

CHAPTER 23

SPORTING/HUNTING DISCIPLINE

Note: Where these Rules for Sporting/Hunting Class do not specifically cover a particular subject that may arise then the Rules pertaining to TR shall apply.

- 23.1** Rifles - Sporting/Hunting Class Target Shooting (SH)
- 23.2** Introduction: This section is designed to allow standard shop bought sporting type rifles to be used on NRAA rifle ranges. The prime purpose for its introduction is to encourage participation, rather than competition and to foster membership.
- 23.3** Any rifle bought as a standard factory-made practical walk around sporting/hunting/varmint rifle and without the features or attachments that would place it in the style of a target, match or service rifle, and which complies with the following conditions:
- 23.3.1 Weight: Not greater than 6.5 kg (14.3lbs.), including any telescopic sight or bipod.
- 23.3.2 Actions may be bedded in the stock.
- 23.3.3 Barrels: Rifles may be re-barreled if necessary, but the replacement must not exceed the heavy varmint barrel profile.
- 23.3.4 Barrels are not to exceed 26 ins (66.04 cms) in length.
- 23.3.5 Muzzle Brakes: Muzzle Brakes are permitted, subject to permission by the Organising Body/Range Officer and provided they are allowed under the Range Standing Orders.
- 23.3.6 Calibre: Any calibre that does not exceed the calibre and/or energy limit as designated in the Range Standing Orders and/or Police Range Approval.
- 23.3.7 Trigger: Any trigger system may be used provided that it is safe.
- 23.3.8 A trigger shall be deemed safe if:
- (a) Its activating mechanism is enclosed in a suitable trigger guard;
 - (b) Vigorous cycling of the action does not cause the trigger to release.
- 23.3.9 Magazine: Magazines are allowed.
- 23.3.10 The shooter is to be in the firing position before placing a loaded magazine onto the rifle.
- 23.3.11 Rounds may also be manually placed into the magazine by virtue by single round loading, or by direct loading to the chamber of the rifle.
- 23.3.12 On completion, the action of the rifle is to be opened; the chamber and the magazine are to be inspected by the competitor and scorer to ensure that both are free from live rounds or empty cases.
- 23.3.13 Sights: Any, including magnifying or telescopic.
- 23.4** Ammunition: Either factory or hand loaded is allowed.
- 23.5** Rests: The front of the rifle may be supported by a hunting bipod (e.g., Harris, or similar).
- 23.5.1 A rear bag may be used.
- 23.6** Distances Shot: Same as TR and F Class
- 23.7** Applications to be 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots on standard ICFRA targets. Scoring as per TR i.e., with 5 and V bulls.