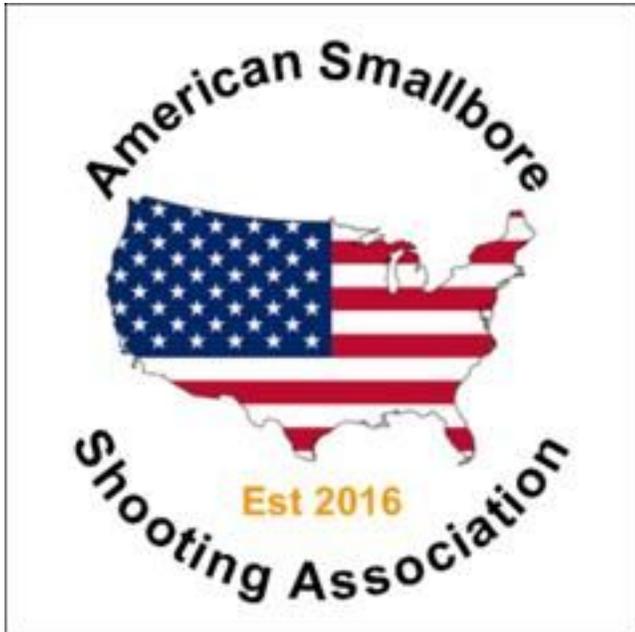


SAFETY – We All Play A Part!

SMALLBORE RIFLE RULES



Official Rules for ASSA Rifle

Competitions

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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 backstop
- 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.

EQUIPMENT & AMMUNITION

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.

Any Rifle - A rifle authorized for use in smallbore rifle matches using cartridges commercially identified as the .22 Long Rifle and as follows:

- There are no restrictions on barrel length or overall weight of the rifle (including sights and any accessories).
- Any safe trigger is allowed, with the exception of release triggers.
- No part of the rifle or accessory may extend more than 3 inches beyond the rear of the shooter's shoulder.
- A buttplate in compliance with ASSA rules may be used.
- The same rifle must be used throughout all stages of any one match, except:
 - An aggregate match
 - 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.

Trigger Guard – 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.

Sights

1. Any type of sighting device that can activate the firing mechanism is prohibited.
2. Metallic
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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 a 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.
3. Telescopic - 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.
4. Any - Any sighting system with no restriction on type of construction.

Spotting Scopes - 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.

Shooting Kits - 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. 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.

Personal Wind Indicators - Competitors may use personal wind indicating devices (such as "windmills" or flags) at the firing line. The personal wind indicator is to be placed within 2 feet (24 inches) of the forward edge of the firing line. Personal wind indicators may not interfere with operation of the range or with other competitors.

Shooting Mat - may be used as long as it is not constructed or used to provide artificial support. More than one (1) mat can be used at one time to provide additional padding under the shooter for comfort.

General Equipment Regulations

Gloves - Gloves may be worn on either or both hands, but are not allowed to create a form of artificial support.

Shooting 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. 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. 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.

Shooting 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. Non-slip material may be located on the knees to aid in sitting and kneeling positions.

Padding - Shoulder pads, sling pads and elbow pads are allowed while shooting but are now allowed to provide artificial support.

Slings – are allowed to be used in the prone, sitting and kneeling positions, but are expressly illegal for the standing position. The sling can be attached to a maximum of one point on one arm and one point on the rifle. When under tension, the sling cannot touch any portion of the rifle stock, except the handstop and/or sling swivel. 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.)

Palm Rest - 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.

Kneeling Roll - A cylindrical cushion that is of a soft and pliable material can be used for shooting in the kneeling position. Maximum dimensions are 9.75" long x 7.00" in diameter.

Buttplates (including Hook Buttplates) – Buttplates and hook buttplates may project no more than six (6) inches (153 mm) past the rear of a line dimensioned as follows:

- perpendicular to a line drawn through the axis of the bore of the rifle
- and is tangent to the deepest part of the buttplate in the region that is in contact with the shooter's shoulder

The total outside length of a buttplate measured around all curves and bends may not exceed a total of seven (7) inches (178 mm).

Release Triggers - Triggers which function upon release are prohibited from ASSA competitions. There is no exception to this rule allowed, even by sponsoring organizations.

Ammunition - Rimfire cartridges commercially identified as the .22 Long Rifle utilizing a lead (or alloy) bullet. Hollow point, tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets are expressly excluded from ammunition authorized during ASSA competitions

Equipment and the General Spirit of Competition – Any equipment not mentioned in these rules which may facilitate shooting and are contrary to the spirit of these rules and regulations are forbidden. Match Officials shall have the right to examine a shooter's equipment or apparel prior to and/or after the competition.

It is the competitor's' responsibility to submit any item of equipment that may be deemed questionable for official inspection and approval prior to the start of firing.

Eye & Ear Protection - All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the range complex are urged to wear eye and hearing protection. Only hearing protection that reduces sound levels are allowed forward of the ready line.

NOTE: Some match sponsors and/or ranges may require mandatory use of hearing and/or eye protection while at their facility.

Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) / Open Bolt Indicator (OBI) – An ECI / OBI is

required to be used in all ASSA smallbore rifle competitions to indicate that the firearm's chamber is not loaded with a cartridge. 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.

Audible Timing Devices – such devices are allowed in ASSA competitions.

Electronic Devices – 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. Cell phones utilized as timing devices are prohibited.

POSITIONS

General:

The match program must state the positions for use in a ASSA competition.

All definitions of positions are described in the following sections.

No portion of a shooter's body or clothing may touch the ground in front of the firing line.

The "ground" refers to the surface of the firing point, including the floor, shooting mats, or platforms commonly used on rifle ranges.

Artificial Support - Any surface providing additional support to the shooter, with the exception as to what is posted in the detailed position rules.

Artificial support also includes accessories, clothing, rifle accessories, spotting scopes, etc.

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.

Use of artificial support including back braces is allowed for physically disabled shooters only after:

- authorization of use by the ASSA, which must occur prior to participation in any matches.
- confirmation of a physical condition that would necessitate the use of a back brace as specified by an accredited Physician.

Position of Rifle Butt - In all positions, except as clarified for the standing position, the buttplate of the rifle must:

- be held against the front of the shoulder
- on the outside of the shirt and/or shooting coat
- must not be touching the ground

Prone - The following constitutes the basis for the prone position:

- body extended with the stomach towards the ground
- the head shall be toward the target
- both hands and only one shoulder can be used to support the rifle
- no portion of the arms below the elbows are allowed to rest on the ground or any other artificial support
- 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
- the forward elbow shall be located behind the firing line
- no portion of the rifle or body rest against any artificial support

Sitting - The following constitutes the basis for the sitting position:

- Weight of the body supported on the buttocks and the feet or ankles (with no other portion of the body touching the ground)
- both hands and only one shoulder can be used to support the rifle
- 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

Kneeling - The following constitutes the basis for the kneeling position:

- both hands and only one shoulder can be used to support the rifle
- buttocks must be clear of the ground, but may rest on only one (1) foot.
- the elbow of the forward arm supporting the rifle rests on the knee or leg
- 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

- One (1) knee must be touching the ground or shooting mat. (Note: the shooter may be on, off or partially on the shooting mat.)
- 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.
- 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
- The shooting jacket cannot be located between the buttocks and heel.
- 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.

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:

- conform to all equipment rules
- be used between the right heel and right buttock (for a right hand shooter and reversed for a left handed shooter)

Standing / Offhand – The following constitutes the basis for the standing position.:

- 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
- 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
- The cheek piece and the part of the chest next to the right shoulder.
- The jacket or chest cannot touch the rifle beyond the area of the right shoulder and right chest.
- For free rifle events, a palm rest may be used to assist in the positioning of the forward hand to hold the rifle.
- The sling is illegal for use in the standing / offhand position

Illegal Position - 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. If the same competitor continues to use an illegal position, the shooter may be disqualified from that stage. If non-compliance to the rules continues further, the shooter may be disqualified from the competition with no refund for entry provided.

AMERICAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION Official Rules for Rifle Matches

The following rules have been established for ASSA sanctioned smallbore rifle competitions.

Match sponsors may not alter these rules. If there are special conditions, sponsors must specify them in the match program.

Recommendations for rule changes are always welcome and are to be forwarded to the ASSA in writing for consideration.

Registered and Approved Competitions

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. Timely submittal of application forms will assist in the promotion of registered and approved competitions.

Registered Competitions:

- Scores are used for shooter classification purposes
- National records can be established
- Classification and category system must be utilized
- Award schedule is set per ASSA rules
- ASSA may assign match officials, referees, etc.
- Match program is required to be prepared and distributed

Approved Competitions

- Scores are used for shooter classification purposes
- Classification and category system use is optional
- Match program is required to be prepared and distributed

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.

ASSA COMPETITION

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.

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.

Competition Rules - The match sponsor must agree to conduct the match per ASSA rules and regulations.

Refusal or Withdrawal of ASSA Authorization - 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.

Types of Competitions

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.

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. National Championships - 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. Sanctioned Leagues, Postal Matches or other types of matches may be added in the future.
- G. Special Tournaments - May be sanctioned at any time by ASSA for smallbore disciplines not outlined in the standard ASSA rules.
- H. State and Senior Games – may be added in the future.
- I. 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.

Types of Matches

- A. 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
- B. Stage - A subset of a match that is one or more fired strings from one position, distance, time allowance, or target.
- C. Open Match - A match that is open to anyone to compete. The any exception(s) must be stated in the sponsor's program.

- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. Invitational Match - A match in which participation is limited only to competitors specifically invited to participate.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.

COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

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.

INDIVIDUALS

Members of the AMERICAN SMALLBORE SHOOTERS - Any individual member including Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

Non-U.S. Citizen - Non-U.S. citizens may compete in any ASSA sanctioned match, unless specific restrictions are stated in the program.

Civilian - Any civilian including all members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. 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. 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.

Age Categories are defined as follows:

- Senior: starting 01 January of the calendar year of their 60th birthday
- Intermediate Senior: starting 01 January of the calendar year of their 55th birthday
- Junior: through December 31 of the calendar year of their 20th birthday*
- Intermediate Junior: from 01 January of their 15th birthday through 31 December of the calendar year of their 17th birthday
- Sub-Junior: through 31 December of the calendar year of their 14th birthday

**NOTE: 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*

Service - 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.

Collegiate – are 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. 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.

TEAMS

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.

"Pick Up Teams" are not allowed unless specifically outlined in the match

program. "Pick Up Teams" are comprised of members who have no club or other organization as a central affiliation. Such teams, even if allowed in the match program are NOT eligible to establish National Records.

Club Teams - All team members, including alternates, Captain, and Coach must be active members in good standing with their dues fully paid at least one (1) full month prior to the competition.

- A. Local Club Teams – all members must reside within a fifty (50) mile radius of the club.
- B. "Civilian" or "Open Club" Teams – All team members, including alternates, Captain, and Coach must be active members in good standing with their dues fully paid at least one (1) full month prior to the competition.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

College Teams – all team members and alternates must attend the same college or university and meet all requirements outlined for collegiate competitor eligibility.

School Teams - all team members and alternates must attend the same school and meet all requirements outlined for collegiate competitor eligibility.

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 club team requirements for eligibility.

Residency - is defined as:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Military Personnel: The place of residence of 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.

TARGETS

Targets - 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.

Targets are 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.

OFFICIAL TARGETS

50 Foot Indoor Targets

A-17

- 11 bullseyes
- Use for conventional 4-position competition only

ASSA/USAS-50 (50 meter target reduced for firing at 50 feet)

- 12 bullseyes
- For use in ISSF type metric 3-position competitions

Outdoor Targets

50 Yard Target

- A-23/5, 5 bullseyes
- A-23/6, 6 bullseyes
- Use for conventional 4-position or 50 yard stage of conventional prone competitions only

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

50 Yard Target

- A-51 - 50 meter ISSF target that has been reduced for firing at 50 yards
- Has six (6) aiming bulls
- Use for ASSA metric prone / position competition

50 Meter Target

- A-26/5 – five (5) aiming bulls
- A-26/6 – six (6) aiming bulls
- Use for conventional prone competition only

50 Meter ISSF Target

- A-50 - 6 bullseyes
- Use for ASSA metric position & metric prone competition.

100 Yard Target

- A-25 - 3 bullseyes
- Use for conventional prone competition only

100 Yard Target

- A-33 - 3 bullseyes / ISSF 300 meter target reduced to 100 yards
- Use for metric prone competition only.

Official Target Dimensions

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

RANGE STANDARDS

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.

Firing Line - 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.

Firing Point – 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.

Shelter - The firing points of outdoor ranges may be covered and/or partially enclosed (on 3 sides with the open side towards the targets). There must be suitable walkways for Range Officers, Match Officials and other competitors to move freely behind the shooters.

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

Distance

- Indoor rifle range distances are to be either 50 or 75 feet.
- Outdoor rifle range distances are 50 yards, 50 meters, 100 yards

or any combination of those values.

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

Target Numbers

Target frames are to be clearly marked with numbers that correspond to the firing point number on an alternating background of contrasting color. The number shall be large enough to be identified with normal vision in standard conditions.

Target Height

The following target heights are suggested:

- indoor multi-bull targets:
 - o for prone should be approximately 14" to the center of the bottom bulls
 - o for sitting and kneeling, approximately 26" to the center of the bottom bulls
 - o for standing, up to 55" to the center of the bottom bulls
 - o Adjustable target target holders that function throughout that range would be optimal.

Range Lighting - Artificial illumination of ranges is allowed, however outdoor national records must be fired under natural light conditions. Artificial illumination on indoor ranges should be even without glare or distracting shadows on the target or firing positions. The area behind the targets serving as the background should be a light color that is non-glaring. Approved Tournaments may be fired under artificial illumination.

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.

- At 50 feet and 75 feet tag-board backing targets must be used in Registered Tournaments.
- Backing targets may be used at sponsor's' discretion in Approved Tournaments.
- Distance from the forward face of the record target and forward face of the backing target will be 3 inches.
- Backing targets must be used during all registered ASSA matches.

Target Frames - should be constructed such that:

- that there is a uniform distance between the record target and backer target
- when in position down range, the frames have the same center to center distance as the firing points
- the target and backer can be secured utilizing standard metallic binder clips
- 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 Yards	50 Yards	50 Meters
5 Ft – 0 In	15"	7 ½"	8 ½"
5 Ft – 6 In	13 ¾"	7 ½"	
6 Ft – 0 In	12 ½"	6 ¼"	6"

- Each range should establish a cross-fire gauge to confirm offset distances for cross-fires

Wind Flags

Only match sponsors or hosting organizations may place wind flags or other devices in locations forward of the firing line. 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. Competitors may not change or modify wind flags. Wind indicating devices (such as flags, windmills, etc.) are allowed no further than 24" forward of the firing line provided they do not interfere with other competitors or range operations.

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. Competitors may not change or modify the

wind indicating devices but may use wind indicating devices at the firing line as long as they do not interfere with other competitors or range operations.

COURSES OF FIRE

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.

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.

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

The number of shots to be fired on record bulls at each distance are as follows:

- 50 feet, 1 shot per bull
- 50 yards/meters, 5 shots per bull
- 100 yards, 10 shots per bull

Indoor

Conventional 3 Position
Conventional 4 Position
ASSA Metric 3 Position

Outdoor

Conventional Prone
Metric Outdoor Prone
Conventional 3 Position
Conventional 4 Position
ASSA Metric 3 Position

TIME LIMITS

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 for each shot.

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.

Individual Time Allowance

- Indoor Conventional Matches
 - 1 minute per record shot prone, sitting and kneeling
 - 1 ½ minutes per record shot standing.
- Outdoor Conventional & Metric Prone / Conventional Position
 - 1 minute per record shot prone
 - 1 ½ minutes per record shot for sitting, kneeling, & Standing
- Indoor & Outdoor ASSA Metric Position Matches.
 1. 1 minute per record shot prone
 2. 1 ½ minutes per record shot kneeling
 3. 2 minutes per record shot standing
- 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.
- 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.
- For outdoor prone matches being conducted with only one (1) relay, sponsors shall allow a minimum of twenty (20) minutes between fired matches.

Team Time Allowance - The following conditions will apply for team matches.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Passage of Time - Range Officers will not voluntarily warn competitors of the passage of time. 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.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Changing Rifles - 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:

- For this rule, the "firing of a match" starts when the competitor has fired his first record shot.
- A claim that a rifle is disabled must be made immediately
- 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
- (Exception: Stocks may be changed at ASSA 3-Position team matches at Regionals and Nationals.)

Note: The changing of butt plate assemblies or other accessories does not constitute changing rifles.

Fouling & Sighting Shots - 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.

Misplaced Sighting Shots

Indoor

- 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
- The Range Officer will indicate to the Statistical Officer the value and location of the bullet hole.
- 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.
- 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)

Outdoor

- 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
- The Range Officer will indicate to the Statistical Officer the value and location of the bullet hole.
- 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.
- 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)

Defective Cartridge

A defective cartridge is defined as:

- having an evident defect that results in a misfire or cause a rifle to fail to function
- one that does not fire (ignite the primer) after being struck by

- the firing pin
- one that does not leave the barrel.

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.

- The Range Officer is to provide the Statistical Officer the value and location of the bullet hole caused by a defective cartridge.

Disabled Rifle

A disabled rifle is any rifle which cannot be:

- safely fired
- properly aimed
- Sights improperly adjusted do not constitute a disabled rifle.

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.

Competitors that experience a disabled rifle shall be eligible for re-firing per ASSA rules.

Malfunction

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.

Competitor's Position - 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.

Coaching Prohibited for Individual Matches

Coaching (direct or indirect / authorized or unauthorized) is prohibited in all individual matches. If a competitor wishes to speak with his coach, leader or any other person, the 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
- be careful not to disturb other competitors using proper range etiquette, especially with shooters on either adjacent firing point

Team Matches

The following applies to fired and unfired team matches as necessary.

Substitutions / Alternates

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.

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).

Physical Position of Coach/ Captain on the Firing Line

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.

Any Team Coach or Team Captain CANNOT function as a sun or wind screen to the team.

Coaching During Team Matches

Coaching is permitted during fired team matches, but only within the team. The definition of coaching for this purpose includes:

- calling shots
- checking scores
- tracking time

- calling conditions (i.e. wind)

Coaching shall be conducted in a voice that does not disturb other competitors.

Coaches are NOT allowed to perform the following:

- make sight adjustments
- load the rifle

Matches Not Completed

Individual Matches

- When a match or stage is not completed by all competitors, the match or stage may be rescheduled or cancelled.
- Any match or stage which has been completed by all competitors shall not be re-fired.
- 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.

Team Matches

- When all stages of a team match are not completed by each team member, the match score will be resolved as follows:
 - If all teams have fired an equal number of record shots, all fired shots will count as the team total score.
 - 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.

Interference

- firing points and firing line is to be kept clear at all times
- Competitors will not interfere with handling of targets by range personnel

Re-firing

- 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 "re entry" match.
- Competitors are limited to one (1) re-fire due to a defective cartridge or malfunctioning / disabled rifle.

Aliases

No competitor may fire under an assumed identify or register, enter or fire in the name of another person.

Score and Classification Falsification

No competitor shall:

- falsify their own score or classification
- falsify the score or classification of another competitor or team

Cross-Fires / Excessive Hits

- Competitor will only fire the number of required shots, including shots fired on another competitor's target
- 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.

Bribery - 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.

Disorderly Conduct - 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.

- Expelled competitors that have been disqualified from the competition with no refund of entry fees.

Willful Destruction / Vandalism of Range Equipment - 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.

- Expelled competitors that have been disqualified from the competition with no refund of entry fees.

Refusal to Obey - 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.

Evasion of Rules

No competitor will evade, attempt to evade or be an accessory to these rules or the conditions established in the match program.

All competitors shall fully cooperate with any/all Tournament Officials regarding facts known regarding any violations (or attempted violations) of these rules.

Non-cooperation shall be grounds for disqualification and/or suspension.

Disqualification / Penalties

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:

- Verbal warning
- 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.
- Disqualification from the match

The Jury or Referee has the authority to impose immediate disqualification on the competitor or team official for serious or continued safety violations.

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. NO refund of entry fees for this safety violation will be considered.

Discharge of a firearm while the shooters are in the preparation period but prior to the command LOAD it will result in the competitor being disqualified from that fired match.

Loading an unfired cartridge into the chamber or the loading ramp before the command to LOAD is given, the following shall apply:

Any competitor placing an unfired cartridge in the chamber, on the loading ramp or in the magazine before the command LOAD will be warned

- For the first violation, disqualified from that stage
- For the second violation, disqualified from the match
- For the third violation, immediate disqualification and expulsion from the match with no refund of entry fees

Suspension

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 reviewed by the Board of Directors.

RANGE COMMANDS & OPERATIONS

Range commands must be immediately followed with no exception. 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.

CEASE FIRE

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.

COMMENCE FIRE

Shooters may start firing upon the COMPLETE command is announced.

Single Loading

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.

Target Carriers - 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.

Loud Language

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.

Deliberate Match Delays

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.

Preparation Period

- 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.
- The preparation period shall be a minimum of three (3) minutes.
- 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.
- During the preparation period, the ECI/OBI may be removed from the rifle and dry firing is permitted.

Interrupted Firing

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.

Policing The Range

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.

Repeating Commands

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. Firing Line Commands & General Operation

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.

Range commands shall be announced in the following order:

1. SHOOTERS – BRING YOUR RIFLES TO THE LINE. ACTIONS MUST BE OPEN AND ECI/OBIs MUST BE IN THE CHAMBERS. 1 minute pause
2. RELAY (relay #) TO THE FIRING LINE FOR MATCH (name) 1 minute pause
3. SHOOTERS – YOUR (3 or 1) MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD BEGINS NOW.
4. YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED.
5. IS THE LINE READY?
6. THE LINE IS READY
7. READY ON THE RIGHT.
8. READY ON THE LEFT
9. READY ON THE FIRING LINE
10. LOAD.
11. COMMENCE FIRING.
12. CEASE FIRING. OPEN ALL BOLTS. INSERT YOUR ECI/OBIs AND MAKE THE LINE SAFE. *A SHOT FIRED BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORD "FIRING" IS A LEGAL SHOT.*
13. IS THE LINE SAFE?
14. THE LINE IS SAFE.
15. SHOOTERS, YOU MAY GO FORWARD AND CHANGE TARGETS.

Range Operation Alibis

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.

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.

Defective Cartridge / Disabled Rifle / Malfunctions

The Range Officer shall address all defective cartridge, disabled and/or malfunctioning rifle alibis on the range.

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).

If a defective cartridge or disabled/malfunctioning rifle claim is deemed illegitimate by the Range Officer, no additional time will be granted.

Electronic Targets

Electronic scoring targets are authorized for all ASSA events.

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.)

MATCH OFFICIALS

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 conducted.

Officials conducting the ASSA National Matches may not compete during those matches.

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.

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.

The definitions of Match Officials are as follows:

Match Director – is the official primarily responsible for

- Conduct of the entire match
- making 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
- safe and efficient range operation
- the Statistical Office and scoring
- ensuring all required reports are issued to ASSA

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

ASSA Official Referee

- 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.
- Only the ASSA has the authorization to establish, certify and appoint Official Referees. This also includes any requirements for recertification.
- 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.
- 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.
- Official Referees may be authorized to serve with specific limitations specified by the ASSA.
- 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

- Official Referees are assigned to tournaments by ASSA Vice President of Competitions and/or the Board of Directors.
- No ASSA Official Referee may compete in any match that they have been assigned to officiate in order to maintain impartiality.

The general duties of an ASSA Referee:

- Ensure the safe and efficient conduct of the match.
- Have current knowledge of current ASSA Bylaws, competitive rules, classifications and procedures used to conduct matches
- Function as a guide for every official at ASSA rifle matches, including the Statistical Office
- 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
- Report any and all incidents to the ASSA Board of Directors that is in the best interest of the organization and the sport of smallbore rifle competition
- A Referee is not responsible for the administration or execution of the match except to enforce the rules and regulations.
- Communicate all observations and recommendations directly to the Match Director.
 - The only exception is for emergencies that involve safety of personnel or property, the Official Referee will act immediately with full authority and responsibility

The match duties of an ASSA Referee:

- Be familiar with the program
- Confirm that the range is satisfactory for the competition and is safe for use
- Verify that the Match Sponsor has sufficient staff to safely and properly conduct the match
- Observe the methods used for scoring and posting results
- 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
- 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
- Confirm that all challenges and protests submitted are addressed in a timely manner and per the ASSA rules
- Oversee the official jury appointed by the Match Director
- 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.
 - 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.
- Confirm that all scores are posted, along with challenge period times
- At the conclusion of all scoring, review the results with the Statistical Office and the proper allocation of any awards provided by the ASSA.
- Forward the following to the ASSA Vice President of Competitions:
 - Targets to be considered for National Records
 - Copies of Protests and subsequent reports
 - Observations and/or recommendations
 - Listen to, evaluate and resolve any disagreements between Match Officials

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

ASSA Official Jury

If no Official ASSA Referee is assigned to a Registered Match, the Match Director shall:

- appoint an Official Jury composed of persons who are familiar with the ASSA rules governing rifle matches
- Jury members do not have to be competitors but cannot be

- Match Officials
- Tournament Officials may not serve as members of the Jury.

This Jury shall act collectively to resolve any protests or disputes. This includes:

- equipment
- procedures
- protests

Chief Range Officer

When warranted due to the size of the range, a Chief Range Officer will be appointed.

The Chief Range Officer shall:

- have full responsibility for the range and any additional range personnel to conduct the match
- report to the Match Director
- be responsible for range safety
- enforce all ASSA rules
- ensure proper handling and collection of fired targets

Range Officer(s)

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.

If a Chief Range Officer is present, a Range Officer shall:

- oversee the safety and discipline of range personnel, competitors and spectators in their assigned area of the range
- be familiar with ASSA rules

review and confirm that competitors follow ASSA rules in an **impartial** manner

- confirm that equipment and firing positions are legal
- follow all instructions from the Chief Range Officer

Statistical Officer

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.

The Statistical Officer shall:

- register competitors
- check eligibility, classification and special category compliance
- accept match entries
- maintain the list of match competitors (at a minimum to include name, competitor number & classification)
- assign squadding for competitors and teams
- maintain the official bulletin board
- determine match awards & distribute them to the winner(s)
- oversee scoring personnel, check addition on score cards and correct (if necessary due to error)
- prepare result bulletins (preliminary & final)
- post scores during the course of a match along with challenge period times
- resolve any uncertainties associated with crossfires
- report any rule infractions or irregularities associated with fired targets
- retain fired targets until the final challenge period ends
- provide any final reports to ASSA

Squadding

Individual Squadding

- may be made in advance of the match when entries are received
- competitors may be squadded so their assigned firing location moves a predetermined distance along the firing line after a predetermined period
- may be conducted by classification, but wherever practical all shooters of a classification should be on the same relay

Team Squadding

- shall be conducted such that all teams will fire concurrently (via adjusting the number of adjacent assigned firing points)
- shall be conducted by the Statistical Officer or by random drawing

conducted by Team Captains under the supervision of the Statistical Officer

- team cards must be completed prior to squadding, with all firing team members, alternates, Coaches and Captains listed
 - the Team Captain may assign firing members to the target position they desire unless this is predetermined by the Statistical Officer

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.

TEAM OFFICERS

Team Captain

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
- 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
- being familiar with the match program
- ensuring firing members are on the correct firing points at the appointed time
- check scores, sign score cards and if necessary, enter challenges / protests on behalf of the team
- collect team awards

Team Coach

- functions as the Team Captain's deputy
- serves as Team Captain in their absence and assumes the responsibilities of the Team Captain

Refer to the COMPETITION REGULATION sections for additional information regarding Team Coaches and Team Captains.

PHYSICALLY DISABLED SHOOTERS

Physically Disabled Shooters

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.

Physical impairments can be either temporary or permanent.

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.

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.

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.

National records may not be established when special equipment and/or modified equipment is used.

Temporary Disability:

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
- offhand (standing)

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.

SCORING

For consistency across smallbore rifle competitions, the following scoring methodology is comparable to that of other smallbore rifle governing bodies.

- Targets should be scored after the completion of each target or stage, whatever is more convenient.
- Targets may be scored in a designated area such as the Statistical Office, or on the range in view of others.
- 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).
- Targets shall be compared to backers (whenever used) prior to scoring to verify shots
- 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.

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).

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.

Official Plug Gage sizes are as follows:

- Inward Plug Gage: .2225" - .22240" (5.65mm – 5.69mm)
- Outward Plug Gage: .3555" - .3535" (9.03mm – 8.98mm)

Note: 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.

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.

Magnifying devices are allowed to be used by scoring personnel based on the following:

- All magnifying devices used for a match must be of the same magnification
- Devices must be used in a manner in which they do not come into contact with scoring plugs when inserted into the target

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.

The plastic overlay is NOT allowed to be used for individual shots. In those instances, a plug type gage is to be used.

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.

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.

Inward Scoring

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.

Outward Scoring (applicable only on indoor targets)

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.

Visible Hits and Close Groups

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).

When such groups may result in nonvisible shot(s) in two scoring rings, they will be scored to the higher value ring.

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.

"X" Ring

- This is the ring located inside of the 10 ring on conventional outdoor smallbore rifle targets
- 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"

Shots of Higher Value

- 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.
- 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)

Center Shots

Center shots are scored on targets that do not have an "x-ring". Center shots are NOT scored on USAS-50 indoor targets.

- 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 gage)
- 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)
- Outdoor ASSA Metric Position & Metric Prone (A-50 or A-51 type at 50 meters) - Any shot hole touching the inner ten ring
- 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.
- **Outdoor Conventional & Metric Prone (100 yards / meters) – Any shot hole that when examined with a plug or overlay, the outer edge of the shot does not exceed the outer edge of the x ring (100 yard) or ten ring (100 meters).**

Center Shot of Higher Value

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.

- Use of center shots of higher value only apply to break ties of maximum standard center shot scores (i.e. 100-10x, 200-20x).

Misses

Hits outside the scoring rings of the competitor's target are scored as misses.

Early or Late Shots

If a competitor fires any shot before the command to COMMENCE FIRE or after the command to CEASE FIRE, the following shall apply:

- 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.
- 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.

Excessive Hits

Excessive hits may occur on either a competitor's own target or on a target for another competitor.

Competitor's Own Target:

- Excess shots on the target shall be scored such that the number of hits for the lowest possible value
- 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)
- 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.

Another Competitor's Target

- 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.

Ricochets

A hole made by a ricochet bullet does not count as a hit and will not be scored.

Cross-Fires

The following applies to internal and external cross-fires.

- 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)
- 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
- All other shots shall be scored at their actual value
- 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)

Altered Targets & Scoring

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).

Scoring of Incorrect Targets

Shots fired on incorrect targets will not be scored and that stage (target) shall receive a score of zero (0).

- Failure to hang a backer is not cause for penalty.

TIE BREAKING PROCESS

The following process shall be used to decide the outcome of tied score(s) for all individual, team and aggregate matches.

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.

Prone Matches

Fired Matches (in the following order)

1. By greater number of x's over the course of fire (or center shots on targets that do not have an x-ring)
2. By the highest numerical score with the x-count on the last stage of the aggregate match.
 - a. 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.
3. By the highest total score with the x-count on the last stage.
 - a. If still tied, use the next stage in the reverse order of starting at the highest numbered target bull
4. Score "X's of higher value" and apply the tie breaking rules 1-4 until successful
5. For Dewar matches,
 - a. First, use the total score at the longest range
 - b. Number of x's at the longest range
 - c. Number of x's of higher value at the longest range
 - d. 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.

Unfired (Aggregate) Matches

1. By greater number of x's over the course of fire
2. By greater number of center shots for targets that do not have an x-ring
3. By the total score of the targets at the greatest distance
4. By the greater number of x's or center shots (for targets that do not have an x-ring) at 100 yards/meters
5. By the highest total score on each target bull in reverse order starting at the longest range.

Position Matches

Aggregate Matches or matches with multiple positions:

1. Greatest number of x's (or center shots for targets with no x-ring) over the entire course of fire
2. By the highest score in standing position (including x's / center shots)
3. By the highest score in the kneeling position (including x's / center shots)
4. By the highest score in the sitting position – if applicable - (including x's / center shots)
5. By the highest score in the prone position (including x's / center shots)
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.
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.
2. Fired matches using only one (1) position
 - a. Greatest number of x's (or center shots for targets with no x-ring) over the entire course of fire
 - b. By the highest score on the last stage (including x's / center shots), followed by the second to last stage, etc.
 - c. 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.

Team Matches (Prone or Position)

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.

Unbreakable Ties

In case a tie cannot be broken per the information above, the Match Director shall resolve the awards as follows:

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.
2. Firing single shots at the greatest distance for the match
3. Equally distribute the match prizes / awards / merchandise

CHALLENGES

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.

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.

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 re-plugged 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.

- 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.
- Aggregate matches are only able to be challenged on the addition of all fired matches for that aggregate.
- Each fired match is challenged by total score, with all target(s) and shots for that fired match being rescored.
- If an official Referee is present, or if the match Jury reviews the challenge, their decision is final.
- The Match Director may recheck any competitor’s target(s) via an administrative challenge. In addition, administrative challenges:
 - may be initiated at the Match Director’s discretion or by request
 - must be conducted prior to the end of the last posted challenge period
 - upon completion must be verified by either the Referee (if assigned) or the match Jury.

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.

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.

PROTESTS

A competitor may formally protest for the following reasons:

- Equipment of another competitor which may be illegal
- Advantageous conditions in which another competitor was allowed to fire the match (not including natural weather conditions)
- Any improper action(s) in which the competitor believes that they were subjected to (except scoring of targets)

Protest Committees

For the ASSA 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.

Protest Process

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.

1. Competitor shall initiate the protest verbally explaining the complaint to the Chief Range Officer or Chief Statistical Officer
2. Competitor shall restate the complaint to the Official Referee (if present) or to the match Jury Chairman
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.
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.

Failure to follow the specific steps outlined above will result in automatic rejection of the protest.

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.

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.

Team Match Challenges / Protests

Challenges and/or protests may be lodged during team matches as follows:

- Challenges / protests can only be made by the Team Captain
- Challenges to a team score shall be \$3
- Challenges to an individual team member’s score shall be \$3 each
- Challenge rates during the ASSA National Matches will be set in the match program

NATIONAL RECORDS

National records recognized by ASSA will be maintained in a separate listing for ease of maintenance.

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.

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 re entry matches are not eligible for recognition as a National Record.

ASSA must review and approve all scores (and targets) submitted for National Records before they are deemed official.

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.

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

National Individual Record Scores

- All scores must be fired in individual matches.
- No score fired in a team match will be considered for recognition as an individual record.
- 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.
- All targets to be considered for National Records must be sent to the head of ASSA Competitions for verification.

National Team Record Scores

- All scores must be fired in matches where teams fire as a unit
- No combination of individual match scores (i.e. “paper matches”) will be considered for team records (except Metric Position Sectional Teams).
- 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
- Teams must meet all established criteria for the type of team entered.
- 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)
- All targets to be considered for National Records must be sent to the head of ASSA Competitions for verification.

Course of Fire for Recognition of National Records

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 those traditions and in recognition of those achievements, ASSA will base our initial listing of national records on those scores from the established courses of fire.

Not all categories may have national records identified by the ASSA.

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 at which 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.

Continue to Fire (Tie Breakers & National Records)

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.

- 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
- Continuation of fire is not conducted for perfect scores fired in team matches.
- For national records, the total score will be comprised of the original match score and the score achieved from the continuation of fire.
- The decision for timing of a continuation of fire will be what is the most practical for the situation
- If not immediately fired, scores from a successive match cannot be used as part of the continuation score
- Firing time and conditions will be the same as for the match in which the perfect score was fired.
- 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).
- For targets with multiple record bulls, the continuation of fire must be shot on the ordered number of the bulls.
- 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.
- For matches fired at multiple distances, when a perfect score is fired, any continuation of fire shall be conducted at the longer range.

Co-holder Records

- Tie breaking rules beyond the use of numerical scores and "X" count will not be employed when establishing National Records.
- Co-holder status will be awarded to individuals or teams when the fired score equals a National Record (numerical score and "X" count).

SMALLBORE RIFLE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL

Competitor classification groups are defined as follows:

- Classified – shooters that have official classifications (assigned officially after firing the required number of shots in ASSA competitions) or a temporary classification documented from scores fired in competition (but not totaling the required number to be officially classified)
- Unclassified – shooters that do not have a regular official classification or an assigned classification from a temporary score book.
- New – shooters who have never fired in any type of competition

Scores for Classification

The following courses of fire are to be used to develop initial competitor classifications:

- Outdoor conventional prone (1600 aggregates)
- Outdoor metric prone (1200 or 1600 aggregates)
- Outdoor metric 3-position (600 or 1200 aggregates)
- Outdoor conventional 3-position (600 or 1200 aggregates)
- Outdoor conventional 4-position (800 or 1600 aggregates)
- Indoor metric 3-position (600 or 1200 aggregates)

- Indoor conventional 4-position (800 or 1600 aggregates)

Both metallic and any-sight scores will be used for calculating classifications.

Classification Levels

The following are the classification levels for ASSA competitions (in order from highest to lowest):

- Master
- Expert
- Sharpshooter
- Marksman

Classification Documentation

It is the responsibility of competitors to provide the Match Director with evidence of their current classification. If a shooter cannot provide documentation, they will be assigned to compete in the MASTER class.

Match Directors are authorized to correct match bulletins if they discover that a competitor used an incorrect classification upon entry. This also includes redistribution of any match awards.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to maintain a temporary listing (or "Score Book") of their recent match scores as documentation of the classification. Copies of official match bulletins can be used for this purpose.

Team Classification

Team classification is determined by averaging the classification values of all firing members.

To determine the team classification, take the sum of the classification values of the firing team members and divide by the number of team members. Any fractional value from the calculation that is .5 or greater shall result in using the next higher classification for the team. (Example: a calculated team classification of 2.5 shall be "Expert")

Formula:

(total sum of firing member classification values) / # of team members

Classification Values:

- Master – 4
- Expert-3
- Sharpshooter-2
- Marksman-1

Reclassification

Shooters will be reclassified upwards when they achieve the necessary number of fired shots at the corresponding averaged scores.

Individuals may petition the ASSA (in writing) to reduce their classification one (1) for each classification type / discipline. Based on subsequent scores, they may be reclassified to a higher level.

Reclassification scores and minimum number of shots are established for each discipline as follows:

Outdoor Conventional Prone (200 shots)

Master	99.5 and above
Expert	98.5 to 99.49
Sharpshooter	96.5 to 98.49
Marksman	Below 96.5

Outdoor Metric Prone (200 shots)

Master	94.5 and above
Expert	92.0 to 94.49
Sharpshooter	89.5 to 98.49
Marksman	Below 89.5

Outdoor Conventional 3 or 4 Position (160 shots)

Master	97 and above
Expert	94.00 to 96.99
Sharpshooter	91.00 to 93.99
Marksman	Below 91.00

Indoor Conventional 3 or 4 Position (160 shots)

Master	98 and above
Expert	96.50 to 97.99
Sharpshooter	93.00 to 96.49
Marksman	Below 93.00

Outdoor Metric 3 Position (120 shots)

Master	89 and above
Expert	86.00 to 88.99
Sharpshooter	83.00 to 85.99
Marksman	Below 83.00

Indoor Metric 3 Position (120 shots)

Master	92 and above
Expert	89.00 to 91.99
Sharpshooter	86.00 to 88.99
Marksman	Below 86.00

A competitor may challenge or protest another competitor / team classification as entered. This is to be conducted through the normal challenge / protest process established in these rules.

ASSA COMPETITION PROGRAMS

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
- Any Special Match Conditions / Considerations

F-CLASS SMALLBORE RIFLE RULES

At this time, any F-Class smallbore rifle competition will be conducted per the latest Smallbore F-Class rifle rules. F-Class competitors are encouraged to participate in ASSA matches where allowed in the match program.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ASSA SANCTIONED RIFLE MATCHES

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 their applicable sections below.

ASSA APPROVED TOURNAMENTS

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:

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

MATCH CANCELLATION

If a tournament is canceled, ASSA is to be immediately notified by the match sponsor, along with a rescheduled date if possible.

COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATION

The ASSA assigned classification system should be used, but is not mandatory.

COURSE OF FIRE

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.

National records CANNOT be established at Approved matches.

AWARDS

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 entry numbers, however the combination sequence must be outlined in the match program.

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.

ENTRY FEES

ASSA Registration Fee: A fee of \$1.00 per competitor is to be forwarded to ASSA for Approved Tournaments.

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.

ASSA MEMBERSHIP for PARTICIPATION

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.

MATCH REPORT

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:

- Registration information for each competitor that details:
- Name, address, telephone number, ASSA member number & email address
- Classification
- Number of shots fired
- Copy of the match program
- Copy of the final results bulletin
- Copy of all bulletins issued by the Match Director
- Copy of awards presented for both individual & team matches (include number of awards, type, value, etc.)

ASSA REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS

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:
 - a) Send the completed match application to ASSA with a copy of the preliminary match program
 - b) 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.
 - 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.).
- 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.

MATCH CANCELLATION

If a tournament is canceled, ASSA is to be immediately notified by the match sponsor, along with a rescheduled date if possible.

COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATION

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.

COURSE OF FIRE

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.

National records can only be established at Registered matches.

AWARDS

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.

Minimum match awards for Registered matches are as follows:

- Winner for each individual fired match
- Winner for each individual fired aggregate
- High scoring competitor in each class for each match
- Team awards as outlined in the match program

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.

Official Bulletin Changes

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:

- Correction of error for the program schedule of awards
- Typos
- Aggregate bulletins where there is a math error and total score does not match the sub-aggregate scores
- When a competitor or team is disqualified

ENTRY FEES:

ASSA Registration Fee: A fee of \$1.00 per competitor is to be forwarded to ASSA for Registered Tournaments.

Entry fees for competitions are set by the Sponsoring Organization and must be listed in the match program.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS COMPETITORS

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.

ASSA MEMBERSHIP for PARTICIPATION

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.

MATCH REPORT

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:

- Registration information for each competitor that details:
 - o Name, address, telephone number, ASSA member number & email address
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- Copy of the match program
- Copy of the final results bulletin
- Copy of all bulletins issued by the Match Director
- Copy of awards presented for both individual & team matches (include number of awards, value, etc.)
- National records report (if any are set) along with all targets being submitted for consideration of a national record

FINAL RESULTS BULLETIN

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.

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.

AWARDS

Match programs should contain an overview of awards. In many instances, that also includes a breakdown 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.

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.

A typical statement for the match program is as follows:

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

- Junior.....to.....Civilian.....to.....Service
- Civilian.....to.....Junior.....to.....Service
- Service.....toCivilian.....to.....Junior

The same sequence will apply to combining teams for categories.