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A. OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

1. The development and encouragement of extreme accuracy in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods;
2. The achievement of extreme precision in rifles, ammunition, equipment, and shooting methods by shooting "groups";
3. To standardize on a national basis the entire Bench Rest Shooting program so that targets, ranges, scoring methods, records, and match procedure will be uniform and comparable;
4. To assist and encourage any individual or organization in the promotion of Bench Rest Shooting; and
5. To gather and make available to its members pertinent statistics and technical data.

B. DEFINITIONS.

1. **BENCH.** A bench shall be a rigidly constructed table being of a height to permit a shooter of more or less than average height to sit comfortably thereat by merely increasing or decreasing the height of the stool on which he/she sits. It shall preferably be constructed to permit firing by either a right or left handed shooter.
2. **UNLIMITED RIFLE.** Any rifle having a barrel 18 or more inches in length, measured from the face of the bolt to the

muzzle, and having a safely operated firing mechanism. For minimum barrel length, the legal method of measurement from face of the bolt shall be employed. Neither the Unlimited Rifle nor the Unlimited Rest/s may contact anything that is affixed or clamped to the bench, effective as of January 1, 2006.

**3. HEAVY VARMINT RIFLE.** A Heavy Varmint Rifle is any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism and must not weigh more than 13 ½ pounds, inclusive of sights. The stock should have a flat or convex forearm not more than 3 inches wide and having a toe formed by an acute angle that conforms to the Varmint Rifle diagram (on page 68 of Rev. Ed. No. 36).

The barrel would not be less than 18" long forward of the bolt face and a diameter of not more than 1.250 inches from the bolt face forward 5 inches. From said 5-inch point, the diameter would not be greater than would be defined by a straight taper between such point and a muzzle diameter of .900 at 29 inches.

**4. LIGHT VARMINT RIFLE.** Any rifle of not more than 10 1/2 pounds in weight, inclusive of sights, and otherwise meeting the requirements of the Heavy Varmint Rifle.

**5. SPORTER RIFLE.** Any rifle otherwise meeting the requirements of the Light Varmint Rifle, but of not less than .23 caliber.

**6. OTHER RIFLES.** No Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint or Sporter Rifle shall be equipped with a muzzle brake; and no such rifle shall be capable of semi-automatic fire. All

such rifles shall be loaded by hand, one cartridge at a time, and fired as a single shot. No magazine, clip or similar device shall be allowed.

**7. MUZZLE ATTACHMENTS.** A muzzle attachment may be attached to a rifle barrel when used as a tuning device. The rifle, with the attachment in place, must still meet rifle weight requirements. Once the command "Commence Firing" is given by the Range Officer, there shall be NO adjusting of muzzle attachments at the firing line unless the competitor removes his/her rifle bolt and remains seated. If a competitor stands or does not remove his/her rifle bolt prior to adjusting his/her tuner, he/she will be disqualified.

**8. MANUALLY AND MECHANICALLY ACTUATED FIRING MECHANISM.** This phrase shall include an electric trigger with an arming feature that is manually operated. All components must be within the rifle. The use of pressure fluid or remote actuation is not allowed. This paragraph applicable to the 10 1/2 and 13 1/2 pound classes, but excluding the Hunter Class.

**9. CLUB.** An Affiliated Club as defined in the By-laws of this Association or an individual member of the Association, who owns, leases, or controls a range with the specifications suitable for holding a Registered Bench Rest Tournament may be a Club.

**10. RANGE FOR REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS** A place to shoot having not less than 5 benches on a firing line; it shall have sturdy target frames at measured distances from the firing line not less than 100 yards, preferably at 100 and 200 yards, and desirably at 100, 200, and 300 yards. The target frames shall be served with moving backer strips or cards. The bullet stop shall be adequate to stop bullets of any caliber and shall be sufficiently high to intercept ricochets.

**11. FIRING LINE.** The firing line shall preferably be coincident with the forward edge of the bench, but if it is to the rear of that line, then it shall be marked conspicuously on the bench.

**12. TOURNAMENT** An orderly program of competitive shooting. The words SHOOT and MEET are synonyms.

**13. MATCH.** A single event in a tournament.

**14. REGISTERED TOURNAMENT.** A tournament authorized by the appropriate officer of the NBRSA and conducted under these Rules and Regulations and in accordance with the official tournament procedures approved by NBRSA as set forth in the RuleBook.

## 15. RESTS.

**Varmint, Sporter, and Hunter Class Rests** shall support the front part of a rifle. A rear rest shall support the rear part of a rifle. Neither rest may be attached to the bench, the rifle, or the other. And each shall be moveable independently of the other. The Varmint Class may use a disk (sometimes called “super feet”) under the “feet” of their front rest. The purpose of the disk is to allow the competitor to find a level spot on the benchtop for the front rest and to prevent the competitor from pounding the front rest into the benchtop, thereby scarring the benchtop. These disks are NOT to be clamped or attached to the bench. (Effective as of 1/1/08.)

**Unlimited Rests** may incorporate guiding means and adjustments for elevation and windage in either or both components. Front and rear rests may be attached or on a single plate. An Unlimited Rest may NOT be attached to a bench by any means what so ever. Neither the Unlimited Rifle nor the Unlimited Rest/s may contact anything that is affixed or clamped to the bench, effective as of January 1, 2006. The Unlimited Class may use a disk (sometimes called “super feet”) under the “feet” of their front rest. The purpose of the disk is to allow the competitor to find a level spot on the benchtop for the front rest and to prevent the competitor from pounding the front rest into the benchtop, thereby scarring the benchtop. These disks are NOT to be clamped or attached to the bench. (Effective 1/1/08.)

**A Rectangular Block** may be constructed of any known materials, such as: wood, plastic, rubber or metal. The block must be parallel to the leading or front edge of the Rail-Gun Base and may be attached to the bench top only through the use of removable clamp(s). No portion of the block may extend under or around or to the side of the rail-gun base in any manner. No blocking, clamping or restraining may be used on either side or rear of the rail-gun base. The rail-gun base may not extend over the bench top at any point. (Effective as of January 1, 2007.)

### **Sandbag**

**The Front Sandbag** shall be a bag, without additions, containing sand only, and at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick over its entire surface. The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch with finger pressure at any point. The portion, which contacts the rifle, shall contact the entire surface under the fore-end. Tape on sandbag is legal.

**The Rear Sandbag** shall be a bag, or combination of bags, containing sand only. The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch with finger pressure at any point, except for the bottom 1 inch of the bag, which may be hard. A vertical spacer under the rear bag will be allowed as long as it incorporates no adjustments for windage or elevation. The vertical spacer shall not contain any protrusions, which can be inserted into the bench top or the sandbag. (At the 2001 Annual Board Meeting, the Dunrud-type rear rubber ring spacer, for use under the rear bag, was legalized for use beginning on January 1, 2002, and was then approved by the membership at the 2002 General Membership Meeting.) The

rear bag shall not be contained in any matter. No metallic materials may be used in the construction of the sandbag. Tape on sandbag is legal.

**16. GUIDING MEANS.** Any device, addition, contour or dimension on a rifle of any class, designed or adapted to coast with mating or reciprocal features of a rest to guide its return to firing position so that it shall not be necessary to re-aim the rifle optically for each shot shall be conclusively deemed to constitute guiding means. Recoil springs, rubber bands, etc., may be used to restrain recoil, providing the rifle may be lifted 6 inches free of rests, with attachments in place. Such guiding means are not allowed in Varmint or Sporter Class competition.

## C. TARGETS.

(1) **ONE OFFICIAL SET OF TARGETS** allowed per competitor per registered match. Each target must be marked in numerals with the competitor's number, and must be plainly legible at either yardage when installed in the target frame. It is the responsibility of the target crew to see that this number is not obscured.

(2) **AT ALL MATCHES**, no competitor shall remove his/her targets or any competitor's targets from the display area until the aggregate for that course of fire is posted. If a target is to be protested, only a Referee is permitted to remove and rehang the target on the display wall.

(3) **LOST TARGETS**. If a target is lost (the fault of the range) and the shooter has 4 other targets at that yardage, the score for the lost target will be the average of the best and worst of those remaining 4 targets.

(4) **BENCHREST COMPETITION**. The official 100-yard target for all registered bench rest rifle competition (designated as BR 100-2) shall have a "10 ring" of 1/2 inch outside diameter. The "9 ring" shall be 1 inch outside diameter. Succeeding rings shall increase 1/2 inch in outside diameter to and including the "6 ring". The Aiming Square shall be 1 inch square and placed at 12 o'clock tangent to the "8 ring". Older targets, with the Aiming Square tangent to the "9 ring", may be used until supply is exhausted. The thickness of sides of the Aiming Square will be 1/4 inch. The target shall have a black border line forming a rectangle 3 1/2 X 4 3/4 inches in size, which will be centered on a target card of approximately 8

X 8 inches with no printing except the target inside the border line.

Targets for the longer range will be increased in direct proportion to the range in all ring and aiming square dimensions, except in ring thickness. Overall size of the 200-yard target will be approximately 8 X 8 inches with a black borderline 1/2 inch from the target card edge. The overall size of the 300-yard target card will be 12 X 12 inches with black border 1/2 inch from the target card edge.

**(5) VARMINT AND SPORTER COMPETITION.** Official targets shall be the BR-100 target at 100 yards, the BR-200 target at 200 yards, and the BR-300 target at 300 yards.

**(6) BACKERS (Moving).** A moving backer strip or card will be required for 100 yard, 200 yard, and 300 yard matches in all registered shoots. When the backer strip or card fails to operate at any range during a match, only the number of shot holes that can be clearly distinguished on the target will be counted to determine the number of shots on the target.

**(7) BACKERS (Stationary).** In addition to the moving backer strip or card, a stationary backer shall be required for all National Championship Tournaments. The stationary backer at 100 yards should be placed exactly 36 inches behind the record target and 72 inches behind the record target at 200 yards. When the required number of shots can be identified on record target, a backer is not required for World Record measurement. Stationary Backers are RECOMMENDED, but not required, at registered NBRSA matches.

## **D. TOURNAMENT RULES.**

(1.) **TOURNAMENTS** shall be of 2 general classes: Registered, and Unregistered. Only Registered Tournaments shall be recognized for record purposes. All tournaments shall consist of Any Sight matches with no coaching permitted.

(2.) **REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS** may be held only by Clubs affiliated with NBRSA, which are in good standing and which have the facilities and equipment required to conduct a shoot under the procedures required by the Association. Registered Tournaments may be held only on dates approved by the Director of the Region having jurisdiction of the Club.

(3.) **APPROVAL OF TOURNAMENT DATES.** Any Club desiring to hold a Registered Bench Rest Tournament shall apply for assignment of a date for such Tournament. The Application (signed by the applicant) shall be in the form of a contract entitled "Registered Shoot Memorandum of Agreement". The application shall be addressed to the Regional Director of NBRSA in whose region the tournament is desired to be held and shall be delivered to such Director not less than 30 days before the date on which the tournament is proposed to be scheduled.

The application shall state:

- i. The name and address of the Host Club making the application;
- ii. The location of the Range on which the tournament is proposed to be held; and
- iii. A program of the events to be scheduled.

The Regional Director shall examine the application, consult other tournament schedules, and if the range facilities are approved and no interference with other tournaments exists, shall assign the requested date to the applying Club. In checking for conflict of dates, the Regional Director should consult with the Regional Director of any adjoining region that may have a tournament scheduled within a distance that would be deemed conflicting if wholly within 1 region. No date for a Registered Tournament may be approved if within 7 days of the first day of a National Championship Match, unless approved by the President. If a conflict of dates with another tournament is found, the Regional Director shall communicate with the applicant and suggest non-conflicting dates for applicant's consideration. The applicant may amend his/her application by phone, if desired, to substitute an available date for the date originally applied for. When any Director approves a date and place for a Registered Tournament, he/she should notify Club in writing and at same time notify National Headquarters of such affirmation.

(4.) **COMPETITORS.** Subject to eligibility rules of the Club conducting the shoot and complying with Registration Requirements, any shooter may compete in a Registered Tournament.

(5.) **KINDS OF TOURNAMENTS.** Registered Tournaments may be held for any 1 or more of the recognized classes of Rifles:

- a. (See Definitions.)
- b. Unlimited Rifles
- c. Heavy Varmint Rifles
- d. Light Varmint Rifles
- e. Sporter Rifles
- f. Long-Range Varmint Rifles  
(see Long-Range Varmint Section)
- g. 1,000-Yard Rifles (see 1,000-Yard Section)
- h. 600-Yard Rifles (see 600-Yard Section)
- i. .22 Rimfire Rifles (see .22 Rimfire Section)
- j. Hunter Rifles (see Hunter Section)

(6.) **UNLIMITED RIFLES, RESTS.** All Registered Matches shall be conducted permitting shooting with unlimited or sandbag rests.

(7.) **VARMINT AND SPORTER RIFLES, RESTS.** Tournaments for Heavy Varmint Rifles, Light Varmint Rifles, and Sporter Rifles shall be fired with sandbag front rests, which may be supported on a pedestal, which shall not coast with the sandbag to restrain recoil or form a guiding means; and a rear rest, comprising a sandbag supporting the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the buttstock. The rifle must be able to be lifted freely from the sandbag in a vertical direction with all attachments in place. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

(8.) **POSITION ON BENCH.** In all Registered Tournaments for any class of competition, the rifle shall be so placed that the muzzle extends forward of the bench and the entire receiver of the rifle is behind the firing line.

(9.) **UNUSED BENCHES.** In all Registered Tournaments, it shall be a requirement that no contestant shall occupy any bench in any relay in which he/she is not shooting.

(10.) **COURSES OF FIRE.** The following courses of fire shall be required for Championship Tournaments. NBRSA will recognize meters as a course of fire and for records for the European Region only.

(a) **The National Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint, and Sporter Rifle Championship** matches will be held the week preceding the first Sunday in August. The NBRSA Nationals will always be held within the United States. If a date variance is desired, it should be submitted 2 years in advance to the Directors, along with their bid, for approval. The Host Range of a National Championship will provide practice targets placed in the frames at the same height and spacing and in line with the proper bench so as to allow competitors to practice under National Match conditions. They should be prepared to change those targets at least 3 or more times, if needed, on a daily basis, beginning no later than the Friday prior to the start of competition. Bench assignments for those who have already registered and paid should be made available at least 3 days prior to competition so flags can be set. **The Unlimited Class Nationals** shall be held for 2 days and will start on SUNDAY or MONDAY (at the discretion of the Range)

preceding the Varmint/Sporter Nationals. **The Varmint/Sporter Class Nationals** will be held for 4 days, WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; Sporter and Light Varmint on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY; and Heavy Varmint on FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

**(b) The Unlimited Class Nationals** will fire 8 "10-shot" matches at 10 yards the first day and 8 "10-shot" matches at 200 yards the second day. The winner of the first day 100 yard aggregate shall be the National 100 Yard Champion and the winner of the second day 200 yard aggregate shall be the National 200 Yard Champion. Combining of the 100 and 200 yard aggregates (expressed in minute of angle) will determine the smallest Grand Aggregate and the winner will be the National Unlimited Champion.

**(c) Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint, and Sporter Championship** courses of fire shall be five "5-shot" matches at 100 yards and five "5-shot" matches at 200 yards. The smallest 100 yard aggregate for each class shall be the 100 Yard Champion; the smallest 200 yard aggregate for each class shall be the 200 Yard Champion; the winner of the Grand Aggregate for each class, combining the 100 and 200 yard aggregates (expressed in minute of angle) shall be the Grand Aggregate Champion. At National Championship matches, the competitor with the lowest average aggregate for all 3 (Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint, and Sporter) classes shall be the "3-Gun" Champion and the competitor with the lowest average aggregate for all 4 (Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited) classes shall be the "4-Gun" Champion. There will be no "warm-up" match at the start of each day. Ranges holding Nationals must allow practice firing

at the end of each day after the last record match is fired and early morning, before matches start, if possible.

**(d) Regional Unlimited Championship Tournaments**

shall be five "10-shot" matches at 100yards and five "10-shot" matches at 200 yards. The winner of the 100 yard aggregate shall be the 100 Yard Regional Champion. The winner of the 200 yard aggregate shall be the 200 Yard Regional Champion.

And the winner of the Grand Aggregate (combining of the 100 and 200 yard aggregates, expressed in minute of angle) shall be the Regional Unlimited Rifle Champion.

**(e) Regional Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint, and Sporter Class Tournaments**

shall be five "5-shot" matches at 100 yards and five "5-shot" matches at 200 yards. The winner of the 100 yard aggregate for each class will be the 100 Yard Champion; the winner of the 200 yard aggregate for each class will be the 200 Yard Champion. The winner of the Grand Aggregate will be determined by combining the 100 and 200 yard aggregates (expressed in minute of angle) and will be the Grand Aggregate Champion for each Class.

**(f) The competitor** must fire his group on the correct relay correct bench, and correct target frame.

**(11) TIME LIMITS.** For the first match of any aggregate or the first match after a change of distance, the time limit will be 10 minutes for a Sporter/Varmint match and 15 minutes for an Unlimited match. For subsequent matches, the time limit will be 7 minutes for a "5-shot" match and 12 minutes for a "10-shot" match. It is mandatory that the Host Club has supplementary targets down range to help competitors "get on paper for the above format. The Host Club may elect to have a separate "warm-up" match or one 3-minute "sight-in period" for each distance, except at a National Match. The time limit for this "warm-up" match and subsequent matches will be 7 minutes for a "5-shot" match and 12 minutes for a "10-shot" match. Not less than 30 minutes shall be allowed between the end of 1 relay of 1 event and the start of the same relay of the next event. There shall be no exception to the requirement that all competitors shall complete their string of fire within the time allowed. At all Registered Matches, the Range Officer shall have the Official Timer calibrated in seconds, which shall determine time limits.

**(12) UNFINISHED AGGREGATES.** In the event any aggregate is not finished on the scheduled day, the aggregate will continue the next morning where it was left off.

**(13) GROUP MEASUREMENTS.** Groups are to be measured by any method approved by the NBRSA in .001 inch. The Sweany Type Reticule Rule (or its equivalent) will be the only official measuring device used at all Registered Matches. In measuring groups fired with calibers larger than .22 (unless the Reticule is calibrated for the caliber to be measured) the measurement shall be made from the extreme outside edges of the 2 widest bullet holes and the actual differential of the larger calibers shall be subtracted from the

measurement read on the measuring scale.  
(See: Target Drawing in back of Rulebook.)

Targets are to be marked in the upper right-hand margin, indicating reduction in measurement (6-mm reduction of .019 and 308 reduction of .084).

The measurement of any target suspected of being larger or smaller than its stated measurement can be protested by any competitor, with a fee of \$5.00 per target and the measurement will be changed if there is a difference of .009 inch from the original measurement. If the measurement is changed, the fee will be returned to the shooter. If the measurement is not changed, the fee will be sent to NBRSA Headquarters.

The Official Scorer will make the re-measurement in the presence of the Referees, with the same vernier as originally used and the dial of the vernier must be covered during any re-measurement. If a competitor feels a re-measurement is not handled properly, 3 Referees will then re-measure and the average of the 3 Referees' measurements will become the official score.

#### **(14) PROCEDURE FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF A WORLD RECORD (Adopted at September 16, 2000 Board Meeting)**

**(a)** All targets and backers (except provisions of C.7.) of prospective record groups and aggregates must be signed by any 2 Match Officials in order to be considered for possible World Records. The targets must not leave the Club grounds

except in the possession of a Match Official. (This should not be the same person who shot the record.) The Range Officer and the Referees shall be designated as Match Officials.

**(b)** The Host Club must send the backer/s, target/s, and duplicate copies of the registration card to the Regional Director.

**(c)** The Regional Director measures the target/s, checks the backer/s, and if the measurement is close, within .009 inch, sends the target/s, backer/s, 1 copy of the registration card, and an NBRSA World Record Submission Form properly filled out, to the Chairman of the Measurement Committee. The Regional Director will retain one copy of the registration card for regional file. If the measurement is not close, the Director will return the target/s, backer/s and the 2 copies of the registration card to the Competitor.

**(d)** The Chairman checks the target/s, counts the holes in the backer, makes sure all targets and backers are signed by 2 Match Officials, and checks the information on the registration card. If everything is found to be in order, he covers up the range scores, measures the target/s, records the scores, assigns a number to each target, and then sends the target or targets, with the proper forms, to the first member of the Measuring Committee. If there is a problem with a backer or backers, he also sends them along with the targets.

**(e)** The target/s will be measured by 3 of the 4 Committee Members. A Committee Member residing in the same Region as the person who shot the target/s should not measure the target/s. Those chosen to serve on this Committee need not necessarily be a Director, but should be an NBRSA Member who qualifies as a good scorer. Each of the 4 Scoring Committee Members should be from a different Region. If a Member of the Scoring Committee holds the current record, he should step aside and the Records Committee Chairman should appoint someone else to score the “possible new world record” target so that no one could say that a “possible world record” was intentionally scored wrong.

**(f)** The Committee Member measures the target/s, records the scores in his own records and on the form, and checks any backer or other problem. He then sends the completed form back to the Chairman and sends the target/s to the next Committee Member. When the last Committee Member has measured the target/s, he sends the target/s and completed form back to the Chairman.

**(g)** The Chairman then records the scores of the 3 Committee Member (range measurement is not included), computes an average of .001 inch on individual groups and .0001 inch on aggregates, and that score is the official measurement. In the case of the Hunter Class, the Chairman will use the score determined by the majority of the Records Committee instead of an average measurement.

**(h)** The Chairman records all of the information in his records and determines whether it is a World Record. If it is a World Record, he sends the proper forms to the President, to the Business Manager, and to the Editor of the NBRSA magazine. He then returns the targets, with the measuring information, to the Competitor. If it is not a World Record, he returns the targets and the measuring information to the Competitor.

**(i)** The Business Manager will then send the Competitor a World Record Certificate, and the Editor will list the Competitor's name and his/her World Record statistics in an upcoming issue of the NBRSA magazine.

Any range-measured target or aggregate that is measured smaller than or up to .009" larger than the existing World Record can be submitted to the Records Committee for measurement for a possible World Record with no monetary charge to that competitor.

NBRSA will recognize meters as a course of fire and for records for the European Region only.

## **15. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

**(a) No Penalty.** Any competitor whose first shot of any match shall strike the record portion of the target shall report at once to the Range Officer before firing another shot. The Range Officer shall satisfy himself/herself that no other shots have been fired on the target and shall make a note to the Official Scorer that the target not be penalized, and the shot not be scored.

**(b) Crossfires.** Any competitor who is aware that he/she crossfired shall report it to the Range Officer immediately following the completion of that match, and shall fire the balance of his/her shots on his/her own target. If such a report is not made, and the competitor has not fired more than the required number of shots on record targets, and the crossfire can be identified and attributed to him/her by means of a backing target, he/she shall be deemed to have crossfired inadvertently and shall not be disqualified but in either event the shooter shall be penalized as follows:

The crossfiring shall be transferred to his/her target and shall be measured as if fired in that position on that target. To his/her measurement shall be added a penalty of 1 minute of angle for each shot fired. (1 inch at 100 yards; 2 inches at 200 yards; 3 inches at 300 yards.) (See: Target Drawing in back of Rulebook.)

Any competitor found to have crossfired, and whose target shows him/her to have fired more than the required number of shots (including crossfires) shall be deemed to have tried to conceal the fact of his/her crossfire and shall be disqualified.

In Registered Matches the total shots on the record target will constitute the competitor's record group for measurement. No competitor shall be allowed to re-fire any match. Targets with more than the required number of shots will not be disqualified but, except for identified crossfires, group measurement must be taken from the 2 widest shots on the target.

**(c) Required No. of Shots.** Any target having less than the required number of shots, or having any shot (other than the first sighting shot) outside of (and not touching) the border line on the record target, will be penalized 1 minute of angle for each shot missing or for each shot outside the border line. (See: Target Drawing in back of Rulebook.) A shot above the top line of the sighter target will be a record shot unless it is the first shot. However, the competitor must report it to the Rangemaster before firing continues.

**(d) Lost Targets.** If a target is lost (the fault of the range) and the shooter has 4 other targets at that yardage, the score for the lost target will be the average of the best and worst of those remaining 4 targets.

**(f) Early or Late Firing.** A competitor who fires before the “Commence Fire” command or after time has expired shall be disqualified from that match and range aggregate. Clarification: Any competitor who fires while the Range Officer is giving the “Cease Fire” command will have fired late, and shall be disqualified from that match and range aggregate.

**(g) Eligibility for Aggregate.** A shooter who has not satisfactorily completed every target in any aggregate compilation will not be eligible for an award in the aggregate. Ineligibility for 1 or more aggregates shall not preclude a shooter from winning an award in 1 or more single events.

**(g) Late Registration.** There is a \$10.00 penalty for shooters failing to pre-register 30 days prior to a National Match.

**(h) Artificial Lights.** The firing of Registered Tournaments, or any part therefore, under artificial lights is authorized.

## **E. SAFETY.**

All tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with approved safety procedures.

**1. OPEN ACTIONS.** All actions shall be open until the command "**Place bolts in Rifle**" is given.

**2. FIRING.** No shot shall be fired until the command "**Commence Firing**" has been given and shot shall be fired after the command "**Cease Fire.**" (See Disqualifications.)

**3. POSITION OF MUZZLE.** The muzzle of every rifle (when in firing position) shall be in front of the front edge of the bench upon which it rests.

**4. EMERGENCY COMMANDS.** All competitors must obey at once the command "**Cease Fire**" and shall not fire again until the command "**Resume Fire**" is given. In the event that conditions require a suspension of fire, 2 minutes will be added to the remaining time of the relay "but NOT exceed the original time limit of 7 minutes or 12 minutes."

**5. SPORTSMANSHIP.** There shall be no boisterous conduct on the firing line during the firing of any event. A rifle range is no place for pranks, and any shooter failing to observe this fact may be disqualified by the Range Officer after a warning.

**6. LITTER.** Clubs expect shooters and campers to put litter in trash barrels.

**7. BOLTS.** All rifle bolts must be kept out of all rifles, except as the Range Officer commands. Bolts must be out of all rifles behind the line and in all loading and parking areas of the range.

**8. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.** No alcoholic beverages will be consumed on a Range during a match until the last match of the day is completed. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.

**9. CELL PHONES.** All cell phones are banned on the firing line during matches. Violators will be subject to disqualification.

**10. MUZZLE ATTACHMENTS USED AS TUNERS.** Once the command "Commence Firing" is given by the Range Officer, there shall be NO adjusting of muzzle attachments at the firing line unless the competitor removes his/her rifle bolt and remains seated. If a competitor stands or does not remove his/her rifle bolt prior to adjusting his/her tuner, he/she will be disqualified.

## F. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE.

**1. REGISTRATION.** All competitors at every Registered Tournament shall be required to be a member of NBRSA (effective 1/1/98), must complete a registration form, and must produce for inspection a current membership card. If any member shall fail to have with him/her his/her membership card, he/she shall pay or have paid on his/her behalf, the current NBRSA membership fee. And, upon proof from the NBRSA records, that he/she was a member in good standing on the date of the tournament, a refund shall be made to him/her. Any non-member may pay the prescribed annual dues at any Registered Tournament and become a member of NBRSA. New Shooters may shoot their first match without being an NBRSA Member (beginning January 1, 2006).

### **2. REGISTRATION FEES.**

**(a) Club Fees.** Each competitor shall be charged (or have paid on his/her behalf) a registration fee for each day in which he/she participates. As of January 1, 2005, the maximum amount that may be charged is \$40.00 per day. No Club may charge more than a total of \$40.00 per day and this will be strictly enforced.

**(b) National Championship Tournaments Registration Fees** are to be \$40.00 per day maximum (as of January 1, 2005), regardless of the number of classes or stages fired in 1 day. No Club may charge more than a total of \$40.00 per day and this will be strictly enforced. Every competitor (with the exclusion of the Junior shooters) at any NBRSA National Championship Tournament will pay a "Trophy Fee" (to help

offset the cost of National trophies). These "Trophy Fees" are to be forwarded to NBRSA Headquarters by the Host Club. Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited shooters will pay \$10.00 each; while Hunter and Long-Range Varmint will pay \$5.00 each; and .22 Rimfire shooters will pay \$2.00 each.

**(c) NBRSA FEES.** The Host Club shall pay the NBRSA, Inc. \$2.00 per competitor per day for a Registered Tournament with no limit. A National Championship Tournament's fees will also be \$2.00 per competitor per day with no limit. ALL Registration Fees are to be sent to NBRSA Headquarters within 30 days of the Match and shall be accompanied by a properly completed voucher and match report.

**(d) MONEY SHOOT.** Every Region shall be allowed to hold one "money shoot" per year. The Director shall designate which Club may hold a "money shoot". The Match Fees charged shall be at the discretion of the Club hosting the "money shoot".

**3. MATCH ENTRY FEES.** At registered NBRSA, Inc. Tournaments, competitors will not be required to pay the cash awards match fees unless they wish to. In those cases where merchandise prizes are to be awarded in lieu of cash, a competitor shall pay the match fee, if he/she wants to compete for same. Competitors not paying match entry fees will not participate in prize awards, but will receive credit and ranking for groups and aggregates fired, including recognition for any record group or aggregate. Any Club holding a Registered Tournament and which does not undertake to return 100% of the match entry fees as awards shall so state in its program.

**4. PRE-REGISTRATION.** Pre-registration is required for all National Matches. The registration fee is fully returnable in the event that the shooter cannot attend the match, but a \$40.00 penalty is mandatory if a shooter does not complete his/her registration 30 days prior to the match (becomes effective in 2007).

**5. SELECTION OF RELAY.** Clubs conducting Registered Tournaments have the privilege of permitting competitors to select their relay, but the Clubs cannot alter the NBRSA, Inc. rule governing the selection of benches.

**6. DRAWING FOR BENCHES.** The Host Club (through its representative), having a list of competitors, shall conduct a drawing for benches in the presence of the shooters of the relay affected. One of the Referees shall be present to see that the drawing is fairly conducted and to represent shooters not present when called upon to draw. Latecomers must draw their benches by lot in the presence of the Chairman Referee. Clubs have the option of having but 1 drawing and requiring each competitor to shoot from the same bench for all matches at all ranges or they may allow 2 drawings (1 for the matches at 100 yards and a separate drawing for the matches at 200 yards). A new shooter participating in his/her first registered match, will be allowed to share the same bench or adjoining bench of a more experienced shooter, whose equipment he/she may be using, as long as the more experienced shooter's bench has been randomly selected. Having drawn a bench or benches, a competitor will not be permitted to make any further changes in relay or benches, except when through some physical condition a hardship results. In which case, before the second event, but not thereafter, the Range Officer

may change the assignment of bench or relay or both in such a way as to relieve the hardship. For a "2- gun", "3-gun", or "4-gun" aggregate, the Host Club may elect to have only 1 drawing for benches. This is to facilitate the Statistician in computing these multiple class aggregates. When this system of rotation is used, the Club is authorized to assign benches using a table of random numbers supplied by the Board of Directors. At the request of a shooter, the Club is authorized to grant to that shooter bench assignments, which are the same as another shooter, so that these shooters can share the same wind flags. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A SHOOTER BE ALLOWED TO SELECT HIS/HER OWN BENCH.**

In lieu of a physical bench drawing, computer software approved by the NBRSA Board of Directors, may be used to randomly draw benches. When computer software is used to draw benches, 2 or more Referees must be present to view the event.

At National Championship Tournaments, a system of bench rotation will be used whereby each competitor will fire his/her first match on the assigned bench and for each following event, he/she shall move a pre-determined number of benches to the right. This bench rotation system may be used at any NBRSA Match when so elected by the Match Sponsors.

Host Clubs must definitely state in their program for each tournament whether they will hold 1 or 2 drawings for benches, or if they will use the bench rotation system.

**7. INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT.** A Referee before each relay of the first event, should inspect the rifles and rests of all competitors in that relay and, except under protest, no competitor shall use in that match, or in any other, any rifle or equipment which is not approved. No competitor having gained approval of rifle and equipment shall make any substitution thereafter without submitting such proposed substitute items to the Chairman Referee for approval.

In matches in which a weight or dimension factor is involved, the Host Club shall provide an accurate scale, which shall be available to the competitors at that match. It is recommended that each range purchase certified weights; however, the weights may be borrowed for the match. It is the responsibility of the Host Range to have such weights available at and during each and every Registered Match. If weights are not available, the match will be considered unregistered and no possibility of records may exist. The Host Club must also provide a steel rule and a pair of calipers or a micrometer having a maximum capacity in excess of 1.25 inches. In weighing rifles with scope attached, an excess of 1/2 ounce shall be attributable to scale error.

At all Registered Matches, the weighing of rifles shall be done on a random basis immediately at the end of a match. The total number of competitors chosen to have their rifles weighed shall be at the discretion of the Referees, but will not be less than five. Those chosen will IMMEDIATELY follow the

Referee to the scales for the weighing of their rifle. Scales must be available for a reasonable time for competitors to weigh their rifles. Any violation of this inspection rule will result in disqualification.

At the completion of all registered matches, the equipment of each range aggregate winner and the grand aggregate winner can be checked by the Referees to ascertain that all said equipment have met legal requirements.

**8. PROTESTS AND APPEALS.** Any competitor in a Registered Tournament who feels aggrieved at a decision of the Range Officer, or the Referees, may, before leaving the range on the day the grievance arose and upon payment of a protest fee of \$5.00, appeal from such decision by filing a written notice of appeal with the Range Officer. Such notice of appeal, with any written argument submitted by the appellant, together with a statement in writing signed by the Official from whose decision the appeal has been taken, shall be forwarded promptly to the Regional Director of the area in which the tournament was held. The Regional Director shall append his/her comments and forward the record to the National Executive Committee of NBRSA, which shall decide the appeal without undue delay. The decision of the National Executive Committee shall be final, and if the protest is overruled, all fees paid by appellant shall be forfeited to NBRSA. If the appeal is sustained, the protest fee shall be repaid, and all scores fired by appellant shall be accepted. The National Executive shall consist of the President, Vice President, and a majority of the NBRSA Directors.

**9. OFFICIAL SCORE BULLETINS.** The Tournament Sponsor shall supply every registered competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin, which shall be a complete record of all groups fired and all programmed aggregates. At all Registered Matches, a Top 10 Equipment List must be furnished and at a National Championship, a Top 20 Equipment List. A copy of the bulletin must be mailed to each competitor and the NBRSA Headquarters within 4 weeks after the match is completed and the equipment list, along with the official score bulletin, must be forwarded to the Editor. At all Registered Tournaments, the Host Club must post preliminary bulletins as soon as possible in order that competitors may check the results of their firing.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.**

**(a)** In all Registered Tournaments there shall be a Range Officer, 3 Referees, a Statistician, and an Official Scorer. Except in Championship Tournaments, the same person may hold the last 2 offices.

**(b)** Except in National Championship Tournaments, the Host Club shall appoint all the officers except 2 Referees. The Regional Director of NBRSA shall appoint a Chairman Referee who, with the Club Referee shall appoint the third Referee.

**(c)** In National Championship Tournaments, the President of NBRSA shall appoint the Statistician and the Official Scorer. The Director of the Host Region shall appoint from among registered shooters, 3 Referees and an alternate Referee. The appointed Referees shall select the Chairman Referee. The Host Club, subject to approval by the President of NBRSA, shall appoint the Range Officer.

(c) No official, except the Referees, shall participate as contestants in a National Championship Tournament in which he/she is officiating.

**G. GROUPS AND AGGREGATES RECOGNIZED BY NBRSA.**

NBRSA recognizes meters as a course of fire and for records for the European Region only.

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Recognized Classes</u>
5 shots @ 100 yds	All Classes
5 shots @ 200 yds	All Classes
5 shots @ 300 yds	All Classes
10 shots @ 100 yds	Unlimited Rifle
10 shots @ 200 yds	Unlimited Rifle
10 shots @ 300 yds	Unlimited Rifle
<u>Aggregates</u>	<u>Recognized Classes</u>
Five "5 shot" groups @ 100 yds	All Classes
Five "5 shot" groups @ 200 yds	All Classes
Five "5 shot" groups @ 300 yds	All Classes

Combination of 100 and 200 yard above aggregates recognized as National Match course of fire for Championship of Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint, and Sporter Classes. In the Unlimited Class this is recognized as a simple aggregate only. Combination of 200 yard and 300 yard aggregates in all classes is recognized as a simple aggregate only.

<u>Aggregates</u>	<u>Recognized Classes</u>
Eight "10 shot" groups @ 100 yds	Unlimited Rifle
Eight "10 shot" groups @ 200 yds	Unlimited Rifle
Eight "10 shot" groups @ 300 yds	Unlimited Rifle

Combination of 100 and 200 yard aggregates recognized as match course aggregate. Combination of 100 and 200 yard aggregates of a total of 16 "10-shot" groups determines the National Championship in the Unlimited Class.

Combination of 200 yard and 300 yard aggregates recognized as 300 yard course of fire and as a simple aggregate for bench class rifle.

## **H. DUTIES OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.**

**1. RANGE OFFICER.** He/She shall conduct the matches and supervise the competitors. He/She shall direct the actions of the Target Detail while on the range. He/She shall enforce all safety rules. In the event of boisterous or un-sportsmanlike conduct of a competitor, he/she shall first caution such competitor. If the offense is repeated, he/she shall be disqualified for the match in which that offense was committed.

Refusal to comply with an order of the Range Officer shall be grounds for barring a competitor from the range. At each relay of the first match of each day, general instructions shall be announced by the Range Officer in words equivalent to the following:

**“If, during the match, an emergency arises, which shall require an immediate cessation of fire, I shall command, Emergency--cease fire--unlock your bolt. This will permit all guns to be saftied without extracting the case from chamber. This command will be given only in cases of such urgency that we cannot permit you to clear your rifle by firing.”**

**“If a condition should arise, which shall require temporary suspension of firing, I shall command, 'Hold your fire--clear your rifle by firing or by removing your bolt.’”**

**“Do not place any ammunition in the action or breech of your rifle until the command, 'COMMENCE FIRING' is given by the Range Officer.”**

**“If during a match, a live round is stuck in the chamber and cannot be extracted or fired, remove bolt, and notify Range Officer to call a cease-fire immediately. At this time, rifle shall be cased and held by the Range Officer until the end of that relay It is the competitor's responsibility to pick up rifle and remove it to a safe place. Any violations of safety rules will result in disqualification.”**

**“Any time lost by any such interruption of shooting shall not be charged against your allotted time, and 2 minutes will be added to the remaining time.” (ref: E.5.)**

**“You must report crossfires to me immediately following the completion of the relay in which they occur. Your crossfire will be counted toward your own record number of required shots.”**

**“Therefore, if you crossfire once, you should shoot only 4 times (shoot 9 times in a “10-shot” match) on your Record Target.”**

At every relay of every match, the Range Officer shall announce in substantially these words:

**“This is Match number \_\_\_\_\_; Relay number\_\_\_\_\_.”**

**“ It is a \_\_\_\_\_ shot match at \_\_\_\_\_ yards.”**

**“ You will be allowed \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to complete your firing.”**

**“I shall give a time warning 2 minutes before the cease fire command, 1 minute before, 30 seconds, 15 seconds, and 5 seconds before.”**

The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence with an approximate 5-second interval between each command:

**“Ready on the Right....  
Ready on the Left....  
Ready on the Firing Line....  
Place bolts in rifles, Commence Firing.”**

Two minutes before the time limit shall expire, the Range Officer shall announce:

**“You have 2 minutes left to complete your firing.”**

At the proper intervals, he/she shall then announce:

**“You have 1 minute left to complete your firing,”**

**“You have 30 seconds left to complete your firing.”**

**“You have 15 seconds left to complete your firing.”**

**“You have 5 seconds left to complete your firing.”**

When the match time has expired, or when the last shooter has finished his/her string of fire (whichever shall be earlier), the Range Officer will give the following commands:

**"Cease fire--Remove your bolts--Clear the benches."**

In the event of any situation arising (e.g. Act of God) procedures for which are not covered by these rules, the Range Officer has full authority to stop the match and, after consultation with the Referees, announce a decision or procedure which shall be final and binding. Any such occurrence shall be fully reported to the Regional Director for possible remedial legislation. Such report shall be in writing. If at all possible, relays of a match should not be interrupted. No match should be started if it is assumed that all relays may not be completed (Darkness, Etc.)

**2. REFEREES.** The Referees shall inspect the equipment of competitors and pass upon whether such equipment complies with the requirements of the class in which the shooter is competing. If found to be non-conforming, the shooter shall be given the right to correct it, to shoot in a class in which his/her equipment does qualify, or to file a protest and shoot under protest. The Referees shall investigate any complaints of conduct on the range, hardship in the assignment of benches alleged crossfires, and similar matters and shall report their findings to the Range Officer, who shall enforce their decision.

If any competitor shall be aggrieved by any ruling of a Referee concerning the eligibility of his/her equipment, or any finding of the Statistician concerning a crossfire or a deficiency in the number of shots on his/her target, he/she shall, upon notifying the Range Officer of his/her objection, be advised of his/her right to

protest as provided in these rules. The Range Officer, Referees, Official Scorer and/or Statistician, as the case may be, shall then prepare a statement of fact to accompany the protest if and when properly executed.

**3. THE TARGET DETAIL.** The Host Club shall appoint the Target Detail, which shall be under the immediate command of a Target Captain. The Target Captain shall direct the activities of his/her crew within the authority reposed in him/her by the Host Club. The Range Officer shall supervise the activity on the Range, and the Statistician shall supervise the handling of targets before and after being placed on, and taken from the Range.

The Target Captain shall be charged with the proper marking and identification of every target and its backer or backers. The marking shall correspond with the numbers of the event, the bench, and the competitor who shall fire upon the target. He/She shall be charged with the orderly placing of targets in the target frames, the orderly removal of targets from the frames, the orderly arrangement of targets on the display rack, and the orderly delivery of the targets to the Official Scorer. He/She shall see that the same order is preserved with respect to the backer or backers. He/She shall not enter upon the Range, except by order of the Range Officer, and he/she shall be responsible for the removal of his/her crew from positions of hazard before giving the "**All Clear**" signal to the Range Officer.

The foregoing responsibilities shall be met by the observance of a Standard Operating Procedure, in which the Range Officer shall instruct him/her. The following procedure is suggested: Prior to the match, an estimate of attendance and an estimate of the number of entries in the several classes shall be made. Sufficient

targets shall be prepared to provide enough for each relay in each class for the first match.

The Captain of the Target Detail shall instruct his/her crew in the theory and practice of keeping targets in order and shall demonstrate, on the range, the methods to be followed to insure this result. With the Range Officer, he/she shall inspect the target frames, target covers, if any, and the moving backer mechanism, and see that all defects are corrected or repaired prior to the match.

A routine for entering and leaving the range between relays shall be established and rigidly adhered to. The Captain shall be the last one to leave the range and shall be responsible for actuating the moving backer mechanism. With the Statistician, he/she shall adopt a routine for identifying the moving backer and the stationary backer, if any, with their proper target.

**4. STATISTICIAN.** The Statistician shall have charge of the Target Detail while off the Range and shall arrange for the orderly reception of the targets by the Official Scorer. He/She shall supervise the work of the Scoring Detail. He/She shall collect the scored targets from the Scoring Detail and enter the scores on Form M & AS. He/She shall be in charge of all totals, subtotals, and aggregates; the operation of the adding machine; the determination and payment of all awards; and the preparation of the Tournament Bulletin and report to the official publication of NBRSA.

The Statistician, or an assistant appointed by him/her, shall require each contestant:

- (a)** To exhibit his/her current NBRSA membership card;
- (b)** To fill out and sign an NBRSA registration card;
- (c)** To elect the class or classes of competition in which he/she will compete;
- (d)** To pay the appropriate Registration Fee or Fees;
- (e)** To elect whether to compete for awards, or for record only and, if for awards, to pay the appropriate Entry Fees; and
- (f)** To indicate which relay, if preferred.

The data thus obtained, where applicable, should be entered on NBRSA Form RD (Registration Data), and the Host Club shall hold the Registration Card for a period of 1 year.

The Statistician shall act as Treasurer and Disbursing Officer of the Tournament. He/She shall segregate from the Registration Fees that part reserved for NBRSA, and deliver the balance to the Host Club. He/She shall retain the Match Entry Fees and distribute them as awards when the winners thereof have been ascertained.

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

shall be made in an ink of a conspicuously different color, without deleting the original entry. Mere clerical errors not involving scores may be corrected by erasure.

**5. OFFICIAL SCORER.** The Official Scorer shall direct the duties of the individuals comprising the Scoring Detail, and shall in most cases operate the Sweany, or equivalent, measuring device. He/She shall coordinate his/her duties with those of the Statistician. Competitors are not permitted in scoring area.

All scoring shall be by group size from center to center of the widest shots, using the Sweany Rule, or its equivalent. The following procedure has proved successful: Immediately after the conclusion of a relay, or a match, as the case may be, the Target Detail shall check the moving backers and count the bullet holes.

If there are less than the required number, the backer shall be attached to its target. The targets shall then be brought to a point behind the Firing Line and posted where they may be inspected by the contestants. After a reasonable time they shall be collected and taken to the Official Scorer together with the moving backer record. The Official Scorer may apportion the work as follows:

**(a)** One person shall inspect all targets questioned by the Target Detail and shall compare the target with its moving backer. If there are less than the required number of shots, the target shall be presented to the Referees for their decision. Targets should not be posted or given to the competitor if there is any question as to validity, and backers must not be given at any time prior to resolution or conclusion of the matter.

**(b)** One person, using a calibrated straight edge such as the K & E Rule, shall determine the 2 widest shots and indicate them by marking a line extending approximately an inch from a point 1/8 inch beyond outer margin of such widest shot. If more than one mark shall be advisable such plural marks shall be made.

**(c)** Another person, usually the Official Scorer, shall operate and read the measuring device and mark the widest measurement clearly and boldly at a predetermined place on the face of the target. The same person shall score all targets for any 1 match.

**(d)** A third person who is experienced and careful in the use of a calibrated straight edge shall recheck the measurement so marked. Any targets found to be marked incorrectly shall be returned to the measuring device operator, who shall re-measure, and if necessary, remark.

**(e)** The scores thus measured shall be entered in the appropriate place on the M & AS Form, shall be copied on the duplicate M & AS Form, and the duplicate shall be posted on the board provided for that purpose.

**(f)** Upon completion of scoring for each match, winning places shall be decided and entered on Form CCA and transcribed to the duplicate for display to the competitors. If any place entitled to a cash award shall be won by a competitor shooting for record only, an additional place number/numbers shall be added to provide for the proper number of awards to competitors shooting for awards. Such additions shall be noted on both copies of Form CCA.

**(g)** National Course aggregate shall be computed and posted promptly after the last target the last match for each course is scored. The total of scores for all National Course 100-yard matches divided by the number of matches shall be the aggregate. The total of scores for the National Course 200-yard matches divided by twice the number of matches shall be the National Course 200-yard minute of angle aggregate. The sum of the 100-yard and 200-yard aggregates divided by 2 shall be the Grand Aggregate

**(h)** If in an individual match, 2 or more contestants shall have groups of identical size, their relative position in the match shall be determined in accordance with their relative positions in the day's aggregate for the distance at which the tie match was fired.

**(i)** If in an aggregate match, 2 or more contestants are tied with aggregate measurements of identical size, their relative position shall be determined by reference to the individual targets comprising the aggregate. The contestant having the smallest group shall prevail in an aggregate, or the average of the smallest groups at 100 & 200 yards shall prevail in a grand aggregate.

## **I. THE HOST CLUB.**

**1. PROGRAMS.** Upon receiving assignment of a Tournament date, the Host Club may prepare a Program for circulation to interested shooters. The program shall state:

- (a)** The name of the Host Club, the location of the Range, and the date of the Tournament;
- (b)** The schedule of events;
- (c)** The amount of the Registration Fee;
- (d)** Where offered, the Entry Fee for each match, and a statement that no entry fee shall be required of anyone not desiring to compete for awards;
- (e)** A schedule of cash awards expressed as a percentage of entry fees collected;
- (f)** A statement as to whether or not the drawing for benches shall follow the requirements for National Championship Tournaments, and, if not, the number of drawings;
- (g)** Host Clubs must state in publication or program whether or not there will be an optional "warm-up" match, 3-minute "sight-in period" or a 10 (or 15) minute match for the first match at each distance;
- (h)** The Host Club shall signify if bench rotation is to be used either after each match or at a class and/or range change; and
- (i)** The name and address of the secretary of the Club.

**2. PRELIMINARY.** There may/may not be a ceremony preliminary to the Tournament Events. If there is one, the Range Officer shall wait until it is over before he/she calls the first Relay of the first Match. The Target Detail may still be on the range, since the preliminaries do not require an empty range. **The Host Club** shall be responsible for the conduct of the event. It also provides for the orderly registration of contestants; the apportionment of fees; the preparation of forms; the handling, scoring and posting of targets; the preparation and posting of interim bulletins, the handling of protests, and other items incident to a well conducted tournament.

**The Host Range of a National Championship** will provide practice targets placed in the Frames at the same height and spacing and in line with the proper bench so as to allow competitors to practice under National Match conditions. They should be prepared to change those targets at least 3 or more times, if needed, on a daily basis, beginning no later than the Friday prior to the start of competition. Bench assignments for those who have already registered and paid should be made available at least 3 days prior to competition so flags can be set.

**The Host Club** shall absorb all match costs range help, statistical help, match result bulletins, pre-match announcements and advertisements.

**National Trophies (Varmint, Sporter Unlimited.** The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/awards for at least the following places: 3 Places in Each Aggregate; 5 Places in Grand Aggregates; Small Groups at Each Yardage; and 5 Places for "2-Gun", "3-Gun", and "4-Gun".

**Wind Flags** It is recommended, but not mandatory, that the Host Club furnishes wind flags or wind indicators. No competitor may post or adjust flags after the first match of the day except for changes in yardage or classes. Flags must be no higher than level of bench-top to bottom of target card. The Range Officer may order a flag be laid on the ground upon verification that the flag is interfering with a shooter. Posted flags must be left on the range until the completion of the match.

**3. REGISTRATION FORMS.** All Clubs holding Registered Matches must retain registration forms for a period of 1 year.

**4. PREPARATION AND USE OF FORMS.**

**(a)** The Basic Form RD, or equivalent heretofore referred to, shall be used in the preparation of all other forms.

**(b)** Irrespective of the order in which the registrations were entered on Form RD the succeeding forms should list them in order of bench or target number, thereby reducing the chance of erroneous entry as targets are scored.

**(c)** In addition to the basic Form RD and Registration Forms, the Host Club should have:

**(1)** Identification Tags giving competitor number, bench number and relay;

- (2) Range Officer Tally giving name and bench number of each contestant on each relay;
- (3) Match and Aggregate Score Posting Form, in duplicate;
- (4) Forms for application for NBRSA membership; and
- (5) Match Tally Score Card for each competitor.

**J. OFFICIAL RULES FOR LONG-RANGE VARMINT COMPETITION.**

**As adopted and approved by the NBRSA, Inc. Directors at their 2001 annual meeting.**

**1. RIFLES.**

- (a) **Light Varmint Rifle** as already recognized by NBRSA.
- (b) **Heavy Varmint Rifle** as already recognized by NBRSA.

**2. COURSE OF FIRE** shall be 5 “5-shot” matches at 200 yards and 5 “5-shot” matches at 300 yards. The smallest 200-yard aggregate for each class shall be the 200-Yard Champion; the smallest 300-yard aggregate for each class shall be the 300-Yard Champion. The winner of the Grand Aggregate for each class, combining the 200 and 300-yard aggregates (expressed in minute of angle) shall be the National Long-Range Varmint Champion for that class. The competitor with the lowest average aggregate for both the Light Varmint and the Heavy Varmint shall be the National Long-Range Varmint “2-Gun” Champion.

### **3. NATIONALS.**

- (a)** World Records for groups and aggregates set at these Nationals will be recognized by NBRSA.
- (b)** NBRSA. will furnish appropriate awards.
- (c)** All competitors (with the exclusion of the Junior Shooter) will be required to pay a \$5.00 “trophy fee”, which shall be forwarded to NBRSA Headquarters.
- (d)** These Nationals will be subject to an annual review by the Board before being allowed to continue.
- (e)** Clubs wishing to host the Long-Range Varmint Nationals must submit their bid at least one year in advance. Otherwise, there will be no Long-Range Varmint Nationals for the next year.

### **K. OFFICIAL RULES FOR 1,000-YARD BENCHREST COMPETITION.**

**As adopted and approved by the NBRSA, Inc. Directors at their 1998 annual meeting.**

#### **1. CLASSIFICATIONS.**

- (a) LIGHT GUN.** Rules and regulations for the Light Gun Class are the same as those for the Heavy Gun Class with the following exceptions:
  - (1)** Guns shooting in the Light Gun Class weigh no more than 17 pounds, including scope or other sighting device.
  - (2)** The number of shots for the record string is five. Sequence and time for shooting sighters and the record string are the same as for the Heavy Gun Class.

**(b) HEAVY GUN.**

**(1)** All shooters shall shoot from designated benches. Shooting off-hand or from the prone position is not allowed.

**(2)** There are no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight or sights; caliber is restricted to .40 or less. Muzzle brakes may be used, but they may not be of a “clamshell” or any other design that exit gases to the rear. Rifles are fired utilizing sandbag front rests, which may be supported on a pedestal that does not co-act with the sandbag to restrict upward and/or rearward movement. The rear rest is comprised of a sandbag, which may be attached to a pedestal and that supports the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the buttstock.

**2. RESTS & SANDBAGS.**

**(a)** A sandbag is defined as a bag with or without a pedestal, with a leather or cloth cover, that is capable of being easily flexed by the fingers, and contains a dry finely divided nonmetallic substance such as, but not limited to, sand, gravel, or grain, without additive and packed loosely enough that the bag can be easily deformed by pressure of the fingers. The cover of the sandbag must not be bound in such a manner to prohibit free movement of the contents. Lubricants such as talcum powder, Vaseline, mica or friction reducing tape of no more than .011” total thickness may be used on the bag for lubrication.

**(b)** A front sandbag rest shall support the front part of a rifle; a rear sandbag rest shall support the rear part of a rifle. Neither rest can be attached to the bench, the rifle, or each other. They must be movable in all directions independently of the other. Any part of the rifle resting thereon must maintain a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch distance from any part of the retainer or container holding the sandbag on which the rifle rests. Whenever the rifle makes contact on its sides, there must be a minimum  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick sand on each side. Sandbags on front rest must be a minimum of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by 4 inches long. Rear rest sandbags must be a minimum of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by 3 inches long. No device of any kind can restrict the upward and/or rearward movement of the rifle. Any sandbag used as a rest that is not supported by a retainer and that has movement without restraint need not comply with this rule.

**(c)** Rests, rest changes, or recoil systems must comply with rule "K.2.(b)" (above) and be shown to and approved by the rest committee and/or Range Officer before being used in competition. Rifles must rest on sandbags and slide on sandbags only; no multiple recoil ("return to battery") systems on front or rear rests are allowed.

### **3. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE.**

**(a)** Competitors are assigned to relays. At a two-day match, a total of six targets will be shot in each class for record. The smallest aggregate group and total score of the six targets will be the match group and score winners. Each competitor is responsible for completing 3 record targets per day of competition for each class he/she is registered for. A "Relay" shall consist of 3 sighter periods and 3 "Record Targets

Relays will be rotated for the second day of shooting to allow all competitors to shoot in similar conditions. Example: competitors that shot relays 3 and 4 the first day will shoot relays 1 and 2 on the second day of a 4-relay match. At a one-day match, winners from each relay will compete in respective Shoot-Offs to determine the overall match winners. If a competitor has both the smallest group aggregate and highest score total in a relay, the smallest group will take precedent, and the competitor with the next highest score will advance to the score Shoot-Off.

**(b)** In the event that any 2 or more competitors using the same rifle or equipment qualify for and intend to participate in the same Shoot-Off, it is the sole responsibility of the competitor to provide the necessary equipment to participate when the Shoot-Off and its scheduled competitors are called to the firing line.

**(c)** No shooter may participate and/or shoot more than once in any scheduled match, even with different rifles. This rule may not apply in cases of the club sponsored special events, Shoot-Offs, or competition in other classes.

**(d)** Score and group sizes will be posted at a location near benches as the match progresses.

**(e)** Coaching will be allowed during the sighter time only. Exception: for safety and constructive purposes, new shooters may be assisted during their record string, with permission from the Range Officer, and for no more than 2 matches.

**(f)** Designation of shooting positions and relays shall be determined by individual Clubs.

**(g)** It is the responsibility of the shooter to be either in the pits or at the bench WHEN CALLED. Pit duty will be posted on the bulletin board. Competitors who win a relay are also responsible for pit duty for the Shoot-Off even if the shooter chooses not to shoot in the Shoot-Off.

**(h)** If a competitor does not wish to pull targets, IT IS THE COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A QUALIFIED SUBSTITUTE. Roll call will be taken prior to each pit detail. ANYONE NOT FULFILLING HIS/HER OBLIGATION OF PIT DUTY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR SCORE, GROUP AND AGGREGATE FOR THAT DAY'S SHOOT.

**(h)** All participants that are on pit duty MUST REMAIN ON THEIR ASSIGNED TARGET until released by the pit chairman.

**(i)** Once a relay is determined for a shooter and the time to shoot is designated, the Competitor must be available to report to the firing line when the Range Officer calls for the relay or Shoot-Off.

**(j)** Once a position is determined and assigned to a participant, that shooter may not switch positions with another shooter and he/she may not switch benches within a match.

**(k)** All shooters have 6 minutes to shoot an unlimited number of sighter shots, which are individually spotted. If a competitor, through no fault of his own, fails to get a shot on his target during the sight-in period, the Range Master will allow all competitors in that relay one additional minute sight-in period. (Effective as of 1/1/08.) At the end of this allotted time and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters must fire their 10 shots for record within a 10-minute time limit. If for some reason a period of more than one minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the “Commence Fire”, an additional one minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot. A 3-minute sighter period will be held between each of the following 2-record strings. At the command of the Range Officer to “Commence Firing”, the allotted time begins.

**(l)** Range Alibis: The Range Officer will stop time for the affected shooter if a target blows down or there is some delay in the pits. If there is a range equipment failure, the shooter has the option to have the problem repaired and finish shooting after one sighter shot (if desired), or to shoot over at the end of the relay.

#### **4. SCORING, TIES & PENALTIES.**

**(a)** A 10-inch penalty will be assigned for each shot off the target. The maximum group size will be 50 inches for Light Class and 100 inches for Heavy Class. Example: In the Light Class if only 2 of the 5 shots hit the target (with 3 shots missing the target) and if those 2 shots measure 26 inches, the scorer would calculate it as  $3 \times 10 + 26 = 56$ . He would score the target as 50 inches.

**(b)** In case of a tie for any award in an individual match, winners are determined as follows:

**(1)** In case of a tie for score the smallest group of the two targets will determine the winner.

**(2)** In case of a tie for the smallest group the higher score determines the winner.

**(3)** In case of a tie for the smallest group and the score is also tied, the bullet nearest to the center of the bull's-eye determines the winner for group.

**(4)** In case of a tie for score and the group size is also tied, the bullet nearest to the center of the bull's-eye determines the winner for score.

**(5)** In case of any ties for group or score aggregates, the tie is broken by using the same 6 targets. Group ties are determined by score and score ties are determined by group size on those targets. If a tie still exists, duplicate winners are recognized.

**(c)** If 11 shots appear on one target and 9 shots on another, the shooter with 9 shots is penalized 10 inches for group. If the difference in caliber size can be determined or the group placement is obviously located, the Pit Chairman must decide whether or not the shot belongs to the target with only 9 shots in it. (Example: 9 shots are in the upper right-hand corner of a target. The other target, with 11 shots, has 10 shots in the lower left-hand corner, plus an 11<sup>th</sup> shot in the upper right-hand

corner.) The extra shot is disregarded if it can be determined that the 11<sup>th</sup> shot should have been fired on the target with only 9 shots. If the Pit Chairman is unable to determine where the 11<sup>th</sup> shot came from, the shooter with the 11 shots has the choice of accepting the group for 11 shots or to shoot over. The shooter is not notified of the size of the 11-shot group or his total score until after he/she has made his/her choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, he/she will re-fire before the next scheduled relay begins.

**(d)** If there are excessive hits/crossfires on a record target, and where an obvious crossfire cannot be determined by the Pit Chairman, the competitor (whose target has the hits) shall be informed of the group size ONLY, measured to within ¼” He will then be allowed the option to accept the target as it is, or re-fire a new target immediately. Accepted targets with excessive hits will be scored under this rule. (Effective as of 1/1/08.)

**(1)** Any disqualified bullet hole(s) will not be one of the above mentioned terminal bullet holes used for the group measurement.

**(2)** Remaining bullet holes that must be disregarded shall be eliminated in the order of those possessing the highest score value.

**(e)** No Shooter's Alibi will be permitted except when 11 shots appear on his/her target.

**(f)** Less than 10-shot groups: There must be 10 verifiable shots on a record target. The Pit Officer and the assigned target puller(s) must review any group that appears to have less than 10 shots for verifiable duplicate shots BEFORE THE TARGET IS REMOVED. Their decision is final. The target in question must be signed and the total number of shots noted by the Pit Officer and assigned target puller(s). The target will be scored as per rule "L.4.(a)" (above). Targets in question may be reviewed by a club's Board of Directors or match officials at the request of the Pit Chairman.

**(g)** When a target is scored at the target house, it is official. The only recourse being that specified Board Members or designated match officials may give reconsideration to the shooter of said target providing a cash protest fee of \$1.00 is paid and the target in question is turned over to a Board Member or match official. The protest fee will be refunded if the ruling is in the favor of the shooter. Protests must be initiated within one hour of the target's posting or before Shoot-Offs begin. Shoot-Off targets must be protested BEFORE the Board of Directors or designated match officials leave the range.

**(h)** Anyone shooting more than 10 shots on their recorded string is disqualified immediately and removed from the firing line.

**(i)** If a shooter has 11 shots on his/her target and all other targets have 10 shots, the shooter with 11 shots will be entitled to shoot over unless he/she deliberately shot 11 shots.

## 5. SAFETY.

(a) Any equipment thought to be unsafe, harmful, destructive, or otherwise unpredictable will not be allowed on the range at any time. Examples, such as, but not limited to, auto-loading weapons, tracers, incendiary projectiles, caliber larger than .40 may not be used in any NBRSA sanctioned 1,000-yard match.

(b) Spectators MUST remain BEHIND THE DESIGNATED READY LINE.

(c) DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND IS PROHIBITED ON RANGE PREMISES AT ANY TIME.

(d) EMERGENCY CEASE-FIRE: When an Emergency Cease-Fire is called, everyone on the firing line shall clear their chambers immediately; stand up, step back from the bench, remain standing and await further instructions.

(e) Applicable safety rules as outlined elsewhere in this NBRSA Official Rulebook will be enforced in all NBRSA-sanctioned 1,000-yard matches.

(f) No one may mutilate or alter range facilities, (benches, target frames, etc.).

## 6. TARGET & RECORDS.

(a) Targets used in sanctioned matches are designated by NBRSA 1,000-Yard Benchrest Committee. On every 1,000-yard target frame, there shall be a piece of cardboard attached to the actual target frame signifying each Target Frame Number, and the Target Frame Numbers will be written with numbers that are 11-inches tall. (Effective as of 1/1/08).

(b) A "3-Target" Aggregate is defined as either target

numbers 1, 2, and 3 or as target numbers 4, 5, and 6 of any multiple target Aggregate shot in the same competition, regardless of the number of days of the competition. (Effective as of 1/1/08).

**(c)** NBRSA recognizes the following WORLD RECORDS FOR 1,000-YARD HEAVY GUN CLASS (to begin in 1996 season):

- (1)** Smallest 10-Shot Group;
- (2)** Highest 10-Shot Score;
- (3)** Smallest 6-Target Group Aggregate;
- (4)** Highest 6-Target Total Score;
- (5)** Smallest 3-Target Group Aggregate; and
- (6)** Highest 3-Target Total Score.

**(d)** NBRSA recognizes the following WORLD RECORDS FOR 1,000-YARD LIGHT GUN CLASS (to begin in 1996 season):

- (1)** Smallest 5-Shot Group;
- (2)** Highest 5-Shot Score;
- (3)** Smallest 6-Target Group Aggregate;
- (4)** Highest 6-Target Total Score;
- (5)** Smallest 3-Target Group Aggregate; and
- (6)** Highest 3-Target Total Score.

**(e)** NBRSA recognizes the following WORLD RECORDS FOR 1,000-YARD "2-GUN" (LIGHT GUN & HEAVY GUN) (to begin in 1996 season):

- (1)** Smallest 12-Target (6 "5-shot" groups and 6 "10-shot" groups) Group Aggregate;
- (2)** Highest 12-Target (6 "5-shot" groups and 6 "10-shot" groups) Total Score;
- (3)** Smallest 6-Target (3 "5-shot" groups and 3 "10-shot" groups) Group Aggregate; and
- (4)** Highest 6-Target (3 "5-shot" groups and 3 "10-shot" groups) Total Score.

**(f)** Only records shot by NBRSA members in NBRSA sanctioned 1,000-Yard Benchrest matches will be recognized.

**(g)** As of January 1, 2007, the Match Director and 2 Referees must sign ALL record targets as legitimate and correct. The Match Director must fill out the approved World Record Submission Form. Long-range (600 and 1,000 yard) record procedures need to be the same as short-range (50, 100, 200, and 300 yard) record procedures. Record targets are to be sent FIRST to the Regional Director, NEXT to the Long-Range Records Committee and then, if verified as a new official World Record, sent to the NBRSA Records Committee Chairman.

## **7. NATIONAL EVENTS & SPECIAL SHOOTS:**

- A National Championship is held annually at a designated NBRSA 1,000-Yard range. The site is rotated among NBRSA 1,000-Yard Benchrest clubs. NBRSA Nationals will always be held within the United States.
- The National Champion shall be determined by assigning point values based on the competitor's placing in the 4 "6-Target" Aggregates, i.e.: 1 point for first, 2 points for second, etc. The 4 "6-Target" Aggregates are as follows: Light Gun Score, Heavy Gun Score, Light Gun Group, and Heavy Gun Group. The lowest total score will be the National Champion. Any tie will be broken by the competitors placing in the "12-Target Group Aggregate. (Effective as of 1/1/08).

## **8. SPECIFIC CLUB RULES.**

- Prizes and awards for club-sponsored matches are determined by the individual NBRSA 1,000-Yard Benchrest clubs.
- Individual NBRSA 1,000-Yard Benchrest clubs have the responsibility for determining shooting positions and assignment of shooters to relays.

**L. OFFICIAL RULES FOR 600-YARD BENCHREST COMPETITION.** As adopted and approved by the NBRSA, Inc. Directors at their 2001 annual meeting.

- **Rules.** 600-Yard Rifle Competition will abide by the same rules as the 1,000-Yard Benchrest Competition.
- **Targets.** Similar to 1,000-Yard Benchrest Competition targets, but reduced in size. On every 600-yard target frame, there shall be a piece of cardboard attached to the actual target frame signifying each Target Frame Number, and the Target Frame Numbers will be written with numbers that are 11-inches tall. (Effective as of 1/1/08).

**M. OFFICIAL RULES FOR .22 RIMFIRE COMPETITION.**

As adopted and approved by the National Bench Rest Shooters Association, Inc., Directors at their 1988 annual meeting.

**1. PURPOSE.**

To attract shooters not previously engaged in competitive target shooting.

To better acquaint shooters with competitive sportsmanship.

**2. CLASSIFICATIONS.**

**(a) Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle.** Rifle and scope must weigh 8 ½ pounds or under. Scope power is unlimited. Rifle must be a repeater and must be capable of holding two or more rounds in a clip or magazine. Rifle must be able to feed from the magazine or clip by bolt operation. Rifle must have a working safety. Stock must be made of wood and be readily identifiable as wood if inspected by a Referee. Stock must be 2 ¼ inches or under at its widest point. Holes can not be drilled or cut in

exterior of stock to make the legal weight. Rifle must be designed to be shoulder fired. Rifle barrel cannot be fluted. No vibration tuning devices allowed. No electronic or mechanically assisted triggers allowed.

**(b) Light Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle** is any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism, weighing not more than 10 1/2 pounds inclusive of sight. Any modification may be made to the rifle and any scope may be used. Factory stock or stocks that meet Varmint Class rules must be used. Return to battery shall NOT be permitted.

**(c) Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle** is any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism, weighing not more than 14 pounds inclusive of sight. Any modification may be made to the rifle and any scope may be used. Factory stock or stocks that meet Varmint Class rules must be used. Return to battery shall NOT be permitted.

**(d) Unlimited .22 Rimfire Rifle** is any safe rifle, not qualifying under the various classes set out herein. There is no weight limit and return to battery shall be allowed.

### 3. COURSE OF FIRE.

**(a) The Unlimited Class Nationals** will fire 5 "ten-shot" record matches at each range aggregate of 50 yards and 100 yards. The total of the 2 range aggregates will determine the grand aggregate winner.

**(b) All other Registered Unlimited Class tournaments** have the option (at the discretion of the Match Director) of firing 5 "five-shot"; 5 "ten-shot"; or 8 "ten-shot" record matches at each range aggregate of 50 yards and 100 yards. The total of the 2 range aggregates will determine the grand aggregate winner.

**(c) The Custom and Sporter courses of fire** shall be 5 "5-shot" record matches at each Range aggregate of 50 and 100 yards. The total of the 2 range aggregates will determine the grand aggregate winner.

**(d) Official Targets.** The official 100-yard benchrest target (designated as BR-100) shall be used for the 50 yard matches; and the official 200-yard benchrest target (designated as (BR-200) shall be used for the 100 yard matches.

**(e) A moving backer** strip or card shall be required. Stationary backers may be used at the discretion of the Host Club.

**(c) Scoring** shall be figured by the minute of angle at 100 yards. (Double the 50 yard aggregate; add to the 100 yard aggregate; and divide by 2).

**(g) Rifles shall be fired from benches.**

**(h) Rests.**

- **Sporter and Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle Rests.** A front rest must be topped with some form of sandbag. A rear rest must be a sandbag. Sandbags must be made of leather or cloth. The front and rear rests will not be connected to each other, the bench, or the rifle. Only sandbags can touch sides and bottom of stock, except that a thin plastic film or cloth (stock tape) may be attached to the stock where it touches the bag, only for the purpose of reducing friction between the stock and sandbag. When the rifle is raised straight up, the front and/or rear rest must not raise up with the rifle. If the front and/or rear rest raise up with the rifle, the front and/or rear rest must be weighed with the rifle to determine eligibility. Front and rear rifle rests must be placed directly on top of the bench but not attached to the bench. Sandbag and rest rules do not apply to the Unlimited Class.
  - **Unlimited .22 Rimfire Rifles** may use rests that incorporate guiding means and adjustments for elevation and windage in either or both components, and front and rear rests may be attached or on a single plate. A rest shall NOT be attached to a bench by any means what so ever.
- (i) Matches are to be fired** separately with 7 minutes allowed to fire 5 shots.
- (j) Disqualifications and penalties** are the same as for Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Benchrest Classes.
- (k) Safety rules of NBRSA** and the Host Club will apply.

#### **4. RECORDS.**

(a) The NBRSA shall maintain records for the 50 yard aggregates, 100 yard aggregates, and the grand aggregates.

(b) The same procedures set forth for the submission of records shall be followed.

(c) All competitors at every registered tournament shall be required to be a member of NBRSA (effective 1/1/98).

#### **5. TIES.**

(a) Ties If in an individual match, 2 or more contestants shall have groups of identical size, their relative position in the match shall be determined in accordance with their relative positions in the day's aggregate for the distance at which the tie match was fired.

(b) If in an aggregate match, 2 or more contestants are tied with aggregate measurements of identical size, their relative positions shall be determined by reference to the individual targets comprising the aggregate. The contestant having the smallest group shall prevail in an aggregate, or the average of the smallest groups at 50 and 100 yards shall prevail in a grand aggregate.

**6. ANY RULES** not in direct conflict to the above stated .22 Rimfire Benchrest rules shall be in full force and effect.

## 7. **NATIONALS (.22 Rimfire).**

**(a)** Member Clubs must submit a bid for a .22 Rimfire Nationals 2 years in advance at the annual meeting of the Directors. Said bid shall include the date proposed for holding these .22 Rimfire Nationals, which must be approved by the Directors. NBRSA Nationals will always be held within the United States.

**(b)** All rules and procedures set forth for Nationals shall be followed.

**(c) National Trophies (.22 Rimfire).** The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/awards for at least the following places: 3 Places in Each Aggregate, 5 Places in Grand Aggregates, Small Groups at Each Yardage, and 5 Places for "2-Gun" and "3-Gun".

**(d) "Trophy Fees".** Every competitor (with the exclusion of the Junior shooters) at any .22 Rimfire NBRSA Nationals will pay a \$2.00 "Trophy Fee". {See: F.2.(b)}

Nothing in these rules should be construed to prevent a competitor from competing in all classes with a Sporter.

Semi-automatic rifles are allowed so long as they are designed such that discharged brass does not contact another competitor. Weight and stock dimensions apply.

## **N. OFFICIAL RULES FOR HUNTER RIFLE COMPETITION.**

**As adopted and approved by the National Bench Rest Shooters Association, Inc. Directors at their 1980 annual meeting.**

### **1. PURPOSE.**

- To attract shooters not previously engaged in Competitive Target Shooting;
- To improve hunter rifle accuracy and effects of components used therein; and
- To better acquaint the rifleman with his/her rifle and competitive sportsmanship.

### **2. RIFLES.**

- (a)** Stocks must not be over 2 1/4 inches wide and convex on all bottom surfaces of the stock.
- (b)** Re-barreling, restocking and special triggers permitted.
- (c)** Bolt action receivers must be no wider than 1.400 inches and no longer than 10.25 inches. Projection on diameter not included such as recoil lug, sight bases, safety and similar items.
- (d)** The rifle barrel and action cannot be constructed in 1 piece.
- (e)** Method of connecting Hunter Rifle barrel to receiver shall not be greater in length than 1.50 inches. This shall include recoil lug barrel ring, barrel bracket or combination thereof.

**(f)** A Hunter Rifle barrel must not be less than 18 inches long. The barrel shall have a diameter at and not more than 4 inches ahead of the bolt face, of not more than 1.250 inches and a diameter at any point 4 inches ahead of the bolt face not greater than would be defined by a straight 0 between such point 4 inches in front of the bolt face at 1.250

inches and the muzzle at .750 inch diameter at 26 inches from the bolt face. Original factory issue barrels need not meet these specifications. However, any re-chambering re-barreling with new or original barrel would then require that the factory issue barrel meet the above taper specifications.

**(g)** No blocking or sleeving of action or barrel will be allowed. Glue-ins are not allowed and barrel and action must be removable from the stock without destruction of stock. Nothing may be fastened to the barrel except sights, sight bases, mirage shields, and original manufacturer's attachments.

**(h)** Bore diameter must be .236 inch (6mm) or more. Case capacity of not less than 45.5 grains of water (.30-.30 capacity) is required.

**(i)** Magazines shall not be required, but actions must be cut out for a magazine. Such cutout must be large enough to pass the cartridge for which the rifle is chambered. "Cartridge" for this purpose shall mean the cartridge as ordinarily configured, including a seated bullet, when held parallel to the bore. A cartridge follower or ramp may be installed, but must be attached to the stock and may not be attached to the action by any means.

(j) Any sights. Scopes must be 6X or less. Variables must be set and taped.

(k) Rifle and scope not to exceed 10 pounds in weight.

(l) Falling Block/Rolling Block single shot rifles will be allowed in Hunter Class competition.

**3. CLASSIFICATIONS.** There shall be but 1 class in Hunter Rifle competition. Member Clubs may award trophies for factory rifles or light hunting rifles. However, any attempt to limit participation of qualified rifles or to set up separate classes may result in suspension of the Member Club. The intent herein is to encourage the new shooter to participate in Registered Benchrest Competition within the rules set forth herein.

**4. COURSE OF FIRE.**

(a) Targets (100, 200 & 300 yards) for Hunter Class to be NBRSA approved.

(b) The course of fire shall be 5 record matches at each range aggregate of 100, 200, and 300 yards. The total of the 2 or 3 range aggregates will determine the Grand Aggregate winner. A "warm-up" match is optional at the discretion of the participating Club.

(c) Matches to be fired separately with 30 minutes elapsing from the end of relay to start of same relay in next match. 7 minutes allowed to fire 5 shots.

(d) Penalties: When an identifiable crossfire occurs on

another competitor's target, the low value or identifiable shot shall be transferred to the offender's target and a penalty of one (1) point deducted. Should the same competitor crossfire again during the course of fire at this yardage, then he/she will receive no points for that crossfire. A competitor who crossfires must not fire on his/her own record bull. To do so may result in disqualification, if it is determined that this was an attempt to conceal a crossfire. On all unfired upon or open record bulls, other than the first crossfire, the competitor shall receive no points. If there is more than 1 shot on the record bull, then only the lowest shot on that bull will count.

**(e)** Rifles shall be fired from benches (single loads only) on non-conforming pliable sandbags, both front and rear. Adjustable pedestals with sandbags under forearm are permitted.

Blocks, boxes, or such to raise sandbags to get proper elevation are permitted. No machine or other rest that can return rifle to battery or which retard recoil will be allowed.

**(f)** Course of fire for Regional Tournaments to be the same as National match course of fire.

**(g)** There shall be no penalty for the first shot of each match when it hits outside the sighter bull, if it is reported to the Range Officer before firing another shot. Any shot outside of and not touching the box of the sighter bull after the first shot on the target will be counted as the score of the nearest bull. However, a shot in the area to the right of the sighter box that touches or is below an extension of the top horizontal sighter box line will be considered a sighter shot. A shot in the area below the sighter box that touches or is right of an extension of

the left vertical sighter box line will be considered a sighter shot.

## **5. RULES FOR PROCEDURE.**

**(a)** More than 1 rifle may be fired but no re-entry by the competitor is permitted. One rifle may be fired at 1 distance and a different rifle for the other distance. The competitor cannot enter the match twice with either the same or 2 different rifles, this constituting a re-entry.

**(b)** In case of malfunction of his/her original rifle, a replacement rifle may be used. However, the competitor must, within the time allotted, complete the match.

**(c)** Range Master is in charge of shoot and, with the Referees, will rule on all matters of the shoot. Their decision is final. They have authority to disqualify a shooter for cause, or if his/her rifle or equipment is not within the rules.

**(d)** Any change in the program must be posted in advance of the relay.

**(e)** At the end of the match, the aggregate score sheet will be posted. The time of the posting will be noted on the score sheet and 15 minutes will be allowed from that time for protests.

**(f)** Safety rules of NBRSA and the NRA and the Host Club will apply.

**(g)** All Hunter Class Targets are to be scored with the official NBRSA Hunter Class Scoring Device.

## **6. RECORDS.**

**(a)** The NBRSA shall maintain records for the 100 yard aggregate, 200 yard aggregate, 300 yard aggregate and grand aggregates.

**(b)** The same procedures set forth for the submission of records shall be followed.

**(c)** All competitors at every registered tournament shall be required to be a member of NBRSA (effective 1/1/98).

## **7. NATIONAL MATCH.**

**(a)** The National 100-200 Yard Hunter Course Of Fire shall consist of a “warm-up” match and 5 record matches at 100 yards and 200 yards, with a grand aggregate winner. The National 200-300 Yard Hunter Long-Range Course of Fire shall consist of a “warm-up” match and 5 record matches at 200 yards and 300 yards, with a grand aggregate winner. These are 2 separate Nationals and may be hosted by the same or different Clubs.

**(b)** Bench rotation shall be used.

**(c)** Stationary backers must be used, at a minimum distance of 3 feet at 100 yards and 6 feet at 200 yards, and Host Clubs are urged to remove and identify the backers after each relay.

**(d)** Member Clubs must submit a bid for a Hunter Nationals 2 years in advance at the annual meeting of the Directors. Said bid shall include the date proposed for holding these Hunter Nationals, which must be approved by the Directors.

NBRSA Nationals will always be held within the United States.

**(e)** All rules and procedures set forth for Nationals shall be followed.

**(f) National Trophies (Hunter).** The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/awards for at least the following places: 3 Places in Each Aggregate; 5 Places in Grand Aggregates; and for the Most X's At Each Yardage.

**(g) "Trophy Fees".** Every competitor (with the exclusion of the Junior Shooter) at any NBRSA Hunter Nationals will pay a \$5.00 "Trophy Fee". This one fee shall cover all four yardages of the Hunter Nationals. {See: F.2. (b)}

**8. TIES.**

**(a)** In case of range aggregate scores a tie will be broken by reverting to the first record match of that aggregate and progressing from the first record bull until a miss and out situation eliminates 1 of the shooters. In case of the grand aggregate, a tie will be broken by reverting to the first record match at 100 yards progressing as above.

**(b)** For match winners, ties will be broken by reverting to the first record bull of that match and progressing to each succeeding bull until a miss and out eliminates 1 of the shooters, then use the total aggregate score for tie breaker to determine match winners who have identical scores.

**(c)** Miss and Out means any miss, i.e. 10X is better than 10, etc.

**9. ANY RULES** not in direct conflict to the above stated Hunter Rifle Rules shall be in full force and effect.

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## **O. BY-LAWS**

### **BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION INC.**

Adopted: July 20, 2002 (Revised: October 24, 2002)

#### **ARTICLE I – MEMBERS**

**Section 1. Members Authorized.** The Association shall have three classes of members. Individual Members and Affiliated Club Members shall be admitted to membership after application in the form approved by the Board of Directors and the payment of dues. Continued membership shall be contingent upon the timely annual payment of dues and assessments (if any), continued qualification under these By-laws, and continued good standing in accordance with the judgment of the Board of Directors. Qualifications of membership shall include:

**(a) Individual Members** must be individuals of good character, must be friendly to the United States of America, and must honestly believe in the American way of life and principles of freedom. Annual dues for Individual Members shall be as set from time to time by the Board of Directors. Life Members are those Individual Members who pay a one-time fee as set by the Board of Directors and such fees shall be deposited into a special fund (“Life Membership Fund”) and invested. Only income (as defined by the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law) earned on the Life Membership Fund may be used by the Association for normal operating expenses. Life Members are entitled to all rights and privileges of an Individual Member for and during the Member’s life, except that Life Members who join the Association after August 28, 1999, will also be billed annually for the cost of receiving the official Association publication.

**(b) Affiliated Club Members** must be organizations comprised of individual members as described in Article I, Section 1(a) above. Affiliated Club Members have no voting privileges or membership rights, but may receive the official Association publication. Annual dues for Affiliated Club Members shall be as set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**(c) Associate Members** are the children (under the age of 18 years) and spouses of Individual Members. Associate Members have no voting privileges or membership rights and do not receive the official Association publication.

**Section 2. Evidence of Membership.** Each member may be issued a membership certificate. Membership and membership certificates are not transferable.

**Section 3. Annual Meetings.** The annual meeting of members of this Association shall be held each calendar year during the period of a National Championship Tournament, at such time and place as may be designated by the President and specified in the notice of such meeting.

**Section 4. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President, the Board of Directors or members entitled to cast ten percent of the total number of votes entitled to be cast at such a meeting.

**Section 5. Action by Members Without a Meeting.** Whenever under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, the members are required or permitted to take any action by vote, such action may be taken without a meeting on written consent, setting forth the action so taken, signed by all the members entitled to vote thereon.

**Section 6. Place of Meetings.** Meetings of members shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other place, within or without the State of New York, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 7. Notice of Meetings.**

**(a)** Written notice shall be given of each meeting of members, shall state the place, date and hour of the meeting and, unless it is an Annual Meeting, shall also indicate that it is being issued by or at the direction of the person or persons calling the meeting. Notice of a Special Meeting shall also state the purpose or purposes for which it is being called.

**(b)** A copy of the notice of any meeting shall be given, personally or by first class mail not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the meeting, or by another class of mail not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days before such date, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice is given when deposited in the United States mail, with postage thereon prepaid, directed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the record of members, or if the member shall have filed with the Secretary a written request that notices to the member be mailed to some other address, then directed to the member at such other address.

(c) Notice of meeting need not be given to any member who submits a signed waiver of notice, in person or by proxy, whether before or after the meeting. The attendance of any member at a meeting in person or by proxy, without protesting prior to the conclusion of the meeting the lack of notice of such meeting, shall constitute a waiver of notice.

### **Section 8. Qualification of Voters.**

(a) Every Individual Member of record of the Association, in good standing, shall be entitled at every meeting of the members to one vote. No other classes of members shall be entitled to vote.

(b) The Board may fix a date as the record date for the purpose of determining the members entitled to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or to express consent to or dissent from any proposal without a meeting. The record date shall not be more than fifty (50) nor less than ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

### **Section 9. Quorum and Adjourned Meetings.**

(a) Members entitled to cast one-tenth of the total number of votes entitled to be cast at a meeting of members or one hundred (100) votes, whichever is lesser, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any members.

(b) Despite the absence of a quorum, the members present may adjourn the meeting to another time and place and it shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. If a quorum is present at the adjourned meeting, any business may be

transacted that might have been transacted on the original date of the meeting. If after the adjournment, however, the Board of Directors fixes a new record date for determining the members entitled to vote at the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each member then entitled to notice under Section 7 of this Article I of the By-laws.

**Section 10. Organization.** At every meeting of the members, the President, or in the absence of the President, a Vice President, or in the absence of such officers, a person selected by the meeting, shall act as chairman of the meeting. The Secretary or, in the absence of the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, shall act as secretary of the meeting, and in the absence of both the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary, a person selected by the meeting shall act as secretary of the meeting.

**Section 11. Voting.**

(a) Whenever any corporate action, other than the election of directors, is to be taken by vote of the members, it shall, except as otherwise required by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation be authorized by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting.

(b) Directors shall be elected in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of these By-laws.

**Section 12. Proxies.**

(a) Every member entitled to vote at a meeting of members or to express consent or dissent without a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for such member by proxy.

(b) Every proxy must be signed by the member or the member's attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of eleven months from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it, except as otherwise

provided by law.

**(c)** The authority of the holder of a proxy to act shall not be revoked by the incompetence or death of the member who executed the proxy unless, before the authority is exercised, written notice of an adjudication of incompetence or of death is received by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary.

### **Section 13. Inspectors of Election.**

**(a)** The Board of Directors, in advance of any meeting of members, may appoint one or more inspectors to act at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. If inspectors are not so appointed, the person presiding at a meeting of members may, and on the request of any member entitled to vote thereat shall, appoint one or more inspectors. In case any person appointed fails to appear or act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting by the person presiding thereat. Each inspector, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take and sign an oath faithfully to execute the duties of inspector at such meeting with strict impartiality and according to the best of his ability.

**(b)** The inspectors shall determine the number of membership certificates outstanding and the voting power of each, the certificates represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the validity and effect of proxies, and shall receive votes, ballots or consents, hear and determine all challenges and questions arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate all votes, ballots or consents, determine the result, and do such acts as are proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all members. On request of the person presiding at the meeting or any member entitled to vote thereat, the inspectors shall make a report in writing of any challenge, question or matter determined by them and execute a certificate of any fact found by

them. Any report or certificate made by them shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated and of the vote as certified by them.

**Section 14. List of Members at Meeting.** A list or record of members entitled to vote, certified by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, shall be produced at any meeting of members upon the request therefor of any member who has given written notice to the Association that such request will be made at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. If the right to vote at any meeting is challenged, the inspectors of election, or person presiding thereat shall require such list or record of members to be produced as evidence of the right of the persons challenged to vote at such meeting, and all persons who appear from such list of record to be members entitled to vote thereat may vote at such meeting.

## **ARTICLE II – REGIONS**

**Section 1. Regions.** There shall be 10 regions, as follows: Eastern; Gulf Coast; Mid-Continent; Mississippi Valley; Northeastern; North Central, Northwestern; Southeastern; Southwestern; and European. (The NBRSA Nationals shall always be restricted to venue in the United States.) Attached hereto are geographical maps showing the states and area included in each region. The Business Manager shall maintain a membership list by region with the addresses of each member.

### **Section 2. Directors.**

**(a)** Each region shall have one (1) director to be elected by the Individual Members resident in that region as set forth in Article III, Section 2. Each region may elect an alternate for its director. In the absence of a director from a meeting of the Board of Directors, his or her alternate may, upon written notice to the

Secretary, attend such meeting and exercise therein the rights, powers and privileges of the absent director.

**(b)** Past directors of the Association residing in that region may nominate a person for director. Other members may also nominate by a petition containing the signatures of at least 10 members residing in that region. Affiliated Club Members may also nominate. Any such nominations must be received by the Business Manager by March 1.

**(c)** Ballots for all regions will be prepared by the Business Manager and mailed to all members in each region with a self-addressed envelope marked "Ballot." They must be mailed by June 1. The Business Manager must receive the ballots by July 1. Tabulations of the results by the Business Manager shall be completed as soon as possible, but not later than July 15. Ballots must be preprinted and have a form of identification to verify that the ballots received are not reproductions.

**(d)** Nominees may furnish a 1-page letter stating their qualifications, which will be included with the mailing of the "Ballot." The nominee must supply the letters and/or copies to be sent to each member of that region.

**(e)** The costs of the paper, envelopes, postage and printing for the ballots shall be the responsibility of the Association.

**(f)** The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In case of a tie between those receiving the most votes, then a run-off election will be held between those persons.

**(g)** The official publication of the Association shall declare the

newly elected directors. Any member may request from the Business Manager the actual number of ballots sent out, the number returned and the number of votes received by each nominee.

**Section 3. Meetings.** The director of each region shall call an annual meeting of the region's members to set forth a match schedule and to conduct any business of the region. All members of the region must be notified by mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. The director of each region shall decide the final dates for all registered matches in his or her region. They must not be in conflict with any National matches. The members present at the annual meeting shall be allowed to conduct any business of the region, so long as such business does not conflict with any By-Laws or rules of the Association which shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Power of Board and Qualification of Directors.** The Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Each director shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall have been a member of the Association for at least three (3) years, and shall be a resident of the Region which he or she is elected to represent.

#### **Section 2. Number and Term of Office.**

**(a)** The Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) Individual Member elected from and by each of the nine (9) Regions. As used in this Article, "entire Board of Directors" means the total number of directors entitled to vote which the Association would have if there were no vacancies.

**(b)** The term of office shall be for approximately two (2) years,

beginning on the first Monday following the conclusion of the Varmint Nationals of that calendar year, and the Board shall be staggered as evenly as possible. The director of any region may appoint one or more associate(s) to help him or her in his or her duties as director; however, such associate(s) shall not serve as an alternate director.

**(c)** Each director shall have one vote.

**Section 3. Organization.** At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the President, or, in the absence of the President, a Vice President, shall preside, or in the absence of either of such officers, a chairman chosen by a majority of the directors present shall preside. The Secretary shall act as secretary of the Board of Directors. In the event the Secretary shall be absent from any meeting of the Board of Directors, the meeting shall select its secretary.

**Section 4. Resignations and Removal of Directors.**

**(a)** Any director of the Association may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or to the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time be specified, then on delivery.

**(b)** Any director may be removed for cause by vote of the Individual Members from that region, or by vote of the directors provided there is a quorum of not less than a majority of the entire Board of Directors present at the meeting of directors at which such action is taken. Any director may also be removed without cause by vote of the Individual Members from that region.

**Section 5. Vacancies.** A vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors shall be filled by vote of the Individual Members from that region, except that, if a vacancy remains unfilled for six (6) months after it occurs, and by reason of the absence, illness or other inability of one or more of the remaining directors a quorum cannot be obtained, the remaining directors, or a majority of them, may appoint a director to fill such vacancy. Directors elected to fill vacancies shall serve until the next meeting at which the election of directors is in the regular order of business, and until their successors are elected and have qualified.

**Section 6. Action by the Board of Directors.**

**(a)** Except as otherwise provided by law or in these By-laws, the act of the Board of Directors means action at a meeting of the Board by vote of a majority of the directors present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time.

**(b)** Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or the committee consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written consents thereto by the members of the Board or committee shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee.

**(c)** Any one or more members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

**(d)** Any rule change governing equipment or course of fire for each shooting discipline (Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited, Long-Range Varmint (200 and 300 yard), Hunter, Long-Range Hunter (200 and 300 yard), Rimfire, 600-Yard and 1,000-Yard Benchrest Shooting) must first be approved by the Board of Directors. The rule change would then be “temporarily effective” beginning on January 1 of the following year. The regions will have already given the rule change a “first look”. Then during this “temporarily effective” period, the changes will go through a “trial period” before final ratification by the General Membership. The following year, the rule change must be ratified by a majority of the members voting at the National Championship Tournament in the particular discipline affected by the change, and then shall become effective upon ratification.

**Section 7. Place of Meeting.** The Board of Directors may hold its meetings at the principal office of the Association, or at such place or places within or without the State of New York as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution determine.

**Section 8. Annual Meetings.** The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall begin at noon on the Saturday prior to the Nationals at a place to be fixed by the Board of Directors, or at any other time and place to be fixed by the Board of Directors. The President shall notify all directors by mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Section 9. Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such times as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Section 10. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President, or by any two (2) of the directors. Notice shall be given orally, by facsimile, or by mail and shall state the purposes, time and place of the meeting. If notice is given orally, in person or by telephone, it shall be given not less than one (1) day before the meeting; if it is given by facsimile or by mail, it shall be given not less than three (3) days before the meeting.

**Section 11. Waivers of Notice.** Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who submits a signed waiver of notice whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice.

**Section 12. Quorum.**

(a) A majority of the entire Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(b) A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place without notice to any director.

**Section 13. Compensation.** Directors shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for the expenses reasonably incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

**Section 14. Annual Report.** The Board of Directors shall present at the Annual Meeting of members a report verified by the President and Business Manager or by a majority of the directors, showing in appropriate detail the following:

- (a) The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Association as of the end of the twelve-month fiscal period terminating not more than six months prior to said meeting.
- (b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during said fiscal period.
- (c) The revenue or receipts of the Association, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes during said fiscal period.
- (d) The expenses or disbursements of the Association for both general and restricted purposes, during said fiscal period.
- (e) The number of members of the Association as of the date of the report, together with a statement of increase or decrease in such number during said fiscal period and a statement of the place where the names and places of residence of the current members may be found.

This report shall be filed with the records of this Association and a copy thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of members.

#### **ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. Executive Committee and Other Standing Committees.** The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board, may designate from among its members an Executive Committee and other standing committees consisting of three (3) or more directors. The standing committees shall have such authority as the Board shall by

resolution provide; and the Executive Committee shall have all the authority of the Board, except that no such committee shall have authority as to the following matters:

- (a) The submission to members of any action requiring members' approval under the law.
- (b) The filling of vacancies in the Board or in any committee.
- (c) The fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the Board or on any committee.
- (d) The amendment or repeal of the By-laws or the adoption of new By-laws.
- (e) The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board which by its terms, shall not be so amendable or repealable.

Any reference in these By-laws to the Board of Directors shall include the Executive Committee unless the context or express provision otherwise provide.

**Section 2. Special Committees.** The Board of Directors may designate special committees, each of which shall consist of such persons and shall have such authority as is provided in the resolution designating the committee, except that such authority shall not exceed the authority conferred on the Executive Committee by Section 1 of this Article IV.

**Section 3. Meetings.** Meetings of committees, of which no notice shall be necessary, shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the President of the Association or the chairman of the committee or by vote of a majority of all of the members of the committee.

**Section 4. Quorum and Manner of Acting.** Unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors, a majority of all of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the vote of a majority of all of the members of the committee shall be the act of the committee. The procedures and manner of acting of the Executive Committee and of the committees of the Board shall be subject at all times to the directions of the Board of Directors.

**Section 5. Tenure of Members of Committees of the Board.** Each committee of the Board and every member thereof shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

**Section 6. Alternate Members.** The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of the Executive Committee or of any standing committee of the Board, who may replace any absent member or members at any meeting of such committee.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Number.** The officers of the Association shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Business Manager, a Secretary and such other officers as the Board of Directors may in its discretion determine. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

**Section 2. Term of Office and Qualifications.** Those officers whose titles are specifically mentioned in Section 1 of this Article V shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting. Unless a shorter term is provided in the resolution of the Board electing such officer, the term of office of each officer shall be for two (2) years and extend to the first meeting of directors following the second Annual Meeting after the Annual Meeting at which he or she has been elected and until the officer's successor is elected and qualified. The President and Vice President must be a past member of the Board of Directors, except the Business Manager.

**Section 3. Additional Officers.** Additional officers may be elected for such period, have such authority and perform such duties, either in an administrative or subordinate capacity, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

**Section 4. Removal of Officers.** Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors with or without cause at any time.

**Section 5. Resignation.** Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, or to the President or to the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time be specified, then upon delivery.

**Section 6. Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office shall be filled by

the Board of Directors.

**Section 7. President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors at which the President is present. The President shall act as the chief executive officer of the Association and shall supervise generally the management of the affairs of the Association subject only to the supervision of the Board. The President shall cast a vote should a tie occur on any matter. The President shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board.

**Section 8. Vice Presidents.** In the absence or incapacity to act of the President, or if the office of President be vacant, the Vice President or, if there be more than one Vice President, the Vice Presidents in order of seniority as determined by the Board of Directors, shall preside at all meetings of the members, and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, subject to the right of the Board from time to time to extend or confine such powers and duties or to assign them to others. Each Vice President shall have such powers and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

**Section 9. Business Manager.** The Business Manager shall, if required by the Board of Directors, obtain a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such sum and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall require. The Business Manager shall keep and maintain the books of account and shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Association, and deposit all such funds in the name of and to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or

other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors. The Business Manager shall also perform all other duties customarily incident to the office of Business Manager and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

**Section 10. Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to act as secretary of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and to keep the minutes of all such meetings in a proper book or books to be provided for that purpose; the Secretary shall see that all notices required to be given by the Association are duly given and served; the Secretary shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, for use at meetings of the members the list or record of members referred to in Article I, Section 14 of these By-laws and shall certify such list; the Secretary shall keep a current list of the Association's directors and officers and their residence addresses; the Secretary shall be custodian of the seal of the Association and shall affix the seal, or cause it to be affixed, to all agreements, documents and other papers requiring the same. The Secretary shall have custody of the minute book containing the minutes of all meetings of members, directors, the Executive Committee, and any other committees which may keep minutes, and of all other contracts and documents which are not in the custody of the Treasurer of the Association, or in the custody of some other person authorized by the Board of Directors to have such custody.

**Section 11. Appointed Officers.** The Board of Directors may delegate to any officer or committee the power to appoint and to remove any subordinate officer, agent or employee.

**Section 12. Assignment and Transfer of Stocks, Bonds and Securities.** The President, the Vice Presidents, the Business

Manager, the Secretary, and each of them, shall have power to assign, or to endorse for transfer, under the corporate seal, and to deliver, any stock, bonds, subscription rights, or other securities, or any beneficial interest therein, held or owned by the Association.

## **ARTICLE VI - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DRAFTS AND BANK ACCOUNTS**

**Section 1. Execution of Contracts.** The Board of Directors, except as in these By-laws otherwise provided, may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, in the name of and on behalf of the Association to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; but, unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, or expressly authorized by these By-laws, no officers, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Association by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable pecuniarily in any amount for any purpose.

**Section 2. Loans.** No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Association unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Checks, Drafts, etc.** All checks, drafts and other orders for the payment of money out of the funds of the Association, and all notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Association, shall be signed on behalf of the Association in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Deposits.** All funds of the Association not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the

Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

## **ARTICLE VII - INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

**Section 1. Authorized Indemnification.** Unless clearly prohibited by law or Section 2 of this Article VII, the Association shall indemnify any person ("Indemnified Person") made, or threatened to be made, a party in any action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or otherwise, including any action by or in the right of the Association, by reason of the fact that he or she (or his or her testator or intestate), whether before or after adoption of this Section, (a) is or was a director or officer of the Association, or (b) in addition is serving or served, in any capacity, at the request of the Association, as a director or officer of any other Association, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise. The indemnification shall be against all judgments, fines, penalties, amounts paid in settlement (provided the Association shall have consented to such settlement) and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs of investigation, incurred by an Indemnified Person with respect to any such threatened or actual action or proceeding, and any appeal thereof.

**Section 2. Prohibited Indemnification.** The Association shall not indemnify any person if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the Indemnified Person (or to the person whose actions are the basis for the action or proceeding) establishes, or the Board of Directors in good faith determines, that such person's acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated or that he or she personally gained in fact

a financial profit or other advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

**Section 3. Advancement of Expenses.** The Association shall, on request of any Indemnified Person who is or may be entitled to be indemnified by the Association, pay or promptly reimburse the Indemnified Person's reasonably incurred expenses in connection with a threatened or actual action or proceeding prior to its final disposition. However, no such advancement of expenses shall be made unless the Indemnified Person makes a binding, written commitment to repay the Association, with interest, for any amount advanced for which it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified under the law or Section 2 of this Article VII. An Indemnified Person shall cooperate in good faith with any request by the Association that common legal counsel be used by the parties to such action or proceeding who are similarly situated unless it would be inappropriate to do so because of actual or potential conflicts between the interests of the parties.

**Section 4. Indemnification of Others.** Unless clearly prohibited by law or Section 2 of this Article VII, the Board of Directors may approve Association indemnification as set forth in Section 1 of this Article VII or advancement of expenses as set forth in Section 3 of this Article VII, to a person (or the testator or intestate of a person) who is or was employed by the Association or who is or was a volunteer for the Association, and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party in any action or proceeding, by reason of the fact of such employment or volunteer activity, including actions undertaken in connection with service at the request of the Association in any capacity for any other Association, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit

plan or other enterprise.

**Section 5. Determination of Indemnification.** Indemnification mandated by a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction will be paid. After termination or disposition of any actual or threatened action or proceeding against an Indemnified Person, if indemnification has not been ordered by a court the Board of Directors shall, upon written request by the Indemnified Person, determine whether and to what extent indemnification is permitted pursuant to these By-laws. Before indemnification can occur the Board of Directors must explicitly find that such indemnification will not violate the provisions of Section 2 of this Article VII. No director with a personal interest in the outcome, or who is a party to such actual or threatened action or proceeding concerning which indemnification is sought, shall participate in this determination. If a quorum of disinterested directors is not obtainable, the Board of Directors shall act only after receiving the opinion in writing of independent legal counsel that indemnification is proper in the circumstances under then applicable law and these By-laws.

**Section 6. Binding Effect.** Any person entitled to indemnification under these By-laws has a legally enforceable right to indemnification which cannot be abridged by amendment of these By-laws with respect to any event, action or omission occurring prior to the date of such amendment.

**Section 7. Insurance.** The Association is not required to purchase directors' and officers' liability insurance, but the Association may purchase such insurance if authorized and approved by the Board of Directors. To the extent permitted by law, such insurance may insure the Association for any obligation

it incurs as a result of this Article VII or operation of law and it may insure directly the directors, officers, employees or volunteers of the Association for liabilities against which they are not entitled to indemnification under this Article VII as well as for liabilities against which they are entitled or permitted to be indemnified by the Association.

**Section 8. Nonexclusive Rights.** The provisions of this Article VII shall not limit or exclude any other rights to which any person may be entitled under law or contract. The Board of Directors is authorized to enter into agreements on behalf of the Association with any director, officer, employee or volunteer providing them rights to indemnification or advancement of expenses in connection with potential indemnification in addition to the provisions therefore in this Article VII, subject in all cases to the limitations of Section 2 of this Article VII.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**Section 1. Definition of Conflicts of Interest.** A conflict of interest will be deemed to exist whenever an individual is in the position to approve or influence Association policies or actions which involve or could ultimately harm or benefit financially: (a) the individual; (b) any member of his immediate family (spouse, parents, children, brothers or sisters, and spouses of these individuals); or (c) any organization in which he or she or an immediate family member is a director, trustee, officer, member, partner or more than 10% shareholder. Service on the board of another not-for-profit Association does not constitute a conflict of interest.

**Section 2. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest.** A director or officer shall disclose a conflict of interest: (a) prior to voting on or otherwise discharging his duties with respect to any matter

involving the conflict which comes before the Board or any committee; (b) prior to entering into any contract or transaction involving the conflict; (c) as soon as possible after the director or officer learns of the conflict; and (d) on the annual conflict of interest disclosure form. The Secretary of the Association shall distribute annually to all directors and officers, a form soliciting the disclosure of all conflicts of interest, including specific information concerning the terms of any contract or transaction with the Association and whether the process for approval set forth in Section 3 of this Article VIII was used.

**Section 3. Approval of Contracts and Transactions Involving Potential Conflicts of Interest.** A director or officer who has or learns about a potential conflict of interest should disclose promptly to the Secretary of the Association the material facts surrounding any actual or potential conflict of interest, including specific information concerning the terms of any contract or transaction with the Association. All effort should be made to disclose any such contract or transaction and have it approved by the Board before the arrangement is entered into.

Following receipt of information concerning a contract or transaction involving a potential conflict of interest, the Board shall consider the material facts concerning the proposed contract or transaction including the process by which the decision was made to recommend entering into the arrangement on the terms proposed. The Board shall approve only those contracts or transactions in which the terms are fair and reasonable to the Association and the arrangements are consistent with the best interests of the Association. Fairness includes, but is not limited to, the concepts that the Association should pay no more than fair market value for any goods or services which the Association

receives and that the Association should receive fair market value consideration for any goods or services that it furnishes others. The Board shall set forth the basis for its decision with respect to approval of contracts or transactions involving conflicts of interest in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision is made, including the basis for determining that the consideration to be paid is fair to the Association.

**Section 4. Validity of Actions.** No contract or other transaction between the Association and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, firm, association or other entity in which one or more of its directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a substantial financial interest, shall be either void or voidable for this reason alone or by reason alone that such director or directors or officer or officers are present at the meeting of the Board of Directors, or of a committee thereof, which authorizes such contract or transaction, or that his or their votes are counted for such purpose, if the material facts as to such director's or officer's interest in such contract or transaction and as to any such common directorship, officership or financial interest are disclosed in good faith or known to the Board or committee, and the Board or committee authorizes such contract or transaction by a vote sufficient for such purpose without counting the vote or votes of such interested director or officers. Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or committee which authorizes such contract or transaction. At the time of the discussion and decision concerning the authorization of such contract or transaction, the interested director or officer should not be present at the meeting.

**Section 5. Employee Conflicts of Interest.** An employee of the Association with a potential conflict of interest in a particular matter shall promptly and fully disclose the potential conflict to his supervisor. The employee shall thereafter refrain from participating in deliberations and discussion, as well as any decisions, relating to the matter and follow the direction of the supervisor as to how the Association decisions which are the subject of the conflict will be determined. The President shall be responsible for determining the proper way for the Association to handle Association decisions which involve unresolved employee conflicts of interest. In making such determinations, the President may consult with legal counsel.

The President shall report to the Board at least annually concerning employee conflicts of interest which have been disclosed and contracts and transactions involving employee conflicts which the President has approved.

## **ARTICLE IX - COMPENSATION**

**Section 1. Reasonable Compensation.** It is the policy of the Association to pay no more than reasonable compensation for personal services rendered to the Association by officers and employees. The directors of the Association shall not receive compensation for fulfilling their duties as directors, although directors may be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses which they incur in order to fulfill their duties as directors. Expenses of spouses will not be reimbursed by the Association unless the expenses are necessary to achieve an Association purpose.

**Section 2. Approval of Compensation.** The Board of Directors must approve in advance the amount of all compensation for officers of the Association.

Before approving the compensation of an officer, the Board shall determine that the total compensation to be provided by the Association to the officer is reasonable in amount in light of the position, responsibility and qualification of the officer for the position held, including the result of an evaluation of the officer's prior performance for the Association, if applicable. In making the determination, the Board shall consider total compensation to include the salary and the value of all benefits provided by the Association to the individual in payment for services. At the time of the discussion and decision concerning an officer's compensation, the officer should not be present in the meeting. The Board shall obtain and consider appropriate data concerning comparable compensation paid to similar officers in like circumstances.

The Board shall set forth the basis for its decisions with respect to compensation in the minutes of the meeting at which the decisions are made, including the conclusions of the evaluation and the basis for determining that the individual's compensation was reasonable in light of the evaluation and the comparability data.

## **ARTICLE X - GENERAL**

**Section 1. Office.** The office of the Association shall be at such place as the Board of Directors may determine.

**Section 2. Rule Book.** The Association will publish a Rule Book from time to time establishing rules for the conduct of tournaments, types of equipment to be used, and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the Association. These By-laws shall be included in such Rule Books as may be published by the Association from time to time.

**Section 3. Books and Records.** There shall be kept at the office of the Association: (a) correct and complete books and records of account; (b) minutes of the proceedings of the members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee; (c) a current list of the directors and officers of the Association and their residence addresses; (d) a list of record containing the names and addresses of all members, the class or classes of membership or capital certificates, and the number of capital certificates (if any) held by each and the dates when they respectively became the holders of record thereof; (e) a copy of these By-laws; (f) a copy of the Association's application for recognition of exemption with the Internal Revenue Service; and (g) copies of the past three years information returns to the Internal Revenue Service.

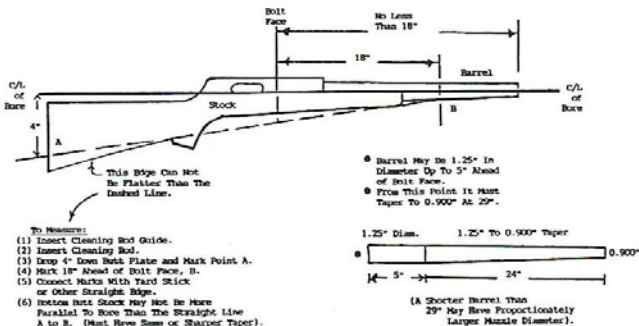
**Section 4. Seal.** The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the following: National Bench Rest Shooters Association 1956 New York Not-for-Profit Corporation.

**Section 5. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Association shall commence January 1 in each calendar year and end on December 31.

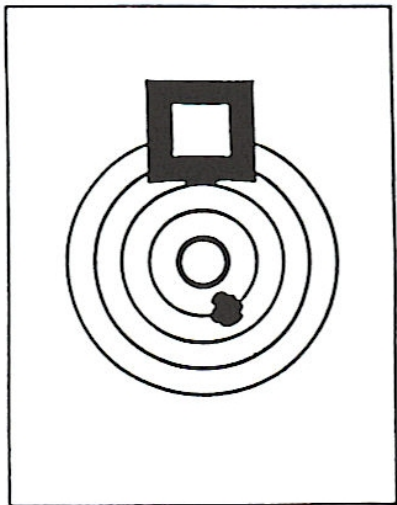
## ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

The By-laws of the Association may be amended or repealed by the members at the time entitled to vote in the election of directors or by action of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors. Any By-law adopted by the Board may be amended or repealed by the members and, unless otherwise provided in the By-laws adopted by the members, any by-law adopted by the members may be amended or repealed by the Board. If any By-law regulating an impending election of directors is adopted, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors, there shall be set forth in the notice of the next meeting of the members for the election of directors the By-laws so adopted, amended or repealed, together with a concise statement of the changes made.

### P. VARMINT RIFLE DIAGRAM.



**Q. TARGET DRAWING .**



The shot outside of the rectangular border of the target is a Penalty Shot (1 inch at 100 yards, 2 inches at 200 yards., 3 inches at 300 yds.) and is not to be measured with the group. The group is first measured and then the Penalty is added to it. Example: Group of .250 + Penalty of 1.000 = 1.250

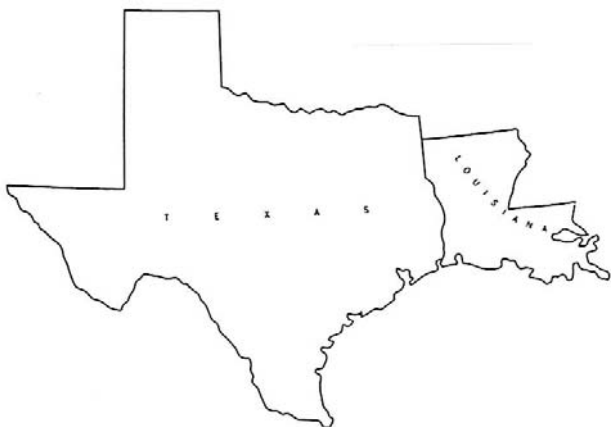
## R. REGIONAL MAPS - EASTERN REGION



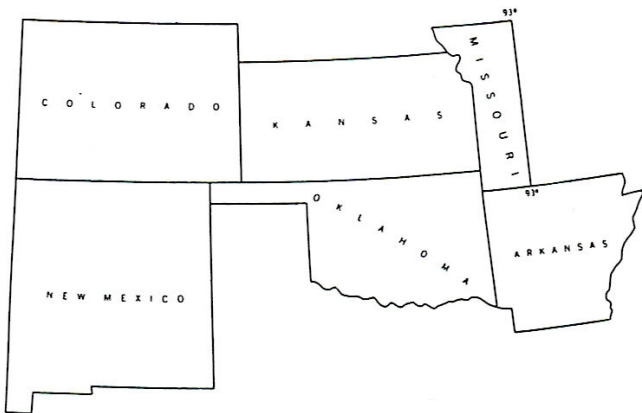
The **EASTERN REGION** also includes **WASHINGTON, DC**; and the **CANADIAN PROVINCES** of **QUEBEC** and **ONTARIO**.

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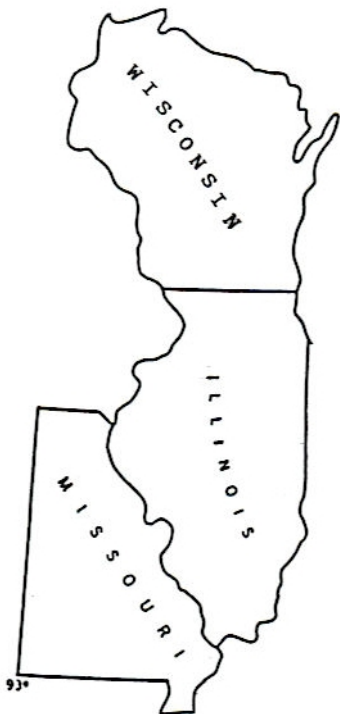
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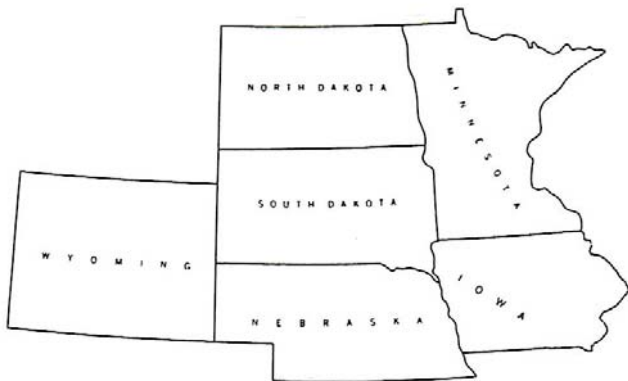
## MID-CONTINENT REGION



## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION



## NORTH CENTRAL REGION



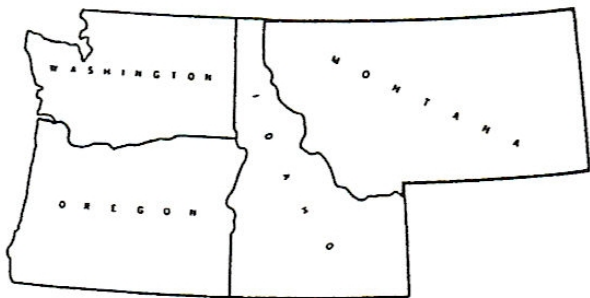
The NORTH CENTRAL REGION also includes the CANADIAN PROVINCES of SASKATCHEWAN and MANITOBA.

## NORTHEASTERN REGION



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## **NORTHWESTERN REGION**



**The NORTHWESTERN REGION also includes Alaska and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.**

## **SOUTHEASTERN REGION**

## SOUTHWESTERN REGION



The SOUTHWESTERN REGION also includes HAWAII.

## EUROPEAN REGION



The EUROPEAN REGION includes the following Countries:

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| 1. Austria | 7. Italy        |
| 2. Belgium | 8. Norway       |
| 3. England | 9. Scotland     |
| 4. Finland | 10. Sweden      |
| 5. France  | 11. Sweden      |
| 6. Germany | 12. Switzerland |