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National Rifle Association of America, (NRA) (International Full Bore Prone Rifle Rules)
Web-Site: www.nrahq.org/compete/rules

Note: Coordinator must remember that ISSF, ICFRA, and NRA rules are used, since all Guiding Bodies are needed to cover the aspects of running this sport. Using the international standard is preferred. If there are any questions about weapons or rules, contact WPFGF Director for Large Bore Rifle.

EVENTS

WPFG MATCH: INDIVIDUAL; UNISEX:

This match will be conducted using the ISSF guidelines for a 300 m Rifle Prone competition. Separate events will be offered for "Service Rifle," "Standard Rifle," "F-Class Open," and "F-Class Restricted" in the following classes: High Master, Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman.

WPFG MATCH: 4 PERSON TEAM; UNISEX:

Separate events will be offered for Service Rifle, Standard Rifle, and F-Class Rifle Teams

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: INDIVIDUAL; UNISEX

Competition will be in the following classes: Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: 4 PERSON TEAM; UNISEX:

"A" Division: Master/Expert
"B" Division: Sharpshooter/Marksman

Team score will be an aggregate of 4 Individual WPFG or International Match event scores, combined as a team, from the Service or Match Rifle Individual events.

NOTE: Competitors must enter and shoot the Individual event to be eligible to compete in the appropriate Team event.

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FACILITY

ISSF/NRA approved 600 meter/yard range is the minimum necessary for competition.

EQUIPMENT

Targets: ISSF/ICFRA/NRA approved targets only.

Weapons:

- **Service Rifle** - May be built around any manually loaded action designed to safely fire either of the permitted cartridges. The only permitted cartridges are the .308 Winchester/7.62x51 commercial metrification equivalent and .223 Remington/5.56x45 commercial metrification equivalent. Unless prevented under Match Conditions, the .223 Remington/5.56x45 is permitted as an alternative to the .308 Winchester/7.62x51 subject to the provision that a competitor may not change from a rifle of one caliber to the other, at any stage within a match, whether team or individual, single or multi distance. (Refer to the NRA definition of “Service Rifle” for further definitions.)

Any Service Rifle used shall conform to ISSF specifications as applies to trigger pull for 300 m Standard Rifles.

- **Standard Rifle** - All rifles must meet ISSF specifications for 300 m Standard Rifle.

For both Service Rifles and Standard Rifles the caliber may not exceed 8 mm.

- **F-Class Open Rifle (F-O)** - A rifle restricted to a bore diameter no larger than .35 caliber. (Attention is directed to safety fan limitations of various ranges. Individual ranges may further restrict ammunition). “Rail guns” and positive mechanical methods of returning to the precise point of aim for the prior shot are not permitted. Any safe, manually operated trigger is permitted. Any sighting system is permitted, but it must be including in the rifle’s overall weight.

(1) The rifle’s overall weight, including all attachments such as sights and bipod, must not exceed 10 kilograms. An “attachment” also includes any external object, other than the competitor and apparel, which recoils or partially recoils with the rifle, or which is clamped, held, or joined in any way to the rifle for each shot, or which even slightly raises with the lifting of the rifle from its rest(s).

(2) The width of the rifle’s forend shall not exceed 76mm.

(3) The rifle must be fired in the prone position from the shoulder of the competitor using rifle rests.

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- **F-Class Restricted Rifle (F-R/R)** - A rifle restricted to the chambers of unmodified .308 Winchester/7.62mm NATO or unmodified .223 Remington/5/56mm x 45 NATO cartridge cases. The rifle must be fired off a bipod, rigidly attached to the rifle's forend, and/or a sling. Any bipod, meeting the definition of a bipod, may be used but its weight must be included in the rifle's overall weight. Any safe, manually operated trigger is permitted. Any sighting system is permitted, but it must be included in the rifle's overall weight.

(1) The rifle's overall weight, including all attachments such as sights, sling and bipod, must not exceed 8.25 kilograms. An "attachment" also includes any external object, other than the competitor and apparel, which recoils or partially recoils with the rifle, or which is clamped, held, or joined in any way to the rifle for each shot, or which even slightly raises with the lifting of the rifle from its rest/firing point.

(2) The rifle must be fired in the prone position from the shoulder of the competitor using rifle rests.

For both F-O Rifles and F-R/R Rifles all attachments must be compliant with current ICFRA rules.

Shooters must use only equipment and apparel that complies with the ISSF Rules. Anything (guns, devices, equipment, accessories, etc.) which may give a shooter an unfair advantage over others and which is not mentioned in these Rules, or which is contrary to the spirit of the ISSF Rules and Regulations, is prohibited. The shooter is responsible for submitting all equipment and apparel for official inspection and approval to a WPFG Equipment Inspector prior to its use in WPFG competition. Team leaders are equally responsible for ensuring that the shooters' equipment and apparel comply with the ISSF Rules and Regulations.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Rifle – Large Bore

Where conflicts between ISSF/ICFRA/NRA guidelines and WPFGF rules occur (i.e. awards formula, eligibility of competitors and substitution after competition begins) always use WPFGF rules.

SCHEDULE: Each event should be scheduled on a separate day.

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CLASSIFICATION: WPFGB Classifications will be used. A competitor without an established WPFGB classification may use their official national classification card or Score Record Book to receive an “Assigned Classification.”

The averages listed below will be used to establish WPFGB Classification:

WPFGB Match - Prone Position

High Master	98.50 and above
Master	97.00 to 98.49
Expert	94.50 to 96.99
Sharpshooter	92.00 to 94.49
Marksman	Below 92.00

WPFGB Match – F-Class

High Master	98.00 and above
Master	96.50 to 97.99
Expert	94.00 to 96.49
Sharpshooter	91.50 to 93.99
Marksman	Below 91.50

International Match

Master	92.50 and above
Expert	90.00 to 92.49
Sharpshooter	85.00 to 89.99
Marksman	Below 85.00

Any competitor without an established WPFGB classification who cannot present such evidence will shoot their Individual event. The score they obtain in their Individual event will be used to determine their proper classification for the awarding of medals in the various classes in the Individual event. This classification will also be used for the Team event.

A competitor’s classification will not change during a tournament. A competitor will enter a tournament under their correct classification and shoot the entire tournament in that class. Should it be discovered during a tournament that a competitor has entered in a classification lower than their current rating, the competitor will be subject to possible disqualification. The WPFGB reserves the right to reclassify any shooter based upon “known ability” or other evidence to the skill of the individual.

All classifications and scores shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in WPFGB or other nationally sanctioned competition at least once during 3 successive WPFGB events. Master classifications and scores shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in WPFGB competition at least once during 5 WPFGB events.

Competing in a Higher Class - Any individual or team may elect, before firing, to compete in a higher classification than the one in which classified. Such individual or team must fire in such higher class throughout the tournament and not revert to earned classification for any event in that tournament.

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Classification Appeals - Any competitor having reason to believe that they are improperly classified may file an appeal with the WPFGB Director stating all essential facts. Any such appeals must be filed prior to the start of competition. The WPFGB Director will make the final determination as to the classification.

Classification Protests - Any person who believes that another competitor has been improperly classified may file a protest with the WPFGB Director stating all essential facts. Any such protests must be filed prior to the start of competition. The WPFGB Director will make the final determination as to the classification.

Team Classification - Teams are classified by computing the “team average” based on the classification of each firing member of the team. To compute this “team average” the key listed below for the different classes will be used and the team total divided by the number of firing members of the team. Any fractional figure in the team average of one half or more places the team in the next higher class. The “team average” will establish classification of the team as a unit but will not affect in anyway the individual classification of team members.

Team Class Key

High Master	5
Master	4
Expert	3
Sharpshooter	2
Marksman	1

COURSES OF FIRE:

WPFGB Match - Prone Position

A 10 minute preparation period will be followed immediately by the courses of fire. Each competitor will fire 3 strings of 20 scoring shots. Total shooting time for each string including sighting shots is 30 minutes. On ranges equipped with electronic targets (ETS), the time limit for a 20 shot string is 25 minutes.

Preparation Period	No shooting	10 minutes
Stage 1	20 shots	30 minutes (ETS 25 minutes)
Rotation		
Stage 2	20 shots	30 minutes (ETS 25 minutes)
Rotation		
Stage 3	20 shots	30 minutes (ETS 25 minutes)

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International Match

The default course of fire for the International Match will consist of 3 strings of fire, with 15 scoring rounds fired from, in order, 300 m, 500 m, and 600 m. Each scoring shot will be worth a maximum of 5 points. All shots will be fired from the prone position. All sighting shots and shots for score must be completed within the listed time limits.

Preparation Period	No shooting	10 minutes
Stage 1 – Prone 300 m	15 shots	20 minutes
Stage 2 – Prone 500 m	15 shots	21 minutes
Stage 3 – Prone 600 m	15 shots	21 minutes

SIGHTING SHOTS: (unlimited in number) may be fired only before the beginning of each competition or position. Once the first competition shot has been fired, no further sighting shots are allowed unless permitted by the Jury in accordance with the Rules. Any further sighting shot(s) fired in contravention of this rule must be scored as miss(es) in the competition.

SCORING: Scoring should be done by competitors from different relays. Competitors squadded in pairs or threes will exchange scorecards and each will act as register keeper for the competitor firing immediately after them. No competitor will score another competitor's card from the same agency or team. All scoring cards must be signed by the competitor and scorer.