiliation fee to the NRA for the current year.

Classification of Competitors

715 Appearance on some prize lists, eligibility for certain prizes, entry to certain competitions and composition of some teams is affected by a competitor's classification. Overseas competitors who do not have an NRA classification may apply through the Squadding Department to be classified in accordance with their home national rankings (see Appendix XVI). F Class is a discipline name, not a classification.

716 Class X

- a SR – One who has during the last three years been in the top 25 of the NRA Service Rifle Championship.
- b TR – One who has during the last three years been:
 - (i) in the top 50 of HM The Queen's Prize; or
 - (ii) in the top 50 of the St George's Prize; or
 - (iii) in the top 50 of the Grand Aggregate.

717 Class A

- a SR – Not applicable.
- b TR – One who has during the last three years been:
 - (i) in places 51st to 100th in HM The Queen's Prize; or
 - (ii) in places 51st to 100th in the St George's Prize; or
 - (iii) in places 51st to 200th in the Grand Aggregate.

718 Class T (Tyro)

- a SR – A present member of HM Forces who, before the present Meeting, has never been in the open prize list in any NRA competition

included on the current individual's entry form in which the firearm is given as SR.

- b TR – One who, before the present Meeting, has never been in the open prize list in any competition included on the current individual's entry form in which the firearm is given as TR, above the "Last O in".

A person who was previously qualified as Class O, but who has not competed in the Imperial Meeting during any of the previous ten years may apply to the Shooting Committee to revert to Class T. Each case will be treated on its merits. This dispensation will never apply to anyone who was previously Class X or Class A.

- c A prize list Reserved for Tyros does not count for the purpose of this rule.

719 **Class O.** One who is not Class X, Class A or Class T.

720 A Match Rifle Tyro is one who:

- a has never been Class X (TR); and
- b has never, before the present Meeting, appeared in the top 20 places of the Hopton, or been in the top 10 in any other MR competition included in the Hopton.

721 A Pistol Tyro is one who, before the present Meeting, has never been in the prize list in any competition included in the current entry forms in which the firearm is given as a pistol.

722 Any change in classification shall take effect from 1 August following the Meeting.

723-740 *Reserved*

Range Staff

741 The permanent range staff are the Chief Range Officer (CRO) for each range, Assistant Chief Range Officers (ACRO) where applicable and one Range Conducting Officer (RCO) per range (or bay, in the case of pistol or gallery rifle ranges). The principle function of the CRO/ACRO and RCOs is the safe running of the range(s).

742 The competitor range staff shall consist of one (on Stickle-down) or two (on Century) competitor Wing Officers (WO), and two competitor Range Officers (RO) to assist each RCO. The principle function of the competitor ROs is the interpretation and application of the rules on the firing point. The WO, appointed in view of his experience, will advise on the resolution of protests (Para 358).

743-750 *Reserved*

SECTION 102 – ENTRIES

General

751 Membership of the NRA (Life, Annual or Meeting) is a prerequisite to enter any of the competitions. Special arrangements are made for the Schools' Veterans and Vizianagram matches.

752 A competitor must enter and shoot under his own name (see Para 544) and should use exactly the same designation as to name, full initials, rank and Unit or club on all entry forms, tickets etc, in connection with the Meeting.

753 No one may enter for or shoot in any competition in which he is ineligible to take a prize or not qualified to compete, unless specifically permitted in the conditions of that match (see Para 544).

754 Civilian competitors are not permitted to enter Service Weapon competitions. They may fire in similar matches alongside for separate prizes (see Civilian SR).

755 No entry will be deemed to have been made until full payment of the entrance fee has been received and the appropriate membership fee, or affiliation fee in the case of a club or association, has been received for the current year.

756 An entry form is only valid if it is complete, correct, signed and received in the NRA Office by the closing date on the entry form.

Refusal of Entries

757 The Council reserves the right to refuse to accept any entry, and to cancel upon repayment of entrance fees any entry which may have been accepted.

Individual Competitions

758 Entries for most individual competitions must be made on the relevant entry forms obtainable from the NRA Offices or from the NRA website www.nra.org.uk. The principal individual competitions in TR, MR and F Class can all be entered electronically using the online entry form on the NRA website, and competitors are encouraged to use electronic entry to the greatest possible extent. Some minor, restricted and concurrent competitions may be entered only at the NRA Offices or on the range.

759 A competitor is responsible for the correct and legible entry on any entry form of his name, postal address, post code, e-mail address (if available) and all details required, including his class, rank and Unit or club. The various Certificates of Qualification must be completed and signed. Where exemption from Special Duties is claimed on medical grounds a valid doctor's certificate must be attached to the entry form by claimants under 70 years of age, unless a permanent certificate has been submitted previously.

760 Each competitor must enter on a separate entry form. If a competitor sends in more than one entry form he is responsible for notifying this fact on every subsequent entry form.

761 Age-related discounts are available for some competitions and will be indicated on the relevant entry form.

762 Late entries after the closing date(s) may be accepted on payment of an extra fee. The extra fee payable will depend on the date of receipt of the entry form and will be indicated on the relevant entry form.

763 Late entries for squaddled competitions will not normally be accepted after 12:00 on the day preceding the match or matches concerned, or the first match of a staged shoot. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the squadding staff and only as target availability will permit.

764 Tickets for the following ranges may be purchased on the range:

- a Zero Range
- b Melville Range
- c Stickledown – practice tickets will be available (where indicated in the Daily Programmes) from the CRO
- d Century – practice tickets will be available (where indicated in the Daily Programmes) from the CRO

Targets are also available for hire at times indicated in the Daily Programmes on pages 323 to 339. Please book through the Range Office.

765 Ammunition for rifle practice may be purchased on the nominated firing points.

Team Competitions

766 Every captain of a team must, if called on so to do, produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Shooting Committee that he has been appointed by competent authority.

767 No one may be a member of more than one team in the same competition.

768 An entry for a team competition must be made by or on behalf of the captain of the team on the team entry form.

769 Entries for squaddled team competitions must be made, by post or in person at the NRA Office, no later than 12:00 two days before events are due to be shot, except for the FW Jones and the Parting Shot, which may be entered up to 12:00 on the day before the competition. Concurrent team matches may be entered at any time up to the commencement of the first event forming part of the match. Entries for concurrent team competitions will only be accepted if the index number of each competitor concerned is entered on the team nomination or team claim card, as appropriate.

770 Late entries in team competitions will only be accepted on payment of 25% extra, and only if range space and range staff permit. In this case paid markers may not be available. No refund will be allowable in this event.

Schools Competitions

771 Entries must be made on the schools' entry form, which must be received by the NRA Office not later than 31 May in the current year. Late entries after this date may be accepted on payment of an extra fee before the start of a squadded or concurrent competition or aggregate.

Other Competitions

772 Entries for unlimited entry competitions are made on the respective range. Entries for other competitions not on an individual or team entry form must be made at the Front Counter in the NRA Office before the time stated in the conditions.

Refund of Entrance Fees

773 Entrance fees for individual and team competitions will be refunded, subject to a cancellation fee, for:

- a single entry competitions if a claim in writing is received seven days before the first day of competition in the Meeting concerned.
In the case of SR competitions claims must be received before the day of the match.
- b competitions other than single entry if a claim is received before the register ticket has been squadded. Marker fees will not be refundable once the match has been squadded and markers booked.

774 In exceptional cases fees may be reduced or fully refunded.

775 All claims for refund of entrance fees must be accompanied by the tickets concerned together with any ammunition that was drawn.

776 Entry fees for Practice and Unlimiteds will not be refunded.

777-779 *Reserved*

SECTION 103 – AMMUNITION

780 All TR competitions must be shot using ammunition supplied by the NRA.

781 A competitor using a firearm in .308" Win calibre may, on application to the Squadding Department at time of entry, purchase NRA ammunition at cost to shoot competitions other than TR events. Such competitors will be issued with a voucher confirming their entitlement to a specific number of rounds at cost. The ammunition will be available from the Range Office and must be paid for over

the counter. The list of competitors entitled to ammunition at cost will be made available to the Range Office and the Scrutineers.

782 NRA ammunition will also be available for purchase on the firing point for the McQueen and from the RCO when the daily programme indicates that practice sessions are available.

783-800 *Reserved*

SECTION 104 – TICKETS

General

801 The tickets issued to competitors are:

- a Register tickets
- b Individual claim tickets
- c Zero and practice shot tickets
- d Team registers
- e Team nomination cards
- f Team claim tickets

802 Register tickets for squaddled competitions entered on the individual entry form are provided in the form of a book of blank tickets and a sheet of computer labels. Tickets and labels will be available for collection in the NRA Office from 14:00 on the Thursday before First Saturday, on production by the competitor of his entry receipt and his valid Certificate of Safety and Competence (see Para 43). Tickets and labels for MR competitors that have not been collected by 07:30 on First Saturday will be moved to Stickle-down range, where they may be obtained from the CRO again on production of a receipt and a Certificate of Safety and Competence. Additionally, competitors using High Muzzle Energy (HME) firearms will have to complete the HME Zeroing procedure, obtain a receipt to that effect from the Range Office, and produce that receipt to collect their tickets (see Para 168 and Appendix VI).

803 A competitor who fails to draw his tickets and/or computer labels in time to shoot at the time for which he is squaddled shall forfeit his right to shoot.

804 Tickets/computer labels are endorsed “X”, “A”, “O”, “T” or “F”, according to the class/discipline in which the competitor has entered. It is his responsibility to ensure the accuracy of such endorsements.

805 When there are special prizes for particular kinds of competitors, no one will be regarded as competing for these prizes unless he signs the necessary certificate or completes the appropriate claim ticket.

806 A competitor is responsible for the application of the correct computer label to his tickets.

In competitions where computer labels are not used, the competitor is responsible for the correct and legible entry in ink of:

- a his name and full initials (in block letters),
- b his computer index number,
- c his rank and Unit or club (see Para 752),
- d his squadding details,
- e his signature on any certificate which will entitle him to compete for any special prizes.

807 Any alteration of the squadding or index number invalidates a ticket, unless the alteration is initialled by or on behalf of the Squadding Department.

808 Tickets or labels for single entry competitions are not transferable. A competitor who uses any such ticket or label other than the one issued to him will be liable to expulsion (Para 544).

809 Should a competitor lose a single entry ticket or label he should report the loss to the NRA Office where another may be issued, on payment of a fee of £5.00 per application, provided that the competition has not yet started.

810 After a final prize list has been published, a competitor may buy his ticket for 50p, once a photocopy has been made and retained.

Register Tickets

811 Register tickets are required in order to shoot in any individual competition or stage of such competition, or in a tie shoot. Register tickets have three functions:

- a In competitions where ammunition is issued, they give authority to the competitor to draw ammunition, and to the ammunition point staff to issue it.
- b They give authority to an RCO to permit a competitor to fire. Subject to Para 267 that authority is strictly limited to the time and target indicated (see Paras 341-343).
- c They are the means by which a register keeper records a competitor's score for processing by Stats.

812 Once a competitor has commenced firing his register ticket is NRA property and, immediately on completion of his shoot (even if the competitor retires (Paras 821 and 275)), must be handed to the RCO who should then clip the ticket in front of the competitor.

813 Zero and practice shot tickets are register tickets in that they are an authority to draw ammunition and/or fire, but nothing need be written on them.

Individual Claim Tickets

814 These are used by a competitor to claim a score or scores already recorded on register tickets. They are used for aggregates and concurrent competitions

other than in TR (except the Raven) MR and F Class. They may not be handed to a register keeper. In TR, MR and F Class, most aggregate and concurrent scores are processed electronically and do not require action from the competitor after the entry is made.

Team Registers

815 These are used in all team competitions shot separately. They will be issued in the NRA Office together with any special duty or marking cards (see Appendix XII) on production of the receipted copy of the team entry form. Team captains are responsible for filling in all the required details, signing any required certificate (see Paras 344 and 378) and for handing them in to the RCO immediately on completion of the shoot. An incorrectly completed team register will only be accepted by Stats on payment of a fine of £5.00.

Team Nomination Cards (TR and MR)

816 Team nomination cards identify the team members for all concurrent TR and MR team competitions. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that full details of his team members, including full initials and competitor index numbers, are completed correctly and handed in before the start of the first match which comprises the competition or aggregate.

Team Claim Tickets (not TR or MR)

817 These are used in all team competitions in which the scores made in other competitions by the members of a team count also for the team. They will be issued in the NRA Office, on production of the receipted copy of the team entry form, or when purchased at the Front Counter.

818 A team captain must fill in the names, index numbers etc of his nominated team, in ink, and get the ticket stamped at the Front Counter before the first shoot starts. A photocopy of the card will be retained. He must later fill in the scores etc and hand in the ticket as in Paras 820 and 821.

819 *Reserved*

Filling in and Handing in Claim Tickets

820 A competitor or team captain is responsible for his claim ticket or team claim ticket being correctly filled in with all required details, including the scores and their aggregates, and for signing the certificate.

A competitor claiming a score less than his true score may be credited with such lower score as was claimed, and a competitor claiming a score higher than his true score may be dealt with under Rule 544.

821 Claim tickets and team claim tickets may be handed in on the firing point on completion of the last shoot concerned. Alternatively, they must be placed in the claim ticket box mounted beside the Stats Portacabin at the rear of the NRA

Offices by 08:30 on the next day after finishing the last competition concerned, unless otherwise stated in the Conditions. Team claim tickets may be compared with the photocopy made and retained by the NRA.

Competitors should always hand in claim tickets, even if marked “retired”, as failure to do so may result in fewer prizes being awarded.

822 A competitor desiring official information of a score he has made must apply at the NRA Office and pay a search fee of £1.00 in respect of each such score. The NRA does not undertake to give this information earlier than eight hours after the request, not including closed office hours.

Irregularities

823 The score will be disallowed on any type of ticket which is improperly used or is not properly completed, unless:

- a the error or omission is corrected in the Stats Office, subject to a fine of £5.00 if the competitor appears in the prize list; or
- b the competitor notifies the Stats staff in writing of the error or omission and pays a fine of £5.00 before the prize list is final (see Para 890); or
- c the competitor claims to have the prize list rectified (Para 893) and pays a fine of £5.00 (in addition to forfeiting the deposit).

This rule does not apply when the score is liable to be disallowed under some other rule, or if the ticket has not been properly handed to the RCO immediately on completion of the shoot (see Paras 812 and 343).

824 The score will be disallowed on any type of ticket not handed in within the applicable time limit unless it is handed in by 13:00 the day following, in which case a fine of £5.00 will be payable.

825-850 *Reserved*

SECTION 105 – SQUADDING

Individual Squadded Competitions

851 A competitor’s squadding is normally indicated on a computer label. In competitions not squadded by computer, the actual squadding is ascertained from the squadding table provided in each competitor’s envelope and should be inserted in the spaces provided on the ticket, eg

Squadding No 23D on Century would be

Time	Range	Target
09:15	13	D

852 The target number corresponding to each letter will be shown on a blackboard at the RCO’s table on each range.

853 Competitors will normally be squadded in threes (see Para 267).

854 All squadded competitions are single entry.

Individual Unsquadded Competitions

855 The squadding is not given on the register ticket and a competitor may shoot at any time when targets are available.

856 The competitor must write his computer index number, name etc on his ticket (see Para 806) and hand it to the RCO who will squad him to a target in his turn.

Individual Competitions Shot Concurrently

857 When competitions are required or permitted to be shot concurrently:

- a Any register tickets not already squadded must be handed to the RCO for squadding before commencing to fire,
- b All register tickets must be given to and be filled in by the register keeper (see Paras 341-343),
- c Claim tickets must be filled in by the competitor and be handed in by him in accordance with Para 821,
- d Register tickets must be signed and handed to the RCO immediately on completion of the shoot (see Para 812).

858 Not more than three register tickets may be shot concurrently. If one is a squadded competition, no other may have more shots.

859 If the number of shots in the competitions shot concurrently is not the same, the first sequence fired will count for the competition having the fewer shots. Further shots fired to complete the longer competition will also count as extra tie shots for the shorter one, if and as required by Para 508.

Subsequent Stages

860 A competition is shot for in stages when a limited number only of the competitors in one stage are entitled to shoot in a subsequent stage.

861 A competitor entitled to shoot in a subsequent stage must obtain a squadded register ticket from the NRA Office or, in the case of Queen's III qualifiers, on range at the conclusion of Queen's II.

Tie Shoots

862 When a tie has to be shot off after the close of a competition, a pink notice will be posted on the notice boards on the sides of the results boards nearest to the rear of the NRA Offices. This notice will state the time and place at which the tie shoot will be held, and giving, where possible, at least half a day's warning (see Para 504 and page 340).

It is the responsibility of all competitors involved in a tie shoot, or likely to be involved in one, to ascertain if and/or when the tie shoot will take place and to be present for the tie shoot (see Para 505).

863 Tickets and ammunition will normally be issued on the firing point.

Alteration of Squadding

864 Any alterations found necessary will be published on the NRA notice board, and such notice will be a sufficient authority for the change.

865 A competitor whose squadding clashes must at once report, with all relevant tickets, to the NRA Office where he will be re-squadded if possible.

Team Competitions Shot Separately

866 Teams are squadded to ranges (captains then drawing for targets) or to ranges and target letters. The squadding will be published on the notice boards on the sides of the results boards nearest to the front of the NRA Offices (see Para 815).

Self Squadding

867 If any rifle competition is listed as “self squadded” competitors should go to the NRA Office and enter their names on the appropriate boards provided for this purpose. Self squadding lists for gallery rifle or pistol competitions will be available on the appropriate range. Late entrants will be able to book residual spaces on the range after the event has started.

Special Duties

868 Experienced competitors may be required to perform special duties such as competitor Range Officer or Wing Officer (see Para 742).

869 Special duties are not transferable (see Para 549).

870-880 *Reserved*

SECTION 106 – PRIZES

881 Prize lists

- a When the Conditions state that this paragraph applies, a list will be published of the 100 top scores comprising classes X, A, O and T in proportion to the number of entries made in each class (but see sub-para c below).
- b In SR Competitions 10% of the places will be Reserved for Volunteers not Class X (SR) who do not otherwise gain places.
- c All Prize lists will be limited to 20% of the entries if less than 500. Nevertheless, all those scoring the highest possible score will be included in the list, regardless of classification. The final list will

thus be extended by the numbers so concerned. Anyone appearing in such a list will be sent, after the Meeting, a souvenir medal and any bars to which he is entitled, in addition to any other prize he may have won and irrespective of whether or not he has made an entry for the cash sweep.

882 Souvenir medal prizes consist of a gold bar for first place, a silver bar for second place and bronze bars for subsequent places in addition to a silver medal for a first place or a winner of three bars, and a bronze medal for the remainder. NRA ribbon will be issued with the medal.

883 In the case of gallery rifle and pistol events the appropriate medals for achieving qualifying scores may be purchased from the NRA.

884 Cash sweepstakes are shot concurrently with certain TR squaddled competitions and aggregates.

75% of the entrance fees will be distributed in prizes, all of the same value, to those who have entered for this sweepstake.

The prizes will be divided between Classes X, A, O and T in proportion to the number of entries made in each of these classes.

885 *Reserved*

886 **Highest Possible Score Crosses**

Competitors who make the highest possible score in an individual squaddled F Class, TR, MR or SR competition or stage or in any practice or distance comprising ten or more shots of such a competition or stage are entitled to receive a souvenir HPS cross as indicated by the following table:

Number of HPS	1 or 2	A Bronze HPS Cross
made during	3 or 4	A Silver HPS Cross
Imperial Meeting	5 or 6	A Gold HPS Cross
	7 or more	An Enamelled HPS Cross

In the case of F Class competitions, only scores of 60, 90, 120 and 126 will be considered to be an HPS.

In the McQueen, HPS Crosses will be awarded as specified in the Conditions.

887 Unless otherwise specified, no one will be allowed to take a prize for more than one score in any competition.

888 The Shooting Committee may (except in the Queen's) reduce the number of prizes and/or the value of any prize except the first, should the number of entries be less than three times the number of prizes offered. Any such reduction will be notified before the competition starts.

889 Should there be only one entry in any competition no prize will be given and, if it has been shot concurrently, the entrance fee will be refunded. Should

there be fewer than five entries in a team competition no second prize will be given unless otherwise stated in the match conditions.

890 A prize list or list of qualifiers for a further stage of a competition is published in the first instance on white paper, errors and omissions excepted. It is open to amendment during office hours on the day of posting and up to 13:00 on the day following posting, and then becomes final. The finalisation of a prize list is indicated by its being published on yellow paper. No further protest will be accepted after this final prize list has been published.

891 A competitor is solely responsible for calling attention to any error or omission affecting his place in a prize list, and if he fails to do so within the time allowed (Para 890) will forfeit all claim to a prize, or to a higher prize, even though an error or omission is solely on the part of the NRA.

892 No objection to a prize list may be made on the ground of inaccuracy caused by any act, neglect, error, omission or claim arising at a firing point, which should have formed the subject of a protest under Paras 347 or 358.

893 A claim for the rectification of a prize list must be made in writing within the time allowed (Para 890) and must be accompanied by a deposit of £1.00. The competitor must be prepared to attend at the NRA Office during the Meeting and/or give any particulars in writing after the Meeting to substantiate his claim as the Shooting Committee may direct.

The deposit will be forfeited if the claim is decided against the competitor, and also if the error or omission was due to any ticket irregularity (Para 823). In this case the prize list will only be rectified if he also pays a fine of £5.00.

894 Any person who notices any inaccuracy in a prize list is requested to report it in writing as soon as possible to the Stats Office.

895 All competitors winning cash prizes totalling over £10 will be paid after the Meeting by cheque. All prize totals of £10 or under will be paid by way of an NRA voucher which may be redeemed for cash in person at the NRA Office or may be used as cash payment to the NRA for membership, entry fees or other services. Vouchers are valid up to 31 July in the year following.

896. No winner may receive a prize until he has paid any fines or other monies due from him.

897 Badges and medals which will not be received at the Presentation of Prizes will be forwarded (only if requested on the individual TR and MR entry form) to the competitors concerned (along with the Prize List CD where appropriate) after the Meeting. Other prizes in kind not received at the presentation must be collected from the NRA offices.

898 Prizes won by a team will be paid or delivered to the captain of the team whose name appears on the team register or team claim ticket, or to his order. If

no captain is listed then any prizes will be paid or delivered to the first named member of the team.

899 Overseas winners may draw their medals and badges before they leave Camp only if the individual's final prize list summary has been printed. This will not be possible until the day after Final Saturday at the earliest.

900 If a competitor is awarded a prize to which he may subsequently be found not to have been entitled, he will be required to return it. If such return occurs before 30 September, the Shooting Committee may (but only if it sees fit so to do) revise the prize list even though the prizes have been distributed.

901 Any unique prizes donated by sponsors to the NRA for specific nominated competitions will only be awarded where the number of entries in the competition concerned is considered appropriate and as agreed with the sponsor. Where the unique prize is a firearm (or a component thereof) a valid firearms certificate must be produced before the prize may be collected. If, for any reason, a prize promised by a sponsor is not subsequently received for presentation the NRA shall not be liable for providing the prize promised by the sponsor nor any other prize in lieu.

902 Any queries in connection with prizes must be made by 31 March in the year following the publication of the prize list. No queries will be entertained after this date nor may any prizes be claimed after this date.

903 The description of medals etc, as gold and silver refers to the colour rather than to the actual metal, unless shown as (HM) ie hallmarked.

Presentation of Prizes

904 Only the following are entitled to receive their prizes at the Presentation:

- a The winner of any challenge trophy;
- b The winner of the first prize, if in kind or of £40 or more in cash, in any competition other than an unlimited or concurrent one;
- c The winner of the Silver Cross in the Grand Aggregate;
- d The second and third in HM The Queen's Prize;
- e The winners of the First and Second Stages in HM The Queen's Prize;
- f The winners of the First and Second Stages in the St George's.

905 All who intend to receive their prizes at the Presentation must report in person to the officer in charge in the prizewinners' enclosure a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the Presentation.

906 Present members of HM Forces are required to wear uniform to receive a prize open only to present members. All others receiving a prize are required to wear a blazer or jacket and tie.

Challenge Trophies

907 A challenge trophy may not be removed from the Exhibition of Trophies before the Presentation of Prizes without the written authority of the Secretary General.

908 A challenge trophy may be held for a year by the individual winner or by the captain of the winning team, subject to the conditions below, in which the word “winner” includes both the above.

909 Before taking away a challenge trophy the winner will be required to give a receipt for it and an undertaking, together with such guarantee as the Council may require, to provide for its safe custody and to return it in as good condition as that in which he received it or to be answerable for any cost to which the NRA may be put for its complete restoration.

910 Challenge trophies may not be taken out of the United Kingdom without the knowledge and approval of the Council. Such approval will not normally be given to present members of HM Forces.

911 The winner may transfer the custody of his trophy to some appropriate person, such as the CO of his Unit or Depot, but if he does so, he must inform the Secretary General and provide him with a receipt from the person who has assumed responsibility for the trophy.

912 A winner who is unable to attend the Presentation of Prizes but wishes to take away his trophy must notify the Secretary General and sign the certificate required by Para 909. He may then be given written authority to remove the trophy from the Exhibition.

913 A winner who wishes to receive his trophy at the Presentation of Prizes but not to take it away must notify the Secretary General and leave the trophy in NRA custody in the place provided.

914 A winner who wishes his trophy forwarded must inform the Secretary General in writing, when it may be sent at the winner’s expense.

915 The NRA undertakes the insurance (to a maximum £5,000 limit per trophy) and engraving of all challenge trophies free of any charge to the winner.

An immediate report must be made to the NRA should a trophy be lost or damaged. In the event of loss by a competitor any replacement value exceeding the £5,000 limit must be met by the competitor.

916 All challenge trophies must be returned (carriage paid) to reach the NRA Office by 1 May in the year following that in which they were won, or at such earlier time as may be requested by the Trophies Officer.

917 Trophies will not be available for collection after 31 December in the year in which they were won.

918 All engraving of all trophies will be arranged by the NRA and must not be arranged by competitors themselves.

APPENDICES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE IMPERIAL MEETING

APPENDIX XI – SERVICES AND UNITS

For the purposes of competition under NRA Rules:

The Services making up Her Majesty's Forces in the United Kingdom are:

The Royal Navy and the Royal Marines

The Royal Naval and Royal Marine Auxiliary and Reserve Forces

The Regular Army

The Territorial Army

The Royal Air Force

The Royal Air Force Auxiliary and Reserve Forces

Equivalent Services of Dominion, Colonial and Foreign Armed Forces are recognised. Integrated Armed Forces (such as the Japanese Self-Defence Force) may be recognised as a "Service" on application to the Shooting Committee.

The Units recognised by the NRA (see Paras 711 and 712) are:

A – British Units

Royal Navy	The Commands and Areas of the Royal Navy The Royal Naval Reserve
Royal Marines	Royal Marines Command Royal Marines Reserve
Regular Army	Broadly speaking the Divisions of the Regular Army as presently constituted, viz: UKSCg 1 (UK) Armd Div 2 Div 3 (UK) Div 4 Div 5 Div 6 Div Northern Ireland London District 16 Air Aslt Bde ROW (Overseas Commands, eg Cyprus and Brunei)
Territorial Army	The TA, including OTCs, divided as for the Regular Army

Royal Air Force RAF Air Command
 The Royal Auxiliary Air Force
 The Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserves

B – Overseas Units

a Regular Armed Forces

Any Unit of the Armed
 Forces comparable to a
 British Unit as in A,
 less TA

of any Dominion or of
 any Colony, etc, or group
 or Foreign Country sanctioned
 by the Shooting Committee.

b Reserve Forces

As for Regular Forces.

C – Cadet Forces.

Any home or overseas cadet organisation sanctioned by the Shooting Committee.

D – Constabulary and Police Units.

Any separate Force of home or overseas Police, or a combined team from the Police of an area as sanctioned by the Shooting Committee.

Notes

1 In all cases any parts of a Service or Unit may compete separately under their own names (eg 'RAuxAF', 'RNAS Culdrose', '1 R IRISH', 'RAF Honington') and teams may also be formed by cap badge (eg 'Royal Marines' or 'REME' or 'RAF Regiment').

2 All ranks posted or attached within the establishment, including trainees and holdees, are eligible to shoot for the Units concerned.

APPENDIX XII – MARKERS AT THE IMPERIAL MEETING

1 It is expected that markers will be provided for all competitions, both individual and team. In the event that not enough markers are available, however, competitors will be required to mark or do other duties as a condition of entry.

2 An individual entrant must undertake to mark (unless he is exempt by reason of age or disability) or do similar duty, if and when required, on any day on which he enters for a squadded competition. (Paras 549 and 550).

In this case he will receive marking tickets telling him when and where he is required to mark.

A marking ticket (other than one for special duties) may be transferred to a competent substitute not under the age of 15 but the competitor remains responsible.

3 A team captain must undertake to provide, if required, a nominated quota of markers, etc.

In this case he will receive with the team register a marking card for each target to be marked.

4 In the event that marking by competitors is required appropriate refunds will be made.

APPENDIX XIII – STANDARD NRA PRIZE LISTS

Prize List A

First Prize £40.00; Second Prize £20.00; Third Prize £10.00.

Para 881 applies.

Prize List B

First Prize £20.00; Second Prize £15.00; Third Prize £10.00.

Para 881 applies.

Prize List C

First Prize £10.00; Second Prize £6.00; Third Prize £4.00.

Para 881c applies.

Prize List D

First Prize Gold Medal; Second Prize Silver Medal, but only if the number of competitors making entries exceeds 8; Third Prize Bronze Medal, but only if the number of competitors making entries exceeds 20.

Prize List E

First Prize £10.00; Second Prize £6.00; Third Prize £4.00.

Additionally the top 25% of competitors will receive a NRA Skilled Shot Certificate.

APPENDIX XIV – RULES OF THE ELCHO CHALLENGE SHIELD

(Amended in 1912, 1936, 1956, 1980, 1990 and 2008)

1 An annual International Rifle Match shall take place between England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

2 The competitors shall be eight in number on behalf of each nationality, together with two reserve men to each team.

The test of nationality shall be either:

- a Parental descent, or
- b Place of birth.

In the case, however, of persons of colonial birth and parentage, and foreigners who have become naturalised British subjects, the qualification shall be domicile for a period of ten years within that part of the United Kingdom to which they claim to belong.

A person may claim to represent the country for which he is qualified as above, but, having once been a competitor for one nationality in any match under the direction of the NRA, he shall not be allowed to shoot for another nationality.

3 The match shall be shot every year at the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association.

4 The English Eight Club, the Irish Rifle Club (Bisley), the National Rifle Club of Scotland and the Welsh Rifle Association shall each elect a captain who shall be responsible on behalf of his nationality for the conduct of all arrangements and correspondence relating to the conduct of the match, and for the selection of the team to represent his nationality in the match each year. Each nationality shall be responsible for advising the other nationalities and the National Rifle Association of their current captain. Each captain may nominate a substitute to replace him in case of his temporary inability to act and shall appoint an adjutant to assist him in the performance of his duties.

5 The Elcho Challenge Shield shall be the prize annually shot for in the International Match. It shall be kept in some conspicuous place in the country represented by the winning team. Each member of the winning team, runner-up and third-placed teams shall be presented with a miniature of the Elcho Shield.

6 An umpire for the match shall be previously agreed upon by the four captains.

7 New regulations for the match may be made, and existing regulations may be amended or cancelled with the unanimous consent of the four captains, subject to the approval of the Council of the National Rifle Association.

8 The ranges shall be 1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yards, each competitor to fire 15 shots at each of the above distances. The targets used shall be those prescribed by the Regulations of the National Rifle Association at the date of the match. The rifles used shall conform to the Regulations laid down by the National Rifle

Association for Match Rifle competitions. No practice or sighting shots will be allowed.

9 On the day of the match and during its progress no competitor in the match shall fire with the MR at any distance whatever except in the match, nor before its commencement shall he fire with any rifle at any distance longer than 600 yards, nor shall he use any rifle which has been fired on that day by any person at any distance longer than 600 yards.

a In the case of a competitor's rifle becoming unserviceable from an accident (which must be verified by the umpire) he shall be permitted to change his rifle for another conforming to the above conditions, and

b triggers may be weighed at the discretion of the CRO.

10 Should a competitor, after having commenced firing in the match, be prevented from continuing to fire by any cause (other than as above provided) acknowledged by the four captains to be both imperative and unforeseen, the captain of his team may appoint one of the reserve men as a substitute (who must in all respects conform to the regulations for the match) to fire in the place of the retiring competitor and to take up the firing at the stage at which such competitor desisted. The substitute may use the rifle of the retiring competitor or any other rifle permitted by the regulations. He shall be held to be a member of the team in place of the retiring member.

11 Where not otherwise stated the match shall be governed by the rules of the National Rifle Association.

APPENDIX XV – RULES OF THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Ordered by the Council of the National Match

(Revised in 1978, 1980, 1995, 1998, 1999 and 2007)

- 1 There shall be an annual match known as the National Match between English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh teams.
- 2 There shall be one team of 20 for each of the nationalities.
- 3 a The test of nationality shall be either:
 - i Country of birth, or
 - ii Descent from parents or grandparents who were qualified by country of birth, or
 - iii Country of residence for a continuous period of not less than five years immediately preceding the date of the match.
- b A person who has shot for one of the nationalities specified in Rule 1 in any match under the direction or control of the NRA shall not thereafter be eligible to shoot for another nationality in the National Match.
- c A person who has shot against any nationality for which he is qualified to shoot under paragraph a of this rule or against Great Britain, in any match under the direction or control of the NRA, may not shoot in the National Match during the following two and a half years.
- d A person may not shoot in the National Match in any year in which he is a member of an officially accredited overseas team.
- e A person who has shot for a particular country under the rules in force at that time shall remain qualified to shoot for that country in perpetuity.
- 4 The National Match shall normally take place at the Annual Meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley, but every fourth year it may be held at another venue within the United Kingdom determined by each nationality in alphabetical order, ie England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales starting with Scotland in the year 2008. If that nationality cannot hold the match, the next nationality in the rota will organise the match away from Bisley. The Council of the XX Club of the nationality whose turn it is to organise the match away from Bisley shall notify in writing the other XX Clubs and the NRA not later than 15 October following the last match of the date and place in the United Kingdom of the match for the ensuing year.
- 5 a All matters concerning the National Match, not by these Rules placed within the province of the team captains, shall be in the charge and control of the Council of the National Match.

The Council shall consist of a President and the captain and two other representatives of each nationality.

The President of the Council shall be appointed for one year by each country in turn in the alphabetical order – England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.

- b The Council shall elect an Honorary Secretary, who need not be a member of the Council, to serve for such a period as the Council shall determine.
- c A Meeting of the Council may be convened at any time by the Honorary Secretary at the request of the President or of any of the captains.

Any such Meeting shall be summoned by at least 14 days' notice in writing to every member of the Council. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the Meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted.

Length of such notice may be reduced at the discretion of the President if the urgency of the business to be discussed in his opinion so requires.

- d At all Meetings of the Council every member shall be entitled to one vote upon every question raised. In the case of equality of votes the President shall have a second or casting vote. In the absence of the President the members present shall elect one of their members to act as Chairman. A Chairman so elected shall in the event of equality of votes have a second or casting vote.
- e The quorum at all meetings of the Council shall be seven.

6 The XX Club Council of each nationality shall in such manner and for such term of office as it may think fit elect or cause to be elected the captain of the team of its own nationality and its other representatives on the Council of the National Match.

- 7 a In the event of the match being held elsewhere than at Bisley the captain of the team in whose country the match is to be held shall be responsible in consultation with the other captains, for all arrangements in connection with the match.
- b Each captain shall be responsible for all matters in connection with his team including the selection and conduct of its members and he shall have the absolute control of his team in all matters relating to the Match.
- c Each captain shall nominate an Adjutant who shall deputise for him in the event of circumstances preventing him from fulfilling any of the duties of his office.

- d Each captain shall appoint an umpire unless the captains of all competing teams agree to appoint one umpire only.
- 8 The following conditions shall apply to the National Match:
- a The rules of the NRA current for the year of the match as to ranges, targets, firearms, scoring and position for the first stage of the Queen's Prize shall normally apply.
 - b At each range the number of shots shall be seven with one convertible sighter.
 - c Unless the captains of all competing teams otherwise agree only such ammunition as issued at the Meeting where the match is held shall be used.
 - d There may be check-register keepers at each firing point.
 - e In all matters not provided for by these Rules the current Rules of the NRA shall apply.
- 9 These Rules may be revoked, added to or altered by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council present at any Meeting of the Council held at Bisley during the NRA Meeting and summoned by at least 28 days' notice in writing to all members of the Council specifying the intention to propose the revocation, addition or alteration together with full particulars thereof, Rule 5e shall apply to any such Meeting.

By order of the Council of the National Match.

For clarification the XX Club Councils referred to in Para 6 above refer to the Councils of the English XX Club, the Irish Rifle Club (Bisley), the Scottish Rifle Association and the Welsh Rifle Association.

APPENDIX XVI – CLASSIFICATION OF OVERSEAS COMPETITORS AND OVERSEAS BADGES

1 Unless excepted under 2-5 below, overseas competitors will be entered in the highest class applicable to the relevant discipline.

2 Overseas competitors who have an NRA Classification (ie have shot at least one of the relevant classification events in the past three years) must compete in accordance with that Classification, subject to 3 and 5 below.

3 Overseas competitors may only shoot in class T if they are under 25 on the last day of the Meeting, are not a member of an adult national squad, would be entitled to class T under NRA rules for home competitors and can demonstrate entitlement to the equivalent of class T in their own national classification system or by reference to verifiable performance in formal competition if their country does not have an equivalent of class T.

4 Overseas competitors who are not members of an adult senior national squad and who do not have an NRA classification may request to be classed in accordance with their own national classification of which proof will be required and must be forwarded along with the individual entry form or by 1 July if entering online. They will be allocated the NRA classification which best represents the equivalent skill level of their national classification. Such competitors from a country which does not have a classification system may submit any verifiable scores shot in a formal competition for consideration. The Squadding Department will award an NRA classification valid for the Meeting being entered only, using its best judgement as to the appropriate class. When allocating a class in accordance with this paragraph, paragraph 3 above will apply.

5 Overseas team captains must declare, at the time of entry, all members of the squad from which any adult senior national representative team will be drawn. Captains may request at the time of entry that such squad members be classed in accordance with their own national classification, or by reference to verifiable performance in formal competition if no national classification scheme exists. If such a request is made, it must be on behalf of the entire squad. Proof of such national classification or verifiable performance will be required and must be forwarded along with the squad's entry forms or by 1 July if entering online. A squad member will be placed in the higher of his earned NRA classification (if any) and the NRA classification equivalent to his national classification or verifiable performance. For squad members, any uncertainty as to classification will be resolved by placing the competitor in the higher class. If no request as to national classification is made, Paras 1 and 2 will apply. Para 3 applies regardless.

6 A change of class may not be requested after the first squaddled competition has been shot. However, the Shooting Committee reserves the right to reclassify

at any time a competitor originally classified on the basis of a national classification or verified scores.

Overseas Badges.

7 A special badge will be given to each overseas competitor, including the Commandant, Adjutant, etc of an official team.

An overseas competitor for this purpose is one whose permanent home is outside the British Isles and who has come temporarily to the British Isles mainly for the purpose of shooting. Application should be made to the Secretary General, preferably by team Adjutants.

These badges are not intended for UK servicemen on overseas postings except where they are members of official overseas teams.

APPENDIX XVII – INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICIALS

When on duty on the ranges:

The NRA officers and staff will wear the blue NRA staff badge.

The Chief Range Officers and their deputies, if any, will wear an inscribed arm band.

Competitor Wing Officers supervising more than one range will wear blue high visibility jackets labelled “WING OFFICER”.

NRA Range Conducting Officers and Butt Officers (ie those in charge of one range or butt) will wear orange high visibility jackets labelled “NRA RCO”.

Competitor Range Officers will wear yellow high visibility jackets.

NRA temporary staff will wear white identification.

