

SMALLBORE RIFLE RULES



Official Rules for ASSA Rifle Competitions

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SAFETY - We All Play A Part!

READ AND KNOW THE RULES

The following rules are established to conduct and participate in smallbore rifle competitions. These rules are reviewed and updated by the ASSA on an annual basis. All participants, officials and sponsors should regularly review the rules as necessary to be in compliance.

It is the responsibility of competitors, coaches, match officials and sponsoring organizations to all become familiar with the rules established for both the conduct of competition and also for the safety of all.

FIREARM SAFETY RULES

The basic rules for safe handling of any firearm are:

- Always keep firearms unloaded until ready to use
- Always keep it pointed in a safe direction
- Always keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- NEVER assume a firearm is unloaded
- Know your target and what is beyond the target and back-stop
- Always wear eye and hearing protection
- Store firearms and ammunition in separate locations and in a manner to prevent unauthorized access
- Never use alcohol or drugs while handling firearms or shooting
- Always make sure that you have the proper ammunition for the firearm you intend to use
- Always follow any local safety rules as directed by host facilities to ensure the safety of all

PUBLICITY & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

All match sponsors and members of the ASSA should make every effort to assist the needs of media personnel. One of the goals of the ASSA is to promote and grow smallbore rifle competition in the United States, and positive publicity is a key factor in this success.

COMPETITORS' DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of competitors to know and follow the rules established for competition and associated conduct, including all range commands and safety requirements. Competitors also have the following additional duties and responsibilities:

Discipline

It is the duty of each competitor to always act in a safe manner and comply with all rules and regulations while exhibiting good sportsmanship. Your actions reflect on all of your fellow competitors.

Know the Match Program

- Competitors are to be familiar with the match program.
- Failure to be familiar with the program rests solely with the Competitor and not any named or unnamed Match Official or Sponsor.
- Failure to obtain a program is the sole fault of the competitor.

Eligibility

- Competitors shall only enter competitions in which they are eligible, both individual and team.
- Competitors shall always enter using the correct and up to date classification for the match entered
- It is the responsibility of each competitor to make their own entries for competitions, including registration and completion of all required forms. Illegible or incorrect information on any form is the sole responsibility of the competitor and not the Statistical Office. Corrected information does not have to be accepted after the entry period has closed.

Squadding

- It is the duty and sole responsibility of the competitor to obtain their entry information / packet and/or assigned squadding for each match
- Arrive in ample time to register, prepare and fire each match on their assigned firing point.
- Squadding errors should be immediately reported to the Statistical Officer.

General Competitor Responsibilities (Without Exception)

- Competitors shall have a general knowledge of the current ASSA rules that apply to their disciplines
- Use of an Open Bolt Indicator (OBI) or Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) is mandatory at all ASSA matches
- NO competitor shall load a rifle except on the firing line and after the Range Officer gives the appropriate command to do so.
- All competitors shall unload their rifles immediately upon the command to CEASE FIRE and insert their OBI / ECI
- Ensure that all equipment meets the current rules and match conditions. If in question, equipment should be submitted to the Match Director for compliance evaluation prior to the start of the match.
- Ensure that the competitor's positions are legal per the current rules
- Properly secure the correct target (and backer when required) for the match and/or stage being fired. Loss of target(s) due to improper or inadequate methods to secure it to the frame is the sole responsibility of the competitor.
- Do not alter or mark any targets such that it can be easily identified or become an advantage. This includes use of target clips that are not black or standard metallic finish. Such targets may be disqualified by the Range Officer or Match Director.
- Competitors are responsible for keeping the time for their fired stages. Range personnel can provide the remaining time if requested but are not to announce time during a match as to not disturb competitors.
- Competitors are NOT allowed to insert or use any type of scoring gage on any target - their own or a target of a fellow competitor. Only official match scoring personnel are allowed to use scoring gages on the targets.
- Monitor and check the accuracy of their scores as posted by the Statistical Office and inform the appropriate match personnel of errors
- Be a courteous competitor and clear the firing point of equipment as quickly as possible during matches which are conducted with multiple relays. This is to be done in a safe manner with respect to the shooters on either side of one's firing point.
- Police empty brass from the firing point at the conclusion of the match, unless directed otherwise by the Range Officer
- Immediately notify the Range Officer if one shoots a cross-fire or receives one onto their own target

Continued violation of rules, even after being warned, may result in competitors being disqualified for the competition with no refund of entry fees. Shooters disqualified for significant and constant violation of safety protocols or the rules will be reported to the ASSA for additional review and action as necessary.

RANGE ETIQUETTE

The following are general courtesies that should be extended to fellow shooters during the course of a match. If you demonstrate your courtesy to your fellow shooters, it will be returned in kind.

Seasoned competitors should coach new and younger shooters on how to be courteous shooters.

- NEVER HANDLE FIREARMS WHILE PERSONNEL ARE DOWN RANGE.

- When there is more than one (1) relay, competitors should remove their equipment quietly from the line only once the competitors to the immediate left and right have completed firing.
- Only conduct conversations behind the ready line and at a low volume.
- When cease fire is called, quickly remove all remaining equipment from your firing point to allow others to have enough time to bring their equipment forward for the next relay.
- Do not waste time down range. Change your target and backer (if applicable) and return behind the firing line as quickly as possible.
- Competitors are to police their firing point for empty brass, trash, etc. when they have completed firing, unless specific instructions have been provided by the Range Officer.

1. EQUIPMENT & AMMUNITION

- 1.1. This section defines the authorized ammunition and equipment that are to be used in ASSA competitions. When alternate types of equipment are shown, the least restrictive conditions apply unless the match program sets forth limitations.
- 1.2. Any Rifle - A rifle authorized for use in smallbore rifle matches using cartridges commercially identified as the .22 Long Rifle and as follows:
 - 1.2.1. There are no restrictions on barrel length or overall weight of the rifle (including sights and any accessories).
 - 1.2.2. Any safe trigger is allowed, with the exception of release triggers.
 - 1.2.3. No part of the rifle or accessory may extend more than 3 inches beyond the rear of the shooter's shoulder.
 - 1.2.4. A buttplate in compliance with ASSA rules may be used.
 - 1.2.5. The same rifle must be used throughout all stages of any one match, except:
 - 1.2.5.1. An aggregate match
 - 1.2.5.2. A case of a malfunctioning or disabled rifle. Competitors may only change rifles after confirmation of the disabled or malfunctioning rifle by the Range Officer.
 - 1.2.6. All rifles must be equipped with a trigger guard that effectively blocks accidental discharges. Lack of an effective trigger guard constitutes an unsafe rifle, which disqualifies that rifle for use in ASSA competitions.
- 1.3. Sights
 - 1.3.1. Any type of sighting device that can activate the firing mechanism is prohibited.
 - 1.3.2. Metallic
 - 1.3.2.1. Non-corrective: Any metallic sighting system which provides a method of aiming 2 separate visible sights mounted on the rifle. This type includes tube sights and non-magnifying color filters.
 - 1.3.2.2. Corrective: Same as (1), except that a lens or system of lenses may be included in the system and physically attached. Note that the lens or lenses may not contain an artificial aiming reticle or reference at the focal plane of the lens or system of lenses. Corrective lenses in frames worn as eyeglasses are not considered "corrective" metallic sights.
 - 1.3.3. Telescopic
 - 1.3.3.1. Any sighting system that consists of a lens or system of lenses with an aiming reference or

- reticle at the focal plane of a lens or system of lenses.
- 1.3.4. Any
 - 1.3.4.1. Any sighting system with no restriction on type of construction.
 - 1.4. Spotting Scopes
 - 1.4.1. The use of a telescope to see fired shots is permitted. It may be positioned forward of the shooter's forward shoulder (Rule 9.9) but not come into contact with the shooter forming any type of artificial support. This includes the stand for the spotting scope.
 - 1.5. Shooting Kits
 - 1.5.1. The shooting kit may not be placed forward of the shooter's forward shoulder on the firing line, except that in the standing position a shooting kit, table, or stand may be used as a rifle rest between shots.
 - 1.5.2. The shooting kit, table, or stand may not be of such size and construction as to interfere with shooters on adjacent firing points or to constitute a wind break (Section 4.8).
 - 1.5.3. Personal Wind Indicators
 - 1.5.3.1. Competitors may use personal wind indicating devices (such as "windmills" or flags) at the firing line.
 - 1.5.3.2. The personal wind indicator is to be placed within 2 feet (24 inches) of the forward edge of the firing line. (See Rule 4.8.8.5)
 - 1.5.3.3. Personal wind indicators may not interfere with operation of the range or with other competitors. (See Rule 4.8.8.5)
 - 1.5.4. Shooting Mat
 - 1.5.4.1. A ground cloth or mat may be used as long as it is not constructed or used to provide artificial support.
 - 1.5.4.2. More than one (1) mat can be used at one time to provide additional padding under the shooter for comfort.
 2. General Equipment Regulations
 - 2.1. Gloves
 - 2.1.1. Gloves may be worn on either or both hands, but are not allowed to create a form of artificial support.
 - 2.2. Shooting Coats
 - 2.2.1. Coats can be constructed of natural or man-made materials and are permitted in all events. Lining is optional, however if present it may be smooth or quilted.
 - 2.2.2. Non-slip material may be located on the shoulder, elbows and on the area where the sling rides on the back side of the arm.
 - 2.2.3. A button, hook or strap may be placed on the sleeve of the shooting coat to support the sling loop that is placed on the upper arm.
 - 2.3. Shooting Pants
 - 2.3.1. Pants can be constructed of natural or man-made materials and are permitted in all events. Lining is optional, however if present it may be smooth or quilted.
 - 2.3.2. Non-slip material may be located on the knees to aid in sitting and kneeling positions.
 - 2.4. Padding
 - 2.4.1. Shoulder pads, sling pads and elbow pads are allowed while shooting but are now allowed to provide artificial support.
 - 2.5. Slings
 - 2.5.1. Slings are allowed to be used in the prone, sitting and kneeling positions, but are expressly illegal for the standing position.
 - 2.5.2. The sling can be attached to a maximum of one point on one arm and one point on the rifle.
 - 2.5.3. When under tension, the sling cannot touch any portion of the rifle stock, except the handstop and/or sling swivel.
 - 2.5.4. Sling cuffs and sling pads are permitted. (Note: In some instances, the excess length of sling may make incidental contact with the rifle, however it cannot be such that it facilitates additional artificial support.)
 - 2.6. Palm Rest
 - 2.6.1. A palm rest is an accessory used in the standing position. It is attached to the underside of the forearm and assists to support the rifle with the forward hand and arm.
 - 2.7. Kneeling Roll
 - 2.7.1. A cylindrical cushion that is of a soft and pliable material can be used for shooting in the kneeling position.
 - 2.7.2. Maximum dimensions are 9.75" long x 7.00" in diameter.
 - 2.8. Buttplates (including Hook Buttplates)
 - 2.8.1. Buttplates and hook buttplates may project no more than six (6) inches (153 mm) past the rear of a line dimensioned as follows:
 - 2.8.1.1. perpendicular to a line drawn through the axis of the bore of the rifle
 - 2.8.1.2. and is tangent to the deepest part of the buttplate in the region that is in contact with the shooter's shoulder
 - 2.8.1.3. The total outside length of a buttplate measured around all curves and bends may not exceed a total of seven (7) inches (178 mm).
 - 2.9. Release Triggers
 - 2.9.1. Triggers which function upon release are prohibited from ASSA competitions.
 - 2.9.2. There is no exception to this rule allowed, even by sponsoring organizations.
 - 2.10. Ammunition
 - 2.10.1. Rimfire cartridges commercially identified as the .22 Long Rifle utilizing a lead (or lead alloy) bullet.
 - 2.10.2. Hollow point, tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets are expressly forbidden during ASSA competitions
 - 2.11. Equipment and the General Spirit of Competition
 - 2.11.1. Any equipment not mentioned in these rules which may facilitate shooting and are contrary to the spirit of these rules and regulations are forbidden.
 - 2.11.2. Match Officials shall have the right to examine a shooter's equipment or apparel prior to and/or after the competition.
 - 2.11.3. It is the competitors' responsibility to submit any item of equipment that may be deemed questionable for official inspection and approval prior to the start of firing.
 - 2.12. Eye & Ear Protection
 - 2.12.1. All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the range complex are urged to wear eye and hearing protection.
 - 2.12.2. Only hearing protection that reduces sound levels are allowed forward of the ready line.
 - 2.12.3. Shooters and range personnel not utilizing eye and/or hearing protection do so at their own risk.
 - 2.12.4. Some match sponsors and/or ranges may require mandatory use of hearing and/or eye protection while at their facility.
 - 2.13. Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) / Open Bolt Indicator (OBI)
 - 2.13.1. An ECI / OBI is required to be used in all ASSA small-bore rifle competitions to indicate that the firearm's chamber is not loaded with a cartridge.
 - 2.13.2. Substitute indicators are allowed provided that it fits into the chamber and has a bright colored flag to easily identify that the action is unloaded.
 - 2.14. Audible Timing Devices

- 2.14.1. Audible timing devices are allowed in ASSA competitions.
- 2.15. Electronic Devices
 - 2.15.1. With the exception of personal hearing aids and range control equipment, all types of communication and sound producing electronics are prohibited forward of the ready line.
 - 2.15.2. Cell phones utilized as timing devices are prohibited.
- 3. POSITIONS
 - 3.1. General
 - 3.1.1. The match program must state the positions for use in a ASSA competition.
 - 3.1.2. All definitions of positions are described in the following sections.
 - 3.1.3. No portion of a shooter's body or clothing may touch the ground in front of the firing line.
 - 3.1.4. The "ground" refers to the surface of the firing point, including the floor, shooting mats, or platforms commonly used on rifle ranges.
 - 3.2. Artificial Support
 - 3.2.1. Any surface providing additional support to the shooter, with the exception as to what is posted in the detailed position rules.
 - 3.2.2. Artificial support also includes accessories, clothing, rifle accessories, spotting scopes, etc.
 - 3.2.3. Digging holes for the elbows, feet, heels or knees at the firing point to make depressions providing artificial support for the shooter are not allowed.
 - 3.2.4. Use of artificial support including back braces is allowed for physically disabled shooters only after:
 - 3.2.4.1. authorization of use by the ASSA, which must occur prior to participation in any matches.
 - 3.2.4.2. confirmation of a physical condition that would necessitate the use of a back brace as specified by an accredited Physician.
 - 3.2.5. Position of Rifle Butt
 - 3.2.5.1. In all positions, except as clarified for the standing position, the buttplate of the rifle must:
 - 3.2.5.1.1. be held against the front of the shoulder
 - 3.2.5.1.2. on the outside of the shirt and/or shooting coat
 - 3.2.5.1.3. must not be touching the ground
 - 3.3. Prone
 - 3.3.1. The following constitutes the basics for the prone position:
 - 3.3.1.1. body is extended with the stomach towards the ground
 - 3.3.1.2. the head shall be toward the target
 - 3.3.1.3. both hands and only one shoulder can be used to support the rifle
 - 3.3.1.4. no portion of the arms below the elbows are allowed to rest on the ground or any other artificial support
 - 3.3.1.5. the forearm supporting the rifle shall form an angle to the ground not less than 30° when measured through the center axis of the forearm
 - 3.3.1.6. the forward elbow shall be located behind the firing line
 - 3.3.1.7. no portion of the rifle or body rest against any artificial support
 - 3.4. Sitting
 - 3.4.1. The following constitutes the basics for the sitting position:
 - 3.4.1.1. Weight of the body supported on the buttocks and the feet or ankles (with no other portion of the body touching the ground)
 - 3.4.1.2. both hands and only one shoulder can be used to support the rifle
 - 3.4.1.3. elbows may rest on the legs at any point above the ankles with the elbow defined as 4 inches from the point of the arm when bent
 - 3.5. Kneeling
 - 3.5.1. The following constitutes the basics for the kneeling position:
 - 3.5.1.1. both hands and only one shoulder can be used to support the rifle
 - 3.5.1.2. buttocks must be clear of the ground, but may rest on only one (1) foot.
 - 3.5.1.3. the elbow of the forward arm supporting the rifle rests on the knee or leg
 - 3.5.1.4. the elbow of the trigger arm will be free from all support but may touch the side of the shooting coat if pulled into the side of the body
 - 3.5.1.5. one (1) knee must be touching the ground or shooting mat. (Note: the shooter may be on, off or partially on the shooting mat.)
 - 3.5.1.6. A kneeling roll (conforming to all equipment rules) may be placed under the instep, however the foot must be toe down and at an angle not greater than 45 degrees from vertical.
 - 3.5.1.7. If the kneeling roll is not used, the foot is allowed to be located at any angle. This includes placing the side of the foot and the lower part of the same leg in contact with the ground
 - 3.5.1.8. The shooting jacket cannot be located between the buttocks and heel.
 - 3.5.1.9. Only the trousers and underclothing may be worn between the shooter's buttocks and heel. A small thin square pad may be added between the buttocks and heel.
 - 3.5.1.10. Special considerations for competitors 55 years of age and older allow the use of two (2) kneeling rolls when shooting in the kneeling position. The second kneeling roll must:
 - 3.5.1.10.1. conform to all equipment rules
 - 3.5.1.10.2. be used between the right heel and right buttock (for a right hand shooter and reversed for a left handed shooter)
 - 3.6. Standing / Offhand
 - 3.6.1. The following constitutes the basics for the standing position.
 - 3.6.1.1. The shooter shall stand with both feet on the ground (or on a thin mat without any other support if desired) and not touching any other structure, support or person
 - 3.6.1.2. The rifle shall be held with both hands and makes contact with one (1) shoulder (or upper right area of the chest or the upper arm near the shoulder
 - 3.6.1.3. The cheek piece and the part of the chest next to the right shoulder.
 - 3.6.1.4. The jacket or chest cannot touch the rifle beyond the area of the right shoulder and right chest.
 - 3.6.1.5. For free rifle events, a palm rest may be used to assist in the positioning of the forward hand to hold the rifle.
 - 3.6.1.6. The sling is illegal for use in the standing / offhand position
 - 3.7. Illegal Position
 - 3.7.1. Any shooter who has deemed to have an illegal position shall be warned and given the opportunity to modify the position so it is in compliance with the rules.

- 3.7.2. If the same competitor continues to use an illegal position, the shooter may be disqualified from that stage.
- 3.7.3. If non-compliance to the rules continues further, the shooter may be disqualified from the competition with no refund for entry provided.
4. **Official Rules for Rifle Matches**
- 4.1. The following rules have been established for ASSA sanctioned smallbore rifle competitions.
- 4.2. Match sponsors may not alter these rules. If there are special conditions, sponsors must specify them in the match program.
- 4.3. Recommendations for rule changes are always welcome and are to be forwarded to the ASSA in writing for consideration.
- 4.4. Registered and Approved Competitions
- 4.4.1. Visit the web site for the form to apply for ASSA approval of registered and approved competitions. Applications and any required supporting documentation should be received by the ASSA at least 30 days in advance of the first day of competition.
- 4.4.2. Timely submittal of application forms will assist in the promotion of registered and approved competitions.
- 4.4.3. Registered Competitions:
- 4.4.3.1. Scores are used for shooter classification purposes
- 4.4.3.2. National records can be established
- 4.4.3.3. Classification and category system must be utilized
- 4.4.3.4. Award schedule is set per ASSA rules
- 4.4.3.5. ASSA may assign match officials, referees, etc.
- 4.4.3.6. Match program is required to be prepared and distributed
- 4.4.4. Approved Competitions
- 4.4.4.1. Scores are used for shooter classification purposes
- 4.4.4.2. Classification and category system use is optional
- 4.4.4.3. Match program is required to be prepared and distributed
- 4.4.5. ASSA ID Number is required for classification purposes in all ASSA sanctioned competitions. Competitors that are not ASSA members will be assigned a special number which will enable tracking of scores for classification purposes.
- 4.5. ASSA COMPETITION
- 4.5.1. ASSA Competition is a tournament that is approved by the ASSA in advance of firing. The match sponsor must comply with ASSA standards that apply to the facilities, program, officiating, reporting and safety.
- 4.5.2. Authorization by the ASSA is conducted according to the type of competition being applied for by the hosting organization. Upon confirmation of compliance to the required standards and conditions, the ASSA will provide notification that the competition has been authorized.
- 4.5.3. The match sponsor must agree to conduct the match per ASSA rules and regulations.
- 4.5.4. Refusal or Withdrawal of ASSA Authorization
- 4.5.4.1. The ASSA may refuse or retract its authorization for any competition which does not or cannot comply with the requirements for that competition set forth per the ASSA rules.
- 4.5.5. The following types of competitions listed below are those currently sanctioned by ASSA. Additional types of competitions may be added at the discretion of ASSA.
- 4.5.5.1. Registered Competitions are authorized by the ASSA after an application has been filed by the local sponsoring organization. Application forms are available from ASSA on request. ASSA National Records can only be set at registered tournaments.
- 4.5.5.2. Approved Competitions are authorized by the ASSA after an application has been filed by the local sponsoring organization. Application forms are available from ASSA on request. Match Sponsors may require all competitors to be ASSA members if specified in the program.
- 4.5.5.3. National Championships are organized by the ASSA. The officials for national championships are designated by the ASSA. The ASSA national matches are registered and are conducted on an annual basis.
- 4.5.5.4. Regional & Sectional Championships - Arranged between the ASSA and a local sponsoring organization. These tournaments are registered and are conducted on multiple occasions throughout each calendar year.
- 4.5.5.5. State Championships - State championships are authorized and conducted by State Associations affiliated with the ASSA. In states where there is no ASSA affiliated State Association, the ASSA may authorize a local organization to sponsor and conduct the state championship. State championships are registered competitions and are conducted on an annual basis.
- 4.5.5.6. Sanctioned Leagues, Postal Matches or other types of matches may be added in the future.
- 4.5.5.7. Special Tournaments - May be sanctioned at any time by ASSA for smallbore disciplines not outlined in the standard ASSA rules.
- 4.5.5.8. State and Senior Games - may be added in the future.
- 4.5.5.9. Local Tournaments are ASSA Approved competitions conducted by sponsors for the local (i.e. club level) promotion of smallbore rifle disciplines. National records cannot be fired at local matches.
- 4.5.6. Types of Matches
- 4.5.6.1. Match - An event that is outlined in the sponsor's program for the awarding of prizes. A match may be fired or unfired, consist of single or multiple stages or be a total (aggregate) of several smaller matches
- 4.5.6.2. Stage - A subset of a match that is one or more fired strings from one position, distance, time allowance, or target.
- 4.5.6.3. Open Match - A match that is open to anyone to compete. The any exception(s) must be stated in the sponsor's program.
- 4.5.6.4. Restricted Match - A match in which is limited to specified classifications, groups, etc. Restricted matches and their details must be listed by sponsors in the match program.
- 4.5.6.5. Classified Match - A match in which awards are given to competitors in several specified classes. Competitor classifications are established by ASSA criteria. The match sponsor must specify the classes to be used for awards.
- 4.5.6.6. Invitational Match - A match in which participation is limited only to competitors specifically invited to participate.
- 4.5.6.7. Re-Entry Match - A match in which more than one score may be fired for record by a competitor. The match program shall detail the conditions that determine the final ranking of all competitors. Reentry match scores shall not be used for classification purposes.

- 4.5.6.8. Aggregate Match - A total (aggregate) of scores from two or more matches (i.e. match stages, individual matches, etc.) The match program must clearly state what matches are to be used to calculate the aggregate. All individual entries for aggregate matches must be made before a competitor starts the competition.

4.6. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

- 4.6.1. Eligibility of Competitors is specified by the type of match and the program published by the match sponsor. Any limitations are to be stated in the match program.
- 4.6.2. INDIVIDUALS
 - 4.6.2.1. Members of the AMERICAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION include any individual member including Officers and members of the Board of Directors.
 - 4.6.2.2. Non-U.S. citizens may compete in any ASSA sanctioned match, unless specific restrictions are stated in the program.
 - 4.6.2.3. Civilian
 - 4.6.2.3.1. Any civilian including all members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps.
 - 4.6.2.3.2. All competitors who are enrolled undergraduates of any of the service academies will be considered as civilians and may compete in collegiate and ROTC categories.
 - 4.6.2.3.3. Members of the regular Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and members of any reserve component on active duty are not permitted to compete as civilians.
 - 4.6.2.4. Service
 - 4.6.2.4.1. Include officers or enlisted persons of the military, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and their respective reserve components that are on active duty.
 - 4.6.2.5. Collegiate
 - 4.6.2.5.1. Undergraduate students that maintain a minimum of twelve (12) credits per semester or the equivalent in a two or four year institution and have not received a Bachelor's degree.
 - 4.6.2.5.2. Collegiate eligibility is for four (4) years over a total period of five (5) years starting upon attendance of the first class as a full time student. The five (5) year rule may be extended due to military service that lasts for more than two (2) consecutive months.
- 4.6.3. Age Categories are defined as follows:
 - 4.6.3.1. Senior: starting 01 January of the calendar year of their 60th birthday
 - 4.6.3.2. Intermediate Senior: starting 01 January of the calendar year of their 55th birthday
 - 4.6.3.3. Junior: starting 01 January of their 18th birthday through December 31 of the calendar year of their 20th birthday
 - 4.6.3.4. Intermediate Junior: from 01 January of their 15th birthday through 31 December of the calendar year of their 17th birthday
 - 4.6.3.5. Sub-Junior: through 31 December of the calendar year of their 14th birthday
 - 4.6.3.6. Individuals that are members of the regular Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and members of any reserve component on active duty are not permitted to compete as juniors

4.6.4. TEAMS

- 4.6.4.1. General - No individual can be a firing member, alternate, Captain, or Coach on more than one (1) team in any one (1) match. Duplication of any one or more of the above functions on multiple teams in the same competition will result in the disqualification of all teams on which the duplicate person(s) are listed.
- 4.6.4.2. All team members, including alternates, Captain, and Coach must be active members in good standing with their dues fully paid to the affiliated organization at least one (1) full month prior to the competition.
- 4.6.4.3. Open or "Pick Up Teams" are not allowed unless specifically outlined in the match program.
 - 4.6.4.3.1. Open or "Pick Up Teams" are comprised of members who have no club or other organization as a central affiliation.
 - 4.6.4.3.2. Open or "Pick Up Teams", even if allowed in the match program are NOT eligible to establish National Records.
- 4.6.4.4. Local Club Team - all members must reside within a one hundred (100) mile radius of the club range.
 - 4.6.4.4.1. *Note: If there is any conflict, ASSA will utilize the internet to determine distances between the club and competitor's residence based on their address of record.*
- 4.6.4.5. Open Club Team - Members belong to the same affiliated organization and are not restricted by geographic location (i.e. within 100 mile radius, etc.)
- 4.6.4.6. Affiliated Organization- All firing members, alternates, captain and coach shall be fully paid members of the organization in good standing for no less than one (1) month prior to the competition
- 4.6.4.7. State Association Teams - Members of such teams must all be actual residents of the state represented, State Association Teams, when permitted per the match program, must be authorized representatives of the State Association for that competition. State Associations must be affiliated with ASSA and in good standing prior to the start of the match.
 - 4.6.4.7.1. Note: Teams representing State Associations and other associations are not considered to be club teams. Association teams (state or other types) may enter ASSA Sanctioned Matches only if authorized in the match program. State association teams are authorized to participate in the ASSA national matches but must enter as such.
- 4.6.4.8. Regular Service, National Guard, or Reserve Teams - All firing members, alternates, captain and coach must have been commissioned or enlisted members of their respective service for a continuous period of at least one (1) month prior to the competition.
- 4.6.4.9. College Teams - all team members and alternates must attend the same college or university and meet all requirements outlined for collegiate competitor eligibility.
- 4.6.4.10. School Teams - all team members and alternates must attend the same school and meet

all requirements outlined for competitor eligibility.

4.6.4.11. Junior Club Teams - all firing and alternates on Junior teams must meet the age definitions of Junior, Intermediate Junior or Sub-Junior. All team members must also meet with the overall local club team requirements for eligibility.

4.6.5. Residency - is defined as:

4.6.5.1. a person who presents photo identification issued by a government entity, which shows a residential address within the specified geographical area and is not on active military duty.

4.6.5.2. Military Personnel: The place of residence for members of any branch of the military (on active duty) is defined as the place at which they are stationed by official orders for a period of at least one (1) month prior to the first day of the match.

4.7. TARGETS

4.7.1. Targets are to be only vertically mounted on range frames provided by the host organization. The sighting bull(s) are to be on the top and the highest number bull is to be on the bottom. Hanging a target inverted is cause for that stage to be designated as a DNF as it would be a "distinguished target". All ASSA matches are to use standard targets printed under license. Targets may not be modified in any way by the user, competitor or the manufacturer, except with specific written permission from ASSA Competitions.

4.7.2. The face of the target is not to be marked in any manner which distinguishes one target from another, thus providing an advantage to one competitor over another. Targets marked in such a manner will be disqualified from the stage and/or match for which they were fired. Target clips can be of any color (ref: Section 4.8.7.9.3)

4.7.3. OFFICIAL 50 Foot Indoor Targets

4.7.3.1. A-17 - 11 bullseyes - Used for conventional 4-position competition only

4.7.3.2. ASSA/USAS-50 (50 meter target reduced for firing at 50 feet) - 12 bullseyes - For use in ISSF type metric 3-position competitions

4.7.4. OFFICIAL Outdoor Targets

4.7.4.1. 50 Yard Target A-23/5, 5 bullseyes / A-23/6, 6 bullseyes - Used for conventional 4-position or 50 yard stage of conventional prone competitions only

4.7.4.2. 50 Yard Target (50 meter target reduced for firing at 50 yards) - A-27/5, 5 bullseyes / A-27/6, 6 bullseyes - Use for conventional prone competition only

4.7.4.3. 50 Yard Target - A-51 - (50 meter ISSF target that has been reduced for firing at 50 yards) six (6) aiming bulls - Use for ASSA metric prone / position and F-Class smallbore competitions

4.7.4.4. 50 Meter Target - A-26/5 - five (5) bullseyes / A-26/6 - six (6) bullseyes - Use for conventional prone competition only

4.7.4.5. 50 Meter ISSF Target - A-50 - six (6) bullseyes - Use for ASSA metric position, metric prone and F-Class smallbore competitions.

4.7.4.6. 100 Yard Target - A-25 - three (3) bullseyes - Use for conventional prone competition only

4.7.4.7. 100 Yard Target - A-33 - three (3) bullseyes (ISSF 300 meter target reduced to 100 yards) - Use for metric prone and F-Class smallbore competitions only.

4.7.5. Official target dimensions for each of the above targets can be obtained from licensed target manufacturers.

4.8. RANGE STANDARDS

4.8.1. All ranges must have a safe backstop behind the targets and any mounting frames. Backstops should be constructed to prevent ricochets and stray rounds from leaving the range.

4.8.2. The firing line is immediately in front of the firing points and is to be clearly marked with tape, paint or other visually apparent material.

4.8.3. The firing point is the designated area for the shooter behind the firing line. The minimum size is 5' for outdoor ranges and 4' for indoor ranges. Each point shall have a number that corresponds to the target frame number.

4.8.4. The firing points of outdoor ranges may be covered and/or partially enclosed (on 3 sides with the open side towards the targets).

4.8.5. There must be suitable walkways for Range Officers, Match Officials and other competitors to move freely behind the shooters.

4.8.6. Firing line shelters are solely the responsibility of the match sponsor.

4.8.7. Firing Distance

4.8.7.1. Indoor rifle range distances are to be either 50 or 75 feet.

4.8.7.2. Outdoor rifle range distances are 50 yards, 50 meters, 100 yards or any combination of those values.

4.8.7.3. Range distance is measured from the forward edge of the marked firing line to the face of the target.

4.8.7.4. ****NATIONAL RECORDS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED ON RANGES THAT MEET OR EXCEED THE LISTED DISTANCES.****

4.8.7.5. Target Numbers

4.8.7.5.1. Target frames are to be clearly marked with numbers that correspond to the firing point number on an alternating background of contrasting color.

4.8.7.5.2. The number shall be large enough to be identified with normal vision in standard conditions.

4.8.7.6. Target Height

4.8.7.6.1. The following target heights are suggested for indoor ranges using multi-bull targets:

4.8.7.6.1.1. prone should be approximately 14" to the center of the bottom bulls

4.8.7.6.1.2. sitting and kneeling, approximately 26" to the center of the bottom bulls

4.8.7.6.1.3. standing, up to 55" to the center of the bottom bulls

4.8.7.6.1.4. Adjustable target holders that function throughout the listed height range would be optimal

4.8.7.7. Range Lighting

4.8.7.7.1. Artificial illumination on ranges is allowed

4.8.7.7.2. Artificial illumination used on indoor ranges should be evenly dispersed without glare or distracting shadows on the target or firing positions.

4.8.7.7.3. The area behind the targets serving as the background should be a light color that is non-glaring.

4.8.7.7.4. Approved Tournaments may be fired under artificial illumination.

- 4.8.7.7.5. Outdoor national records must be fired under natural light conditions.
- 4.8.7.8. Backing Targets
 - 4.8.7.8.1. Backing targets are necessary to identify cross-fires and multiple shot holes. Refer to the match type and information below to determine when and if backing targets are required.
 - 4.8.7.8.1.1. At 50 feet and 75 feet tag-board backing targets must be used in Registered Tournaments.
 - 4.8.7.8.1.2. Backing targets may be used at sponsors' discretion in Approved Tournaments.
 - 4.8.7.8.1.3. Distance from the forward face of the record target and forward face of a backing target will be 3 inches.
 - 4.8.7.8.1.4. Backing targets must be used during all registered ASSA matches.
 - 4.8.7.9. Target Frames
 - 4.8.7.9.1. Target frames or holders should be constructed such that there is a uniform distance between the record target and backer target.
 - 4.8.7.9.2. When in position down range, the frames have the same center to center distance as the firing points
 - 4.8.7.9.3. The target and backer can be secured utilizing metallic binder clips of any color
 - 4.8.7.9.4. The distance between the target and backer should be spaced such that it provides a ¼ inch offset in shot locations per the following table:

Distance Between Firing Points	100 Y	50 Y	50 Meters
5 ft - 0 in	15 in	7.5 in	8.5 in
5 ft - 6 in	13.75 in	7.5 in	8.5 in
6 ft - 0 in	12.5 in	6.25 in	6 in

Each range should establish a gage to confirm offset distances for cross-fires.

- 4.8.8. Wind Flags
 - 4.8.8.1. Only match sponsors or hosting organizations may place wind flags or other devices in locations forward of the firing line.
 - 4.8.8.2. If sponsors and/or host organizations elect to use such items, they are to be located such that they do not interfere with the line of sight between the firing line and the target.
 - 4.8.8.3. Competitors may not change or modify wind flags.
 - 4.8.8.4. When a range is enclosed and prevents competitors from being directly exposed to winds, the sponsor shall place two rows of wind flags (or other wind indicators) parallel to the targets to indicate wind direction. One row will be near the target line and the other approximately midway between the firing line and the targets. The flags should be placed between firing lanes at a minimum of every four points.
 - 4.8.8.5. Personal wind indicating devices (such as flags, windmills, etc.) when allowed, are to

be located no further than 24" forward of the firing line provided they do not interfere with other competitors or range operations.

- 4.8.9. Wind Breaks
 - 4.8.9.1. Competitors may not place equipment in such a manner that may constitute a wind break to protect their position.
 - 4.8.9.2. The Coach, Team Captain, other team members or individual competitors (during individual matches) may not position themselves in such a manner that would constitute a wind break for another competitor.
- 4.9. COURSES OF FIRE
 - 4.9.1. The following courses of fire are commonly found in ASSA Smallbore Rifle Competitions fired on standard approved targets. Details on targets and time allowances are outlined in other sections of this rule book. *Note that not all courses of fire are eligible for national records and/or classification purposes.*
 - 4.9.2. Match sponsors may offer other courses of fire, other time limits, or use alternate targets, however such changes must be clearly stated in the match program. Such alternate course of fire will not be recognized for National Records by the ASSA.
 - 4.9.3. Indoor Courses of Fire
 - 4.9.3.1. Conventional 3 Position
 - 4.9.3.2. Conventional 4 Position
 - 4.9.3.3. ASSA Metric 3 Position
 - 4.9.4. Outdoor
 - 4.9.4.1. Conventional Prone
 - 4.9.4.2. Metric Outdoor Prone
 - 4.9.4.3. Conventional 3 Position
 - 4.9.4.4. Conventional 4 Position
 - 4.9.4.5. ASSA Metric 3 Position
 - 4.9.4.6. ASSA F-Class Smallbore
 - 4.9.5. For 50 yard, 50 meter & 100 yard matches, it is customary to change targets after each 20 shots. Time limits shall be the same for the first and second 20 shots.
 - 4.9.6. The number of shots to be fired on record bulls at each distance are as follows:
 - 4.9.6.1. 50 feet, 1 shot per bull
 - 4.9.6.2. 50 yards/meters, 5 shots per bull
 - 4.9.6.3. 100 yards, 10 shots per bull
- 4.10. TIME LIMITS
 - 4.10.1. General - Time is allotted for a complete stage (including sighting shots when specified) based on the number of record shots multiplied by the time allowance per shot.
 - 4.10.2. The Chief Range Officer may terminate any relay before expiration of the full time allotted for a complete stage provided all competitors on that relay have completed firing. Unused time does not carry over for any other stage.
 - 4.10.3. Five (5) minutes will be allotted for each position change in a stage or match. Additional time will be allowed for a target change if needed.
 - 4.10.4. Matches at more than one range or stage - when firing must cease to change targets or range, time will not be accumulated at one range or stage and used at another range or stage. Time for each range or stage will be allotted and monitored separately.
 - 4.10.5. For outdoor prone matches being conducted with only one (1) relay, sponsors shall allow a minimum of twenty (20) minutes between fired matches.
 - 4.10.6. Individual Time Allowance
 - 4.10.6.1. Indoor Conventional Matches
 - 4.10.6.1.1. One (1) minute per record shot prone, sitting and kneeling & one and one half (1 ½) minutes per record shot standing.
 - 4.10.6.2. Conventional Prone & Position / Metric Prone

- 4.10.6.2.1. One (1) minute per record shot prone & one and one half (1 ½) minutes per record shot for sitting, kneeling, & Standing
- 4.10.6.3. Indoor & Outdoor ASSA Metric Position Matches.
 - 4.10.6.3.1. One (1) minute per record shot prone, one and one half (1 ½) minutes per record shot kneeling and two (2) minutes per record shot standing
- 4.10.7. Team Time Allowance
 - 4.10.7.1. For matches where range space allows all team members to fire at the same time, the total team time will be the same as the time allowed in an individual match / stage of the same type.
 - 4.10.7.2. For matches where range space allows all team members to fire at the same time but the teams fire instead in pairs, the total team time shall be the time allowed for an individual match for each pair with a three (3) minute change time in between pairs.
 - 4.10.7.3. In matches where team members fire consecutively on the same firing point, the total team time will be the time allowed in an individual match / stage of the same type multiplied by the number of team members plus 3 additional minutes per change of shooter.
 - 4.10.7.4. Time is not kept for each team member individually unless all team members are firing at the same time (ref: "a" above) but the total time for the team is allowed and may be used by the team as a whole.
 - 4.10.7.5. Matches at more than one range or stage - when firing must cease to change targets or range, time will not be accumulated at one range or stage and used at another range or stage. Time for each range or stage will be allotted and monitored separately.
 - 4.10.7.6. Passage of Time
 - 4.10.7.6.1. Range Officers will not voluntarily warn competitors of the passage of time.
 - 4.10.7.6.2. Competitors in individual matches and the designated Team Captain during team matches may inquire of the remaining time from the Range Officer. The request for time and the response shall be provided in a tone that will not disturb other competitors on the firing line.
- 4.10.8. Time limits may be modified at the discretion of ASSA when conducting the national championships. Time limits are to clearly stated in the national match program.

5. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

5.1. Changing Rifles

- 5.1.1. No competitor will exchange the rifle or the stock of the rifle during the firing of any single or multiple stage match (except in aggregate matches). The only exception is if the rifle has been deemed disabled by the Chief Range Officer. Additional clarifications are as follows:
 - 5.1.1.1. For this rule, the "firing of a match" starts when the competitor has fired his first record shot.
 - 5.1.1.2. A claim that a rifle is disabled must be made immediately
 - 5.1.1.3. Any and all record shots fired up to the time that a disabled rifle claim is made will stand as part of the official score

- 5.1.1.4. (Exception: Stocks may be changed at ASSA 3-Position team matches at Regionals and Nationals.)

- 5.1.1.5. The changing of butt plate assemblies or other accessories does not constitute changing rifles.

5.2. Single Loading

- 5.2.1. In all events, the rifle will be loaded with only one cartridge at a time. Magazines or clips are not allowed to be loaded with cartridges, but may be used to facilitate single loading of the rifle.

5.3. Fouling & Sighting Shots

- 5.3.1. Fouling and sighting shots are permitted at any time unless prohibited by the match program. All fouling and sighting shots may only be fired after the command "COMMENCE FIRING" is given.

5.4. Misplaced Sighting Shots

- 5.4.1. Indoor
 - 5.4.1.1. If the first sighting shot hits outside (and not touching) the guard ring around the sighting bull(s), the competitor will inform the Range Officer of the location of such shot
 - 5.4.1.2. The Range Officer will indicate to the Statistical Officer the value and location of the bullet hole.
 - 5.4.1.3. No such claim will be allowed after the competitor has fired more than one shot of any type (sighter or record) on a target card.
 - 5.4.1.4. All additional misplaced sighting shots not touching the guard line (with the aid of a scoring gage) will be scored as record shots (shot value of -10 points each)

5.4.2. Outdoor

- 5.4.2.1. When the first sighting shot hits below (and not touching) the guard line midway between the sighter and first record bullseye(s), the competitor will inform the Range Officer of the location of such shot
- 5.4.2.2. The Range Officer will indicate to the Statistical Officer the value and location of the bullet hole.
- 5.4.2.3. No such claim will be allowed after the competitor has fired more than one shot of any type (sighter or record) on a target card.
- 5.4.2.4. All additional misplaced sighting shots not touching the guard line (with the aid of a scoring gage) will be scored as record shots (shot value of -10 points each)

5.5. Defective Cartridge

- 5.5.1. A defective cartridge is defined as having an evident defect that results in a misfire or cause a rifle to fail to function, does not fire (ignite the primer) after being struck by the firing pin or one that does not leave the barrel.
- 5.5.2. No claim for a defective cartridge is allowed if the bullet has left the barrel. The ONLY exception is in the event of a ruptured case provided to, examined and accepted by the Range Officer.
- 5.5.3. The Range Officer is to provide the Statistical Officer the value and location of the bullet hole caused by a defective cartridge.

5.6. Disabled Rifle

- 5.6.1. A disabled rifle is any rifle which cannot be safely fired or properly aimed. Improperly adjusted sights do not constitute a disabled rifle.
- 5.6.2. Upon a rifle being declared disabled by the Range Officer, it cannot be used again for the competition until the issue has been corrected and the rifle has been inspected and ruled safe and functional by the Chief Range Officer.
- 5.6.3. Competitors that experience a disabled rifle shall be eligible for refiring per ASSA rules.

- 5.7. Malfunction
- 5.7.1. A malfunction is a functional failure of the rifle due to defective ammunition or a mechanical defect in the rifle's mechanism. Failures due to improper operation are not considered a malfunction and will not be allowed a continuation of fire.
- 5.8. Competitor's Position
- 5.8.1. A competitor will assume their assigned position on the firing line upon direction from the Range Officer. No portion of the shooter's body may touch the ground in advance of the firing line. *Note: This does not prohibit equipment from being placed forward of the firing line, however such equipment cannot constitute a wind break.*
- 5.9. Coaching Prohibited for Individual Matches
- 5.9.1. Coaching (direct or indirect / authorized or unauthorized) is prohibited in all individual matches.
- 5.9.1.1. Hand signals are considered to be "indirect coaching" and are not allowed during individual matches.
- 5.9.2. If a competitor wishes to speak with his coach, leader or any other person, they must unload his firearm and leave it on the firing line in a safe condition with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, quietly leave the firing line and go behind the ready line to confer with coach or leader. When leaving the line and communicating with the Coach, competitors must be careful not to disturb other competitors, especially with shooters on either adjacent firing point.
- 5.10. Team Matches
- 5.10.1. The following applies to fired and unfired team matches as necessary.
- 5.10.2. Substitutions / Alternates
- 5.10.2.1. The use of substitute or "alternate" shooters only applies to team matches. Alternate(s) must be named on the team entry card at time of registration and must be completed prior to the firing.
- 5.10.2.2. If necessary, the Team Captain may substitute a named registered alternate for a firing member. The Team Captain MUST provide notification to the Statistical Officer and to the Chief Range Officer BEFORE the firing member has fired their very first shot (sighting or record).
- 5.10.3. Physical Position of Coach/ Captain on the Firing Line
- 5.10.3.1. During fired team matches, the Team Coach OR Team Captain will be allowed to be present on the firing line, but not both at the same time. When on the firing line, the Team Coach OR Team Captain will be located behind the shooter(s). Their position must be located such that they do not interfere with the operation of the match or other teams.
- 5.10.3.2. Any Team Coach or Team Captain CANNOT function as a sun or wind screen to the team.
- 5.10.4. Coaching During Team Matches
- 5.10.4.1. Coaching is permitted during fired team matches, but only within the team. The definition of coaching for this purpose includes calling shots, checking scores, time and calling conditions.
- 5.10.5. Coaching shall be conducted in a voice that does not disturb other competitors.
- 5.10.6. Coaches are NOT allowed to make sight adjustments or load the rifle.
- 5.11. Matches Not Completed
- 5.11.1. Individual Matches
- 5.11.1.1. When a match or stage is not completed by all competitors, the match or stage may be rescheduled or cancelled.
- 5.11.1.2. Any match or stage which has been completed by all competitors shall not be refired.
- 5.11.1.3. Only scores of a match or stage which has been completed will be included in an aggregate event or for National Record purposes. Note that a match or stage is not completed unless all competitors have fired.
- 5.11.2. Team Matches
- 5.11.2.1. When all stages of a team match are not completed by each team member, the match score will be resolved as follows:
- 5.11.2.1.1. If all teams have fired an equal number of record shots, all fired shots will count as the team total score.
- 5.11.2.1.2. If all teams have fired an unequal number of record shots at the cancellation point, the match officials will determine a point at which team equality was achieved and any other record shots will be discarded and not counted toward the score.
- 5.12. Interference
- 5.12.1. All firing points and firing line are to be kept clear at all times. Competitors will not interfere with handling of targets by range personnel (when applicable).
- 5.13. Refiring
- 5.13.1. Competitors can only fire one (1) score for each award as outlined in the program, unless the match is listed in the program as a "reentry" match.
- 5.13.2. Competitors are limited to one (1) refire due to a defective cartridge or malfunctioning / disabled rifle.
- 5.14. Aliases
- 5.14.1. No competitor may fire under an assumed identify or register, enter or fire in the name of another person.
- 5.15. Score and Classification Falsification
- 5.15.1. No competitor shall falsify their own score or classification or falsify the score or classification of another competitor or team.
- 5.16. Cross-Fires / Excessive Hits
- 5.16.1. Competitor will only fire the number of required shots, including shots fired on another competitor's target.
- 5.16.2. Upon conducting a crossfire or firing excessive shots, the competitor shall notify the Range Officer or other match personnel prior to turning the target in for scoring.
- 5.17. Bribery
- 5.17.1. No person will offer a bribe of any kind, or be an accessory to the act, to any Range or Match Official. This is cause for immediate disqualification and potential expulsion from ASSA with no refunds of any kind given.
- 5.18. Disorderly Conduct
- 5.18.1. Disorderly conduct, including intoxication and/or willfully disturbing another competitor is strictly prohibited on the range. Anyone guilty of such acts will be expelled from the range.
- 5.18.2. Expelled competitors that have been disqualified from the competition with no refund of entry fees.
- 5.19. Willful Destruction / Vandalism of Range Equipment
- 5.19.1. No competitor shall intentionally damage or vandalize any range equipment. Anyone guilty of such acts will be immediately expelled without a warning from the range.
- 5.19.2. Expelled competitors that have been disqualified from the competition with no refund of entry fees.

- 5.20. Refusal to Obey
- 5.20.1.No person will refuse to obey instructions of any Range or Match Official, provided instructions are given in the proper conduct of the Official's responsibility.
- 5.21. Evasion of Rules
- 5.21.1.No competitor will evade, attempt to evade or be an accessory to these rules or the conditions established in the match program.
- 5.21.1.1.All competitors shall fully cooperate with any/all Tournament Officials regarding facts known regarding any violations (or attempted violations) of these rules.
- 5.21.1.2.Non-cooperation shall be grounds for disqualification and/or suspension.
- 5.22. Disqualification / Penalties
- 5.22.1.In instances of rules violations, refusal to adhere to the Range Officer's commands by competitors, team member or others, the following penalties may be imposed by the Match Director, Jury or Referee (in escalated value): First - verbal warning. Second - deduction of 10 points from the stage score (for the individual or team). The deduction shall be on the final record bull on the last target of the stage. Final action is disqualification from the match
- 5.22.2.The Jury or Referee has the authority to impose immediate disqualification on the competitor or team official for serious or continued safety violations.
- 5.22.3.The discharge of a firearm other than the firing line or on the firing line prior to the preparation period will result in immediate disqualification and expulsion from the match.
- 5.22.4.NO refund of entry fees for this safety violation will be considered.
- 5.22.5.Discharge of a firearm while the shooters are in the preparation period but prior to the command LOAD will result in the competitor being disqualified from that fired match.
- 5.22.6.Any competitor placing an unfired cartridge in the chamber, on the loading ramp or in the magazine before the command LOAD will be warned. Subsequent violations will include (escalating order):
- 5.22.6.1.For the first violation, disqualified from that stage
- 5.22.6.2.For the second violation, disqualified from the match
- 5.22.6.3.For the third violation, immediate disqualification and expulsion from the match with no refund of entry fees
- 5.22.7.Suspension
- 5.22.7.1.For serious violation(s) of these Rule, any competitor may be suspended from competition and/or expelled from the AMERICAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION after all evidence is presented and the conduct of the competitor is reviewed by the Board of Directors.

6. RANGE COMMANDS & OPERATIONS

- 6.1. Range commands must be immediately followed with no exception.
- 6.2. At no time shall firing start or continue if there are any unsafe conditions on the range. Any person, Match Official, competitor, or coach can call for a CEASE FIRE for safety concerns or if an unsafe situation develops.
- 6.3. CEASE FIRE
- 6.3.1. All shooters will immediately stop firing, open the action and unload. The action is to remain open with an ECI/OBI inserted into the chamber.
- 6.4. COMMENCE FIRE
- 6.4.1. Shooters may start firing upon the COMPLETE command is announced.

- 6.5. Target Carriers
- 6.5.1. When a range is equipped with a manual or motorized system that enables changing of targets from the firing line without suspension of firing, competitors may be issued the targets necessary to complete the entire match. Each shooter is responsible for properly and securely hanging their target on the carrier. Fired targets are to be collected by the Range Officer as soon as each stage is completed to facilitate scoring.
- 6.6. Loud Language
- 6.6.1. Loud and/or abusive language will not be permitted. Competitors, scorers and Range Officers are to minimize discussions on or near the firing line to necessary official business.
- 6.7. Deliberate Match Delays
- 6.7.1. No competitor may deliberately delay the start of a match due to lack of preparation, delay in reporting to the firing line or delays in preparing to fire.
- 6.8. Preparation Period
- 6.8.1. The preparation period is to start after the shooters have been given a reasonable amount of time after their firing point has been cleared and are allowed to bring rifles to the line.
- 6.8.2. The preparation period shall be a minimum of three (3) minutes.
- 6.8.3. The preparation period for the second stage of an individual match shall be one (1) minute. In instances where the second stage of an individual match is at a different distance (i.e. Dewar Match), then the preparation period shall be three (3) minutes.
- 6.8.4. During the preparation period, the ECI/OBI may be removed from the rifle and dry firing is permitted.
- 6.9. Interrupted Firing
- 6.9.1. If firing is stopped for two (2) minutes or more, a preparation period of one (1) minute will be given. The additional preparation period shall be added to the remaining firing time.
- 6.10. Policing The Range
- 6.10.1.Each and all competitors shall police their firing point(s) at the appropriate time, but at the latest, prior to leaving the range for the day. The Range Officer(s) will supervise policing of the range and confirm that the firing points and overall condition of the range is kept clean.
- 6.11. Repeating Commands
- 6.11.1.The Range Officer's commands may be repeated when they cannot be clearly heard by competitors to ensure safety and proper conduct of the match.
- 6.12. Firing Line Commands & General Operation
- 6.12.1.Operation of the range can only commence once the Range Officer has confirmed that down range is clear and safe, targets have been hung and all competitors and range/match personnel have returned and are behind the firing line.
- 6.12.2.Range commands shall be announced in the following order:
- SHOOTERS - BRING YOUR RIFLES TO THE LINE. ACTIONS MUST BE OPEN AND ECI/OBIs MUST BE IN THE CHAMBERS.
 - RELAY (relay #) TO THE FIRING LINE FOR MATCH (name)
 - SHOOTERS - YOUR (3 or 1) MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD BEGINS NOW.
 - YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED.
 - IS THE LINE READY?
 - THE LINE IS READY
 - READY ON THE RIGHT.
 - READY ON THE LEFT
 - READY ON THE FIRING LINE
 - LOAD.

- COMMENCE FIRING.
- CEASE FIRING. OPEN ALL BOLTS. INSERT YOUR ECI/OBIs AND MAKE THE LINE SAFE.
- IS THE LINE SAFE?
- THE LINE IS SAFE.
- SHOOTERS, YOU MAY GO FORWARD AND CHANGE TARGETS.

6.13. Range Operation Alibis

- 6.13.1. In the event of extreme weather or other range equipment or operations issues, the Range Officer and Match Director shall determine if a re-fire shall be conducted or if the stage (or match) is to be cancelled.
- 6.13.2. This can also apply to a range situation in which all targets have been severely damaged and are no longer capable of being scored for ALL competitors on that relay.
- 6.13.3. Defective Cartridge / Disabled Rifle / Malfunctions
 - 6.13.3.1. The Range Officer shall address all defective cartridges, disabled and/or malfunctioning rifle alibis on the range.
 - 6.13.3.2. Upon notification of such an issue by the competitor, the Range Officer shall note the time expended in order to grant a continuation of fire with a proper amount of time (provided the issue is deemed legitimate).
 - 6.13.3.3. If a defective cartridge or disabled/malfunctioning rifle claim is deemed illegitimate by the Range Officer, no additional time will be granted.

6.14. Electronic Targets

- 6.14.1. Electronic scoring targets are authorized for all ASSA events.
- 6.14.2. The rules associated with the use of electronic targets, including challenges, malfunctioning systems, etc. will follow those established by USA Shooting. (ASSA is in favor of having a single, uniform approach in the United States for all competitors to follow for matches conducted on electronic targets.)

7. MATCH OFFICIALS

- 7.1. Match officials are to be thoroughly familiar with the published match program and with ASSA Rules. Match Officials are allowed to compete in all ASSA matches (except the ASSA National Matches) provided the operation of the range can be safely operated.
- 7.2. Officials conducting the ASSA National Matches may not compete during those matches.
- 7.3. It shall be the duty of all match officials to conduct themselves with the highest level of integrity and be impartial in all of their decisions. Officials shall not intimidate, molest nor allow any such behavior by others and should immediately report such actions to the Match Director.
- 7.4. When match officials are addressing equipment or rules violations, they should do so in such a manner that does not distract other competitors. The intent is to minimize the impact and/or inconvenience to all parties involved. When addressing rule infractions, the issue should be clearly explained to the competitor such that they are able to make the appropriate changes to become compliant.
- 7.5. The duties of Match Officials are as follows:
 - 7.5.1. Match Director is the official primarily responsible for:
 - 7.5.1.1. Conduct of the entire match
 - 7.5.1.2. Modifications to the match and/or firing conditions from what is outlined in the program (only via the use of a "Match Director's Bulletin" formally posted to inform participants of the changes)
 - 7.5.1.3. Safe and efficient range operation
 - 7.5.1.4. The Statistical Office and scoring

- 7.5.1.5. Ensuring all required reports are issued to ASSA

- 7.5.2. Deputy Match Director - when appointed, reports to the Match Director and acts on behalf of the Match Director in their absence.

7.6. ASSA Official Referee

- 7.6.1. Official Referee qualifications are as follows:
 - 7.6.1.1. Any individual, 21 years of age or older and who meets all of the requirements established by the ASSA may be certified as an Official Referee.
- 7.6.2. Only the ASSA has the authorization to establish, certify and appoint Official Referees. This also includes any requirements for recertification.
- 7.6.3. Certification may include, but not be limited to, oral, written or other methods of examination to confirm the applicant's knowledge and application of the ASSA rules as written.
- 7.6.4. The ASSA Board of Directors will make the final decision on the eligibility and certification of an Official Referee and is under no obligation to provide cause for refusal or rejection.
- 7.6.5. Official Referees may be authorized to serve with specific limitations specified by the ASSA.
- 7.6.6. Any items provided to an Official Referee remains the property of the ASSA and must be returned upon request of the ASSA or upon termination as an Official Referee
- 7.6.7. Official Referees are assigned to tournaments by ASSA Vice President of Competitions and/or the Board of Directors.
- 7.6.8. No ASSA Official Referee may compete in any match that they have been assigned to officiate in order to maintain impartiality.
- 7.6.9. The general duties of an ASSA Referee are to:
 - 7.6.9.1. Ensure the safe and efficient conduct of the match.
 - 7.6.9.2. Have current knowledge of current ASSA By-laws, competitive rules, classifications and procedures used to conduct matches
 - 7.6.9.3. Function as a guide for every official at ASSA rifle matches, including the Statistical Office
 - 7.6.9.4. Execute their duties with the highest level of integrity and impartiality in a courteous and respectful manner to competitors, match officials, spectators and members of the media
 - 7.6.9.5. Report any and all incidents to the ASSA Board of Directors that is in the best interest of the organization and the sport of small-bore rifle competition
 - 7.6.9.6. A Referee is not responsible for the administration or execution of the match except to enforce the rules and regulations.
 - 7.6.9.7. Communicate all observations and recommendations directly to the Match Director.
 - 7.6.9.7.1. The only exception is for emergencies that involve safety of personnel or property, the Official Referee will act immediately with full authority and responsibility.
- 7.6.10. The match duties of an ASSA Referee:
 - 7.6.10.1. Be familiar with the program
 - 7.6.10.2. Confirm that the range is satisfactory for the competition and is safe for use
 - 7.6.10.3. Verify that the Match Sponsor has sufficient staff to safely and properly conduct the match
 - 7.6.10.4. Observe the methods used for scoring and posting results

- 7.6.10.5. Observe and verify that Official Match Bulletins are used by the Match Director to properly convey authorized changes and/or corrections to the match program
- 7.6.10.6. Be on the range during the entire competition to verify compliance to the ASSA rules by all competitors and report any compliance issues to the Match Director
- 7.6.10.7. Confirm that all challenges and protests submitted are addressed in a timely manner and per the ASSA rules
- 7.6.10.8. Oversee the official jury appointed by the Match Director
- 7.6.10.9. When a situation develops that is not covered by the ASSA rules, the Official Referee shall make a final decision based upon safety, the spirit of competition and the competitors.
 - 7.6.10.9.1. In such situations, the Official Referee shall provide a detailed summary report to the Board of Directors outlining the issue, those involved and the decision rendered. This is to make improvements in the rules and the overall organization.
- 7.6.10.10. Confirm that all scores are posted, along with challenge period times
- 7.6.10.11. At the conclusion of all scoring, review the results with the Statistical Office and the proper allocation of any awards provided by the ASSA.
- 7.6.10.12. Forward the following to the ASSA Vice President of Competitions:
 - 7.6.10.12.1. Targets to be considered for National Records
 - 7.6.10.12.2. Copies of Protests and subsequent reports
 - 7.6.10.12.3. Observations and/or recommendations
- 7.6.10.13. Listen to, evaluate and resolve any disagreements between Match Officials
 - 7.6.10.13.1. The decision of the Official Referee in such instances will be deemed final, however the decision may be formally protested to the ASSA Board of Directors for additional review.
- 7.7. ASSA Official Jury
 - 7.7.1. If no Official ASSA Referee is assigned to a Registered Match, the Match Director shall:
 - 7.7.1.1. appoint an Official Jury composed of persons who are familiar with the ASSA rules governing rifle matches
 - 7.7.1.2. Jury members do not have to be competitors but cannot be Match Officials
 - 7.7.1.3. Tournament Officials may not serve as members of the Jury.
 - 7.7.2. This Jury shall act collectively to resolve any protests or disputes. This includes equipment, procedures and protests.
- 7.8. Chief Range Officer
 - 7.8.1. When warranted due to the size of the range, a Chief Range Officer will be appointed.
 - 7.8.2. The Chief Range Officer shall:
 - 7.8.2.1. have full responsibility for the range and any additional range personnel to conduct the match
 - 7.8.2.2. report to the Match Director
 - 7.8.2.3. be responsible for range safety
 - 7.8.2.4. enforce all ASSA rules
 - 7.8.2.5. ensure proper handling and collection of fired targets
 - 7.8.3. Range Officer(s)
 - 7.8.3.1. The Range Officer will perform all duties and responsibilities of the Chief Range Officer if one is not warranted due to the size of the range.
 - 7.8.3.1.1. If a Chief Range Officer is present, a Range Officer shall:
 - 7.8.3.1.2. oversee the safety and discipline of range personnel, competitors and spectators in their assigned area of the range
 - 7.8.3.1.3. be familiar with ASSA rules
 - 7.8.3.1.4. review and confirm that competitors follow ASSA rules in an impartial manner
 - 7.8.3.1.5. confirm that equipment and firing positions are legal
 - 7.8.3.1.6. follow all instructions from the Chief Range Officer
- 7.8.4. Statistical Officer
 - 7.8.4.1. Statistical Officer is responsible for the official scoring of the match. and reports directly to the Match Director. The Statistical Officer is assisted by others as necessary to score targets and record results.
 - 7.8.4.2. The Statistical Officer shall:
 - 7.8.4.2.1. register competitors
 - 7.8.4.2.2. check eligibility, classification and special category compliance
 - 7.8.4.2.3. accept match entries
 - 7.8.4.2.4. maintain the list of match competitors (at a minimum to include name, competitor number & classification)
 - 7.8.4.2.5. assign squadding for competitors and teams
 - 7.8.4.2.6. maintain the official bulletin board
 - 7.8.4.2.7. determine match awards & distribute them to the winner(s)
 - 7.8.4.2.8. oversee scoring personnel, check addition on score cards and correct (if necessary due to error)
 - 7.8.4.2.9. prepare result bulletins (preliminary & final)
 - 7.8.4.2.10. post scores during the course of a match along with challenge period times
 - 7.8.4.2.11. resolve any uncertainties associated with crossfires
 - 7.8.4.2.12. report any rule infractions or irregularities associated with fired targets
 - 7.8.4.2.13. retain fired targets until the final challenge period ends
 - 7.8.4.2.14. provide any final reports to ASSA
- 7.8.5. Squadding
 - 7.8.5.1. Individual Squadding
 - 7.8.5.1.1. may be made in advance of the match when entries are received
 - 7.8.5.1.2. competitors may be squadded so their assigned firing location moves a predetermined distance along the firing line after a predetermined period
 - 7.8.5.1.3. may be conducted by classification, but wherever practical all shooters of a classification should be on the same relay
- 7.8.6. Team Squadding
 - 7.8.6.1. shall be conducted such that all teams will fire concurrently (via adjusting the number of adjacent firing points)
 - 7.8.6.2. shall be conducted by the Statistical Officer or by random drawing conducted by Team Captains under the supervision of the Statistical Officer

- 7.8.6.3. team cards must be completed prior to squadding, with all firing team members, alternates, Coaches and Captains listed
- 7.8.6.3.1. The Team Captain may assign firing members to the target position they desire unless this is predetermined by the Statistical Officer
- 7.8.6.4. When targets are secured on the frame by the competitor, it is the competitor's responsibility that the correct target for the match, position and range being fired is used. Note: Refer to Competitor Responsibilities.

8. TEAM OFFICERS

8.1. Team Captain

- 8.1.1. Each team must have a designated Team Captain, who is responsible for the conduct and good sportsmanship of all members (firing & alternates) of their team, coaching / instructing the team during the course of fired team matches
- 8.1.2. Responsible for completion of all team entry cards for registration and squadding purposes, and ensuring that the information (classifications, etc.) are correct and registered with the Statistical Office PRIOR TO THE FIRING OF THE FIRST SHOT OF TEAM MATCHES
- 8.1.3. Responsible for being familiar with the match program
- 8.1.4. Ensure firing members are on the correct firing points at the appointed time
- 8.1.5. Shall check scores, sign score card and if necessary, enter challenges / protests on behalf of the team and collect team awards

8.2. Team Coach

- 8.2.1. The team coach functions as the Team Captain's deputy and serves as Team Captain in their absence and assumes the responsibilities of the Team Captain
- 8.2.2. Refer to the COMPETITION REGULATION sections for additional information regarding Team Coaches and Team Captains.

9. PHYSICALLY DISABLED SHOOTERS

- 9.1. A shooter is considered a physically disabled shooter if they cannot assume and fire from one (1) or more of the shooting positions outlined in the ASSA rules. This also includes those who must use special equipment to participate in matches, per medically documented conditions.
- 9.2. Physical impairments can be either temporary or permanent.
- 9.3. Such shooters must apply in writing to ASSA to assume any special (including modified) positions, use special equipment, or to utilize a combination of both. The application will be reviewed by the Vice President of Competitions, and may require additional written clarifications, photographs of the equipment and/or positions to be considered. The application will also need to include a statement from a medical doctor outlining the physical impairment if it is not visually apparent.
- 9.4. If the ASSA approves the application, a letter, along with photographs and a written explanation of the equipment/position waiver will be supplied to the shooter. This letter must be kept in their possession when attending and participating in ASSA rifle matches and is to be furnished to the Match Director / Range Officer upon request.
- 9.5. In the event that another competitor lodges a challenge/protest against the equipment and/or position used by a physically disabled shooter, the Match Jury shall review the ASSA letter and photographs to determine compliance and rule accordingly.
- 9.6. National records may not be established when special equipment and/or modified equipment is used.

10. TEMPORARY DISABILITY

- 10.1. In the event of a competitor having a temporary disability, they may fire utilizing the next more difficult position.

The difficulty of positions are as follows (listed in increasing difficulty): Sitting, kneeling and offhand (standing)

- 10.2. Any substitute position must conform to the ASSA rules defining that position. The Match Director must be informed of the use of a substitute position during registration and prior to the first record shot fired. UNLESS VISUALLY APPARENT, any request for use of the alternate (more difficult position) should be supported with a letter from a medical doctor outlining the temporary disability, with a set expiration date. If such a letter cannot be provided by the competitor, it would be approved at the discretion of the Match Director. When in doubt, check with the Match Director in advance of travel to a competition.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. For consistency across smallbore rifle competitions, the following scoring methodology is comparable to that of other smallbore rifle governing bodies.
 - 11.1.1. Targets should be scored after the completion of each target or stage, whatever is more convenient.
 - 11.1.2. Targets may be scored in a designated area such as the Statistical Office, or on the range in view of others.
 - 11.1.3. Targets may not be scored while hanging on the frames. All targets are to be scored in the horizontal position, with the use of a back lighted target box (if possible).
 - 11.1.4. Targets shall be compared to backers (whenever used) prior to scoring to verify shots
 - 11.1.5. Targets scored in the Statistical Office may function as the score cards. If used as score cards, the targets must be retained in undamaged condition until all challenge and/or protest periods have expired.
 - 11.1.6. For any shot hole, when the leading edge comes into contact with a scoring ring or the outside of the target bull, the higher value is given for the score. Any shots that do not hit the target bull (or any of the scoring rings) is considered a miss with a shot value of zero (0).
 - 11.1.7. A scoring gauge will be used to determine the value of any close shot. When scoring personnel use a gage to determine a shot(s) value, the target must be marked to indicate the shot(s) evaluated and if it was of the higher (+) or lower (-) value. This applies to the use of both plug type and overlay devices.
 - 11.1.8. Official Plug Gage sizes are as follows:
 - 11.1.8.1. Inward Plug Gage: .2225" - .22240" (5.65mm - 5.69mm)
 - 11.1.8.2. Outward Plug Gage: .3555" - .3535" (9.03mm - 8.98mm)
 - 11.1.9. Any plug type scoring gage should be carefully inserted vertically such that it does not affect the final plug position (and score) in the shot hole. Only shots which the score is not certain are to be plugged.
 - 11.1.10. Individual shot values are to be recorded next to each target bull on indoor targets. For outdoor targets that have multiple shots per bull, the total score for each bull (including x count) is to be marked next to each fired bull. Any shots that are evaluated using any type of gage are to be marked as such.
 - 11.1.11. Magnifying devices are allowed to be used by scoring personnel based on the following:
 - 11.1.11.1. All magnifying devices used for a match must be of the same magnification.
 - 11.1.11.2. Devices must be used in a manner in which they do not come into contact with scoring plugs when inserted into the target.
 - 11.1.12. When shot groups are present, there are instances where scoring rings may be partially obliterated by two (2) or more shots. Plug type gages are NOT to be used for scoring those shots. Plug type gages are

- also NOT to be used for two (2) or more close shots that are interconnected by a tear in the paper. In those instances, a plastic shot overlay shall be used to determine the scoring ring location in conjunction with a second .22 caliber overlay to determine individual shot values.
- 11.1.13. The plastic overlay is NOT allowed to be used for individual shots. In those instances, a plug type gage is to be used.
- 11.1.14. Any shot that is oblong due to a "key hole" (a bullet that was tumbling when passing through the target) shall be awarded the highest shot value of the any scoring rings contacted.
- 11.1.15. The philosophy of scorers is to evaluate the shot values - not to disprove shots are not of the higher value. Any shot that cannot be agreed upon by two (2) scoring personnel will be determined by another match official.
- 11.2. Inward Scoring
- 11.2.1. When the gage flange touches the scoring ring, the shot will be scored as the higher value. In instances when the gage flange and scoring ring are perfectly tangent to each other such that no black of the target bull is visible between the two, the shot shall be scored as the higher value.
- 11.3. Outward Scoring (applicable only on indoor targets)
- 11.3.1. Outward scoring is used on indoor targets that utilize a dot as the 10 ring. For those targets, the outward scoring plug will be used to determine close shot values from 6 through (including) 10.
- 11.4. Visible Hits & Close Groups
- 11.4.1. All visible shots on the target shall be scored. In instances where there is a grouping of three (3) or more shots may make it possible that subsequent shot(s) may go through the enlarged hole without leaving additional mark(s), the shooter shall be given the benefit of the doubt and awarded the required number of record shots for that target bull (provided no crossfires are evident after checking backer targets).
- 11.4.2. When such groups may result in nonvisible shot(s) in two scoring rings, they will be scored to the higher value ring.
- 11.4.3. When scoring targets, all shots with an "X" or "center shot" value are to be recorded. This is the primary method used to break ties and establish National Records.
- 11.4.3.1. The "X" Ring is the ring located inside of the 10 ring on conventional outdoor smallbore rifle targets
- 11.4.3.2. Any edge of the shot hole that touches the outside edge of the x-ring (visibly or with the use of a scoring plug or overlay) is scored as an "X"
- 11.5. Shots of Higher Value
- 11.5.1. Shots are determined to be an "X of higher value" when the OUTSIDE edge of the shot does NOT touch the outside edge of the X-ring.
- 11.5.2. This type of score value is to be verified with the use of either a plug or overlay type gage (as use is defined above)
- 11.6. Center Shots
- 11.6.1. Center shots are scored on targets that do not have an "x-ring". Center shots are NOT scored on USAS-50 indoor targets.
- 11.6.2. Indoor Conventional Target (A-17 type @ 50 ft) - Any shot hole that touches the 10 ring but not touch the outside edge of the nine ring (using a standard plug type scoring age)
- 11.6.3. Indoor Conventional Target (A-7 type at 75 ft) - Any shot hole within the 10 ring which does not touch the outside edge of the 10 ring (while using a standard plug type scoring gage)
- 11.6.4. Outdoor ASSA Metric Position & Metric Prone (A-50 or A-51 type at 50 meters) - Any shot hole touching the inner ten ring
- 11.6.5. Outdoor Metric Prone (A-33 type at 50 meters or 50 yards, reduced) - Any shot hole within the ten ring which, with the aid of a .22 caliber plug-type scoring gauge or overlay, the flange of which does not touch the outside edge of the ten ring.
- 11.7. Center Shot of Higher Value
- 11.7.1. Center shots of a higher value are only scored on indoor conventional smallbore rifle "A-17" type target. The shot hole is verified with the use of a .22 caliber plug gage (as noted above) that when inserted, totally eliminated the 10 ring from view.
- 11.7.2. Use of center shots of higher value only apply to break ties of maximum standard center shot scores (i.e. 100-10x, 200-20x).
- 11.8. Misses
- 11.8.1. Hits outside the scoring rings of the competitor's target are scored as misses.
- 11.9. Early or Late Shots
- 11.9.1. If a competitor fires any shot before the command to COMMENCE FIRE or after the command to CEASE FIRE, the shots of highest value on the target shall be deducted with the quantity deducted being equal to the number of shots fired early and/or later.
- 11.9.2. The competitor shall receive a warning from the Range Officer. If repeated, the shooter may be expelled due to safety concerns at the discretion of the Chief Range Officer.
- 11.10. Excessive Hits
- 11.10.1. Excessive hits may occur on either a competitor's own target or on a target for another competitor.
- 11.10.2. Competitor's Own Target
- 11.10.2.1. Excess shots on the target shall be scored such that the number of hits for the lowest possible value
- 11.10.2.2. A penalty point will be assessed for each shot hole in excess of the required total number of record shots on the target (with values of X or 10 becoming a 9)
- 11.10.2.3. If a shooter discovers that they have fired excess shots on any target (or target bull for outdoor targets), then they should reduce the number of successive shots on their target in order to not exceed the total number of record shots fired. Any excess shots will be scored as noted above.
- 11.10.3. Another Competitor's Target
- 11.10.3.1. Shots fired onto the target of another competitor that are in excess quantity of the record number of shots on their own target shall be scored by bringing them back to the shooter's own target (onto the corresponding bull) and then scored as excess shots on their own target as noted above.
- 11.10.4. Ricochets
- 11.10.4.1. A hole made by a ricochet bullet does not count as a hit and will not be scored.
- 11.10.5. Cross-Fires (Internal & External)
- 11.10.5.1. Cross fires shall be assessed one (1) penalty point per shot with the value deducted from the shot(s) of highest value on the target (i.e. an X or 10 becomes a 9)
- 11.10.5.2. If the shots to be transferred back to the shooter's target cannot be clearly identified, then the hits of lowest value are the ones to be transferred to the target bull with insufficient hits

- 11.10.5.3. All other shots shall be scored at their actual value
- 11.10.5.4. In instances where cross-fires occur during matches and backer targets are not used, the competitor receiving the shot(s) will accept the value of the cross-fire and any additional "excessive" hits and penalty points as part of their own score (unless cross firing can be verified visually by the Range Officer)
- 11.10.6. Altered Targets & Scoring
 - 11.10.6.1. Targets intentionally altered, marked or modified as an advantage to one shooter over their competitors will not be scored and that stage (target) shall receive a score of zero (0).
- 11.10.7. Scoring of Incorrect Targets
 - 11.10.7.1. Shots fired on incorrect targets will not be scored and that stage (target) shall receive a score of zero (0).
 - 11.10.7.2. Failure to hang a backer is not cause for penalty.
- 11.11. TIE BREAKING PROCESS
 - 11.11.1. The following process shall be used to decide the outcome of tied score(s) for all individual, team and aggregate matches.
 - 11.11.2. Note that the numbering of bulls on each target will be a component used to break ties. The numbering is part of the original printing on the official target. For the purpose of breaking ties, the numbered bulls will be considered to be continuous for the entire aggregate course of fire.
 - 11.11.3. Prone Matches (Fired Matches in the following order)
 - 11.11.3.1. By greater number of x's over the course of fire (or center shots on targets that do not have an x-ring)
 - 11.11.3.2. By the highest numerical score with the x-count on the last stage of the aggregate match.
 - 11.11.3.3. If still tied, use the target from the longest range and compare highest total score (with the x-count) in reverse order starting on the last numbered target bull.
 - 11.11.3.4. By the highest total score with the x-count on the last stage
 - 11.11.3.5. If still tied, use the next stage in the reverse order of starting at the highest numbered target bull
 - 11.11.3.6. Score "X's of higher value" and apply the tie breaking rules 1-4 until successful
 - 11.11.4. Dewar Match Tie Breaking Rules
 - 11.11.4.1. First, use the total score at the longest range
 - 11.11.4.2. Number of x's at the longest range
 - 11.11.4.3. Number of x's of higher value at the longest range
 - 11.11.4.4. If still tied, use the target from the longest range and compare highest total score (with the x-count) in reverse order starting on the last numbered target bull.
 - 11.11.5. Unfired (Aggregate) Matches
 - 11.11.5.1. By greater number of x's over the course of fire
 - 11.11.5.2. By greater number of center shots for targets that do not have an x-ring
 - 11.11.5.3. By the total score of the targets at the greatest distance
 - 11.11.5.4. By the greater number of x's or center shots (for targets that do not have an x-ring) at 100 yards/meters
 - 11.11.5.5. By the highest total score on each target bull in reverse order starting at the longest range.
 - 11.11.6. Position Matches
 - 11.11.6.1. Aggregate Matches or matches with multiple positions:
 - 11.11.6.1.1. Greatest number of x's (or center shots for targets with no x-ring) over the entire course of fire
 - 11.11.6.1.2. By the highest score in standing position (including x's / center shots)
 - 11.11.6.1.3. By the highest score in the kneeling position (including x's / center shots)
 - 11.11.6.1.4. By the highest score in the sitting position - if applicable - (including x's / center shots)
 - 11.11.6.1.5. By the highest score in the prone position (including x's / center shots)
 - 11.11.6.1.6. By the highest score on the last stage of the standing position (including x's / center shots), followed by the second to last stage.
 - 11.11.6.1.7. By the highest score in the standing position (including x's / center shots) starting on the last fired numbered bull on the last fired target and proceeding in reverse order until the tie is broken. If the tie is not broken in standing, then proceed to kneeling and then prone.
 - 11.11.6.2. Fired matches using only one (1) position
 - 11.11.6.2.1. Greatest number of x's (or center shots for targets with no x-ring) over the entire course of fire
 - 11.11.6.2.2. By the highest score on the last stage (including x's / center shots), followed by the second to last stage, etc.
 - 11.11.6.2.3. By the highest score fired (including x's / center shots) starting on the last numbered bull on the last fired target and proceeding in reverse order until the tie is broken.
 - 11.11.7. Team Matches (Prone or Position)
 - 11.11.7.1. Ties for teams having the same total score for the entire course of fire will be broken by taking the total team score and then using the tie breaking methods as outlined above.
 - 11.11.8. Unbreakable Ties
 - 11.11.8.1. In case a tie cannot be broken per the information above, the Match Director shall resolve the awards as follows:
 - 11.11.8.1.1. A complete or partial course of fire shall be conducted per the original match condition, or starting at the longest range of the match.
 - 11.11.8.1.2. Firing single shots at the greatest distance for the match
 - 11.11.8.1.3. Equally distribute the match prizes / awards / merchandise
- 12. CHALLENGES
 - 12.1. Challenges may be conducted when a competitor believes that their score is incorrect, or that a score of another is incorrect. This also includes instances involving the score(s) for team matches.
 - 12.2. The Match Sponsor shall outline the challenge time limits in either the match program or via a match bulletin posted at the range on the official bulletin board.
 - 12.3. Any challenge must be initiated by the competitor within the posted challenge period. In order to verify the challenged score is correct, targets may be replugged or rechecked with the overlay. Upon completion, the challenging competitor (or team captain) shall be allowed to

inspect - but not handle - the target(s) involved for that challenge.

- 12.4. The challenge fee will be charged and collected by the Statistical Office at the rate outlined in the match program. The challenge will then proceed with a rechecking of the target(s). If the score (including "x" or "center shot" count) changes, then the challenge fee is refunded to the competitor. If the score value is verified with no change, then the fee is retained by the Statistical Office and turned over to the match sponsor upon conclusion of the match.
- 12.5. Aggregate matches are only able to be challenged on the addition of all fired matches for that aggregate.
- 12.6. Each fired match is challenged by total score, with all target(s) and shots for that fired match being rescored.
- 12.7. If an official Referee is present, or if the match Jury reviews the challenge, their decision is final.
- 12.8. The Match Director may recheck any competitor's target(s) via an administrative challenge. In addition, administrative challenges:
 - 12.8.1. may be initiated at the Match Director's discretion or by request
 - 12.8.2. must be conducted prior to the end of the last posted challenge period
 - 12.8.3. upon completion must be verified by either the Referee (if assigned) or the match Jury.
- 12.9. When an individual or team challenges another competitor's or team's score, the individual or team that is filing the challenge shall also have their targets rescored. This will be conducted by the Match Director.
- 12.10. When targets are scored in the Statistical Office, the Chief Statistical Officer shall conduct the rescoring of a challenge, except when they had previously scored or checked the target. In those instances, the Referee (if assigned) or Jury shall conduct the rescoring of the challenge, in that order.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. A competitor may formally protest for the following reasons:
 - 13.1.1. Equipment of another competitor which may be illegal
 - 13.1.2. Advantageous conditions in which another competitor was allowed to fire the match (no including natural weather conditions)
 - 13.1.3. Any improper action(s) in which the competitor believes that they were subjected to (except scoring of targets)
- 13.2. Protest Committees
 - 13.2.1. For the ASA National Championships, a protest committee may be established to immediately rule on protests for those matches. Any decisions issued by the National Championship Protest Committee or Jury shall be in accordance with ASSA Rules and any prior protest resolutions issued by the ASSA.
 - 13.2.2. Protest Process
 - 13.2.2.1. Any protest must be immediately lodged upon the incident per the following sequence. If a step is completed and the Competitor is not satisfied with the outcome, they shall initiate the next step in the process as stated.
 - 13.2.2.1.1. Competitor shall initiate the protest verbally explaining the complaint to the Chief Range Officer or Chief Statistical Officer
 - 13.2.2.1.2. Competitor shall restate the complaint to the Official Referee (if present) or to the match Jury Chairman
 - 13.2.2.1.3. Competitor shall file a formal written complaint stating the facts surrounding the event and provide this to the Official Referee (if present) or to the

match Jury Chairman within 12 hours of the event.

- 13.2.2.1.4. The Official Referee (if present) or to the match Jury Chairman shall forward the protest to the ASSA VP of Competitions with their statement within 48 hours of the occurrence that was protested.
- 13.2.2.2. Failure to follow the specific steps outlined above will result in automatic rejection of the protest.
- 13.2.2.3. For any instances in which a protest involves actions as a result of any match official, including the Referee or Jury member (including Chairman), that official shall recuse themselves from the process and a substitute official designated. This shall be noted in the protest report.
- 13.2.3. Upon receipt, the ASSA VP of Competitions will contact and issue a response to the Competitor that initiated the protest within 72 hours, pending the availability of match personnel and other witnesses to allow a proper review of the occurrence.
- 13.3. Team Match Challenges / Protests
 - 13.3.1. Challenges and/or protests may be lodged during team matches as follows:
 - 13.3.1.1. Challenges / protests can only be made by the Team Captain
 - 13.3.1.2. Challenges to a team score shall be \$3
 - 13.3.1.3. Challenges to an individual team member's score shall be \$3 each
 - 13.3.1.4. Challenge rates during the ASSA National Matches will be set in the match program
14. NATIONAL RECORDS
 - 14.1. National records recognized by ASSA will be maintained in a separate listing for ease of maintenance.
 - 14.2. All national records must be set in accordance with ASSA rules and match conditions and subsequently verified by ASSA. National Records shall be established only by American Citizens who are ASSA members.
 - 14.3. National Records may be established only when more than one competitor or team participated in the match, which must also be an ASSA Registered competition. Scores fired during approved or reentry matches are not eligible for recognition as a National Record.
 - 14.4. ASSA must review and approve all scores (and targets) submitted for National Records before they are deemed official.
 - 14.5. Scores to be considered for National Records must be complete for an entire match. Partial or individual stage scores will not be considered for National Records. Outdoor scores must be fired under natural light.
 - 14.6. Scores fired during any sight matches are eligible only for Any Sight National Records. Metallic sight scores fired during any sight matches are only eligible for Any Sight National Records
 - 14.7. National Individual Record Scores
 - 14.7.1. All scores must be fired in individual matches.
 - 14.7.2. No score fired in a team match will be considered for recognition as an individual record.
 - 14.7.3. Scores for special category records (Open, Civilian, Service, Women, Senior, Junior, Intermediate Junior, and Sub-Junior) may be fired in either open or restricted matches.
 - 14.7.4. All targets to be considered for National Records must be sent to the head of ASSA Competitions for verification.
 - 14.8. National Team Record Scores
 - 14.8.1. All scores must be fired in matches where teams fire as a unit

- 14.8.2.No combination of individual match scores (i.e. “paper matches”) will be considered for team records (except Metric Position Sectional Teams).
- 14.8.3.For Special Category records (Open, Civilian, Service, Women, Junior, Intermediate Junior and Sub-Junior categories) all members of the team must be members of the same special category
- 14.8.4.Teams must meet all established criteria for the type of team entered.
- 14.8.5.National Records will not be recognized for pickup teams (teams made up of shooters who do not represent one of the groups outlined in the team criteria)
- 14.8.6.All targets to be considered for National Records must be sent to the head of ASSA Competitions for verification.
- 14.9. Course of Fire for Recognition of National Records
- 14.9.1.The sport of smallbore rifle competition is rich in tradition that includes established national records. In some instances, those records were set many years ago. In keeping with tradition and in recognition of those achievements, ASSA will base our initial listing of national records on those scores from the established courses of fire.
- 14.9.2.Not all categories may have national records identified by the ASSA.
- 14.9.3.For national records to be recognized, an ASSA National Record Reporting form must be submitted to ASSA by the Statistical Officer responsible for the match where they were fired, after being certified by the match jury or ASSA Referee present. ASSA National Record Reporting forms can be found on the ASSA web site.
- 14.10.Continuation of Firing (Tie Breakers & National Records)
- 14.10.1.Competitors who fire a perfect score (all X's on targets with an X-ring or all 10s on targets without X-rings) in an individual match will be given an opportunity to continue to fire as a means to break ties and set National Records.
- 14.10.1.1.Continuation of fire may be either immediately after the match in which the perfect score was fired or later, however it must be on the same day as the perfect score
- 14.10.1.2.Continuation of fire is not conducted for perfect scores fired in team matches.
- 14.10.1.3.For national records, the total score will be comprised of the original match score and the score achieved from the continuation of fire.
- 14.10.1.4.The decision for timing of a continuation of fire will be what is the most practical for the situation
- 14.10.1.5.If not immediately fired, scores from a successive match cannot be used as part of the continuation score
- 14.10.1.6.Firing time and conditions will be the same as for the match in which the perfect score was fired.
- 14.10.1.7.Firing continues until a shot is made outside of the ring of highest value (X for targets with an x-ring or a 10 for targets without an x-ring).
- 14.10.1.8.For targets with multiple record bulls, the continuation of fire must be shot on the ordered number of the bulls
- 14.10.1.9.For multiple position matches, when a perfect score is fired, any continuation of fire for a national record shall be conducted in the STANDING position.
- 14.10.1.10.For matches fired at multiple distances, when a perfect score is fired, any continua-

tion of fire shall be conducted at the longer range.

14.11.Co-holder Records

14.11.1.Tie breaking rules beyond the use of numerical scores and “X” count will not be employed when establishing National Records.

14.11.2.Co-holder status will be awarded to individuals or teams when the fired score equals a National Record (numerical score and “X” count).

15. SMALLBORE RIFLE CLASSIFICATIONS

15.1. Conventional Prone - Outdoor

Classification	Average Score
MASTER	99.5 and above
EXPERT	98.5 to 99.49
SHARPSHOOTER	96.5 to 98.49
MARKSMAN	Below 96.5

15.2. Metric Prone - Outdoor

Classification	Average Score
MASTER	94.5 and above
EXPERT	92.00 to 94.49
SHARPSHOOTER	89.50 to 91.99
MARKSMAN	Below 89.5

15.3. Conventional Position - Outdoor

Classification	Average Score
MASTER	97.00 and above
EXPERT	94.00 to 96.99
SHARPSHOOTER	91.00 to 93.99
MARKSMAN	Below 91.00

15.4. Conventional Position - Indoor

Classification	Average Score
MASTER	98.00 and above
EXPERT	96.50 to 97.99
SHARPSHOOTER	93.00 to 96.49
MARKSMAN	Below 93.00

15.5. Metric Position - Outdoor

Classification	Average Score
MASTER	89.00 and above
EXPERT	86.00 to 88.99
SHARPSHOOTER	83.00 to 85.99
MARKSMAN	Below 83.00

15.6. Metric Position - Indoor

Classification	Average Score
MASTER	92.00 and above
EXPERT	89.00 to 91.99
SHARPSHOOTER	86.00 to 88.99
MARKSMAN	Below 86.00

16. ASSA COMPETITION PROGRAMS

- 16.1. The match program, as a minimum, should outline the following: Match Name, Match Sponsoring Organization, Date(s), Location, Contact(s) for Registration, Directions to the Range, ASSA Governing Rules Apply, including a statement that the most liberal conditions will apply, Rifle Type, Caliber & Ammunition, Course of Fire, including distance(s) and target(s), Position(s), Entry Fees, Competitor Eligibility (if restricted), Special Categories for Awards, Award Schedule & Type of Awards, Local Lodging options and Any Special Match Conditions / Considerations

17. F-CLASS SMALLBORE RIFLE RULES

- 17.1. The following rules apply to ASSA Smallbore F-Class Competitions.

- 17.1.1. In the event that a specific rule is not included in this section, refer to the ASSA rules for smallbore rifle competitions.

17.2. Position

- 17.2.1. Smallbore F-Class competitions are fired from the prone position. The rifle is supported by a front rest or bi-pod and/or a sling and rear rest. Specific information regarding the equipment is outlined in Section 17.3.

- 17.2.2. At no time is the rifle butt and/or pistol grip allowed to rest on the ground or any other hard surface.

17.3. Rifles & Equipment

17.3.1. General

- 17.3.1.1. Open Chamber Indicators must be used at all times to easily confirm that all rifles are unloaded (ref: Section 2.13).

- 17.3.1.2. "Rail guns" are not allowed.

- 17.3.1.3. Metallic or optical sighting systems are allowed.

- 17.3.1.4. Any manually operated safe trigger is legal. Remotely operated or release triggers are prohibited.

- 17.3.1.5. F-Class Smallbore Rifles may only fire the .22 long rifle rimfire cartridge per Section 2.10

- 17.3.1.6. For all events, rifles will be single loaded per Section 5.2.

17.3.2. F-Class Open Rifle

- 17.3.2.1. The overall weight of the rifle, sighting system, bipod and any attachment may not exceed 22.0 pounds (10 kg).

- 17.3.2.2. The weight shall also include all external object(s) that recoil (fully or partially) with the rifle, with the exception of the competitor and clothing.

- 17.3.2.3. The forearm of the rifle is restricted to a maximum of 76mm (2.992") wide.

- 17.3.2.4. F-Class Open rifles are fired off of rests as outlined in Section 17.4

17.3.3. F-Class Target (F-TR) Rifle

- 17.3.3.1. The overall weight of the rifle, sighting system, bipod and any attachment may not exceed 18.18 pounds (8.25 kg).

- 17.3.3.2. The weight shall also include all external object(s) that recoil (fully or partially) with the rifle, with the exception of the competitor and clothing.

- 17.3.3.3. The forearm of the rifle is restricted to a maximum of 76mm (2.992") wide.

- 17.3.3.4. F-Class TR rifles are fired using a bipod as outlined in Section 17.4

17.4. F-Class Rifle Rests

17.4.1. General

- 17.4.1.1. The use of any type of table and/or one piece support is not allowed.

- 17.4.1.2. Mechanical one (1) piece rests or any mechanical method that returns the rifle to a precise point of aim of previous shot(s) are strictly prohibited

- 17.4.1.3. The rear rest cannot be adjusted via mechanical means, nor allowed to be attached to the rifle in any manner.

- 17.4.1.4. A board or plate may be placed under the front and/or rear rests. Maximum dimensions for each plate are 2" greater than each side of the individual rest. Both boards must be flat on the top and bottom with no holes, grooves, recesses, etc. Leveling screws or any other type of leveling provisions are not allowed nor are any features that function as tracks for bipod feet. There cannot be any type of protrusion from the board(s). One (1) hole may be located in the corner of each board to facilitate attachment of a rope for ease of carry.

- 17.4.1.5. As firing points are not uniform, there is no restriction on type or number of objects that may be placed under each rest to compensate for firing point variations (i.e. slope, height, etc.) and reduce rolling.

- 17.4.1.6. A sling may be used in conjunction with the front rest or bipod. The weight of the sling must be included with the overall weight of the rifle.

- 17.4.1.7. The rests (including bipods) are allowed to be adjusted after every shot due to recoil and settling.

- 17.4.1.8. Instead of rests as outlined in 17.4.2 or 17.4.3, the rifle can be rested on one (1) central support. The support can be a sandbag, beanbag, blanket, rolled up towel or jacket, etc.

17.4.2. F-OPEN Rests

- 17.4.2.1. A maximum of two (2) rests may be utilized, however they cannot be attached to each other in any way.

- 17.4.2.1.1. The forward rest can be placed either under the forearm of the rifle or placed as a support under the forward hand.

- 17.4.2.1.2. The forward rest or base is allowed to have a maximum of three (3) support feet with spikes no longer than 2" (approximately 50 mm) in length which may be pressed into the ground. Ground spikes may not cause damage to the firing point. If the forward rest is used under the forearm and is attached in any manner to the rifle, it must be included in the overall weight of the rifle.

17.4.3. F-TR Rests

- 17.4.3.1. A bipod is the only front support allowed for F-TR. Per 17.4.1.6, a sling may be used in conjunction with a bipod.

- 17.4.3.1.1. The bipod and/or sling and rear support may not be attached to each other.

- 17.4.3.2. A legal bipod is defined as a front rifle support that has no more than two (2) legs that touch the ground or firing point surface.

- 17.4.3.2.1. The bipod must be rigidly attached to the forearm of the rifle.

- 17.4.3.2.2. Bipod legs can be rigid or folding. Legs are also allowed to be adjustable to level the rifle and/or compensate for uneven surfaces.

- 17.4.3.3. A rear support is allowed to support the rifle butt. This may include, but not limited to a "rabbit ear" bag, gloved hand, sand or bean bag, etc.

17.4.4. Shooting Mat / Ground Cloth

17.4.4.1. Ground cloths and/or shooting mats are allowed and may be located under the rifle rest(s) and/or bipod. (ref: Section 1.5.4)

17.5. Personal Wind Indicators

17.5.1. Personal wind indicators are allowed per Section 1.5.3.

17.6. Ammunition

17.6.1. Ammunition is restricted to commercially available .22 long rifle caliber with a 40 grain lead projectile. (ref: Section 2.10)

17.7. Classifications

17.7.1. Shooter classifications will be established from scores fired in competition.

17.7.2. A minimum of 400 record shots is required for re-classification.

17.7.3. Scores for F-Class Smallbore classifications are as follows:

Classificatio	Average Score
High Master	98.00 and above
Master	96.50 to 97.99
Expert	94.00 to 96.49
Sharpshoote	91.50 to 93.99
Marksman	Below 91.49

17.8. Disabled Shooters

17.8.1. Disabled shooters are to apply to ASSA for modifications to positions and/or equipment per Section 9 or Section 10 for a Temporary Disability.

17.8.2. Any dispensation for position and/or equipment modifications must be approved prior to competition.

17.9. Targets

17.9.1. Official targets for smallbore F-Class competitions are the same targets utilized for smallbore prone events. (ref: Section 4.7) Targets to be utilized for each distance are as follows:

17.9.1.1. The 50 yard target is the six (6) bullseye ISSF 50 meter target reduced for firing at 50 yards commonly designated by manufacturers as the "A-51".

17.9.1.2. The 50 meter target is the six (6) bullseye ISSF target commonly designated by manufacturers as the "A-50".

17.9.1.3. The 300 meter target reduced for firing at 100 yards is the three (3) bullseye ISSF target commonly designated by manufacturers as the "A-33".

17.9.1.4. The 200 yard target is designated by manufacturers as the "A-21"

17.9.2. All targets are to be clearly labeled as "F-Class" by either stickers, or in large bold letters either stamped or hand written in the upper right portion of the front side of the target.

17.9.3. "Backing" or "Backer" targets are required to be used at all ASSA Championship events.

17.9.4. Binder clips are typically used to secure smallbore targets to a larger frame. It is the competitor's responsibility to properly secure their target and backing target (if applicable) to the frame.

17.10. Scoring

17.10.1. Targets will be scored per Section 11.

17.11. Match Conditions

17.11.1. For ASSA Championships, a Match Official shall weigh all rifles prior to the first shot fired in the competition to confirm compliance per Section 17.3.2 and 17.3.3. The forearm of the rifle may also be measured to be 76mm (2.992") or less per Section 17.3.3.2.

17.11.2. For all other competitions, the Match Official may weigh any and/or all rifles at their discretion prior to the start of the competition.

17.11.3. It is the competitor's responsibility and courtesy to others that they arrive in sufficient time to register, complete all equipment checks and set up for the match.

17.11.4. In the event that a rifle is reweighed after the competition has been completed and is found to be over the maximum weight limit, the competitor shall be disqualified for all fired stages during which that rifle was used. No refund of match fees will be provided.

17.11.5. F-Class smallbore may be conducted in conjunction with conventional or metric smallbore prone matches.

17.12. Course of Fire

17.12.1. The following are recommended courses of fire for F-Class Smallbore to be conducted on targets outlined in Sections 4.7 and 17.9.

17.12.1.1. "400 Aggregate" consisting of forty (40) shots: 20 shots @ 50y (or 50m) and 20 shots at 100y

17.12.1.2. "800 Aggregate" consisting of eighty (80) shots: 40 shots at 50y (or 50m) and 40 shots at 100y.

17.12.1.3. "1600 Aggregate" consisting of one hundred sixty (160) shots: 100 shots at 50y (or 50m) and 60 shots at 100y.

17.12.1.4. "3200 Aggregate" consists of the "1600 Aggregate" fired over two (2) consecutive days

17.12.1.5. "6400 Aggregate" consists of the "1600 Aggregate" fired over four (4) consecutive days.

17.12.2. Unlimited sighting shots are allowed both before and after the start of the first record shot on a target.

17.12.3. National Records

17.12.3.1. National records and the conditions in which they will be reviewed and formally recognized are outlined in Section 14.

17.13. Changing Rifles

17.13.1. Competitors are allowed to change rifles to another of the same type (i.e. Open to Open, F-T/R to F-T/R) either between fired stages (of a multiple stage match) or between fired matches.

17.13.2. Changing of a rifle during the firing of a single stage after their first record shot is fired is prohibited, unless it has been deemed disabled by the Match Director or Range Officer (ref: Section 5.6). Any claim for a disabled rifle must be made immediately by the competitor to the Range Officer for inspection.

17.13.2.1. All record shots fired up to the time of a disabled rifle claim is made will stand as part of the official score.

17.13.2.2. In the event of a disabled rifle, competitors will be granted a continuation of fire per Section 6.13.3.

18. GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ASSA SANCTIONED MATCHES

18.1. Match sponsors are to follow the rules as outlined for the type of competition being conducted in order to provide uniformity for reporting, awards, fee structures, etc. Specific requirements for Registered and Approved matches are outlined in the applicable sections below.

18.2. ASSA APPROVED TOURNAMENTS

18.2.1. The application process and approval process to conduct an ASSA APPROVED match is outlined below. This should be completed at least thirty (30) days in advance:

18.2.1.1. Send the completed match application to ASSA with a copy of the preliminary match program

18.2.1.2. ASSA will review and advise the match sponsor if approval is granted via email (prefer-

- able) or other means. ASSA may make corrections to match programs submitted by sponsoring organizations in order to obtain approval. Failure of the sponsoring organization to accept and comply with the match program returned by the ASSA will result in rejection of the application.
- 18.2.1.3. Upon issue of ASSA approval, no major changes to the match program are allowed without prior notification and acceptance by ASSA (with the exception of typos, etc.).
- 18.2.1.4. MATCH CANCELLATION
- 18.2.1.4.1. If a tournament is canceled, ASSA is to be immediately notified by the match sponsor, along with a rescheduled date if possible.
- 18.2.1.5. COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATION
- 18.2.1.5.1. The ASSA assigned classification system should be used, but is not mandatory.
- 18.2.1.6. COURSE OF FIRE
- 18.2.1.6.1. The course of fire for an Approved Match is up to the discretion of the match sponsor. Note that only specific courses of fire are used to establish ASSA competitor classification. Scores submitted from non-standard courses of fire will not be used for classification purposes.
- 18.2.1.6.2. National records CANNOT be established at Approved matches.
- 18.2.1.7. AWARDS
- 18.2.1.7.1. The award schedule is to be outlined in the match program, with all awards furnished by the sponsor. The minimum awards are to include the Winner (highest score regardless of any category/class). The match sponsor shall issue all awards within one (1) month (30 calendar days) of completion of the match. The method to present awards is at the option of the sponsor, however it must be outlined in the match program (i.e. cash, trophies, medals, etc.). Classes may be combined due to limited entries, however the combination sequence must be outlined in the match program.
- 18.2.1.7.2. Failure of match sponsors to distribute awards and provide match reports may result in their disqualification from being allowed to conduct ASSA matches in the future.
- 18.2.1.8. ENTRY FEES
- 18.2.1.8.1. A standard ASSA registration fee will be assessed for per competitor. The ASSA fee will be established at the outset of each calendar year. This fee is to be forwarded to ASSA with the match report for all Approved Tournaments.
- 18.2.1.8.2. Sponsor Entry Fees: The match entry fee is set by the sponsoring organization. The entry fee must be stated in the match program along with the ASSA registration fee.
- 18.2.1.9. ASSA MEMBERSHIP for PARTICIPATION
- 18.2.1.9.1. ASSA membership is encouraged but not required for entry into registered competitions. Sponsors are encouraged to accept ASSA membership applications (along with fees per the established rates) from anyone that wants to join the ASSA. Sponsors are to forward ASSA membership applications and fees to ASSA with the required match report.
- 18.2.1.10. MATCH REPORT
- 18.2.1.10.1. The Match Director shall send a match report to the ASSA within one (1) month [30 calendar days] of completion of the match. The report, at a minimum is to include:
- 18.2.1.10.1.1. Registration information for each competitor that includes their name, address, telephone number, ASSA member number & email address
- 18.2.1.10.1.2. Classification
- 18.2.1.10.1.3. Number of shots fired
- 18.2.1.10.1.4. Copy of the match program
- 18.2.1.10.1.5. Copy of the final results bulletin
- 18.2.1.10.1.6. Copy of all bulletins issued by the Match Director
- 18.2.1.10.1.7. Copy of awards presented for both individual & team matches (include number of awards, type, value, etc.)
- 18.3. ASSA REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS
- 18.3.1. The application process and approval process to conduct an ASSA REGISTERED match is outlined below. This should be completed at least thirty (30) days in advance:
- 18.3.1.1. Send the completed match application to ASSA with a copy of the preliminary match program
- 18.3.1.2. ASSA will review and advise the match sponsor if approval is granted via email (preferable) or other means. ASSA may make corrections to match programs submitted by sponsoring organizations in order to obtain approval. Failure of the sponsoring organization to accept and comply with the match program returned by the ASSA will result in rejection of the application.
- 18.3.1.2.1. Upon issue of ASSA approval, no major changes to the match program are allowed without prior notification and acceptance by ASSA (with the exception of typos, etc.).
- 18.3.1.2.2. ASSA will determine if an official Referee will be assigned to the competition and provide notification. In the event that a referee is not assigned, a Jury shall be formed at the direction of the Match Director.
- 18.3.1.3. MATCH CANCELLATION
- 18.3.1.3.1. If a tournament is canceled, ASSA is to be immediately notified by the match sponsor, along with a rescheduled date if possible.
- 18.3.1.4. COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATION
- 18.3.1.4.1. The ASSA classification and category system must be used for all Registered matches. Match sponsors are allowed to use an expanded classification system when marksman and/or unclassified competitors are entered in large numbers.
- 18.3.1.5. COURSE OF FIRE
- 18.3.1.5.1. The course of fire for a Registered Match must be in compliance with ASSA rules. The specific courses of

- fire for Registered Matches are used to establish ASSA competitor classifications.
- 18.3.1.5.2. National records can only be established at Registered matches.
- 18.3.1.6. AWARDS
- 18.3.1.6.1. The award schedule is to be outlined in the match program, with all awards furnished by the sponsor. The match sponsor shall issue all awards within one (1) month (30 calendar days) of completion of the match. The method to present awards is at the option of the sponsor, however it must be outlined in the match program (i.e. cash, trophies, medals, etc.). Classes may be combined due to limited entry numbers, however the combination sequence must be outlined in the match program.
- 18.3.1.6.2. Minimum match awards for Registered matches are as follows:
- 18.3.1.6.2.1. Winner for each individual fired match
- 18.3.1.6.2.2. Winner for each individual fired aggregate
- 18.3.1.6.2.3. High scoring competitor in each class for each match
- 18.3.1.6.2.4. Team awards as outlined in the match program
- 18.3.1.6.3. Failure of match sponsors to distribute awards and provide match reports may result in their disqualification from being allowed to conduct ASSA matches in the future.
- 18.3.1.7. Official Bulletin Changes
- 18.3.1.7.1. No Official Bulletin can be changed except by the Match Director, Referee or match Jury. In the case where the bulletin is changed, it must be done as early as possible and prior to the end of the challenge period and any awards presentations if possible. Correction and/or modification to the bulletin after the start of the match are limited to:
- 18.3.1.7.1.1. Correction of error for the program schedule of awards
- 18.3.1.7.1.2. Typos
- 18.3.1.7.1.3. Aggregate bulletins where there is a math error and total score does not match the sub-aggregate scores
- 18.3.1.7.1.4. When a competitor or team is disqualified
- 18.3.1.8. ENTRY FEES:
- 18.3.1.8.1. A standard ASSA registration fee will be assessed for per competitor. The ASSA fee will be established at the outset of each calendar year. This fee is to be forwarded to ASSA with the match report for all Registered Tournaments.
- 18.3.1.8.2. Entry fees for competitions are set by the Sponsoring Organization and must be listed in the match program.
- 18.3.1.9. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS COMPETITORS
- 18.3.1.9.1. Officials are allowed to participate as competitors in Approved, Registered, Regional, and State level matches. Match officials are NOT allowed to compete in the ASSA National Championships.
- 18.3.1.10. ASSA MEMBERSHIP for PARTICIPATION
- 18.3.1.10.1. ASSA membership is encouraged but not required for entry into registered competitions. Sponsors are encouraged to accept ASSA membership applications (along with fees per the established rates) from anyone that wants to join the ASSA. Sponsors are to forward ASSA membership applications and fees to ASSA with the required match report.
- 18.3.1.11. MATCH REPORT
- 18.3.1.11.1. The Match Director shall send a match report to the ASSA within one (1) month [30 calendar days] of completion of the match. The report, at a minimum is to include:
- 18.3.1.11.1.1. Registration information for each competitor that detail- same, address, their name, telephone number, ASSA member number & email address
- 18.3.1.11.1.1.1. Classification
- 18.3.1.11.1.1.2. Number of shots fired
- 18.3.1.11.1.1.3. Copy of the match program
- 18.3.1.11.1.1.4. Copy of the final results bulletin
- 18.3.1.11.1.1.5. Copy of all bulletins issued by the Match Director
- 18.3.1.11.1.1.6. Copy of awards presented for both individual & team matches (include number of awards, value, etc.)
- 18.3.1.11.1.1.7. National records report (if any are set) along with all targets being submitted for consideration of a national record
- 18.3.1.12. FINAL RESULTS BULLETIN
- 18.3.1.12.1. A final results bulletin of the final match results must be sent to each match competitor within one (1) month [30 calendar days] of completion of the competition.
- 18.3.1.12.2. It is preferred to either send the bulletins electronically via email (being courteous and using the blind copy feature as not to expose everyone's email) or provide directions on how to download/print the results from a website. If a competitor does not have a means to receive or access the bulletin via electronic methods, the match sponsor shall send a hard copy upon request.
- 18.3.1.13. AWARDS
- 18.3.1.13.1. Match programs should contain an overview of awards. In many instances, that also includes a break down for classification and special categories. The match program should also include award schedules for minimum entries for each award. Note that awards may be combined if there are not enough entries.
- 18.3.1.13.2. The following is a recommended system to combine categories in order

to establish awards. This information should be incorporated into the match program. Note that categories may be added or removed as necessary to establish awards due to match attendance.

18.3.1.13.3. A typical statement for the match program is as follows:

18.3.1.13.3.1. When there are less than (insert #) of competitors within a class, they will be combined with the next class per the following sequence:

18.3.1.13.3.2. Junior....to.....Civilian...
to.....Service

18.3.1.13.3.3. Civilian..to.....Junior...to.....
Service

18.3.1.13.3.4. Service...to ..Civilian.....
to.....Junior

18.3.1.13.4. The same sequence will apply to combining teams for categories.