

NORTHEASTERN PA INTERSCHOLASTIC RIFLE LEAGUE

By laws for governing the operation of the League as revised at the League meeting, March 13, 2008.

SECTION A: **LEAGUE CHAMPION.** Competition will be conducted in one division with the following schools: Abington Heights, Berwick, East Stroudsburg North, East Stroudsburg South, Emmaus, Freedom, Liberty, North Pocono Salisbury, Southern Lehigh, Stroudsburg.

The team with the best record will be the Regular Season Champion.

The top four teams with the best record will compete in the League Team Tournament. The first seed will shoot the fourth seed and the second seed will shoot the third seed. The winners of the semi-finals will shoot in the finals for the League Team Tournament. If both teams tie by score, in the championship match after ten shooters, then co-champions will be declared.

The following will be the criteria used to break ties at the end of the season for determining seeding for the League Team Tournament and the State Tournament: **1. Head to Head, 2. Team Match Average, 3. Total Number of X's.**

The League will present an Individual Marksmanship trophy to the athlete with the highest individual average for the season.

In order to be eligible for high individual honors a shooter must compete in 80% of scheduled League matches involving League member schools.

The League will also present awards to the top twenty shooters overall. In the event of a tie, the League may present additional awards.

SECTION B: **LEAGUE DIRECTORY.** A directory of the names, addresses and phone numbers of all coaches, principals and athletic directors will be prepared and sent to all coaches and athletic directors.

SECTION C: **EMPLOYMENT.** Reimbursement will be \$200.00 for the President, \$200.00 for the Treasurer and \$400 for the Statistician. Scorers of shoot-off matches will be paid \$30.00 for a single match and \$40.00 for a double match. The host of the All-Star Tournament will be paid \$50.00 and \$105 for the four team tournament.

SECTION D: **PUBLICITY.** It is the responsibility of the home team coach to contact the League statistician as soon as possible after a match. The home team coaches will then contact all appropriate newspapers with the scores of

their match fired that day.

The home team coaches will also send a legible copy of the match results to the statistician as soon as possible.

SECTION E: **TARGETS.**

The **official league target** will be the A-17 11 bull target. “Nationals” are preferred.

All targets used in a match are to be supplied by the home team. In order for identification of the targets by the scorer, they are to be numbered on the reverse side of the target in the upper right-hand corner. The visiting team will have the choice of targets.

1. If possible the home team should provide an independent scorer to score all targets. Each team may have a representative view all the targets that are being scored.
2. In the event that there is no independent scorer the home team coach will score all targets. Each team may have a representative view all the targets that are being scored.
3. In the event there is a disagreement, the visiting coach along with the home coach will score the questionable target.

The center sighter bull must be shot a minimum of three times.

SECTION F: **TIME.**

Starting time for matches will be 4:00 p.m., conditions permitting.

Fouling shots, if necessary, will be fired after the start of the clock.

Relay time will be fifteen minutes, which will include all fouling shots, sighter shots, and record shots. Each shooter is to have a three-minute preparation time after they are in position to shoot and prior to the beginning of the match.

To avoid confusion, range commands for all matches shall be as follows:

- “Ready on the firing line.”
- “Load.”
- “Commence firing.”
- “Cease firing.”

SECTION G: **FIRING POSITIONS.**

Each range shall be set up in such a way as to be divided into left side and right side. The visiting team will choose either left or right side for the match.

There must be a minimum 30 degree angle formed by the forearm and the floor. All rifles must remain flat on the floor as long as anyone is down range.

Shooters are to remain in the prone positions after completing their target until the command to cease firing is given. A reminder is to be given at the beginning of each relay that failure to stay in the prone position, except in conditions of equipment failure, could result in the disqualification of their target.

Coaches and shooters are to refrain from excessive movement or talking during relays.

SECTION H: **RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT.**

Rifles – Any .22 caliber rifle equipped with iron sights (no optical lenses) and having a safe trigger pull will be permitted for use. Each round is to be loaded singly with no clips or tubular magazines allowed. The maximum weight of any rifle together with its sights shall be 16 pounds.

Shoulder hooks are prohibited. Any question about an opponents equipment must be discussed before the start of the relay in which the equipment is to be used.

SECTION I: **MALFUNCTIONS.**

In the event of a malfunction the clock can be stopped and repairs made until the first record target is shot. After the first record target is shot, time is to be marked and the other shooters may continue to finish their targets. At the completion of the relay, the shooter with the malfunction may finish his/her target with the repaired rifle or a different rifle with the time set back to mark where malfunction occurred.

Malfunctions shall include those of related equipment such as: slings, cuffs, D-rings, fore and stops and any other part of the rifle or other equipment necessary for shooting. This includes contact lenses or glasses.

Coaches should make only legitimate requests to stop the clock and range officers are to honor such requests as soon as possible.

SECTION J: **SCORING.**

All scorers must use a scoring box. The preferred method of scoring is with a magnifying loupe and a stripped NRA plug, with backlighting if possible.

Each bull is to be plugged only once, with the plug remaining in the hole until the value of the shot is determined. The plug must be tangent to the scoring ring to be given the higher value.

For a shot to be called an "X" the plug must not touch the inside edge of the nine ring.

Any shot(s) on the target outside of the ring surrounding the center-sighted bull are to be called to the attention of the opposing coach immediately. After the first shot for record is taken, any shot(s) on the target and not in a scoring bull are to be scored a zero or minus ten. Any excessive shots on a scoring bull(s) are to be scored according to the NRA smallbore rule book as per Section 14.7.

One member of each team is to be present during scoring to ensure that targets are shuffled and remain face-up during scoring. They are not to aid the scorer in any way.

SECTION K: POSTPONEMENT OF MATCHES.

Postponement due to weather conditions is the responsibility of the home team. Notice of postponement must be made at the soonest possible moment.

Any match postponed because of weather shall be scheduled for the next available school day unless another match had been scheduled for that day. Saturdays may be used with the approval of both schools. If transportation problems arise because of postponement, make up dates shall be arranged by the schools involved within seven days.

If a match in progress is called the end of the varsity match because of weather, the match is to be rescheduled and shot over in its entirety.

If a match is postponed due to a teacher strike or any reason other than an Act of God the match may be rescheduled with the mutual agreement of both schools involved. On such cases, the match must conform to PIAA regulations. Inability to reschedule a match shall result in forfeiture by the closed school.

SECTION L: SPECTATORS.

Only professional employees may coach (PIAA Amendment 9, Article XIII, Section I). League rules permit two people affiliated with the teams to spot for their coach.

Each coach is responsible for the conduct of anyone associated with his/her team.

SECTION M: **MISCELLANEOUS.**

In all situations not covered by the League rules, the NRA Small bore Rules Booklet shall be the official reference.

SECTION N: **DUTIES OF LEAGUE OFFICERS.**

President

- Preside at all League meetings.
- Prepare League schedule.
- Select sites for shoot-offs in the event competing schools cannot agree.
- Score, or provide for scoring, all targets at any shoot-off, in the event competing schools cannot agree on a scorer.

Secretary/Statistician

- Record minutes of meetings.
- Maintain complete set of statistics and records of all matches.
- Release, as often as possible, all match scores, top 10 individual averages and team standings.
- Act in behalf of league President in the event of his/her absence.

Treasurer

- Receive all dues and maintain complete and accurate financial Records.
- Pay all bills and expenses incurred in League operation.

SECTION O: **SHOOT-OFFS.**

Choice of lanes will be determined by coin toss.

Lighting conditions on the range shall be the same as used on that range for a normal match.

Scoring of targets should be done at the end of each relay, unless otherwise agreed on by both coaches. Results of scores will not be revealed to anyone until the completion of the match.

