



Beaudesert Sporter Discipline Rules (from Chapter 23, SSR 7.3), 14-7/24



This discipline is intended to allow commercially available (shop purchased) sporting/hunting/varmint repeating type centrefire rifles to be used on NRAA rifle ranges. The discipline is both participative and competitive, to allow new shooters with existing rifles entry into the sport.

SAFETY:

1. Range officer must open and close range
2. Bolts must not be closed until the rifle is in the shoulder, pointed downrange at your target.
3. Trigger safety cycle test must be carried out prior to the commencement of shooting, before the loading of a magazine or any ammunition in the rifle.
4. An "ECI" – Empty Chamber Indicator must be inserted in the chamber at all times unless actively engaged in firing on the firing line
5. Hearing protection must be worn
6. On completion of the detail, the action of the rifle is to be opened, the bolt, magazine and any floor plate removed; the chamber and the magazine are to be inspected by the competitor and scorer to ensure that both are free from live rounds and empty cases; once confirmed the Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) is to be inserted.
7. Upon a misfire, you must keep the butt of the rifle in your shoulder, muzzle pointed at the target, with the bolt closed for 30 seconds. Your scorer is to advise the Range Officer of the misfire, who will then inspect your rifle and take appropriate action. Upon a second misfire, the Range Officer will retire that rifle from the competition.

Standard Rules

The following Rules are applicable to Sporter Discipline regardless of Class of Rifle being used:

Over the course of an aggregate, competitors are only permitted to change rifles should the first rifle become unsafe or unserviceable and only if the Range Officer verifies this to be so.

STOCK - Any stock that fits within the weight restrictions for the class being competed in may be used and the action may be bedded in the stock.

MUZZLE BRAKES are permitted, and must be noted as "MB" on the top right your score card before submission to the organising RO.

TRIGGER - Any safe, mechanical/manually operated trigger may be used. Electronic set of release triggers are not permitted. A trigger shall be deemed safe:

- (a) if its activating mechanism is enclosed in a suitable trigger guard;
- (b) vigorous cycling of the action does not cause the trigger to release.

MAGAZINES may be used, and must be loaded and unloaded on the mound prior to and after the shooting detail. The competitor is to be in the firing position before placing a magazine into the rifle and the 'load' or the 'Range is Open' command has been given by the RO.

Rounds may also be manually placed into the magazine by virtue of single round loading, or by direct loading into the chamber of the rifle. Where removal of rounds from the rifle can only be achieved by cycling the bolt, rounds shall only be singly loaded.

SIGHT - Any sight may be used, including magnifying or telescopic up to a maximum magnification of 25 X (times). Any telescopic sights with greater magnification must be set to a maximum of 25 X for the duration of the match. Sight magnification may be checked by the Range Officer at any time that does not unduly affect the shooter. A competitor found to be using magnification greater than 25 X, in the first instance shall be given a warning. Subsequent breaches shall result in deduction of score of 5 points per breach (ref 9.5).

AMMUNITION - may be commercial or handloaded but loaded in a manner with the ammunition industry's accepted standards; must be safe in the rifle for which it is intended and must meet in all respects the limitations of any range regulations. Up to 8MM calibre, with a muzzle velocity not exceeding 3275 feet per second (998 metres per second) and muzzle energy of 3500 foot pounds (4742.5 joules).

FRONT REST– The front of the rifle may be supported by a sporting type folding bipod (e.g. Harris, Atlas or similar) The legs in an unextended position must not exceed 36 cm (14 inches) footprint centre to centre of the point of contact with the ground. The bipod must be resting directly on the ground with no mat or plate under the bipod and cannot be connected to the shooting mat. It must not be fitted with spikes or skis.

REAR BAG bag may be used. If used, it must be easily deformable (by hand) and weigh less than 1.0 Kg. F-class style bags with ears are not permitted. No solid base or stacking plates are permitted.

SHOOTING MAT may be used in accordance with TR and F Class Rules.

SCORING shall be as per TR rules as specified in 4.1.3 (V, 5).

Class of Rifles

Production Class (PC)

Any rifle purchased as a standard factory-made and manufactured (i.e. factory-made mass produced for retail), commercially available sporting/hunting style rifle. It must have the original chambering (cartridge) without the features or attachments that would deem it in the style of target rifle, and which complies with the following conditions:

- Barrels must be factory fitted, of original equipment manufacturer specification and no more than 66.04 cm (26 inches) in length – not including muzzle brake if fitted.
- Weight shall be less than 6.5kg (14.3 lbs), including bolt, the mounted telescopic sight and bipod. No additional weights may be added to any part of the rifle.

Production Class Open (PCO)

- Any rifle that would be deemed Production Class (PC) as above, that has been rebarrelled or rechambered, with the replacement barrel not exceeding heavy varmint profile; ie maximum 22.86 mm (0.9 inches) at the muzzle and 68.5 cm (27 inches) in length – not including muzzle brake if fitted.
- Weight shall be less than 7.5 kg, including bolt, the mounted telescopic sight and bipod. No additional weights may be added to any part of the rifle.

FORMAT:

- a. Competitions will be shot over 300, 400, 400/300, 500, 600, and 600/500 yards
- b. Standard ICFRA targets will be used
- c. Scoring is as for TR ie V bull, 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1
- d. Time limit is 10 minutes per string, with 5 minutes preparation time allowed once the previous shooter has removed all gear from the firing point.
- e. Competition is shot from prone position, benches may be used at discretion of the Range Officer
- f. Club competition will consist of 25 rounds (2 sighters + 10 scoring, then 2 sighters + 11 scoring)
- g. Annual awards are for Production Class (PC), Production Class Open (PCO), Handicap, and most V-Bulls. The best two total scores at each range (and range combination) will be used to decide the winners.

Where rules for Sporter class do not cover a specific topic, rules as laid out in the SSR's for TR will apply.