

# NRA Whittington Center Sporting Rifle Match

## Rules – 5/1/19

### 1. Safety

- 1.1. All rifles must be unloaded with actions open and detachable magazines removed at all times except as follows:
  - 1.1.1. in the designated shooting area of each station under the direction of a range officer. "Range officer" is defined as a volunteer fellow competitor who assists the shooter with safety, spotting and scoring.
  - 1.1.2. while walking on the trail between stations, the bolt may be closed on an empty chamber with no detachable magazine inserted.
- 1.2. All rifles and other equipment used in competition must be serviceable and safe.
  - 1.2.1. All rifles must have a properly functioning safety, subject to the discretion of the match director.
  - 1.2.2. All rifles must be safely carried with the muzzle up or down.
  - 1.2.3. At each station all rifles must be safely positioned in the holding area with muzzles pointed down-range and action open. "Holding Area" is defined as the area to the right or left of the shooting area (not behind), where the rifles can be safely stored before and after shooting the station.
  - 1.2.4. When the shooter has finished shooting each station, both shooter and range officer will inspect the rifle to confirm that it is unloaded. It is the shooter's responsibility to make sure that his rifle is safely unloaded.
  - 1.2.5. The shooter is solely responsible for acting in a safe manner while on the shooting range.
- 1.3. Absolutely no smoking is permitted at or near the match venue. Smoking by a competitor or their guests will result in an immediate match disqualification of the competitor.

### 2. Equipment

- 2.1. Minimum caliber: .243 (6mm). Maximum caliber: .300 Mag. Maximum muzzle velocity 3000 fps.
- 2.2. Match or hunting bullets only. No steel core, steel jacketed, armor piercing, incendiary or tracer bullets are permitted.
- 2.3. The shooter may not change rifles during the match unless the rifle becomes unserviceable or unsafe. In such case, the rifle may either be repaired or replaced with another rifle of similar type and configuration. If the shooter misses his normal turn at any stations while repairing or replacing a rifle, all targets not engaged will be scored as misses.
- 2.4. The shooter may use any shooting accessories deemed necessary, but they must be carried by the shooter in a consistent manner for the entire match. Additionally, the configuration of the rifle, with respect to attached shooting accessories, may only be changed on-the-clock and must be returned to the original configuration before shooting the next station.
  - 2.4.1. In muddy conditions, the match director may elect to declare a "Mud Rule" to be in effect for a specific match. In such case, shooting mats may be laid out and adjusted off-the-clock as well as shared with others in the squad.
- 2.5. Tripod mounted optics in excess of 15x are prohibited from use during the match.

### 3. Scoring

- 3.1. Each target hit is awarded one point.
- 3.2. All rounds fired (either intentional or unintentional) are scored.
- 3.3. In the event a target is broken or becomes unusable, the target nearest to the broken target will be substituted.
- 3.4. The spotter's ruling on individual target scoring is final. No appeals or protests to the Match Director will be allowed.
- 3.5. Each shooter is responsible to maintain an accurate record of his score.

### 4. Station Procedure

- 4.1. Each target is to be engaged with one round only.
- 4.2. The shooting area at each station is marked by a stake. The shooter must be close enough to the stake to touch it with a hand when engaging targets.
- 4.3. The stake marking the shooting area may not be used for support.
- 4.4. The shooters in each squad will rotate shooting order from station to station.
- 4.5. Each shooter will have four minutes to engage the targets at each stage.
- 4.6. The shooter will start standing with rifle loaded, safety on and the muzzle pointed up, down or toward the targets. The shooter's pack and hand carried shooting accessories will start on the ground nearby. All shooting accessories must remain in an as-carried and fully undeployed condition until the start signal, except as follows:
  - 4.6.1. Rifles must be unslung from the shooters body or removed from scabbard-type packs prior to loading.
  - 4.6.2. Stools, binoculars, etc. may be removed from pack for the purpose of spotting and scoring, but must be returned to an as-carried and fully undeployed condition prior to the start signal if and when used as shooting accessories.