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Adopted by the Commonwealth Council of Rifle Associations of Australia for use by State Rifle Associations, District Rifle Club Unions and Rifle Clubs.

Approved by the Military Board on 14th April, 1937; to come into operation on 1st July, 1937.

### 1. Conduct of Matches.

All matches shall be fired under the direction of the Executive Committee, and such matches shall be controlled and supervised by a Chief Range Officer and/or an Executive Officer and Range Officers appointed by the Executive Committee if such appointments have been made. If no such appointments have been made the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the direction and control of the matches.

### 2. Powers of Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee will be responsible for all arrangements connected with the matches, and may, if found necessary, vary the programme.

(b) Subject to appeal to the Council the Executive Committee shall have power to refuse to accept any entry or to cancel at any time any entry that may have been accepted, without assigning any reason therefor.

(c) The Executive Committee shall be the sole interpreter of the meaning and scope of the regulations and conditions governing the matches and of the extent to which they apply. Entries shall be accepted only on those conditions.

(d) The Executive Committee shall meet at such times as may be arranged during the matches, and may be called together by the Chairman or Secretary of the Association at any time.

### 3. Chief Range Officer or Executive Officer.

(a) The Chief Range Officer or Executive Officer shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the observance of discipline during the matches, and shall have, subject to appeal to the Executive Committee, power to disqualify any competitor for any breach of the regulations governing the matches.

(b) He shall have the direction and control of all Range Officers, Butt Superintendents, Markers and Scorers, and shall exercise general supervision over the range, matches and competitors, and generally carry out the instructions of the Executive Committee.

### 4. Range Officers.

(a) Each Range Officer shall have charge of the firing point or group of targets allotted to him, and will be held responsible that all the regulations are observed by competitors, and will perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Chief Range Officer or Executive Officer.

(b) Whilst at the firing point competitors must comply with all orders given by the Range Officer.

### 5. Discipline.

Strict discipline shall be observed, and any competitor wilfully infringing conditions or disobeying regulations for the due observance of order, or whose conduct is considered by the Executive Committee to be discreditable, may be disqualified, and



any prizes he may have already won during the matches may be forfeited, together with his entrance fees.

#### 6. Protests.

All protests arising at a firing point (including complaints or appeals from decisions of Range Officers) must be made in writing (accompanied by a fee of 5/-, which shall be liable to forfeiture if the protest be found frivolous or vexatious), and such protest must be handed at once to the Range Officer for transmission to the Chief Range or Executive Officer. When this is not possible the protests must be handed to the Range Officer or the Secretary of the Association as soon as possible after the occurrence upon which the protest is founded, and in no case later than 9 a.m. the day following. Should the Executive Committee consider there has been unnecessary delay in handing in a protest they may decline to entertain it.

#### 7. Rifles.

.303 rifles, either as issued by the Government or of British manufacture and of a bona fide Government pattern, bearing the Government viewer's mark approved by the Council or Executive Committee, must be used, and until instructions are issued from Army Headquarters to the contrary, competitors may use the S.M.L.E., S.M.L.E. Mark III. (H), or the converted M.L.E. rifle. In the case of the converted M.L.E. rifle, the conversion must be strictly in accordance with departmental instructions or specifications. The removal of the service backsight or the hand guards from the S.M.L.E. rifle will not be permitted nor any interference or alteration to the sight protector portion of the nose

cap. Rifles when used must comply with the following conditions:—

- (a) Weight.—Not to exceed the greatest weight of the Regulation rifle of the corresponding pattern and make, viz., 10 lb.
- (b) Length.—Maximum, measured from the muzzle to the butt when placed vertically on the ground, 45 inches.
- (c) Stocks.—Must not be checkered; no pad or shoe for the heel-plate of the butt is allowed, nor may the butt-plate be checkered.
- (d) Pull of Trigger.—With the S.M.L.E. rifle having the double pull, minimum 5 lb. With the M.L.E. shortened rifle, minimum 5 lb. Competitors must submit their rifles for inspection and testing, with the breeches open.
- (e) Trigger Testing.—The tester will be applied so that it hangs in a vertical line, making an angle of 25 degrees with the axis of the bore.
- (f) Foresight.—The foresight must be of a pattern approved by the Military Board, and comply with the following measurements: Height of blade measured from the top of the block, minimum 4-32nds of an inch. The width of the foresight blade must not exceed 7-100ths of an inch. Any color or combination of colors may be used on the foresight.
- (g) Protection.—In wet weather a weather-proof cover may be placed over the barrel at the option of the firer.

- (h) **Backsight.**—Adjustable aperture backsights and extension plates of designs approved by the Commonwealth Council or its Executive Committee, including aperture sights as allowed by the N.R.A. on service rifles, are permitted, provided that such sights are capable of quick adjustment without extraneous means, and that the diameter and length of the aperture disc do not exceed three-quarters of an inch. No addition or attachment to the disc which would have the effect of increasing its diameter will be allowed. One backsight only to be used in aiming. The safety catch must not be used as a means of firing the rifle. The use of any aperture sight plate on the S.M.L.E. rifle that does not permit of the free use of the safety catch and locking gear of the rifle will not be allowed.
- (i) The use of telescopic or magnifying sights or artificial rests will not be allowed.
- (j) The use of any attachment to shade the front- or back-sights will not be allowed.

#### 8. Orthoptics.

The use of orthoptics except in service matches will be allowed, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) The sight of the eye not used for aiming must not be, in any degree, artificially obscured unless with a glass which must not be darker than a medium tint (about that known to opticians as No. 6).
- (b) The field of vision must not be limited, except by the orthoptic disc; opaque goggles, side flaps, etc., of gauze or any other material will not be allowed.

#### 9. Spectacles.

Spectacles, if used, must not limit the field of vision by being fitted with side flaps of gauze or any other material. The sight of the eye not used for aiming must comply with 8 (a). Spectacles will not be permitted in conjunction with adaptors that are fitted with lenses or clearing glasses.

#### 10. Changing Rifles.

No two competitors squadded for the same time shall shoot with the same rifle, nor shall a competitor change his rifle at any range of a competition unless his first rifle becomes unserviceable through accident, and on permission granted by the Executive or Range Officer.

#### 11. Cleaning.—

Competitors may wipe out or clean their rifles during any competition, provided they do not delay the shooting by so doing. This will only be allowed between the distances in the competition, except when the order to cease fire has been given, or in cases of accident, by permission of the Range Officer.

#### 12. Slings.

Slings need not be on the rifle, but, if on, they may be used as an assistance in shooting. Any sling must be attached to two separate swivels on the rifle, and must not exceed 54½ inches in length (exclusive of tongue and buckle), nor 1½ inches in width. The sling may be placed around one arm or wrist, but not around any other part of the body of the competitor. No hook or loop or other apparatus may be used to retain the sling in any particular position on the person, nor may it be attached

to the rifle in such a manner as to leave one end free for the purpose of forming a loop.

Note.—Disabled returned soldiers who are unable, through their war disability, to use the single arm sling may be permitted to use the double arm sling on production of a medical certificate and approval of the local State Rifle Association.

#### 12a. Artificial Rests, and Ground Sheets.

No artificial rests will be allowed except in the case of a competitor who has lost an arm on Service, when a rest may be used, subject to its approval by the Executive Officer. Competitors may use a waterproof sheet or greatcoat not folded up, but laid flat, as a protection from damp. No cork bed, elbow rest or mat, other than that (if any) provided at the firing point shall be allowed; the latter may be used in any way provided it be laid flat on the ground. No hole may be made in the ground at the firing point for any purpose whatever. The rifle must be held clear of the ground and the arms supported by the elbows only.

#### 13. Face and Elbow Pads.

(a) The use of face pads will be permitted provided they are not attached to the rifle.

(b) Elbow pads will be allowed both with uniform and plain clothes, provided they are of cloth or of soft leather, and are sewn on so as to form part of the sleeve, or if detachable, are of equal thickness.

#### 14. Telescopes.

In individual competitions a competitor may use a telescope or binocular providing his doing so does not delay the shooting.

#### 15. Coaching.

No person except the Executive Officer, Range Officer or member of the Executive Committee on duty, or scorer, shall be permitted to speak to a competitor after he has taken his place at the firing point, except in teams matches, where coaching is permitted in accordance with the conditions of the match. Binoculars or telescope may be used for the purpose, provided their use does not delay the firing.

#### 16. Entries.

(a) Should any entries be made for matches in which the person entered is not entitled to shoot, the entry money may be forfeited, and the person making the entry may be debarred from all competitions during the pleasure of the Executive Committee. Any prize he may have already won may be forfeited.

(b) Every person becomes a competitor on the payment and acceptance of his entrance fees.

(c) No entry shall be held to have been made until full payment of the entrance fee has been received.

(d) The Council reserves to itself the power of refusing any entry or of cancelling at any moment any entry that may have been accepted without assigning any reason. Entrance fees once accepted will not, except by permission of the Executive Committee, be returned.

(e) No person shall be eligible to compete in any match while he is under disqualification by any State Rifle Association of the Commonwealth or any other Rifle Association within the Empire.



## 17. Ammunition.

Competitors must purchase their ammunition from the Association. If any competitor is found using other than that supplied, he may be disqualified. Military teams entering for service matches may exchange their ammunition for that supplied by the Association on special application and production of a duly authorised permit.

## 18. Cartridge Cases.

Cartridge cases are the property of the Association, and are not to be removed from the firing mounds by competitors.

## 19. Safety Rules to be Observed at Rifle Meetings.

(1) No person shall load his rifle or magazine until he has taken his place at the firing point and is about to fire. Whilst adjusting the sight on his rifle and while loading it, the muzzle must be held towards the target. In the event of any interruption in the firing taking place, every competitor whose rifle is loaded will at once unload.

(2) After his last shot at each range, each competitor must go through the unloading motions with the muzzle of the rifle pointing towards the target, and must leave the mound with the breach of his rifle open.

## 20. Distances and Targets.

The targets approved for deliberate shooting shall be of the following dimensions, with the addition of central bull's-eyes if so desired:—

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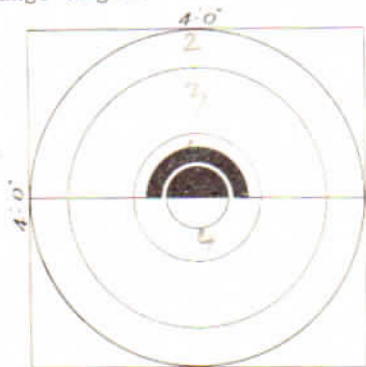
Dimensions of Divisions and of Targets.

Divisions.	Third Class.			Second Class.			First Class 800, 900 and 1000 yds.
	500 yds. Bisley Tin Hat	400 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	700 yds.	700 yds.	
Aiming Mark	14 in. semi- circle	14 in. cir- cular	24 in. dia.	24 in. dia.	24 in. dia.	24 in. dia.	30 in. dia.
Bull's-eye	9 in. dia.	12 in. dia.	15 in. "	18 in. "	24 "	24 "	30 in. "
Inner	18 in. "	18 in. "	36 in. "	36 in. "	36 in. "	36 in. "	54 in. "
Magpie	36 in. "	36 in. "	48 in. "	48 in. "	48 in. "	48 in. "	72 in. square
Outer	48 in. "	48 in. "	72 in. "	72 in. "	72 in. "	72 in. "	Remainder of target 8 ft. x 6 ft.

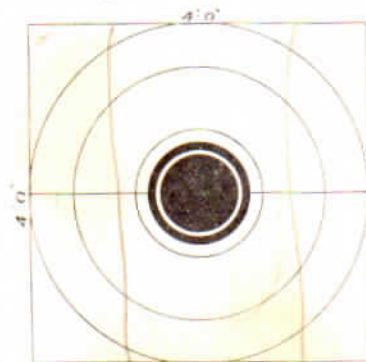
300 yards, Bisley Tin Hat target, the Aiming Mark being represented by a semi-circle 14 inches in diameter. The Bull's-eye at 500 yards being 9 inches.

At 400 yards a circular Aiming Mark 14 inches in diameter, with a 12-inch Bull's-eye.  
500, 600 and 700 yards, Bisley Tin Hat colors, Aiming Mark at each distance being 24 inches, but the Bull's-eye at 500 yards being 15 inches, at 600 yards being 18 inches, and at 700 yards 24 inches. At 800, 900 and 1000 yards the Bull's-eye being 30 inches. All other dimensions are as shown above.

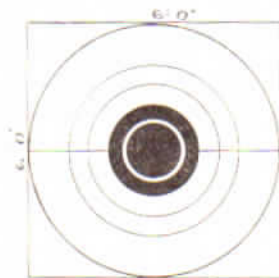
The following is the description of short and middle range targets:—



300 yds. Bisley Tin Hat



400 yds. Target



500, 600, 700 yds. Target

**Note.**—The White Circle on the bull at 500 yards will be 15 inch, and 18 inches at 600 yards. No White Circle is required for 700 yards.

## 21. Marking.

(a) Where the dual system of targets is in vogue the value of the shot shall be shown by a value disc on the target together with a spotting disc in the shot hole.

(b) The value of hits shall be:—Outer, 2 points; Magpie, 3 points; Inner, 4 points; Bull's-eye, 5 points.

(c) Where the dummy system of marking is used, marking shall be by exhibiting a black panel on the dummy, and the actual position of the hit shall be shown by a spotting disc when the target is raised again:—



OUTER.  
Scoring  
2 points:



MAGPIE.  
Scoring  
3 points.



INNER.  
Scoring  
4 points.



BULL'S-EYE.  
Scoring 5 points.



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(d) The above marking of individual shots shall not apply in tiles matches, head and shoulder targets, and appearing and disappearing targets with or without a time and number of shots limit.

(e) On second and third class targets hits outside the outer circle will be indicated by a spotting disc, but may be flagged or signalled as a "Miss."

(f) When a shot breaks the line between two divisions of the target the competitor shall be credited with the higher value.

(g) When two shots strike the target, that alone that has the higher value will be marked, and the competitor whose proper turn it was to fire at that target will be credited with that value. Both hits, however, will be shown by spotting discs. The competitor whose proper turn it was to fire at that target will, on application to the Range Officer, be allowed to fire a sighting shot (which may be counted in the score at the option of the firer, such option to be exercised immediately after the shot is recorded) before firing his next shot in the competition.

(h) If two competitors in individual competitions fire simultaneously at the same target, the competitor who fires out of his proper turn will be credited with a miss.

(i) Should no spotting disc be on the target after the target has been raised and the value disc shown, the competitor may demand of the Range Officer that the spotting disc be shown. In every such case the spotting disc shall decide the value of the shot.

(j) If, on the target being raised, the spotting disc unmistakably disagrees with the value disc, the scorer shall stop the firing at the target and report the circumstances to a Range Officer, who shall decide the value of the shot, using the telephone if necessary, and from whose decision there shall be no appeal except by challenging as provided in clause (k).

(k) The marking as shown by the spotting disc may be challenged on the sum of 2/- being deposited with the Range Officer. If the marking is found to be wrong, the deposit will be returned and the competitor credited with the correct value of the shot, but if the marking is found to have been correct the deposit shall be forfeited without appeal. Only one such challenge will be allowed for any one shot.

(l) If no value disc be shown after a shot has been fired, the competitor who fired such shot must, on the expiration of 30 seconds, either carry on or demand an examination of the target, which will be carried out free of charge. If the competitor is not satisfied with the result of the examination he may challenge the marking by lodging a challenge fee of 2/- with the Range Officer. If on examination it be found that a shot has struck the target the competitor will be credited with the value of the hit and the deposit shall be returned, but if there be no hit on the target the deposit shall be forfeited.

(m) Ricochets will be indicated on the dummy but no spotting disc will be shown for a ricochet, and it will be recorded as a "Miss." A shot will only be recorded as a ricochet when it is an obvious one, and then only by the Butt Officer after a personal examination of the target. In the dual system of targets ricochets will be indicated by the marker's flag being waved from front to rear several times with a circular movement.

(n) In the event of a competitor scoring a "Miss" with his last shot, the next competitor to fire may have the target examined before he fires his first shot.

(o) If, at the moment at which a competitor fires, his target should be moved in such a manner as to falsify the result of his shot, the Range Officer may cancel the result of such shot and permit the competitor to fire another shot in place of it, provided, however, that the competitor must immediately (and before the value disc is shown) claim an extra shot.

(p) No allowance will be made under any circumstances for a defective rifle or cartridge, providing the cartridge explodes and the bullet is ejected from the barrel of the rifle. The shot must be recorded in the competitor's score.

## 22. Sighters.

In all matches where sighters are provided for, every competitor will be allowed two sighting shots at each distance, and may take the last or both as "business," but must declare his intention immediately after the value of the second of such shots has been signalled.

## 23. Scoring.

The value of hits, except where otherwise provided, shall be:—Bull's-eye, 5; Inner, 4; Magpie, 3; Outer, 2.

(a) In Individual Matches the value of each shot shall be recorded by the Scorer and Check Scorer, as provided in Regulation 23 (d).

- (b) In Teams Matches an Executive Officer may allow a non-competitor to score for the whole team or squad, as the case may be, and in such matches the score shall be checked by a member of another team, or a person appointed by an Executive Officer.
- (c) The members of a squad shall score for one another, and a check shall be kept on a blackboard. For the purpose of these regulations, the term "Scorer" shall be the man scoring on the card, and the term "Check Scorer" shall be the man keeping the score on the blackboard, on which he must write in a legible manner the names and scores of the men firing. In individual matches the man whose turn it is to shoot last shall be the Scorer, and the last but one the Check Scorer, who shall score and check for the first man, who will, on the completion of his shoot, immediately relieve the Scorer on the card and the Scorer will relieve the Check Scorer. Each competitor on completing his shoot will do likewise.
- (d) The Scorer after each shot will call out in an audible voice the name of the competitor, the division of the target struck, the value of the shot, and shall enter the value on the score card. He must also see that the value is correctly entered on the blackboard which shall, when possible, be placed at such an angle that it can be seen both by the competitor and the general public; at the conclusion of the score the

Scorer shall check with the blackboard the competitor's name and total score. The Scorer and Check Scorer will then sign the score card.

- (e) The Check Scorer will note the value of each shot as signalled from the target and enter such value on the blackboard opposite the name of the competitor shooting. He will also sign the score card when the total score has been checked.
- (f) The entries so recorded on the blackboards will be checked by the Range Officer with those on the score cards.
- (g) All alterations of the score cards necessitated by clerical error, and all challenged shots, must be initialled and the score card signed by the Range Officer.
- (h) No objection to the score entered on any score card will be entertained unless made before it has been checked by the Range Officer.
- (i) In all cases where the firing is interrupted for a period of not less than five minutes, competitors who have not completed their firing shall, on resuming, be allowed one sighting shot which may be counted in the score at the option of the firer, such option to be exercised immediately after the shot is recorded. This clause will not apply to any delay occasioned by a competitor who has demanded an examination and/or challenge which has been decided against him, such delay having been caused by the competitor.



- (j) In all cases where a competitor misses his last shot, the target will be taken down and examined before the next competitor fires his first shot.
- (k) Each competitor in an individual competition is responsible for being ready to hand in his score card to the Range Officer of the target to which he has been allotted, on the day and at the hour specified in his squadding, otherwise he may not be allowed to shoot, and he may not shoot at any other time or place without the order of the Executive Officer, but the Range Officer may, either before the competitor commences to shoot, or if his target fails to act properly, transfer him to another target and endorse his score card accordingly.
- (l) If a competitor's target is not clear at the time entered on his score card, he must wait immediately in rear of the Scorer of his target until the latter is clear or until he is transferred to another target. No allowance will be made to any competitor who is not present at the right time and place, or who does not wait as stated in this paragraph.
- (m) If, through a mistake, it be necessary to alter any figure on the score card or blackboard, such alteration must be initialled by the Scorer and the reason explained to the Range Officer when delivering the cards before the squad is dismissed.
- (n) Should the Scorer or any other person scoring feel that he is unable to certify to the

- correctness of any score by signing the score card, he must state the reason for his objection to the Range Officer at once. The absence of the Scorer's signature on the score card will be regarded as prima facie evidence that the score shown may be incorrect.
- (o) Before firing, every competitor must call out the letter of the group and the number of the target at which he is about to fire.
- (p) When any competitor declares to include a sighter or sighters in his score, the Scorer must draw a double line through the right hand column or columns, as the case may be. He must also draw a line through any sighters not included in the score.
- (q) Competitors, before leaving the firing points, shall ascertain that their scores have been correctly registered, duly signed, correctly added up, and handed in to the Range Officer. Where provision is made on the card for a competitor's signature, they will also sign such certificate; should a competitor fail to sign such certificate, it will be taken as evidence that the card is correct.
- (r) In continuous and unsquadded matches no person shall fire except in the presence of a responsible officer or Scorer duly detailed for that match, and no score will be accepted without his signature; and no competitor shall shoot twice in succession in any such match if any other competitor is ready and waiting to fire.

#### 24. Firing.

(a) Every competitor must fire from the mound and at the target to which he has been allotted unless otherwise directed by the Executive or Range Officer.

(b) Blowing off will not be allowed under any circumstances.

(c) No one except those provided for in Rule 15 shall approach the firing mound nearer than twenty feet whilst a competitor is firing.

(d) Every discharge of a rifle at the firing point in the direction of the targets will be counted as a shot in the match except as provided in paragraph 21 (e).

#### 25. Time Limits.

Time limits of not more than 60 seconds per shot may be provided for in programmes for individual and teams matches, or for a range time limit with such extensions as the programme may provide for and the circumstances may warrant.

#### 26. Magazine Fire.

Except where specially provided for in the programme, magazine fire will not be allowed.

#### 27. Position.

In all competitions, unless otherwise specified, position shall be prone, head to target.

#### 28. Tie Regulations.

Note.—A tie occurs when the scores made by two or more competitors or two or more teams in one and the same competition aggregate the same number of points.

#### INDIVIDUAL SQUADED COMPETITIONS IN WHICH EACH SHOT IS SEPARATELY SIGNALLED.

1. Ties for the following shall be decided by "shooting off" in accordance with Tie Regulation 7 or 8:—

(a) Any first prize partly or wholly in kind, or with the option of taking money.

(b) Any first prize in cash, where it is so stated in the conditions of the competition.

(c) For the last place or places in any stage which will entitle the competitor to shoot in a later stage of an aggregate match.

2. All other ties shall be decided by counting out (subject to the special conditions regarding tie shots which have been necessarily fired in accordance with Tie Regulation 6) as follows:—

3. If at one distance by the value of each shot successively, commencing with the last.

(a) If at more than one distance, by range totals or aggregate range totals in order of distances, commencing with the longest.

(b) If still a tie, by the value of each shot successively, commencing with the last, at the longest distance.

(c) If still a tie, no further shooting shall take place, and the prize money shall be divided equally.

#### SHOOTING OFF.

4. (i) A tie will be "shot off"—

(a) By means of tie shots fired after the close of the original competition.

- (ii) "Shooting off" takes precedence over all other shooting.
- (iii) In "shooting off" a tie, the regulations for "counting out" will apply (subject to Tie Regulations 7 and 8).

#### SHOOTING OFF AFTER THE CLOSE OF A COMPETITION.

5. When a tie has to be shot off after the close of a competition, a notice stating the time and place at which the tie will be shot off will be posted on the NOTICE BOARD at the RANGE OFFICE.

6. "Shooting off" after the close of a competition will be conducted as follows:—

- (a) By each competitor firing two sighting shots (not to count) and five counting shots at the longest or only distance of the original competition, if still a tie by each competitor firing single shots until stopped by the Range Officer.

7. If when "shooting off" a tie a competitor fires more tie shots than are afterwards found to have been necessary to decide the tie, such extra shots will not count for that purpose. ALL TIE SHOTS NECESSARILY FIRED IN "SHOOTING OFF" A TIE WILL BE APPLIED TO DETERMINE THE PLACES IN THE COMPETITION OF ALL THE COMPETITORS "SHOOTING OFF."

8. Should a competitor fail to "shoot off" a tie, or fail to fire any of the required tie shots, his name will be placed in the prize list next in order of merit after the lowest scorer in the tie shooting, or in such higher place as any tie shots actually fired will entitle him.

9. If a tie should occur which must be decided, and to which none of the regulations as to either "shooting off" or "counting out" can be applied, it shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

#### TEAMS COMPETITIONS IN WHICH EACH SHOT IS SEPARATELY SIGNALLED.

10. Ties in teams competitions in which each shot is separately signalled will be decided as follows:—

- (a) If at one distance, by the aggregate totals of the last shot of all the members of the team;
- (b) If still a tie, by the aggregate totals of each member's shots successively, commencing with the last.
- (c) If at more than one distance, by the aggregate range totals in order of distances, commencing with the longest.
- (d) If still a tie, by the aggregate total of each member's shots as in Tie Regulation 12 (a) and (b), commencing with the longest.
- (e) If still a tie, by a member of each team concerned, nominated by his Captain, firing tie shots as in Tie Regulation 6 (a).

#### INDIVIDUAL AND TEAMS COMPETITIONS IN WHICH EACH SHOT IS NOT SEPARATELY SIGNALLED.

11. Ties in individual and teams competitions, in which each shot is not separately signalled, will be decided as follows:—

- (a) If at one distance, by the greatest number of hits.



- (b) If still a tie, by the fewest number of outers.
- (c) If still a tie, by the fewest number of magpies.
- (d) If still a tie, by the fewest number of inners.
- (e) If at more than one distance, by the aggregate of each distance successively, commencing with the longest.
- (f) If at more than one stage, by the aggregate of each stage successively, commencing with the last.
- (g) If still a tie by range totals or aggregate range totals in order of distances, commencing with the longest.
- (h) If still a tie, it shall not be decided, but any challenge trophy shall be held for equal periods of the year by the successful teams, and the prize money shall be divided equally.

12. In the event of ties being fired after the close of the competition or at a subsequent time, sighting shots will only be permitted in accordance with the conditions of the original competition, and tie shots will be fired as under:—

- (a) In service competitions, at standard targets, three tie shots.
- (b) In competition at moving targets, four tie shots.
- (c) In rapid and snap shooting competitions, the competitors will fire again through the longest or only distance of the original competition.

13. When a tie occurs in a teams competition in which speed is combined with accuracy, it is to be decided in the first instance by "counting out"—

(a) By the shortest time.

(b) If still a tie, by the conditions laid down in Tie Regulation 11.

14. If a tie results after deduction of points other than for "drill" it is to be decided in favour of the score from which the greatest number of points shall have been deducted.

15. If a tie should result after points for "drill only" have been allowed or deducted, the tie is to be decided on the shooting points alone.

16. In the event of more than the specified number of shots being recorded on a target the score shall be disallowed and the competitor may fire again.

17. When a tie is, by the regulations, not to be decided, the winner's names will be arranged in a bracket, and the prize money divided equally.

#### SPECIAL TIE REGULATIONS.

For Guidance of Rifle Clubs in Local Handicap Competitions.

18. When a tie occurs between Scratch v. Handicap or Handicap v. Handicap, unequal in either case with or without limit, the handicap allowance shall be first added, then the tie shall be decided by Regulation 3.

19. (a) In Revolver and Pistol Competitions, six tie shots will be fired at the longest or only distance of the original competition, and in .22in. Rifle Competitions five tie shots.

(b) Sighting shots will only be permitted in accordance with the conditions of the original competition.

19a. In Handicap Matches, in which each shot is separately signalled:—

- (a) Scratch v. Handicap or Handicap v. Handicap, the handicap allowance will be counted up to, but not exceeding, the handicap limit, or the highest possible score, where no handicap limit has been specified.
- (b) Handicap aggregates where the competitors are re-handicapped for each match or distance, the handicap will only count up to the highest possible score of each match or distance.
- (c) Handicap aggregates, where the handicaps are allotted for each match or distance prior to the commencement of the competition, the aggregate handicap will be added to the aggregate score off the rifle, and will count to the highest possible score.
- (d) In deciding ties, the handicap at any distance will only count up to the highest possible score, and if still a tie shall be decided by counting back in accordance with Tie Regulations 2 and 3.

#### 29. Rules and Regulations.

Where any conditions arise that are not covered by these shooting rules State Associations may apply to the Commonwealth Council of Rifle Associations for its decision.

#### 30. Penalties.

(a) Any person firing when the danger flag is shown at target or firing point, except in accordance with the regulations, may be fined a sum not exceeding £1; he may be debarred from all further competition during the meeting; be compelled to leave the ground; and forfeit all his entrance fees.

(b) Any competitor firing at the wrong target may be fined such sum as the Executive Committee may decide.

(c) No competitor, who has been fined, shall be allowed to fire again until the fine is paid, and if he so fires, his score shall not be recognised.

(d) Disqualification shall in all cases entail forfeiture of the entrance fees.

(e) Any person who shall be found with a loaded rifle or loaded weapon of any kind, except when he has taken up his position for firing, and it is his turn to load, may be fined a sum not exceeding £5, and may forfeit any prize or prizes won by him at the meeting, forfeit all his entrance fees, and be excluded from all further competitions at any Association prize meeting.

(f) Any competitor who shall, in the opinion of the Council, have presented himself to shoot with a Government rifle, the sights of which have been altered or tampered with, or to fire in any match or competition with a Government rifle, any portion of which has been altered contrary to regulations, or who shall, except where specially allowed, use other than Government ammunition, as issued by the Association, may be disqualified from taking any prize, and from competing in any match under the direction of the Association during the pleasure of the Association.

(g) Any competitor who shall act in any way that might prove dangerous, or who shall refuse to comply with any order that may be given by the officer in charge of the firing point to which he is detailed, or who has been guilty of any breach of discipline in or about the range, may upon the

occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, forfeit every prize won by him since the occurrence, be excluded from all further competition at the meeting, and shall forfeit all his entrance fees.

(h) Any competitor who, being cognisant of any attempt at fraud, fails to report the same with due diligence to the Executive Committee may, upon the occurrence being proved to the satisfaction of the Executive of the Association, be deemed to be a party to the attempt, and may forfeit all his entrance fees, forfeit every prize won by him since the occurrence, be for ever disqualified from competing in any prize meeting of the Association, and may be debarred from having any prize won by him at the current meeting presented at the distribution of prizes. Such disqualification, by a reciprocal arrangement with the other States' Rifle Associations of the Commonwealth, involves disqualification from competing in matches of such Associations.

(i) A competitor absent from the squad or firing point to which he has been detailed at the time appointed for him to parade, may be allowed to join his squad or firing point on payment of a sum not less than five shillings or more than five pounds, provided he obtain the sanction of the Executive Officer. Should the Executive Officer withhold his permission, the competitor will be disqualified for that match.

(j) It shall be within the power of the Council on appeal to mitigate, vary or remit any of the above penalties in any particular instance that may appear to be exceptional.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR RANGE OFFICERS, TRENCH OFFICERS, AND TELEPHONE ATTENDANTS.

1. Range Officers will use the following system of code messages when communicating with the Butt Officers. In every case the trench and target will be quoted followed by the message required. For example: F. 6, Message No. 4.

### CODE MESSAGES.

The following Code Messages will be used by the Range Officials during the Prize Meeting:—

In all cases the target number will be given followed by the message number, viz.:—

Message No. 1.—Firing is about to commence.

Message No. 2.—No spotting disc is visible.

Message No. 3.—Spotting disc disagrees with value signalled. Examine target and re-signal correct value of shot last signalled.

Message No. 4.—Examine target.

Message No. 5.—Challenge target.

Message No. 6.—Marking is challenged. Examine target and re-signal value of spotting disc showing.

Message No. 7.—Clean target.

Note.—The result of all examinations will be verified by telephone, in addition to being signalled from the target. After Message No. 4, special care must be exercised to see that, in the event of no shot being found, the spotting disc is removed, the target cleaned off, and that no value disc is shown.

Butt Officers must personally examine targets for all messages except Nos. 1, 2 and 7, and in the case



of No. 2, will carefully instruct each marker as to the action to be taken on being ordered to examine his target. In the case of Message No. 4, if no shot is found, the miss must be signalled by the BUTT OFFICER waving the red flag across the face of the target.

Markers will not on any account lower their target to ascertain if it has been hit, or to examine the value of a hit, except for examination when ordered by the officer in charge of the trench. Range Officers, for any of the above purposes, will telephone the Butt Officer, and say (for example), Trench B, Target 3, Message No. 4 (or whatever is the number of the message required). The wording of the message itself will not be telephoned.

2. Butt Officers are not on any account to call out the number of the target, but will personally examine it without calling out the number, except in the case of Messages Nos. 1, 2 and 7.

3. Carefully impress on every marker the importance of careful marking; point out what a mistake might mean to the firer. No one is infallible, and the prompt admission, and correction, of an error is appreciated by all concerned. On targets where the aiming mark is larger than the bull's-eye, the white line of the bull's-eye will be included in the size of the bull's-eye. Shots cutting the line will be given the higher value.

4. Spotting discs must be used as follows:—Bull's-eyes will be indicated with the white side of the disc, and all other shots with the red or black side. On the short and middle range targets, special care must be taken to see that the shots on the black aiming mark, outside the bull's-eye circle, are shown with the red or black spotting disc.

5. When the target is being lowered for examination, care must be exercised to see that the value disc on the dummy is placed in the neutral position (centre of the dummy) before being exposed.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO SCORERS AND CHECK SCORERS.

1. To make themselves thoroughly acquainted with all the regulations of the meeting, with special attention to Regulations Nos. 21, 22, 23 and 24.

2. To report to the Range Officer any competitor who fails to present his card at or before the time marked on it, and not to allow such competitor to shoot until his case has been dealt with. See Regulation 30 (i).

3. To watch carefully for the value disc or danger flag after each shot.

4. To call out LOUDLY the name of the person who has fired, and the value of each hit, after the value disc is shown.

5. When a competitor retires, to write the word "retired" against his name, and carry out the total score.

6. To report any competitor who may have fired when his target was lowered, or at the wrong target, and not to permit such competitor to fire again without special instruction from the Range Officer.

7. To immediately report to the Range Officer all stray shots striking the target. See Regulation 21 (g).

8. To call the attention of the Range Officer to any case where the spotting disc does not agree with the value disc, or where a hit has not been

marked by both value and spotting discs, and not to allow the shooting to proceed until the matter has been dealt with. See Regulation 21 (j).

9. To see that a competitor takes no more than the proper number of sighting shots.

10. Not to enter into any dispute with competitors, but to refer at once disputed points for the decision of the Range Officer.

11. Not to sign any scoring card until it is properly filled in and the total carried out correctly, and checked with scoring board.

12. To draw the attention of the Range Officer to any competitor who occupies more than the allotted time in firing a shot, or in any other manner unduly delays the shooting.

13. To place the blackboard at right angles to the mound and on the right of the firer if right-handed and on the left if left-handed.

14. To see that any competitor who makes the highest possible score in any individual match immediately reports same to the Range Officer, and if a tie inspects the Notice Board for instructions as to when and where the tie is to be shot off.

15. Enter on each competitor's card the time he commences firing in the space allotted for this purpose, if there be such a space.

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