Global Benchrest Association

Official Rules for Long Range Competition



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**CHANGE # 4**

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# SUMMARY OF CHANGES

##### DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES:

Annex 6 – Military Class, Gas Operated Class, and Heavy Tactical Class

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## Objectives of the Global Benchrest Association

 To promote competitive benchrest shooting and good sportsmanship

 To ensure equal Club representation with shooting disciplines in direct control of their

programs

 To conduct Association affairs with goodwill, transparency, and accountability

 To make the administration of benchrest shooting programs uniform and efficient

 To make pertinent statistics and technical data available to Association Clubs and members

 **The Global Benchrest Association does not restrict in any way the**

**number of associations that Clubs and Ranges are affiliated with.**

**However, GBA registered matches must be stand-alone matches, not**

**conducted or reported as dual-association matches.**

 **The Global Benchrest Association expects all GBA Match participants**

**to comply with all laws applicable to the match venue.**

## How This Document is Structured and Maintained

 Matters common to all shooting disciplines are discussed in the main body.

 Matters pertinent to each shooting discipline are contained in their respective Annexes. If

any discipline rules conflict with these main body rules, the discipline rules contained in the

Annexes take precedence.

 Forms are contained in Appendices.

 This document has a version number and date of issuance. Updates to either the main body,

Annexes, or Appendices, will cause a new numbered version of the document to be posted,

with the date of its revision. A Summary of Changes page will accompany updates.

 Upon direction of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Secretary is responsible for

incorporating approved updates, and for publishing this document.

## Safety

 Some Ranges may have additional safety rules, and those additional rules must be followed

at those ranges.

 Competitive benchrest rifle shooting involves the use of firearms in an outdoor environment

and there is risk of injury or death inherent in participating in this type of activity. Safety is

therefore paramount.

 Responsibilities:

o It is the responsibility of every participant in benchrest shooting to be safe in their

own actions and conduct.

o Everyone has the right and the responsibility to speak up if they see an unsafe

condition or practice.

o Range Officials are responsible for enforcing safety measures and promptly

addressing safety issues even if it means a Match must be halted or suspended. A

Range Official will make the final determinations on matters concerning safety.

 Emergency Cease Fire. Anyone may call an emergency cease fire. When an Emergency

Cease Fire is called all shooters on the firing line are to remain seated and may not touch

their rifles and are to wait for further instructions from the Range Officer.

 Bolts. Bolts will be removed from all rifles during the course of a tournament, at all times,

except between appropriate commands given by the Range Officer. Bolts are not to be placed

in rifles in the loading area or any other area at the range/club except between the commands

given by the Range Officer. If an individual has a problem and needs to check a trigger,

shoulder bump back, or check a dummy, they will need to contact a Referee who will direct

them to a place where a stripped and flagged bolt can be inserted into the rifle. This will be

supervised by a Referee or an experienced shooter in order to ensure safety.

 Magazines. Contestants with rifles that have actions requiring a magazine will only use the

magazine to support a single round as it is being chambered, under appropriate command of

the Range Officer. At no time will any contestant’s rifle magazine(s) be loaded anywhere on

the range. Violators are subject to disqualification and being banned from the range.

 Firing Commands. No shot shall be fired until the command "COMMENCE FIRE" has been

given in its entirety or after the command "CEASE FIRE” has been initiated. A competitor

firing before "Commence Fire" in its entirety or after "CEASE FIRE" has been initiated (i.e.:

after the word “Cease”) shall constitute grounds for disqualification in all classes of

competition and voiding of all his/her groups/targets fired at the Tournament.

 Muzzle Position. In all registered tournaments, for any class of competition, the rifle does not

have to be placed so the muzzle breaks the plane of the front edge of the bench. Range

Officials may review the safety of a shooter’s rest and rifle’s position on the bench and refuse

to allow the competitor to shoot if the rest/rifle setup is judged to be unsafe. This is a

subjective opinion based on experience. Range Official rulings are final.

 Safe Control of the Firing Line. For the Range Officer and/or Safety Officers to maintain safe

control of the firing line, all competitors are to remain seated and quiet at their assigned

bench until the “CLEAR THE BENCHES” command is given by the Range Officer.

 Downrange Movement. At no time after the registered aggregate has begun will any person,

other than Range Officials or Referees, be permitted down range until that Match aggregate

has been completed. Any person violating this safety rule will be automatically disqualified.

At some ranges, shooters are allowed, between relays, to place rests, shooting stools, etc.

immediately in front of the shooting bench and well below the line of fire. This is not

deemed to be “down range” for purposes of this rule. The Range Officer controls all

downrange movement.

 Prohibition of Alcoholic Beverages and Drug Use. Drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind is

always prohibited on Range premises until competition is completed, with rifles cased and in

vehicles, and upon approval of the Range Owner. Note that individual Range Owners may

prohibit even the possession of alcoholic beverages on their range. Drug use is always

prohibited. Prescriptions, used safely, are not included in this prohibition.

 Unsafe Equipment. Any equipment thought to be unsafe, harmful, destructive, or otherwise

unpredictable will not be allowed on the range at any time. Examples, such as but not limited

to, auto-loading weapons, tracers, incendiary projectiles, rifle calibers larger than .409.

 Shooting Position. All shooters shall shoot from designated benches. Shooting off-hand or

from the prone or kneeling position is not allowed.

 Safety Briefing. A complete Safety Briefing will be verbally given to every competitor before

the start of any day’s Matches. This briefing will be given by the Host Club Match Director,

the Range Officer or a designated Safety Officer. It is a safety violation if a Safety Briefing is

not given. The Safety Briefing is found on page 19.

 Posting of Local Emergency Services. The Host Club will post at the range information for

contacting local emergency services – Police, Fire and Rescue. The Range Officer will have

a copy of this information on the line. A copy will also be in the Score House, in the Pits, and

on the Range bulletin board. The address of the Range, GPS coordinates and/or a written

narrative describing how to get to the range will be posted with emergency service numbers.

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## General Rules and Definitions

Alibi. An alibi is a reason for being unable to complete a stage of fire. A legitimate alibi could

allow the competitor the opportunity to complete the stage of fire.

 Mechanical malfunction of range equipment, targets falling off carriages partially or

completely, targets being pulled too soon, or official’s failures to properly give range

commands or call time are examples of Range alibis. Range Officers and Referees will

address alibi conditions and their ruling is final.

 Range Officers will stop time for an affected shooter if a target blows down or there is

some delay in the pits. If there is a range equipment failure, the shooter has the option to

have the problem repaired and finish shooting after one sighter shot (if desired), or to

shoot over at the end of the relay. Unaffected shooters should complete their record

targets and be released to clear their benches after the “clear your bench” command has

been issued by the Range Officer.

 No shooter's alibi will be permitted. Rifle, and/or Bolt, and/or Rest and/or Ammunition

failure and/or shooter error are not legitimate alibis, even if there is insufficient time

remaining after the failure is rectified during the record period to complete that stage of

fire.

Alteration of Facilities. No mutilation or alteration of range facilities, (benches, target frames,

etc.) by anyone will be tolerated. Definition of mutilation or alteration is determined by Range

Owner. Competitors must ask for and receive permission prior to any alterations.

Artificial Lights. The firing of Registered Tournaments or any part thereof, under artificial lights,

is authorized.

Bench. A bench shall be a rigidly constructed table of a height to permit a shooter of average

height to sit comfortably thereat by merely increasing or decreasing the height of the stool on

which he/she sits. It shall be constructed to permit firing by either a right or left-handed shooter.

Club. An Affiliated Club, as defined in the By-Laws of the Association. More than one Club

may be hosted at a range, in compliance with criteria set by the GBA Board of Directors.

Coaching. Coaching is defined as assisting another shooter verbally or through non-verbal

communications.

 The handling and adjusting of rests and rifles, and all other assistance by attendees during

the set-up period only is not restricted in any way except as otherwise noted below or in

the Rules.

 The only time that someone other than the shooter may fire the shooter’s rifle is during

the sight in period. This is further restricted to include only rookies and juniors and their

coach and can only be done for the first two matches shot by that rookie.

 Coaching by or between any match attendees is permitted without limitation during the

set up and sight-in periods, and at any other time, except that coaching of a shooter

during his record period can only be done as described below.

 Rookies and Junior Shooters: The Range Officer will allow a rookie or junior shooter

competing in their first two matches to be coached by an experienced shooter during the

record period. A rookie or junior shooter in their first two matches may also have an

experienced shooter on the line with them during the record period, who is permitted to

coach, handle rests and rifles, and provide any other needed assistance provided that the

Coach does not fire the rifle during the record period and that the actions by the Coach

are conducted in a safe manner.

 Handicapped Shooters. Shooters who have a physical handicap are allowed the same

special considerations as Rookies and Junior Shooters, except that there is no limit to the

number of matches they may receive this special consideration.

 Violation of these coaching rules may result in disqualification of the shooter and/or

coach from the match at the discretion of the Referees.

Firing Line. The firing line will be coincident with the forward edge of the bench.

Guiding Means. Any device, addition, contour or dimension on any rifle of any class, designed or

adapted to co-act with mating or reciprocal features of a rest to guide its return to firing position

so that it shall not be necessary to re-aim the rifle optically for each shot.

Inspection of Equipment

 A scale with certified weights shall be set up near the firing line at all registered

Tournaments requiring weight limits on rifles. Competitors may use this equipment prior

to and during the matches.

 Certified Master Weights are required at all registered Tournaments. Scales should have a

zeroing pointer. Scales must be balanced and leveled including the one-ounce error

factor. Scales are to be set up in a reasonably permanent location and should remain at

this location for the duration of the Tournament.

 Referees may spot check at their discretion rifle weight, dimensions and rests, preferably

prior to the beginning of a match. This will allow any competitor time to correct any

violation and still participate in the competition. Any competitor may request his

equipment to be inspected prior to the beginning of a match for compliance with the

rules. Competitors must cooperate with the Referees or forfeit the right to compete. An

overweight rifle, or one outside the rules dimensionally, or an illegal rest, will result in

disqualification if the illegal equipment has been used to fire any part of the registered

Tournament.

 In Tournaments where the dimension factor is involved the Host Club shall provide an

accurate scale, a steel rule, and a pair of calipers or micrometer having a maximum

capacity in excess of 1.25". In weighing rifles with scope attached, diopters, and bolt, an

excess of one (1) ounce shall be attributed to scale error.

 See Annex 2 for weighing of Light Guns.

Match. A Match is a single event in a Tournament. A Match must consist of at least one relay per

Class.

Muzzle Brake. A device connected to the muzzle of a rifle that redirects propellant gases to

counter or control recoil. Muzzle Brakes may not be of “Clamshell” or any other design that

intentionally exit gas directly rearward. **Note:** By the nature of gas dissipation, there will be

some rearward movement of gases. The intent here is to prohibit muzzle brakes designed to

intentionally direct this gas rearward beyond the 90-degree plane.

One Match One Shoot Rule. No shooter may participate and/or shoot more than once in any

scheduled Match, even with different rifles. This rule may not apply in cases of Club sponsored

special events, Shoot Offs, or competition in other classes.

Pit Duty. It is the responsibility of the shooter to be in the pits when called. Pit duty will be

posted on the Range bulletin board. Competitors who win a relay are also responsible for pit duty

for the shoot-off even if the shooter chooses not to shoot in the shoot-off. If a competitor does

not wish to pull targets, it is the competitor's responsibility to provide a qualified substitute. Roll

call will be taken prior to each pit detail. Anyone not fulfilling his/her obligation of pit duty will

be disqualified for score, group and aggregate for the day’s shoot. All participants that are on pit

duty must remain on their assigned target until released by the Range Safety Officer or Target

Captain. Handicapped shooters are exempt from pit duty if they so wish.

Range. A place to shoot competitive matches having not less than 3 benches on the firing line.

The bullet stop must be adequate to stop bullets of any caliber legal for GBA competition and

shall be sufficiently high to intercept ricochets.

Ready Area. An area where the oncoming Relay next to fire may stage equipment in order to be

closer to the firing line. A Ready Area facilitates more rapid changes between Relays.

Competitors will receive instruction during initial briefings and before competition begins about

the range’s Ready Area.

Registered Tournament. A tournament is an orderly program of competitive shooting of one or

more Matches authorized by the appropriate office of the GBA and conducted under Rules and

Regulations in accordance with the official tournament procedures approved by the GBA. The

words “shoot” and “meet” are synonymous.

Relay. A relay is one set of shooters firing in competition with each other, within one class, Light

Gun, Heavy Gun, Factory or Hunter.

Rest. A front sand bag rest shall support the front part of a rifle: a rear sand bag rest shall support

the rear part of a rifle: neither rest can be attached to the bench, the rifle, nor each other; they

must be movable in all directions independently of the other. Any part of the rifle resting there

on must maintain a minimum of one-half inch distance from any part of the retainer or container

holding the sand bag on which the rifle rests. Whenever the rifle makes contact on its sides, there

may be a maximum of sand one-half inch high and a minimum of one-half thick on each side.

Sand bags on front rests must be a minimum of one and one-half inches wide and rear rests sand

bags must be a minimum of one and one-half inches wide by three inches long. No device of any

kind can restrict the upward and/or rearward movement of the rifle. Any; sand bag used as a rest

that is not supported by a retainer and that has movement without restraint need not comply with

this rule. A multi-piece front bag system is acceptable if they meet all other criteria listed in this

definition. Rifles will be removable from their front rests without lifting any part of the front rest

from its contact points with the bench it is occupying.

Any rest changes or recoil systems may be shown to and approved by the Referees and/or Range

Officer before being used in competition. Rifles must rest on sand bags only. Multiple recoil

("return to battery") systems on front or rear rests are NOT allowed.

Restriction for Official’s Participation. There is no restriction on an Official’s participation in

Club, Regional or National tournaments.

Rookie. A new shooter to the sport of benchrest competition who has not more than 2 years of

experience in competitive shooting. The clock starts at any time during a calendar year. For

example, a new shooter whose first competition is in July 2019, will be deemed to have 1-year

experience at the conclusion of the 2019 GBA calendar. The shooter can compete in all of

calendar year 2020 at which time their Rookie status ends. They will not be considered a rookie

for the 2021 season, for example. Correct and accurate Rookie designation is important on Match

results submitted to GBA. Match forms should contain the rookie’s name and “(R)”. (e.g.: **Joe**

**Rookie (R))** Club Presidents are responsible for ensuring accurate Rookie status for their Club

members.

Sandbag. A sand bag is defined as a bag with or without a pedestal, with a leather, cloth or

synthetic cover that is capable of being easily flexed by the fingers. They may contain a dry

finely divided nonmetallic substance such as, but not limited to, “Heavy Sand”, sand, gravel or

grain, without additive and packed loosely enough that bag can be easily deformed by pressure

of the fingers. The cover of the sand bags must not be bound in such a manner to prohibit free

movement of the contents. Lubricants on the sand bag may be used. Front and rear rest sandbags

must be such that when lifting the rifle from the rests, the rests do not lose any contact from the

bench it is occupying. Vertical spacers under a rear bag are allowed if they do not contain any

protrusions which can be inserted into the bench top or a sandbag.

Shared Equipment. In the event two or more competitors using the same rifle or equipment

qualify to participate in the same Shoot Off, it is the sole responsibility of the competitor to

provide the necessary equipment to participate when the competitors for the Shoot-Off are called

to the firing line.

Shooter Additional Duties. A shooter may work as Range Officer, Target Crew, Scorer or

Statistician but may not handle or score targets from the relay(s) in which he/she is a competitor.

The exception is the official Target Scorer may score their own target, but it must be verified by

the Statistician or Senior Referee.

Shoot-Off. In some disciplines, a shoot-off is used. Relay winners may proceed to a shoot-off

between them to determine the overall Match winner. When a competitor earns a place in a

shoot-off, and then subsequently shoots a world record target, it will be recognized no matter

what category (score or group) they entered or earned their place in the shoot-off.

Spectators. All spectators must remain behind the designated ready line.

Timeliness Reporting to the Firing Line. Once a relay is determined for a shooter and the time to

shoot is designated, the competitor must be available to report to the firing line when the relay or

shoot-off is called by the Range Officer. If a competitor fails to report at the designated time the

Range Officer has the option to proceed and disqualify the absent competitor, or, wait until the

competitor reports.

Timers. The use of a personal timer on the shooting bench is allowed. They should not audibly

distract other shooters.

Unused Benches. No contestant shall physically occupy with their person any bench in a relay in

which he/she is not shooting unless authorized by the Range Officer. Violating this rule will

result in disqualification from the Tournament.

Wind Flags/Electronic Wind Gauges

 Wind Flags will be provided by the Range and will be placed in locations selected by the

Range Owner. The size, shape, and color of the flags will be selected by the Range

Owner, taking into consideration the distance the flag is placed from the firing line.

 Range owned wind flags may only be moved by Referees under the direction of the

Range Officer. In no circumstance shall any range owned flag be moved for an individual

shooter’s convenience or benefit for the remainder of an aggregate. If a flag is causing an

obstruction for any shooter, range personnel will lay down the flag and pole in question.

At any tournaments where multiple aggregates are being contested on the same day, flags

may be moved and/or adjusted by the Range Officer between aggregates.

 Wind flags for 600 Yard and Score competition is addressed in Annex 2 and Annex 5.

Written Notice of Caliber Change. Every competitor who changes calibers after first submitting

their Match Registration Form for the tournament must give written notice to the Range Officer.

The Range Officer will give this notice to the Statistician. This is for purposes of resolving

scoring issues should they arise. This Change Form is found in Appendix 8. A change in Light

Gun requires re-weighing.

## Roles and Responsibilities

Host Club Match Director. This Director is normally the President of the Club whose matches are

being held. The Director can be a designated representative in absence of the Club President. The

Director or his/her designated representative may also be a shooter.

The Director is responsible for hosting and ensuring the smooth conduct of a Match/Tournament.

The Director is responsible for assessing and accommodating, if at all possible, the special needs

of handicapped competitors. The Director’s judgment is deferred to as individual circumstances

may vary. Safety of the handicapped competitor, and all competitors, must not be compromised.

Range Officer

 The Range Officer will conduct Matches, control the firing line and supervise

competitors.

 He/she shall direct the actions of the Target Detail while on the range.

 He/she shall enforce all safety rules. In the event of boisterous or unsportsmanlike

conduct of a competitor, he/she shall first caution such competitor, and if the offense is

repeated shall disqualify the competitor for the match in which the second offense was

committed. Refusal to comply with the Range Officer shall be grounds for barring a

competitor from the range.

 He/she ensures Range flags are raised and that competitor wind flags are rule compliant.

 The Range Officer controls all downrange movement.

 Responsible for communications and emergency signaling.

 In the event of any situation arriving (e.g. Act of God), procedures for which are not

covered by these rules, the Range Officer has full authority to pause or stop the Match

and after consultation with the Referees, announce a decision or procedure, which shall

be final and binding. Any such occurrence shall be fully reported to the Board of

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|  | Directors by the Senior Referee for possible remedial legislation. Such report shall be in |
|  | writing. |
|  | Range Official. General term covering Host Club Match Director, Range Officer, Target Captain, |
|  | Scorers, Statistician, Safety Officers and Referees. |
|  | * All officials at Regional and National Championship Matches must be approved by the |
|  | GBA Chairman of the Board of Directors. |
|  | * In all Registered Tournaments there shall be a Range Officer, three Referees and an |
|  | alternate, a Statistician, and an Official Scorer. |
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|  | Referees. Appointed officials for a Match or Tournament. |
|  | * They must be GBA members in good standing and will be selected based on their |
|  | experience and demonstrated knowledge of the Rules and how to apply them. |
|  | * Three (3) referees and an alternate will be selected by the Host Club Match Director. One |
|  | referee will be designated the Senior Referee. An alternate is selected in the event a |
|  | target shot by a referee must be judged. |
|  | * Referees may not judge their own target. |
|  | * Insofar as possible, referees will come from different participating Clubs. |
|  | * They have the authority to conduct spot compliance inspections. The Referees may |
|  | inspect the equipment of competitors at their discretion, then pass judgement upon |
|  | whether such equipment complies with the requirements of the class in which the shooter |
|  | is competing. If found to be noncompliant, the shooter shall be given the opportunity to |
|  | correct it, to shoot in a class in which his/her equipment does qualify, provided that the |
|  | shooter has not shot any part of the Registered Tournament, or, to file a protest and shoot |
|  | under protest. |
|  | * They adjudicate scoring at the request of the Scorers. This may be accomplished with all |
|  | Referees present at once, which is preferred, or individually if circumstance requires it. |
|  | * They handle protests from competitors. |
|  | * They adjudicate violations identified by Safety Officers or the Range Officer. |
|  | * Referees also shall investigate any complaints of conduct on the range, hardship in the |
|  | assignment of benches, alleged crossfires and similar matters and shall report their |
|  | finding and recommendations to the Range Officer who will decide. |
|  | * For Regional Championships, National Championships and State Tournaments, an odd |
|  | number of referees (either three or no more than five) will be selected from all the |
|  | participating Clubs. No more than one referee will be from the same Club unless there are |
|  | no additional Club attendees. |
|  | Safety Officers |
|  | * Appointed assistants to the Range Officer overseeing safe conduct on the Range. The |
|  | number of Safety Officers is determined by each Club. |
|  | * They have the authority to flag prohibited practices for potential shooter disqualification |
|  | with final determination by the Range Officer, Referees, or the Host Club Match |
|  | Director. |

Scorer

 Receive targets directly from the Target Captain or representative of the Target Detail,

scores them and provides results to the Statistician.

 Posts group and score winning targets.

 The Official Scorer shall direct the duties of the individuals comprising the scoring detail.

He/she shall coordinate his/her duties with those of the Statistician.

 The Scorer may score personal targets, but the Statistician or assistant to the Scorer *must*

verify all group measurements and scores on Scorer-fired targets. If the Statistician is

unable to do this the Senior Referee will verify.

 Scoring Electronic targets. The Match Director shall appoint one or more people (i.e.,

Statisticians) to record scores for electronic targets.

Shooter/Competitor. The individual shooter/competitor is responsible for:

 Safe, professional and courteous personal conduct, exercising good sportsmanship and

consideration for fellow competitors. In the event of boisterous or unsportsmanlike

conduct of a competitor, the Range Officer or Safety Officer shall first caution such

competitor, and if the offense is repeated the Range Officer shall disqualify the

competitor for the Match in which the second offense was committed. Refusal to comply

with the Range Officer shall be grounds for disqualification and barring a competitor

from the range.

 Presenting valid GBA membership card when registering for matches and when asked to

do so by Club or GBA officials. GBA memberships are not transferrable.

 Coming to the Match prepared (e.g.: known zero and reasonably accurate dope.)

 Complying with instructions and decisions of Range Officials.

 Not interfering with Target Crew, Scorers, Statistician or other Range Officials while

they perform their duties. No contestant will enter the Score House or engage with the

Scorers or Statistician in the performance of their scoring duties. Any shooter violating

this rule will be subject to disqualification. When required, the Statistician or a Referee

will summon a shooter if a question needs to be answered.

 Becoming knowledgeable about individual Range rules and requirements.

 Reporting to the firing line when the relay or shoot-off they are in is called by the Range

Officer, and for clearing their bench promptly when their relay has been released by the

Range Officer.

Statistician

 Sets up relays based on information taken from competitor’s registration forms, taking

care to balance non-GBA and Rookie shooters across all Relays, and to allow for

necessary equipment sharing. Female shooters who are GBA members are not balanced

across relays because their GBA member male counterparts are not balanced across

relays.

 He/she shall supervise the work of the scoring detail and assist scoring when required.

 Records Relay, Match and Tournament results.

 Keeps and reports official Match and Tournament results to GBA.

 Provides Match or Tournament results to competitors via e-mail if a legible e-mail

address is provided on registration forms.

 Provides Match or Tournament results to the Club Webmaster for posting.

Target Captain/Pit Chairman/Pit Officer **(terms are synonymous)**

 Runs the Pits and target line and the entire Pit Crew.

 Communicates directly with and reports to the Range Officer. *(See Target Detail*

*Functioning for greater detail.)*

Treasurer

 Receives all match registration forms and conveys them to the Statistician. They will

require each contestant to:

o Show membership card

o Fill out completely and sign a GBA Match Registration Form and Hold Harmless

Agreement

o Pay the appropriate registration fees

o Elect whether to compete for awards, or for record only, and if for awards, to pay

the appropriate entry fees

 Receives monies at Match/Tournament events. They shall segregate from the registration

fees that part reserved for GBA and deliver the balance to the Host Club. He/she shall

retain the match entry fees and distribute them as awards when the winners have been

ascertained, if cash awards are given. The Treasurer or designated representative will also

pay any range personnel per agreement with the host range (e.g.: paid target pullers).

 Receives new GBA applications, Club memberships, and their monies and forward to

GBA and/or the Club as appropriate.

 The Treasurer may employ a designated representative.

## Tournament Administration

Types of Tournaments. Tournaments shall be of two general classes: Registered or Unregistered.

Only Registered Tournaments shall be considered for record purposes.

Registered Tournaments

Only clubs affiliated with GBA, which are in good standing, and which have the facilities and

equipment required to conduct a shoot under the procedures required by the Association may

hold Registered Tournaments. Registered Tournaments shall be held only on dates approved by

the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Tournament Date Applications. The form for applying for Tournament dates is found in

Appendix 11.

Location of Tournaments

Club Tournaments, Regional and State Championships, and International Championships are

held at Host range facilities.

GBA National Championship Tournaments shall be conducted, if possible, in areas of easiest

accessibility to the greatest number of GBA competitors. Regional Championships will be

similarly situated. Suitable accommodations and range facilities will also be a factor in selecting

the site of Championship Tournaments. Interpretation of the word "suitable" shall be left to the

discretion of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Competitor Eligibility/Membership Criterion

Subject to discipline rules contained in the Appendices, shooters generally must be GBA

Members in order to compete in any GBA Club, Regional, National, or International registered

tournament. The Board of Directors may allow new shooters to compete at a maximum of two

Club Matches by paying a reduced fee that is applied toward the full membership fee if the

shooter wishes to continue to compete in GBA matches.

Competitor Registration

All competitors at every Registered Tournament shall be required to complete a Registration

Form/Hold Harmless Agreement supplied by GBA. This form is found on the GBA website, at

the registration table at Host Club tournaments, and in Appendix 1.

Pre-Registration for GBA Regional and National Championships. Pre-registration shall be required

30 days in advance of GBA Regional and National Championships. Prepayment of fees is not

required, however, a written declaration of intent to attend is required. There will be a mandatory

late fee of U.S. $10.00 assessed for all registrations (written declaration of intent to attend)

received after 30 days before the Regional and National Championship. Should a preregistered

competitor be unable to attend, the total fees paid will be refunded.

Pre-Registration for GBA International Championships. Registration requirements will be

announced by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Proof of Membership

Membership cards must be presented at Registration. If a person does not have their

membership card, he/she shall pay, or have paid on his/her behalf, the GBA Membership fee.

Upon proof from records that they were a member in good standing on the date of the

Tournament, a refund shall be provided. (See Appendix 10)

Registration Fees

Each competitor shall be charged (or have paid on his/her behalf) a registration fee for each day

for each class in which he/she competes, as determined by the Host Club. At its option, the Host

Club may charge a registration fee not greater than may be approved by the Board of Directors

or may conduct the match and pay the prescribed GBA registration fee at the expense of its own

treasury.

Any non-member may decide to pay the prescribed GBA annual dues at any Registered

Tournament thus becoming a member of GBA at that tournament. For their results to count, they

must apply to be a GBA member before the tournament begins. After competition begins (the

first round downrange), there is no option to change the decision. The Club Treasurer is

responsible for submitting their GBA membership forms and payment to GBA. (See Appendix 5

for GBA Membership Application Form)

GBA Junior members (under age 18) Match registration fees shall be set at not more than 1/2 the

fees of adults.

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|  | Match Entry Fees. Clubs establish their own Match Entry Fees and may elect to have special |
|  | competitions (such as closest to the center of the X) which may be included in the Match Entry |
|  | Fee or may have a separate fee. |
|  | Forwarding Forms and Payment to GBA |
|  | * Within two weeks after a Tournament, the Host U.S. Club should forward to GBA all |
|  | Match Registration and Hold Harmless forms, Match Results, and Equipment Lists, |
|  | together with a check payable to GBA of the registration fees of $2.00 per match per day |
|  | per person. See Appendix 12 for instructions on transmittal of each item. |
|  | * Non-U.S. Clubs, within two weeks after a tournament, will only submit Match Results, |
|  | Points and Equipment Lists, by e-mail, in accordance with the instructions in Appendix |
|  | 12. |
|  | * GBA will retain all U.S. Match Registration and Hold Harmless forms for 5 years. Non- |
|  | U.S. Clubs will hold their Match Registration and Hold Harmless forms for 5 years. |
|  | Preparation and Use of Forms |
|  | * The Statistician shall have supervision and control of any statistical forms used in the |
|  | conduct of a tournament and shall be responsible for all entries made therein. |
|  | * The Registration Form shall be used in the preparation of all other forms. |
|  | Additional Items. The Host Club should have: |
|  | * Range Officer Tally sheets giving name and bench number of each contestant in each |
|  | relay. |
|  | * Match and Aggregate Score (M&AS) Posting Form in duplicate. The Statistician will |
|  | post results for review by competitors as the tournament progresses. |
|  | * Application forms for GBA Membership and Club Membership. |
|  | Relay and Bench Assignments |
|  | The overarching principle is relay and bench assignment must be done fairly, so that no shooter |
|  | is discriminately advantaged or disadvantaged, regardless of their experience or seniority in the |
|  | sport. Clubs conducting Registered Tournaments do not have the privilege of permitting |
|  | competitors to select their relay or bench assignment. Three exceptions are allowed. |
|  | * An exception may be allowed to accommodate legitimate requirements a shooter |
|  | might have such as a scheduled doctor’s appointment that day, as an example. |
|  | * Physical handicap imposing limitations on a shooter may be accommodated. |
|  | * Clubs have the option of assigning all non-GBA shooters to the same relay(s). |
|  | Additional exceptions can be granted by the Host Club Match Director or Statistician, |
|  | based upon the situation and their judgement. |
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|  | **Approved Methods for Relay and Bench Assignments** |
|  | * Computer-Based Program. Computer-based relay and bench assignment is the primary |
|  | method of assignment within GBA. This is the fairest and most objective method of |
|  | determining relay and bench selection. It is also performed very quickly. A computer- |

based random generator is used to determine relay and bench assignment for each

individual Match by class. (See Appendix 9)

 Random Drawing. Random drawing is a second, approved method of relay and bench

assignment. In this method, shooters draw numbered chips or numbered cards, denoting

bench assignments. For 1000-Yard competition, a drawing must be done each time for

every match in every Class of competition. 600-Yard and Score competition may conduct

one drawing for match and relay assignments for the day’s competition. A second day’s

competition will require a new drawing.

Bench Rotation. Bench Rotation will not be used in any Tournament within GBA unless

specified in the Annexes.

Changes of Relay or Bench Assignments

Latecomers will be assigned to benches and relays by the Statistician, if the shooter arrives prior

to the announced deadline for registration.

Having been assigned a bench or benches, a competitor will not be allowed to switch positions

with another shooter, nor may they switch to an unoccupied bench within a match. If necessary

and depending on circumstances, the Range Officer may change the assignment to a bench or

relay or both in such a way as to relieve any hardship. Any changes must be immediately made

known to the Target Captain and Statistician.

Program Announcements**.** Upon receiving assignment of a Tournament date, the Host Club may

prepare a program for circulation to interested shooters. Posting of the Tournament dates on the

GBA website and/or to Club website satisfies this rule. The program shall state:

 The name of the Host Club, the location of the Range, and the date of the Tournament

 The Schedule of Events. (Note: Clubs are not required to offer competition in all

sanctioned classes. Clubs have the right to limit the number of classes a competitor can

enter in a specific tournament.

 The Amount of the Registration fee

 When offered - the Entry Fee for each match and a statement that no entry fee shall be

required of anyone not desiring to compete for awards

 A Schedule of Cash Awards expressed as a percentage of entry fees collected

 A statement as to the method relays and benches will be assigned, and if exceptions are

necessary, how and when and to whom those are communicated in advance of the

tournament.

 The name, address, and telephone number of the Club point of contact

Posting of Results/Official Score Bulletins

 Relay and Match results will be posted at a location convenient for shooters to see results

as the Tournament progresses.

 Within two (2) weeks after conclusion of a Tournament, the Tournament Sponsor should

supply every registered competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin which shall

be a complete record of all Groups and Scores fired and as applicable all Registered

Tournament aggregates. Equipment lists will be provided for a minimum of the top 20

competitors at Championship Tournaments and top 10 competitors of all other Registered

Tournaments.

 Posting to a Club website complies with this provision.

Rule Book Availability. All Clubs shall have one or more current copies of the Rule Book at every

GBA Tournament.

Targets. Targets used in sanctioned matches/tournaments are approved by the GBA Board of

Directors.

## Target Detail Functioning

Personnel. People comprising the Target Detail are appointed by the Host Club.

Target Captain. The Target Captain is responsible for:

 Training the Pit Crew in the proper and efficient handling of targets and Pit functions.

 Controlling and directing the movement and activities of the Pit Crew.

 Ensuring Pit infrastructure (target frames, carriages, etc.) are in god repair and functional

prior to the conduct of a Tournament.

 Ensuring supplies are on hand to conduct the Tournament. This includes targets, shot

markers, pasters, clays, pins, staplers, etc.

 Ensuring communications are tested and functional prior to the Target Detail going

downrange.

 Proper marking of targets for each Bench and Relay.

 Movement of targets from the Pits to the Scorer.

 Proper handling of potential World Record targets. The Target Captain will have in

his/her possession a copy of current World Records as posted on the GBA Website (or

minimum thresholds beginning in the 2019 season).

 Raising or lowering of Range wind flags downrange.

Pit Crew. The Pit Crew is responsible for:

 Orderly and professional conduct in the Pits.

 Prompt response to commands from the Target Captain.

 Prompt, efficient and proper servicing of targets.

Range Officer. The Range Officer is in control of the Target Detail.

 He/she controls any movement downrange

 Directs any actions required of the Target Detail

 Keeps the Target Captain informed of Range status, course of fire and conditions on the

firing line

 He/she ensures Range flags are raised and that all competitor wind flags comply with

rules.

Pit Crew Training

If Target Pullers are used, the Target Captain will demonstrate to them exactly how and when

sighter targets are to be pulled, shots marked with appropriate visible markers, and previous shot

holes in sighter targets taped over. He/she will also instruct new crew especially to NOT pull

record targets once Record fire begins, and to only pull and remove them when they are

instructed to do so.

The Target Captain will instruct Target Pullers to look for any shots inadvertently fired on

Record targets ***prior*** to the Record period, if this is possible. If any such shots are seen, they will

immediately inform the Target Captain who will then inform the Range Officer. The Range

Officer will provide appropriate direction.

The Target Captain will instruct Target Pullers to count shots in the bank during Record fire if

there are Target Pullers for each target to do so and they are in position to safely observe the

impacts. If they observe more shots in the bank behind their target than are allowed in that

course of fire, they will inform the Target Captain BEFORE targets are taken from their

backers/carriages.

The Target Captain will instruct the Pit Crew to keep targets in order, by target and bench

number, as they are removed from target frames. (For example, bench 1 target 1, bench 2 target

2, etc. to bench 10 target 10.) Targets need to come off in order as listed by the Range Tally

Sheet for the Relay or Shoot-off in which they were shot. It is vitally important that each target

be appropriately marked so each shooter can be correlated to the specific target they fired upon.

Communications. ***Safety is paramount.*** Direct, positive communications will be maintained

between the Range Officer and the Target Captain. Depending on circumstances, the Range

Officer at his/her discretion and judgment may call an immediate **“CEASE FIRE”** whether in

sighter or Record fire until positive communications is re-established. Handheld portable radio

and backup cellphone communications should be used. It is recommended that Clubs and Range

Owners consider alternative, fallback communications methods if **all** voice communications

between the Range Officer and Target Captain are down. Air horns are one possible method. If

an emergency exists downrange, and voice communications are out, and an immediate cease-fire

should be called, a backup plan appropriate to that range should be available and be

implemented.

Target Preparation

The Range Officer and/or Target Captain will inspect target frames and carriages and see that all

defects are corrected or repaired prior to the Tournament. Prior to the Tournament, an estimate of

the attendance and an estimate of the number of the entries in the several classes shall be made.

After completion of bench assignments the Statistician shall prepare and furnish the Range

Officer and the Captain of the Target Detail with a copy of the Range Officer Tally, which shall

show which competitor occupies each bench in each relay of each match, thereby furnishing

information necessary to complete the identification marking of the targets for matches

subsequent to Match number one, and to avoid preparing targets for inactive benches.

The Target Captain is charged with the proper marking and identification of every target. The

marking shall correspond with the correct Match, Relay and Target numbers of the event, and

bench number. The competitor’s bench number shall be marked behind or near the target frame

or carriage and conspicuously visible from the bench at the distance being shot.

Movement Downrange. The Target Detail will not enter the range except by order of the Range

Officer. A routine for entering and leaving the range between relays shall be established by the

Club and rigidly adhered to.

Pit Functioning

When the Range Officer has authorized movement downrange the Target Detail will proceed to

the Pits. The Target Captain will ensure he/she has the Range Officer Tally Sheets and direct the

Pit Crew to prepare targets for the first Relay of the day. The Target Captain is charged with the

orderly placing of correctly marked targets in the target frames, appropriate for the Match and

upcoming stage of fire.

The Target Captain will walk the line to inspect each target and personally ensure the target line

is ready.

The Range Officer will direct any adjustments necessary, for example better affixing a target

to a backer or adjusting/placing additional clays for sighters.

The Target Captain is responsible for removal of the Target Detail from positions of hazard,

indicating to the Range Officer that firing may begin. When the Target Captain is satisfied that

the target line is ready, this indication is given by an unambiguous signal to the Range Officer,

e.g.: “***Target Detail Clear and Ready for Sighters***” or ***“Target Detail Clear and Ready for***

***Record Fire”.***

The Range Officer will then make appropriate announcement to the shooters on the line and

command “Commence Fire”. *(See Annexes for 1000 Yard, 600 Yard, and Score competition)*

If a target must be fixed during a course of fire, it will only be done under specific direction of

the Range Officer and only after ***“Cease Fire”*** has been called and the command is given to

shooters to ***“Remove Bolts. Show Bolts.”*** Safety Officers will verify appropriately with the

Range Officer and ***then and only then*** on his/her command will there be any movement

downrange from a position of cover by the Target Detail to correct a problem.

Once the problem is taken care of and the Target Detail is back safely under cover, the Target

Captain will inform the Range Officer, e.g.: ***“Target Detail Clear and Ready”***. The Range

Officer will then command the shooters appropriately.

When these steps are completed, the Target Captain is responsible for the orderly removal of

targets from the frames and the orderly delivery of targets to the Official Scorer. No shooter may

see results or touch these targets while being delivered to the Official Scorer.

This process repeats through all Relays and classes of competition for the Tournament.

Cold Range. When the last shot is fired in the last Relay for the day, and ***“Cease Fire”*** and

***“Show Bolts”*** has been commanded and followed, the Range Officer will declare, ***“The Range***

***is Cold”*** and inform the Target Captain. Appropriate Range flags will be lowered.

Closing the Pits. The Range Captain will close the Pits and be the last person to leave. The Pits

will be left in a condition ready for future competition. Any maintenance issues will be reported

by the Target Captain to the Range Officer or President of the Host Club.

Operational Conduct of a Match. *(Note: Range Officer/Range Official Commands are*

*Italicized and Bolded.)*

Preliminaries. There may or may not be a ceremony preliminary to the tournament events. A

prayer for safety of all and for good sportsmanship is highly recommended. The Range Officer

will wait until preliminaries are over before calling the first relay to the line. The Target detail

may still be on the range. Preliminaries do not require an empty range.

Safety Briefing. At each Tournament and at the conclusion of the registration period, there will

be a ***mandatory*** safety meeting prior to the first match of each day. All competitors are required

to be at the safety brief. Competitors not attending the safety brief will not be allowed to

compete. In the interest of time, the Statistician, who may also be a competitor, may be busily

setting up Relay assignments when this safety brief commences. Before the Statistician shoots,

they will be given a safety briefing separately by a Range Official. If new shooters show up for

subsequent matches later in the day, they must be briefed by a Range Official. The Range

Official conducting the safety briefing may read the Safety Brief contained on the following page

or play a recording of the Safety Brief.

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**SAFETY BRIEFING**

***Do we have any new shooters today***? **(Intent is to determine if these new shooters are rookies**

###### and whether they need a coach on the line to assist them.)

***Bolts will be removed from all rifles during a tournament at all times, except between***

***appropriate commands given by the Range Officer. Bolts are not to be placed in rifles in the***

***ready area or any other area at the Club except between the commands given by the Range***

***Officer. If a shooter has a problem and needs to check a trigger, shoulder bump back, or***

***check a dummy, they must contact a Referee who will direct them to a place where the bolt can***

***be inserted into the rifle under the supervision of a Range Official.***

***All actions shall remain open and bolts to the rear of the action with no loaded cartridge***

***touching the loading ramp, or in the chamber, until the Range Officer gives the command***

***“COMMENCE FIRE” at the start of the sighter period. After the sighter period bolts may***

***remain in the rifle unless commanded otherwise, but no loaded cartridge may touch the***

***loading ramp or be chambered until the Range Officer gives the command “COMMENCE***

***FIRE”.***

***If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the remaining time will be dealt with per***

***rule.***

***For the Range Officer and/or Safety Officers to maintain safe control of the firing line, all***

***competitors are to remain seated and quiet at their assigned bench until the “CLEAR THE***

***BENCHES” command is given by the Range Officer.***

***If during the relay or shoot-off a situation arises which shall require a cessation of fire, the***

***Range Officer shall command “CEASE FIRE” or “EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE”. All***

***competitors are to leave their rifles alone and wait for follow-up command from the Range***

***Officer.***

***Any rounds fired after a cease fire command will result in disqualification.***

***Once the range officer has determined whether it is a safety interruption, such as a person***

***downrange or a procedural interruption, such as a loose target, the Range Officer will give***

***further instructions. A procedural cease fire may only be called in the sighter period.***

***If it is a safety incident, that is an ‘EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE’. All rifles are to be left***

***untouched until the Range Officer commands otherwise.***

***If it is a procedural incident, the Range Officer can then command “CLEAR YOUR RIFLE***

***BY FIRING” or by “OPEN BOLTS”.***

***At the end of each relay, all bolts must be out of rifles and the “CLEAR THE BENCHES”***

***command must be given prior to the Target Detail going downrange.***

***There will be no movement by any person downrange without the command of the Range***

***Officer.***

***Any time lost by interruption of shooting not governed by the Rule book shall not be charged***

***against your allotted time.***

***Shooters, if you have a malfunction, raise your hand and a Safety Officer will assist. If you***

***have a misfire DO NOT – DO NOT open your bolt. Wait 30 seconds or more before opening***

***the bolt after first ensuring that all observers behind the rifle are clear. Is this understood?***

***The Referees for today will be (name them) and the Alternate Referee will be (name them).***

***Safety Officers will be (name them).***

***Police/Fire/Rescue numbers are posted. (Person conducting the Safety briefing points them***

***out.)***

***Any questions?*** (If so, answer them. If none, proceed).

***First Relay, to the line.***

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Pits and Firing Line Ready. The Range Officer will confirm that he/she has positive

communications with the Target Captain and that all targets are ready. He/she will also confirm

that shooters in the Relay are ready and inform the Target Captain that rounds are coming

downrange.

Commands. The Range Officer issues commands to the shooters on the firing line appropriately

to the Course of Fire for the shooting discipline. ***(See Annexes for shooting disciplines/classes.)***

## Scoring, Protests and Appeals

#### Scoring

General

 Maintaining the integrity of scoring is critical to this sport. In order to ensure integrity,

scoring principles and procedures must be followed. Range measurements stand as the

official results of a match and must be honored in the placement of competitors.

 Electronic Scoring Systems are allowed for use in GBA Registered Tournaments.

 The GBA Secretary holds GBA copyrighted and approved 600-yard and 1000-yard

Aggregate Scoring programs. These may be used for Club, Regional, and National

tournaments. Users are encouraged to become familiar with these programs in advance of

tournament use.

Scorer’s Role

 Maintains reticles and calipers necessary to score targets

 Receives shot targets from the Target Captain or designated representative. After

receiving the shot targets from the Target Captain, the Scorer verifies that targets are in

order (e.g.: benches 1 through 10) and makes sure all targets are properly numbered and

correlated to benches. If unnumbered targets can’t be determined by process of

elimination the Target Captain and Range Officer are consulted.

 Scores targets

 May score their own target but it must be verified by Statistician or Senior Referee

 Enters Groups and Scores onto scoring sheets and provides them to the Statistician

 Calls for Referees as required to help resolve scoring issues

Statistician’s Role

 Retains all Tournament registration forms that competitors filled out

 Assigns shooters to and sets up Relays and Shoot-Offs. For 1000-Yard and 600-Yard

matches, the Statistician should not assign benches for relays in a way that intentionally

leaves empty benches within the continuous line of benches that have been assigned to

shooters. For shoot-offs, it is customary to leave an empty bench between the shooters

for group and the shooters for score. If a registered shooter does not complete or is

unable to complete the course of fire, his/her bench may remain empty for the remainder

of the tournament.

 Receives Relay and Shoot-off Groups and Scores from the Scorer

 Enters Relay and Shoot-off Groups and Scores into official Match Results Forms

 Posts results for competitor viewing as the Tournament progresses

 Retains official Match results in Club files, and sends copies to GBA

 Calculates aggregates

 Scores all Scorer shot targets

 Assists the Scorer and Referees as required

Referee’s Role

 As required, are called upon to use their professional judgment to resolve issues

 Referees are called one at a time to look at a target in question so as not to influence each

other’s opinions. Each uses their professional judgment to make a recommendation

about that target. The Scorer and Statistician note the majority opinion. The majority

opinion decides the official result for that target.

 No referee will help resolve issues with their own target. In such circumstances, the

Alternate Referee will judge that target.

#### Protests and Appeals

Importance. Protests are the mechanism for members to seek redress of grievances that may arise

during the conduct of competition. Appeals are a process to obtain second opinion about the

outcome of a protest that is unfavorable to the member. The process for protests and appeals

must be followed in the interest of fairness to all parties.

Scoring Protests. When a target is scored at the Target Shed/ Target House, it is official. Any

shooter, GBA member or not, may protest. Designated match officials may give reconsideration

to the shooter provided a cash protest fee is paid in advance of any decision and the target in

question is turned over to a match official.

Other Protests. “Other” protests include all grievances other than related to scoring. Designated

match officials may give reconsideration to the shooter provided a cash protest fee is paid in

advance of any decision. Any shooter, GBA member or not, may protest, however, they may not

lodge a protest on behalf of another competitor. If this is violated, the protest will automatically

be thrown out.

Protest Timeliness. Protests related to scoring must be initiated within one hour after the target's

posting or before shoot-offs begin. Shoot-off targets must be protested before the designated

match officials leave the range. “Other” protests must be initiated before the range is “cold” and

before the aggrieved shooter and Range Officials leave the range. Protests must be in writing.

Protest Fee. A fee of U.S. $10.00 shall be in place for any target to be rescored or re-measured.

If the target changes score the fee shall be returned to the shooter, otherwise the fee shall be

forfeited to the Club holding the match. A group size shall have to change .020 inch or more

(smaller or larger) to be considered a change. The fee applies to “other” protests as well.

Resolution. The Match Director will make a ruling on the protest. He/she may uphold original

decisions made by Referees or other Officials or find in favor of the shooter.

Appeals. Only appeals by current GBA members will be considered.

Any GBA member competitor at a Registered Tournament, who feels aggrieved by a decision of

the Match Director, may before leaving the range on the day the grievance arose, appeal the

decision. The steps in the appeal process:

**Step 1**: The aggrieved shooter will give U.S. $10 and a short, handwritten and signed note to the

Match Director that simply says: “I will file an appeal for X decision. Signed, Aggrieved

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|  | Shooter.” No other details are necessary at this point. The purpose of this brevity is to enable all |
|  | parties to focus on a tournament still in progress, without distraction. |
|  | **Step 2**: The Match Director will ensure he/she understands the grievance and will then convey |
|  | the aggrieved shooter’s note to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. |
|  | **Step 3**: The aggrieved shooter, within three days after the Match, will provide a full, legible and |
|  | signed statement sent via e-mail or certified mail to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The |
|  | statement will include: |
|  | * The ruling made by the Referees, and/or Range Officer and/or other Range Official |
|  | * The reason(s) why the aggrieved shooter believes an incorrect decision was made |
|  | * Names of Referees, Range Officer, Scorer, etc., where appropriate |
|  | * Aggrieved shooter’s full name, address and contact information (e-mail and phone |
|  | number) |
|  | * Signature of aggrieved shooter |
|  | **Step 4**: Concurrently, also within three days after the Match, the Range Officer will provide a |
|  | full, legible and signed statement sent via e-mail or certified mail to the Chairman of the Board |
|  | of Directors. The statement will include: |
|  | * Ruling of and logic behind the Referees, Range Officer’s, or other Range Official’s |
|  | decisions |
|  | * Sections of Rules of Competition that support the ruling |
|  | * Names of Referees, Range Officer, Scorer, etc., where appropriate |
|  | * Name of competitor filing grievance |
|  | * Signatures of involved Range Officials |
|  | * Contact information for each involved Range Official (e-mail and phone number) |
|  | **Step 5**: Whether sent via e-mail or by certified mail, the Chairman of the Board of Directors will |
|  | acknowledge receipt, either by e-mail or phone call. No other discussion is necessary at this |
|  | point. This is simply a courtesy notification to the aggrieved shooter and to the Range Officer |
|  | that statements have been received. |
|  | **Step 6**: The Chairman of the Board of Directors will assign the matter to the Board of Directors |
|  | to investigate. |
|  | **Step 7**: The Board of Directors will investigate based on provided evidence or inquiry of their |
|  | own and make a recommendation to the Chairman. |
|  | **Step 8:** The Chairman will arrive at a decision and then inform all parties. The decision is final. |
|  | If the appeal is in the shooter’s favor, the protest fee will be returned. If the appeal is not in the |
|  | shooter’s favor, the fee will be forfeited to the GBA. |
|  | Timeliness of Final Resolution. Every attempt will be made to come to final resolution within 10 |
|  | days after an appeal is received by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. |
|  | Exception to Appeal Process. If the Chairman of the Board of Directors is a direct party in an |
|  | appeal, he/she must recuse themselves. An Acting Chairman will be selected by the Board of |
|  | Directors to act in this matter only. If any other member of the Board of Directors is a direct |
|  | party in a protest or appeal, they will recuse themselves from investigation into the matter and |
|  | from any vote about the protest or appeal. |

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|  | Special Rules for International Clubs |
|  | * Electronic targets are allowed for use in 600-yard and 1000-yard competitions. |
|  | Electronic targets may be used to set World Records for all Aggregates. A record |
|  | category for individual target World Records shot on electronic targets has been |
|  | established, and this is separate from individual target World Records shot on paper |
|  | targets. |
|  | * Targets may be patched and reused, provided that the targets are handled carefully to |
|  | avoid loss of any patches. It is recommended that before patching, an ink or marker line |
|  | is struck across the bullet hole before patching to make it easier to judge a target with a |
|  | missing patch. |
|  | * For the purpose of determining GBA records and recognizing the difficulty of shipping |
|  | targets internationally for measurement verification, the scoring and measurement of all |
|  | International Club Targets will be determined and verified by the local clubs or other |
|  | designated official. |
|  | * Membership fee amounts to be paid by individuals and clubs, and the amount of match |
|  | fees will be determined by the International Clubs. Because of the cost to transfer funds |
|  | internationally, these funds will be retained in-country. The International Clubs will then |
|  | be responsible for the cost of creating GBA Awards that are earned by its shooters. |
|  | * Appeals arising in International tournaments will follow steps 1 through 8 above. |
|  | Appeals arising from host-country Club matches and other tournaments will be resolved |
|  | per host-country procedures. |
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|  | Special Rules for the Use of Electronic Targets |
|  | * Electronic Targets are allowed for 600 and 1000-yard competition. |
|  | * Matches should be conducted such that all official target results for the match are |
|  | obtained from either paper or electronic methods, not a mixture of paper and electronic |
|  | results in the same match. |
|  | * Electronic targets should be calibrated before the start of each match. |
|  | * All Competitors should be trained how to clear their own tablets when moving from |
|  | Sight-in to Record periods. Otherwise the time required to transition to Record period |
|  | will be longer than is desirable. |
|  | * Competitors are responsible to assure that the correct caliber has been selected on their |
|  | tablet. Incorrect caliber selection results in disqualification for that target. |
|  | * At the time of transition from Sight-in to Record period, all Tablets must be placed face |
|  | down on the bench by the competitor such that he is not able to see the bullet hit |
|  | placement or other data on the tablet. |
|  | * After completing the Record period, competitors may not touch the tablets. The tablets |
|  | are to be handled only by the Statisticians, with witnessing by the competitor to confirm |
|  | score and group data, and to confirm that the correct caliber was selected on the tablet. |

This rule is to assure that the competitor is not the cause of any malfunction or inadvertently touching the tablet face that might cause scoring or target system errors.

* After the Statisticians collect the score and group data, the competitor may handle the tablet and use it to display and collect additional data such as terminal velocity, SD, angle of bullet flight, etc.
* Because the tablets record the angle of bullet flight for each shot fired, this data may be used to distinguish cross fires and remove the cross fired shot(s) from the data, thus avoiding a re-shoot.
* Because most electronic target systems only display two decimal place numbers, it is possible that group ties may occur. If this happens, then score and then X count are used as tiebreakers. For score ties, the tie breakers are X count and then group. If after tie breakers are considered there still exists a tie, then for relay ties both shooters would advance to the shoot off. For shoot offs ending in a tie, the shoot off should be repeated for the tied shooters.
* Electronic targets may be used to set World Records for all Aggregates. A record category for individual target World Records shot on electronic targets has been established, and this is separate from individual target World Records shot on paper targets. If a missed shot is indicated by an electronic target, the first occurrence of this on any electronic target will be considered as a missed shot by the shooter. If this happens

twice, either during a single shooter’s turn at the bench or sequentially during the next

shooter’s turn at the bench, the shooter or shooters involved will be given the opportunity to do a re-shoot.

* It is up to the Club Match Director to assess any special issues during a match using electronic targets, and to make the best call during the match to resolve the issue.

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|  | Annex 1. 1000-Yard Competition |
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|  | Rules and Definitions |
|  | Bipods. Bipods are not allowed in Light Gun or Heavy Gun Classes. A shooter wishing to use a |
|  | rifle that typically uses a bipod should purchase and use a front rest adapter plate, which affixes |
|  | to the rifle stock where the bipod normally attaches. |
|  | Heavy Gun (HG) Class. There are no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight, except that |
|  | no weights or other parts may be assembled onto the rifle at the firing line or on the bench. The |
|  | intent is that the rifle is an integral whole, no “rail guns”, and the gun will not be so heavy as to |
|  | have no recoil and remain in battery during firing. There is no restriction as to sights. Caliber is |
|  | restricted to .409 or less. Muzzle brakes are allowed. Rifles are fired utilizing sand bag front rests |
|  | which may be supported on a pedestal that does not co-act with the sand bag to restrict upward |
|  | and/or rearward movement, and rear rests comprised of a sand bag which may be attached to a |
|  | pedestal, may be mechanical in nature, and that supports the rifle between the rear of the pistol |
|  | grip and the toe of the butt stock. |
|  | Light Gun (LG) Class. Guns shooting in the light gun class must weigh no more than seventeen |
|  | (17) pounds (7.711 kg), including bolt, scope, diopters and muzzle brake. The rear rest must not |
|  | be mechanical in nature. Bunny ear type bags are acceptable. Muzzle brakes are allowed. |
|  | * Light Guns in all GBA-registered Tournaments, including Regional, National and |
|  | International Championships, must be weighed at the conclusion of every Relay in the |
|  | first Light Gun Match of that day as shooters come off the line. Shooters may weigh |
|  | Light Guns before the Match to ensure they will make weight. Still, all shooters must |
|  | weigh Light Guns as they come off the firing line. The rifle will be weighed exactly as it |
|  | was fired, with bolt (removed), muzzle brake (if used) and scope. Any guns not in |
|  | compliance will result in the competitor’s disqualification. |
|  | * If a shooter changes Light Guns, or the configuration of a Light Gun for subsequent |
|  | matches that day, this Light Gun must also be weighed/re-weighed. |
|  | GBA Membership. All match participants must be Global Benchrest Association members, |
|  | except that in Factory Class only, a new shooter may participate for no more than two club |
|  | matches before joining GBA. Non-GBA shooters may shoot in Club matches; however, they will |
|  | not earn GBA points for group or score or place in aggregates and will not go on to a shoot-off |
|  | should they win their relay. GBA memberships are non-transferrable. |
|  | **Relays and Matches**. The minimum number of Shooters to conduct a Match is 2. The |
|  | minimum number of Shooters required before splitting into a second relay is 6. Relays are to be |
|  | split evenly into the fewest number of relays possible. |
|  | Targets. The official 1000-yard target is defined by the GBA Board of Directors. |
|  | * Special Target Rules for International Clubs |
|  | * Because of the high cost of obtaining 1000-yard targets, International Clubs (non- |
|  | U.S.) may reuse targets by pasting previous bullet holes. |

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|  | * International Clubs (non-U.S.) may use electronic targets for competitions. |
|  | Electronic single-target records will be recognized for group and score, as its own |
|  | category. Single-target records using paper targets will be a separate category. |
|  | Aggregate records however may be set using electronic targets. |
|  | * Special Target Rules for U.S. Clubs |
|  | * U.S. Clubs may use electronic targets for competitions. Electronic single-target |
|  | records will be recognized for group and score, as its own category. Single-target |
|  | records using paper targets will be a separate category. Aggregate records however |
|  | may be set using electronic targets. |
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|  | 1000-Yard Course of Fire – Heavy Gun |
|  | Club Matches for their ten registered matches will consist of relays and shoot-offs. Each |
|  | competitor will shoot in one relay only, and the winners of group and score in each relay advance |
|  | to a shoot-off to determine the match winners. |
|  | Club State Championships (still part of their ten registered matches) are conducted in the same |
|  | way as all Club Matches with relays and shoot-offs to determine GBA points to be awarded to |
|  | the winning shooters. The match may separately be scored as a two, three, or four target |
|  | aggregate at the sole option of the Club to determine the State Match winners. |
|  | Shooters will compete against the same shooters for each of the targets to be included in the |
|  | Match aggregate. |
|  | All shooters have six (6) minutes to shoot an unlimited number of sighter shots, which are |
|  | individually spotted. |
|  | If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock |
|  | immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than 2 minutes, then the clock will |
|  | resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than 2 minutes, it rounds back to |
|  | 2 minutes. |
|  | At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters |
|  | must fire their ten (10) shots for record within a ten (10) minute time period. If for some reason a |
|  | period of more than one-minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the command |
|  | commence fire, an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot. |
|  | In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of |
|  | theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their hand up |
|  | and asking for attention. The Range Officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the |
|  | sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not |
|  | finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have |
|  | completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to |
|  | correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one-minute sighter period and go |
|  | directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will remain |
|  | courteous and seated until the shooter with the problem has completed firing and the Range |
|  | Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches. |

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|  | At the command of the Range Officer to "COMMENCE FIRE", the allotted time for both sighter |
|  | shots and record string, in sequence, begins. |
|  | If pulled targets are used, at the end of a sighter period, the Range Officer will direct the Target |
|  | Captain to put Record Targets in the air, as appropriate to the range. (This must be done |
|  | expeditiously, within one minute, otherwise an additional sighter shot may be allowed to |
|  | shooters.) Once in the air and the Target Detail is safely under cover, the Target Captain will |
|  | inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then command shooters appropriately. |
|  | After ***“Cease Fire”*** and ***“Show Bolts”*** has been commanded, and prior to any Record target |
|  | being taken down from backers/carriages, the Target Captain will walk the line looking at each |
|  | target. Any target that could potentially be a World Record will be flagged to the Range Officer. |
|  | The Range Officer will then instruct the Target Captain to take personal control of that target all |
|  | the way to the Official Scorer. ***(See line 1464 for handling of potential World Record targets.)*** |
|  | As the Target Captain walks the target line prior to any target being removed, he/she will also |
|  | flag to the Range Officer all targets having less than or more than the correct number of shots for |
|  | that course of fire. The Range Officer will provide further direction. |
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|  | Yard Course of Fire – Light Gun |
|  | Club Matches for their ten registered matches will consist of relays and shoot-offs. Each |
|  | competitor will shoot in one relay only, and the winners of group and score in each relay advance |
|  | to a shoot-off to determine the match winners. |
|  | Club State Championships (still part of their ten registered matches) are conducted in the same |
|  | way as all Club Matches with relays and shoot-offs to determine GBA points to be awarded to |
|  | the winning shooters. The match may separately be scored as a two, three, or four target |
|  | aggregate at the sole option of the Club to determine the State Match winners. |
|  | Shooters will compete against the same shooters for each of the targets to be included in the |
|  | Match aggregate. |
|  | All shooters have six (6) minutes to shoot an unlimited number of sighter shots that are |
|  | individually spotted. |
|  | If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock |
|  | immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than 2 minutes, then the clock will |
|  | resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than 2 minutes, it rounds back to |
|  | 2 minutes. |
|  | At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters |
|  | must fire their five (5) shots or their ten (10) shots for record (the number of record shots is |
|  | determined by the Club) within a ten (10) minute time period. If for some reason a period of |
|  | more than one-minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the command commence fire, |
|  | an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot. |
|  | In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of |
|  | theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their arm up |
|  | and asking for attention. The range officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the |
|  | sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not |
|  | finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have |

completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one-minute sighter period and go directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will remain courteous and seated until the shooter with the problem has completed firing and the Range Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches.

At the command of the Range Officer to "COMMENCE FIRE", the allotted time for both sighter shots and record string, in sequence, begins.

If pulled targets are used, at the end of a sighter period, the Range Officer will direct the Target Captain to put Record Targets in the air, as appropriate to the range. (This must be done expeditiously, within one minute, otherwise an additional sighter shot may be allowed to shooters.) Once in the air and the Target Detail is safely under cover, the Target Captain will inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then command shooters appropriately.

After ***“Cease Fire”*** and ***“Show Bolts”*** has been commanded, and prior to any Record target being taken down from backers/carriages, the Target Captain will walk the line looking at each target. Any target that could potentially be a World Record will be flagged to the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then instruct the Target Captain to take personal control of that target all the way to the Official Scorer. ***(See line 1464 for handling of potential World Record targets.)*** As the Target Captain walks the target line prior to any target being removed, he/she will also flag to the Range Officer all targets having less than or more than the correct number of shots for that course of fire. The Range Officer will provide further direction.

#### Course of Fire Range Commands for 1000-Yard Discipline

Once competitors are seated at their benches and immediately prior to the beginning of a Relay the Range Officer will announce to competitors the following commands in BOLD ITALICS:

“THIS IS (LG OR HG) MATCH NUMBER RELAY NUMBER (or “This is (LG or HG) MATCH NUMBER SHOOT-OFF)

YOU WILL BE ALLOWED 6 MINUTES TO COMPLETE YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD FOLLOWED BY 10 MINUTES FOR YOUR RECORD TARGET.

AFTER THE “CEASE FIRE” COMMAND AT THE END OF THE SIGHTER PERIOD AND BEFORE THE “COMMENCE FIRE” COMMAND FOR THE 10 MIN RECORD PERIOD, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A LOADED ROUND TOUCHING YOUR RIFLE ACTION OR IN THE CHAMBER.

DURING THE SIGHTER AND RECORD PERIODS YOU WILL BE GIVEN TIME WARNINGS FOR 3 MIN, 2 MIN, 1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS, AND “CEASE FIRE”."

The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence in a fluid cadence:

START OF SIGHTER PERIOD – "SHOOTERS, CHECK YOUR BORE AND CHECK THAT YOU HAVE THE CORRECT BOLT. GIVE ME A THUMBS UP IF CLEAR AND READY.”

ONCE THUMBS UP ARE VERIFIED – “READY ON THE RIGHT, READY ON THE LEFT, INSERT BOLTS, COMMENCE FIRE."

END OF SIGHTER PERIOD/START OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE. THIS ENDS YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD. ALL SPOTTERS AND NON-SHOOTERS OFF THE FIRING LINE.”

In less than one (1) minute the Range Officer will confirm that all Record Targets are in the air. When confirmed he/she commands: “COMMENCE FIRE.”

Note: If more than one (1) minute elapses after Cease Fire for the sighter period and Commence Fire for the Record period, shooters will be given one (1) additional minute for sighters.

END OF RECORD PERIOD – When time has expired or when the last shooter has finished his/her string of fire, whichever shall be earlier, the Range Officer will give the following commands: “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE THIS ENDS YOUR RECORD PERIOD.

REMAIN SEATED. REMOVE AND SHOW BOLTS.” This applies anytime that a “CEASE FIRE” is called and the benches must be cleared to allow target crews or others downrange.

At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed Safety Officers, who will signal the Range Officer with a “thumbs up” sign that all bolts are out.

Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: “CLEAR THE BENCHES. (For first LG match the Range Officer commands: “WEIGH LIGHT GUNS”) NEXT RELAY TO THE LINE.”

The Range Officer oversees the target detail and the target detail is not to enter the range

until the Range Officer has given the command to “CLEAR THE BENCHES” and has given the target crew the command to go downrange.

This process repeats as required until all Relays in the Match and Shoot-Offs for each class are complete.

Shoot-Offs for both LG and HG will be conducted at the conclusion of all Relays for both classes.

Shoot-Offs for both Factory and Tactical will be conducted at the conclusion of all Relays for both classes.

It is permissible to conduct a Shoot-Off with different classes mixed but competing against only themselves. This is allowed for time efficiency.

#### Scoring 1000-Yard Discipline

###### General.

Group size and score winners from each LG and HG relay will compete in respective Shoot- Offs to determine the overall match winners. Factory Class and Tactical Class will also compete in Shoot-Offs to determine overall match winners. If a competitor has both the smallest group and highest score in a relay, the smallest group will take precedence, and the competitor with the next highest score will advance to the Shoot-Off.

No one has the authority to eliminate or disregard errant bullet holes with their location on the target being a determining factor.

Scoring Scenarios

* Correct Number of Shots on Target. This is the easiest scoring scenario. The Scorer measures the group and score on each target and records the results to a score sheet that only identifies the shooter by target/bench number, not by name. Scorers do not know the names of the shooters of each target. After finishing scoring the relay, the Scorer verifies that each target’s score and group were correctly transferred to the score sheet, designates the group and score winner on the sheet, and turns the sheet over to the Statistician. The targets are then released. Winning group and score targets are posted.
* No Shots on Target. If there are no shots on a target, the Scorer looks at all adjoining targets to see if there are extra shots on them. If there are no extra shots on adjoining targets, the target is scored as a zero and disqualified.
* Less than the Allowed Number of Shots on Target. If there are less than the required number of shots on target, the Scorer again looks at all adjoining targets for additional shots. In the absence of any, the Scorer will try to define any doubles (two bullets in nearly the same hole) by turning targets over or using reticles. Referees may be called by the Scorer one at a time to look at the target in question and indicate his/her decision to the Scorer. Referee majority decision determines the result. If the shooter protests, follow procedures as set forth for Protests and Appeals. In no circumstances may the shooter be in the Scoring Shed or see their target prior to Referee decision. The target is marked with the number of

shots on, as appropriate (e.g.: “4 on”.)

* Distinguishable Cross Fires. A crossfire is a situation of a shooter on one bench firing on the target of a fellow competitor. Crossfires can be reconciled by distinction in caliber or paint marking. The Statistician will inform the Scorer of the calibers each shooter indicated on their match registration form. Shooters can be asked if they used painted bullets. Acetone can be used on the bullet holes to bring out any color.
* Indistinguishable Cross Fires. If there are greater than the number of required shots on the target and less than the number of shots on an adjoining target, the Scorer will try to decipher the shots by caliber or paint marking. If Scorers cannot determine any difference, the shooter with more than the correct number of shots on his/her target, without seeing the target, will be asked if they will accept the larger group and lowest score, or whether they opt to re- shoot. If they opt to re-shoot, the Range Officer and Statistician are notified. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-shoot in the soonest available relay. If they accept the largest group and lowest score, the Statistician records that result. If the shooter protests, Referees become involved. The shooter who did not have the correct number of shots on target is disqualified.

#### Heavy Gun Scoring

General. All 10 shots for measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for record, for aggregate calculations, and for awards.

Additional Scenarios

* 11 or More Shots on One Target/All Other Targets Have Correct Number of Shots. Three plausible reasons for this situation exist.
  + The shooter lost count and fired the extra shots, or,
  + A competitor fired extra rounds on a target which wasn’t theirs, or
  + Combination of both reasons.

If ownership of the 11th (or more) shot(s) can determined with certainty by looking at calibers or paint markings, and it was an adjacent shooter, that adjacent shooter deemed to have fired these shots will be disqualified.

If by elimination of errant shot(s) the target in question has 10 shots remaining of the caliber or paint color fired by the correct competitor, group size and score will be determined for results.

In the event the ownership of the 11th (or more) shot cannot be determined with certainty, the shooter with 11 or more shots on target will be given the choice of accepting the largest group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The shooter cannot be notified of the size of the 11 or more shot group, nor their total score before they have made their choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-shoot in the soonest available relay. If the shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the group size will be determined by measuring the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the target. Score will be determined by scoring the lowest value shots.

#### Light Gun Scoring

General

* All shooters have the option of coloring their bullets. In the event a Scorer can determine the bullets used by the color of the bullet holes they may render a decision with that evidence.
* Light Gun course of fire for a tournament may consist of either 5 or 10 shots, to be announced and published in Club programs before the tournament. All 5 or 10 shots for measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for record, for aggregate calculations, and for awards.

Additional Scenarios

* 6 or More (or 11 or More) Shots on One Target/All Other Targets Have Correct Number of Shots. Three plausible reasons for this situation exist.
  + The shooter lost count and fired the extra shots, or,
  + A competitor fired extra rounds on a target which wasn’t theirs, or
  + Combination of both reasons.

If ownership of the 6th (or more) (or 11th or more) shot(s) can be determined with certainty by looking at calibers or paint marking, and it was an adjacent shooter, that adjacent shooter deemed to have fired these shots will be disqualified.

If by elimination of errant shot(s) the target in question has 5 shots (or 10 shots) remaining of the caliber fired by the correct competitor, group size and score will be determined for results.

In the event the ownership of the 6th (or more) (or 11th or more) shot cannot be determined with certainty, the shooter with 6 or more shots (or 11 or more shots) on target will be given the choice of accepting the largest group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The shooter cannot be notified of the size of the 6 or more (or 11 or more) shot group, nor their total score before they have made their choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-shoot in the soonest available relay. If the shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the group size will be determined by measuring the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the target. Score will be determined by scoring the lowest value shots.

Breaking Ties. In case of a tie, winners are determined as follows:

* In any case of a tie for score, the number of shots in the X ring will be totaled and the target with the most X’s will determine the winner.
* In the case of a tie for score and the X ring count, the smallest group will determine the winner.
* If there is still a tie for score the target with the closest shot to the center of the target which is represented by the X in the center of the X ring, will determine the winner.
* In the case of a tie for the smallest group, the higher score determines the winner.
* In the case of a tie for the smallest group, and score is also tied, the bullet nearest to the center of the bull’s-eye determines the winner.

Aggregates. The procedure for determining aggregates is the same for all GBA registered matches. The only factor that may differ is the number of targets considered in the aggregate.

A shooter must have their required number of scored targets to be eligible for any Aggregate Award or Trophies, within certain events. In the event a shooter has a target that has been disqualified they are no longer eligible for Aggregate Awards or Trophies; however, they are remain eligible for Individual target Awards and or Trophies.

Club membership is required for participation in annual GBA aggregates.

Calculating Aggregates. For purposes of discussion the following example will be used to show how aggregates and aggregate rankings are calculated.

* The group aggregate for any single shooter in a class (HG or LG) is determined by adding the group sizes together and dividing by the number of targets shot.
* The score aggregate for any shooter in a class (HG or LG) is determined by adding the scores together and dividing by the number of targets shot.
* Shooters will be given a ranking based on the group and score rankings by sorting from smallest to largest group and highest to smallest score.
* The shooter’s ranking numbers will be added together to give an overall ranking per class. This ranking will be sorted in ascending order, the lowest number being deemed the class overall winners.
* A two-gun aggregate for any shooter is their LG aggregate and HG aggregate added together. Ranking will be sorted in ascending order, with the lowest number being deemed the overall two-gun aggregate winner.

Breaking Aggregate Ties. The procedure for breaking aggregate ties is the same for all GBA registered matches. In case of an aggregate tie, winners are determined as follows:

* Group aggregate ties between shooters are given to the shooter having the best score aggregate.
* Score aggregate ties between shooters are given to the shooter having the best group aggregate.
* Ties in 2-Gun Ranking are broken by: Smallest HG aggregate group, and if still a tie, by smallest LG aggregate group.
* If a tie then remains, the shooter with the highest “X” count wins.
* If a tie remains, the shooter with the shot closest to the center of the “X” wins.
* Ties in Single Gun Ranking are broken by the smaller aggregate Group, and if still a tie by largest aggregate Score, and if still tied by X count.

Potential Records Shot During a 1000- Yard Shoot-Off. If a potential record is shot during a 1000-Yard Shoot-off, both Group and Score potential records will be recognized regardless of whether the Shooter was in shoot-off for Group or for Score.

Handling of Potential World Record-Setting Targets. The Host Club Match Director will:

* Ensure control of the prospective record target once it is identified as such. No one other than Pit Crew, Scorers and Referees may physically touch at any time a prospective record target. The shooter may not touch this target.
* Inquire of the Match Referees and Range Officers that all rules and regulations were followed when the prospective record target was shot. This will require an inspection of rifle and rests used to ensure they were compliant.
* Ensure all Match Referees and the Range Officer have verified and signed and dated the prospective record target.
* The target will be turned over to the Host Club Match Director with duplicate copies of the Candidate Record Submission Form as soon as possible after the tournament in which they were shot.
* Verify that the information on the Candidate Record Submission Form matches that information submitted by the competitor on the competitor’s match registration form.
* The Host Club Match Director will submit Candidate Record Submission Form for potential record-setting targets using electronic targets.
* Follow directions to complete the Form and the process to establish record(s) in Appendix 7.

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# Annex 2. 600-Yard Competition

### General:

Rules and Definitions.

Bipods. Bipods are not allowed in Light Gun or Heavy Gun Classes. A shooter wishing to use a rifle that typically uses a bipod should purchase and use a front rest adapter plate, which affixes to the rifle stock where the bipod normally attaches.

Rifles and rests. The Light Gun and Heavy Gun rifles and rests are the same for 600-yard and 1000-yard competitions (see appendix 1).

* Light Guns in all GBA-registered Tournaments, including Regional and National Championships, must be weighed at the conclusion of every Relay in the first Light Gun Match of that day as shooters come off the line. Shooters may weigh Light Guns before the Match to ensure they will make weight. Still, all shooters must weigh Light Guns as they come off the firing line. The rifle will be weighed exactly as it was fired, with bolt (removed), muzzle brake (if used) and scope. Any guns not in compliance will result in the competitor’s disqualification.
* If a shooter changes Light Guns, or the configuration of a Light Gun for subsequent matches that day, this Light Gun must also be weighed/re-weighed.

Targets. The official target is defined by the GBA Board. The intention is to size the 600-yard target to be as equivalent as possible to other associations who conduct 600-yard benchrest competitions.

* Special Target Rules for International Clubs
  + International Clubs (non-U.S.) may use electronic targets for 600-yard competitions, except that individual target records will only be recognized when paper targets are used because the level of accuracy of electronic targets is not capable to assure measurement precision.

Bench and Relay Assignments. Benches and relays must be assigned using a random method. For Club matches, at the prerogative of the hosting Club, the shooter may remain at the same bench and relay assignment throughout the match.

Ranges.

* Any safe range may be used for GBA 600-yard matches.
* For sight-in purposes, the target line of the range may be equipped with pulled targets, or painted metal plates located near the record targets, or a separate sighter target hung near the record target.

### 600-Yard Course of Fire for Club Matches

The match format is an aggregate for group and separately an aggregate for score. Four targets are shot in each class of competition.

For the first target shot in each rifle class, a sight-in period of six minutes is allowed. For all other targets, a two-minute sight-in period is allowed. There is no limit on the number of sight- in shots. All record periods for all targets is ten minutes after the start of the record period.

After the record period begins, the shooter may not take any sight-in shots. Five record shots are fired at each target.

Each time a shooter goes to the line for a rifle class, he shoots two sight-in periods each followed by two record targets.

Clubs with pits have the following option: At this time a second record target will be hung. On the command of the range officer you will have one (1) minute to fire a sighter and have it spotted. At the end of this allotted time and at the command of the Range Officer all shooters must fire their second five (5) shots for record. After two (2) targets are completed all equipment will be removed from the benches and the succeeding relays will shoot two (2) targets each.

Each two-target string will commence with a six (6) minute sighter period as described for the first.

If for some reason a period of more than one (1) minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the command commence fire, an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot.

If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than two (2) minutes, then the clock will resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than two (2) minutes, it rounds back to two (2) minutes.

At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters must fire their five (5) shots for record within a ten (10) minute time period.

In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their arm up and asking for attention. The Range Officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one (1) minute sighter period and go directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will remain courteous and seated until the shooter experiencing the problem has completed firing and the Range Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches.

At the command of the Range Officer to "COMMENCE FIRE", the allotted time for both sighter shots and record string, in sequence, begins.

If pulled targets are used, at the end of a sighter period, the Range Officer will direct the Target Captain to put Record Targets in the air, as appropriate to the range. (This must be done expeditiously, within one minute, otherwise an additional sighter shot may be allowed to shooters.) Once in the air and the Target Detail is safely under cover, the Target Captain will inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then command shooters appropriately.

After ***“Cease Fire”*** and ***“Show Bolts”*** has been commanded, and prior to any Record target being taken down from backers/carriages, the Target Captain will walk the line looking at each target. Any target that could potentially be a World Record will be flagged to the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then instruct the Target Captain to take personal control of that target all the way to the Official Scorer. ***(See line 1734 for handling of potential World Record targets.)*** As the Target Captain walks the target line prior to any target being removed, he/she will also flag to the Range Officer all targets having less than or more than the correct number of shots for that course of fire. The Range Officer will provide further direction.

#### Course of Fire Range Commands for 600-Yard Discipline. See next page.

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#### Course of Fire Range Commands for 600-Yard Discipline

Once competitors are seated at their benches and immediately prior to the beginning of a Relay the Range Officer will announce to competitors the following commands in BOLD ITALICS):

“THIS IS LG OR HG MATCH NUMBER RELAY NUMBER TARGET NUMBER ”

Note: The first target of each Class has a 6-minute Sighter Period. All subsequent targets for each Class have a 2-minute Sighter Period.

YOU WILL BE ALLOWED MINUTES TO COMPLETE YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD FOLLOWED BY 10 MINUTES FOR YOUR RECORD TARGET.

AFTER THE CEASE FIRE COMMAND AT THE END OF THE SIGHTER PERIOD AND BEFORE THE COMMENCE FIRE COMMAND FOR THE 10 MIN RECORD PERIOD YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A LOADED ROUND TOUCHING YOUR RIFLE ACTION OR IN THE CHAMBER.

DURING THE SIGHTER AND RECORD PERIODS YOU WILL BE GIVEN TIME WARNINGS FOR 3 MIN, 2 MIN, 1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS, AND CEASE FIRE." (Note: For

targets having a 2-minute sighter period, the time warnings will be “1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS, AND CEASE FIRE.”

The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence in a fluid cadence:

START OF SIGHTER PERIOD – "SHOOTERS, CHECK YOUR BORES AND CHECK THAT YOU HAVE THE CORRECT BOLT. GIVE ME A THUMBS UP IF CLEAR AND READY.” ONCE THUMBS UP ARE VERIFIED - READY ON THE RIGHT, READY ON THE LEFT, INSERT BOLTS, COMMENCE FIRE."

END OF SIGHTER PERIOD/START OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE THIS ENDS YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD. ALL SPOTTERS AND NON-SHOOTERS OFF THE FIRING LINE.

The Range Officer will confirm that Record Targets are in the air. When confirmed he/she commands “COMMENCE FIRE.”

END OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE THIS ENDS YOUR RECORD PERIOD. REMAIN SEATED. REMOVE AND SHOW BOLTS.”

The Range Officer will instruct the Target Crew to remove the Record Targets just shot and replace them with new, clean Record Targets. The Range Officer will receive confirmation when this is done and that Sighter Targets for the second sighter period are ready. When they are ready, the Range Officer announces the above commands to competitors, stating 2 minutes for the Sighter Period.

At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed Safety Officers, as appropriate, who will signal the Range Officer with a “thumbs up” sign that all bolts are out.

Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: “CLEAR THE BENCHES. (For first LG match the Range Officer commands: “WEIGH LIGHT GUNS”) NEXT RELAY TO THE LINE.”

The Range Officer oversees the target detail, and the target detail is not to enter the range until the Range Officer has given the command to “CLEAR THE BENCHES” and has given the target crew the command to go downrange.

This process repeats as required until all Relays in the Match for each class are complete.

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#### Scoring 600-Yard Discipline

General

* All shooters have the option of coloring their bullets. In the event a Scorer can determine the bullets used by the color of the bullet holes they may render a decision with that evidence.
* All 5 shots for measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for record, for aggregate calculations, and for awards.
* No one has the authority to eliminate or disregard errant bullet holes with their location on the target being a determining factor.

Scoring Scenarios

Any target that appears to have less than 5 shots must be reviewed by the Pit Officer and the assigned target puller(s) or if no pits, then the Head Scorer at the scoring shed, for verifiable duplicate shots. Their decision is reviewable by Referees. The target in question must be signed and the total number of shots noted by the official Scorer, Pit Officer and/or assigned target puller(s). Targets in question may be reviewed by match officials at the request of the Target Captain or if no pits, then the Head Scorer.

If 6 or more shots appear on a target and 4 or less appear on another, the shooter with 4 or less is disqualified. If a difference in caliber size or the use of colored bullets can determine the errant bullet holes the Head Scorer, Pit Chairman or referees may disregard their presence and score the target accordingly.

In case no decision can be made by the Pit Chairman or Head Scorer, the shooter with 6 or more shots has the choice of accepting the largest group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The shooter cannot be notified of the size of the 6 or more shot group, nor his/her total score until after he/she has made his/her choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re- shoot in the soonest available relay.

In the event the Pit Chairman or, if no pits then the Head Scorer, cannot determine the 6th Shot and the shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the group size will be determined by measuring the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the target. Score will be determined by scoring the lowest value shots. The shooter has the choice of accepting largest group and smallest score.

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Aggregates. The procedure for determining aggregates is the same for all GBA registered matches. The only factor that may differ is the number of targets considered in the aggregate.

A shooter must have their required number of scored targets to be eligible for any Aggregate Award or Trophies, within certain events. In the event a shooter has a target that has been disqualified they are no longer eligible for Aggregate Awards or Trophies; however, they are remain eligible for Individual target Awards and or Trophies.

Club membership is required for participation in annual GBA aggregates.

Calculating Aggregates. For purposes of discussion the following example will be used to show how aggregates and aggregate rankings are calculated.

* The group aggregate for any single shooter in a class (HG or LG) is determined by adding the group sizes together and dividing by the number of targets shot.
* The score aggregate for any shooter in a class (HG or LG) is determined by adding the scores together and dividing by the number of targets shot.
* Shooters will be given a ranking based on the group and score rankings by sorting from smallest to largest group and highest to smallest score.
* The shooter’s ranking numbers will be added together to give an overall ranking per class. This ranking will be sorted in ascending order, the lowest number being deemed the class overall winners.
* A two-gun aggregate for any shooter is their LG aggregate and HG aggregate added together. Ranking will be sorted in ascending order, with the lowest number being deemed the overall two-gun aggregate winner.

Breaking Aggregate Ties. The procedure for breaking aggregate ties is the same for all GBA registered matches. In case of an aggregate tie, winners are determined as follows:

* Group aggregate ties between shooters are given to the shooter having the best score aggregate.
* Score aggregate ties between shooters are given to the shooter having the best group aggregate.
* Ties in 2-Gun Ranking are broken by: Smallest HG aggregate group, and if still a tie, by smallest LG aggregate group.
* If a tie then remains, the shooter with the highest “X” count wins.
* If a tie remains, the shooter with the shot closest to the center of the “X” wins.
* Ties in Single Gun Ranking are broken by the smaller aggregate Group, and if still a tie by largest aggregate Score, and if still tied by X count.

Handling of Potential World Record-Setting Targets. The Host Club Match Director will:

* Ensure control of the prospective record target once it is identified as such. No one other than Pit Crew, Scorers and Referees may physically touch at any time a prospective record target. The shooter may not touch this target.
* Inquire of the Match Referees and Range Officers that all rules and regulations were followed when the prospective record target was shot. This will require an inspection of rifle and rests used to ensure they were compliant.
* Ensure all Match Referees and the Range Officer have verified and signed and dated the prospective record target.
* The target will be turned over to the Host Club Match Director with duplicate copies of the Candidate Record Submission Form as soon as possible after the tournament in which they were shot.
* Verify that the information on the Candidate Record Submission Form matches that information submitted by the competitor on the competitor’s match registration form.
* The Host Club Match Director will submit Candidate Record Submission Form for potential record-setting targets using electronic targets.
* Follow directions to complete the Form and the process to establish record(s) in Appendix 7.

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## Annex 3. Factory Class Competition

A factory rifle is defined as any standard production rifle - not a custom shop rifle – with a Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) maximum of $2500.

For 600-Yard and 1000-Yard Factory Class competitions, the rifle and rests must conform to the following rules:

* + Commercial bolt action - commercially produced rifle, using the commercially installed action, factory installed barrel, and factory stock. A new barrel may be installed provided it is done by the factory who manufactured the rifle
  + Must be fired single shot.
  + No stock modifications except that the action and up to 2 inches of the breech end of the barrel may be glass bedded.
  + Any safe trigger may be installed in the rifle
  + Any scope may be used.
  + Front rests may be used provided the rifle stock has not been modified or augmented in any way where the stock contacts the front rest. No one-piece rests.
  + Monopods and Bipods are legal; in which the fore-end of the stock may be modified.
  + A rear sand bag and front pedestal authorized
  + No mechanical rear rests. Rear rests must be a sandbag type rear rest.
  + Sling swivels and sling swivel screws may be removed from the stock
  + Maximum rifle weight is 17 pounds, weighed in the as-fired configuration, including any bipod or monopod.
  + No modification of the factory action or factory barrel may be made, except that a muzzle brake may be installed. The barrel may be removed from the action to thread and install the muzzle brake. Head spacing may not be changed from the factory head spacing.
  + The action/barrel may not be re-chambered or be modified in any way.
  + Silencers, suppressors, or other components may not be added to the as-produced factory configuration unless specifically noted above.
  + A tied-on or taped-on cheek riser may be used.
  + One layer of bench rest stock tape may be installed on the fore end and toe end of the stock.
  + A bag rider may be installed on the butt stock of a chassis rifle.
  + Magazine followers and sleds are approved for use.

Except as noted above or specifically noted in the rules for 1000-yard competition for factory class the rules for factory class for 1000-yard competition are the same as defined for Light Gun.

Except as noted above or specifically noted in the rules for 600-yard competition for factory class the rules for factory class for 600-yard competition are the same as defined for Light Gun.

## Annex 4. Tactical Class Competition

For Tactical Class competition the rifle and rest must conform to the following rules:

* + A tactical rifle is essentially a custom-built rifle that is single shot or has an external or internal magazine.
  + In competition, the rifle must be fired single shot.
  + Any bolt action
  + Any barrel
  + Any scope
  + Flat stock fore-ends less than 2 1/8” wide are allowed when using a front rest. When using a front rest with a fore end wider than 2 1/8”, there may be no vertical flat sides on the stock, and the bottom of the stock must be radiused, except that one flat section on the bottom center of the stock not greater than 1 ½” wide is allowed. The purpose of this rule is that Light Gun stocks may not be used in Tactical competition.
  + Any safe trigger may be installed on the rifle.
  + Glass bedding of the action and up to 2 inches of the breech end of the barrel
  + No one-piece rest
  + Monopods and Bipods are legal provided the stock complies with the rules above.
  + Muzzle Brakes, suppressors, and other barrel modifications are allowed except that clam shell type muzzle devices are not permitted.
  + No mechanical rear rests. Rear rest must be a sandbag type rest.
  + Maximum weight is 34 pounds, weighed in the as-fired configuration, including any bipod or monopod
  + Magazine followers and sleds are approved for use.

Except as noted above or specifically noted in the rules for 1000-yard competition for tactical class, the rules for tactical class for 1000-yard competition are the same as defined for Light Gun.

Except as noted above or specifically noted in the rules for 600-yard competition for tactical class the rules for tactical class for 600-yard competition are the same as defined for Light Gun.

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Annex 5. 1-Mile Class Competition

Classes of 1-Mile Competition. Three classes of competition exist for 1-Mile Light Gun, Heavy Gun and Tactical. Except as specifically noted below, the rules for LG, HG, and Tactical in 1000-Yard competition and the Annex defining Tactical Class apply for 1-Mile Competition.

For 1 Mile Class, the rifle and rest must conform to the following rules:

* A 1-Mile rifle is essentially a custom-built rifle.
* Any bolt action
* Any barrel
* Any scope
* Any trigger
* Glass bedding is allowed
* No one piece rests
* Monopods and bipods are legal
* Muzzle brakes, suppressors, and other barrel modifications are allowed except that clam shell type muzzle devices are not permitted.
* Rear rest must be a sandbag type rest.
* The 1000-yard target is used for 1-Mile Competitions.

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## Annex 6: Military Class, Gas Operated Class, and Heavy Tactical Class

Additional rifle classes may be included in GBA 600-yard, 1000-yard and One Mile Matches

at the election of the individual Club Match Director as follows:

**Military Class:**

A Military Class rifle is a factory or custom-built rifle that is single shot or has an external

or internal magazine.

• The rifle must be chambered in 5.56 x 45mm or .223 Remington or 7.62 x 51mm or

.308 Winchester

• In competition, the rifle must be fired single shot.

• Any bolt action

• Any barrel

• Any scope

• Stocks and stock fore ends must meet the requirements of Tactical Class rifles.

Round fore ends are permitted.

• Any safe trigger may be installed on the rifle.

• Glass bedding of the action and up to 2 inches of the breech end of the barrel is allowed

• No one-piece rest

• Monopods and Bipods are legal provided the stock complies with the rules above.

• The rifle may be equipped with a muzzle brake or suppressor and other muzzle modifications

may be made except that no clam shell type muzzle devices are permitted.

• No mechanical rear rests. Rear rest must be a sandbag type rest.

• Maximum weight is 34 pounds, weighed in the as-fired configuration, including any

bipod or monopod

• Magazine followers and sleds are approved for use.

Except as noted above, the rules for Military Class for 600-yard, 1000-yard and One Mile

competition are the same as defined for Light Gun.

**Gas Operated Class:**

A Gas Operated Class rifle is a factory or custom-built rifle that is semi-automatic with

an external magazine.

• In competition, the rifle may be fired single shot or by using a magazine loaded with

any number of cartridges during the sight-in period. In competition, during the record period

the rifle may be fired single shot or by using a magazine loaded with 5 cartridges.

• Each competitor must use either a brass deflector or brass catching device such that

fired brass does not interfere with any other competitors.

• Any safe gas operated action.

• Any barrel

• Any scope

• Stocks and stock fore ends must meet the requirements of Tactical Class rifles.

Round fore ends are permitted.

• Any safe trigger may be installed on the rifle.

• No one-piece rest

• Monopods and Bipods are legal provided the stock complies with the rules above.

• The rifle may be equipped with a muzzle brake or suppressor and other muzzle modifications

may be made except that no clam shell type muzzle devices are permitted.

• No mechanical rear rests. Rear rest must be a sandbag type rest.

• Maximum weight is 34 pounds, weighed in the as-fired configuration, including any

bipod or monopod

• Magazine followers and sleds are approved for use.

Except as noted above, the rules for Gas Operated Class for 600-yard, 1000yard and One Mile

competition are the same as defined for Light Gun.

**Heavy Tactical Class:**

A Heavy Tactical Class rifle is a factory or custom-built rifle that is single shot or has an

external or internal magazine.

• In competition, the rifle must be fired single shot.

• Any bolt action

• Any barrel

• Any scope

• Stocks and stock fore ends must meet the requirements of Tactical Class rifles.

• Any safe trigger may be installed on the rifle.

• Glass bedding of the action and up to 2 inches of the breech end of the barrel is allowed

• No one-piece rest

• Monopods and Bipods are legal provided the stock complies with the rules above.

• No mechanical rear rests. Rear rest must be a sandbag type rest.

• Maximum weight is unlimited, except that one person must carry the rifle to and from the bench.

The one person carrying the rifle may or may not be the shooter.

• Magazine followers and sleds are approved for use.

Except as noted above the rules for Heavy Tactical Cass for 600-yard, 1000-yard, and One Mile

competition are the same as defined for Tactical Class.

## Annex 7 International Competition

General

* All Clubs, regardless of where in the world they are located, are equal. It is the intention of GBA to create a level playing field for competition so that all members have an opportunity to earn points and accumulate Lifetime Shooter awards.
* National/Regional Matches will be held annually. National Matches are intended for use within one larger country. Regional Matches are intended to include two or more smaller countries or can be held in larger countries when it is not practical to expect shooters from across the entire country to be able to travel to one location for a National Match.
* International Tournament programs will be developed by the Board of Directors.
* Postal Matches. Postal matches may be conducted between Clubs of different nations. Details on how a postal match is conducted is provided in Appendix 3.

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## Annex 8 World Records Recognized, Points, Awards, Championships

**World Records Recognized**. Only records shot by GBA members in GBA sanctioned matches will be recognized as GBA world records. GBA records in the following categories will be based on match results during the entire shooting season and only one record will be awarded in each category per calendar year.

**Scoring and Breaking World Record Ties.** For single Target, multiple Target, and Aggregate Records, Score Record ties are broken by X count, and if still tied, by Group. Group Record ties are broken by Score, and if still tied, by X count.

###### 1000-Yard Heavy Gun Class

* Smallest 10 Shot Group (Paper Targets)
* Highest 10 Shot Score (Paper Targets)
* Smallest 10 Shot Group using Electronic Targets
* Highest 10 Shot Score using Electronic Targets
* Smallest 6 match Group aggregate
* Smallest 10 match Group aggregate
* Highest 6 match Score aggregate
* Highest 10 match Score aggregate

###### 1000-Yard Light Gun Class

* Smallest 5 shot Group (paper targets)
* Smallest 10 shot Group (paper targets)
* Highest 5 shot Score (paper targets)
* Highest 10 shot Score (paper targets)
* Smallest 5 shot Group (electronic targets)
* Smallest 10 shot Group (electronic targets)
* Highest 5 shot Score (electronic targets)
* Highest 10 shot Score (electronic targets)
* Smallest 6 match Group aggregate (for 5 shots)
* Smallest 6 match Group aggregate (for 10 shots)
* Smallest 10 match Group aggregate (for 5 shots)
* Smallest 10 match Group aggregate (for 10 shots)
* Highest 6 match Score aggregate (for 5 shots)
* Highest 6 match Score aggregate (for 10 shots)
* Highest 10 match Score aggregate (for 5 shots)
* Highest 10 match Score aggregate (for 10 shots)

###### 1000-Yard Factory and Tactical Classes

* Smallest individual target group (paper targets)
* Highest individual target score (paper targets)
* Smallest individual target group (electronic targets)
* Highest individual target score (electronic targets)
* Smallest 6 target group aggregate
* Highest 6 target scorer aggregate
* Smallest 10 target group aggregate
* Highest 10 target score aggregate

###### 1-Mile Class

* Smallest individual target group (paper targets)
* Highest individual target score (paper targets)
* Smallest individual target group (electronic targets)
* Highest individual target score (electronic targets)
* Smallest 6 target group aggregate
* Highest 6 target scorer aggregate
* Smallest 10 target group aggregate
* Highest 10 target score aggregate

###### 600-Yard Light Gun, Heavy Gun, Factory, and Tactical Classes:

* Smallest 5 Shot Group
* Highest 5 Shot Score
* Highest 4 Target Score Aggregate
* Smallest 4 Match Group Aggregate

**POINTS.** The Board of Directors will determine and announce the point structure for any matches not specified below.

**GBA Record Points.** Each GBA Record earns 4.0 points.

###### Participation Points for all Matches

* Participation Points are awarded so that we can keep track of how many different shooters compete in GBA. The point value is so small that it is unlikely to have any significant effect on Shooter Rankings.
* For 1000-Yard Matches, each shooter earns 0.01 points each time the shooter goes to the line for a relay. No participation points are awarded for shoot-offs.
* For 600-Yard Matches, each shooter earns 0.01 points for each aggregate match in which he/she participates.

###### Club Match Points for 1000-Yard LG, HG, Factory, and Tactical Classes; and 1-Mile Class:

* For Club matches utilizing relays and shoot-offs, a GBA member who wins a relay earns

0.05 points times the number of shooters in the relay. A GBA member who wins a shoot-off earns 1 point.

* For Club matches utilizing two target aggregate competition, group and score relay winners earn 0.25 points in each of the two target wins, and 1.0 points for each aggregate group and score match win. Note that for each target, the group and score winner may not be the same person.

###### Points for National Championships

* No relay winner points are awarded. No participation points are awarded. Points are awarded only on the basis of aggregates.
* Points earned at Nationals count towards Top Gun.
* World Record points may also be earned at Nationals as they are GBA sanctioned matches.
* National matches will use the same structure as used in Club matches, except that the points awarded are increased by a factor of 1.25.
* Tie Breakers for score aggregates will be group size, not X count.
* Two Gun Points:
  + First Place earns 0.03 points per GBA Member shooter
  + Second Place earns 0.02 points per GBA Member shooter
  + Third through fifth place earns 0.01 points per GBA Member shooter
* Light Gun and Heavy Gun Overall Points:
  + First Place earns 0.025 points per GBA Member shooter
  + Second Place earns 0.015 points per GBA Member shooter
  + Third through fifth place earns 0.01 points per GBA Member shooter
* Light Gun and Heavy Gun Score and Group Points:
  + First Place earns 0.025 points per GBA Member shooter
  + Second Place earns 0.015 points per GBA Member shooter
  + Third through tenth place earns 0.01 points per GBA Member shooter

###### Points for Regional Championships

* The point structure used for Regional Championships is the same as used for National Championships.
* Points earned at a Regionals counts toward Top Gun.
* World Record points may also be earned at Regionals as they are GBA sanctioned matches.

###### Points for 600-Yard LG, HG, Factory, and Tactical Classes Club Matches

* All matches are aggregate matches and points are awarded only on the basis of aggregates (not on the basis of relays).
* Tie Breakers for score aggregates will be group size, not X count.
* Points are awarded for each Class and category according to the number of shooters in that class. See the table below to determine the number of points to be awarded for each Class and category.
* The same shooter may win one, two or all of the aggregate categories within a single class.
* Points are awarded for the following aggregate categories:
  + Light Gun Group
  + Light Gun Score
  + Light Gun Overall
  + Heavy Gun Group
  + Heavy Gun Score
  + Heavy Gun Overall
  + Factory Group
  + Factory Score
  + Factory Overall
  + Tactical Group
  + Tactical Score
  + Tactical Overall

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Shooters | 1st place points | 2nd place points | 3rd place points | 4th place points | 5th place and  beyond |
| 2 to 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 8 to 14 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 15 to 21 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |  |
| 22 to 28 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Follow |
| 29 to 35 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | Same |
| 36 to 42 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | Pattern |
| 43 to 49 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 |  |
| 50 to 56 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |  |
| 57 to 63 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 |  |
| 64 + | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 |  |

###### Awards

**Lifetime Marksman (LM) Awards**

All IBS Long Range Marksman points for 1000-Yard LG/HG competition earned through December 31, 2018 are grandfathered in determining the number of Lifetime Marksman points earned by each GBA shooter. All IBS Precision Rifleman points for 600-Yard LG/HG competition earned through December 31, 2018 are grandfathered in determining the number of Lifetime Marksman points earned by each GBA shooter.

###### Lifetime Marksman Award Levels

* 30 LM points – Bronze - Shooter is awarded a Jacket.
* 60 LM points – Silver - Shooter is awarded a Silver level plaque
* 100 LM points – Gold – Shooter is awarded a Gold level plaque
* 200 LM points – Shooter is awarded a Platinum level plaque

###### GBA 1000-Yard Top Gun Shooter Programs Top Gun Award

* + The Top Gun Award goes to the top 5 shooters determined by the points accumulated in a single season in their best 18 matches, plus record points, in each of:
    - 1000-yard LG/HG Combined
    - 1000-yard LG Only
    - 1000-yard HG Only
    - 1000-yard Factory
    - 1000-yard Tactical
    - 1 - Mile LG
    - 1 - Mile HG
    - 1 - Mile Tactical
    - 600-yard LG/HG Combined
    - 600-yard LG Only
    - 600-yard HG Only
    - 600-yard Factory
    - 600 yard Tactical

**Top Gun Tie Breaker Criteria.** In case of a tie for shooter points in Top Gun the winners are determined using the following criteria:

* + Total number of shoot-off wins,
  + Number of relay wins,
  + Season group aggregate,
  + Season score aggregate

###### Championships

**Special Rules for Regional, National and International Championships.** We recognize that our Association has Clubs that are geographically dispersed, and we believe that all Association members should be given the opportunity to compete in Championships. For Regional, National and International championships, the Club rules apply except as modified below:

###### National Championships in the U.S.A.

* For National Championships in the USA, a host club rotation has been established beginning in 2019 as follows:
  + 1000-Yard: VA 1000, Thunder Valley, Harry Jones, Dead Zero, White Horse.
  + 600-Yard: White Horse, Harry Jones, Cavalier, Homedale, Dead Zero
* A club may elect not to host a National Championship when its turn in the rotation occurs, in which case it loses its turn in the rotation. If this occurs, the next Club in the rotation is given the offer to be the host Club, thus using its turn in the rotation.
* As additional clubs are added to GBA, they are added to the end of the rotation at the year of joining.

**National Championships Outside of the U.S.A.** The Country Administrator determines the venue.

**Regional Championships.** The host club of each Regional Championship will determine the Regional Champion, and who by their performance will receive other awards and recognition.

**Results Not Considered in Club Aggregates.** Regional, National and International Championships are sanctioned GBA tournaments, but results are not considered in determining individual club aggregate winners.

###### Qualification

* To qualify for competing at Regional and National Championships, a shooter must be a member of a benchrest association or gun club. This makes them eligible for awards and prizes.
* In order to win points at these matches or set a GBA World Record, a shooter must be a GBA Member.

**Relay and Bench Assignment.** For National, Regional and International Matches, shooters must be assigned relays and benches randomly and bench rotation should be used for each trip to the line to the best ability of the host club.

**Aggregate Tournament.** Regional, National and International Championships will use a three or four Target Aggregate for each Rifle Class. If weather conditions or other match interruptions occur, the host club has the prerogative to eliminate one or more targets.

###### Annex 9: Suppressor Classes

###### Additional rifle classes may be included in GBA 600-yard, 1000-yard and One Mile

###### Matches at the election of the individual Club Match Director as follows:

###### • Each of the Rifle Classes described in Annex 1 (Light Gun and Heavy Gun Classes),

###### Annex 3 (Factory Class), Annex 4 (Tactical Class), and Annex 6 (Military, Gas Operated,

###### and Heavy Tactical Classes) may be equipped with a suppressor and compete within a

###### Suppressor Class for each of these Guns.

###### • The rifle must be equipped with an FFL legal suppressor and all firearms laws must be

###### complied with.

###### • With the exception of adding a suppressor, all rules for each corresponding Rifle Class

###### listed in Annex 1, Annex 3, Annex 4, and Annex 6 apply.

###### • Suppressed Light Gun maximum weight of 17 pounds excludes the weight of the suppressor.

###### • Suppressed Factory Gun maximum weight of 17 pounds excludes the weight of the suppressor.

###### Except as noted above the rules for Suppressor Cass for 600-yard, 1000-yard and

###### One Mile competition are the same as defined for Light Gun.

###### Appendix 1. Match Registration/Hold Harmless Form

***Global Benchrest Association Match Registration/Hold Harmless Form***

**Light Gun Heavy Gun Factory Tactical**

**Sharing Equipment with Other Shooter Name of Other Shooter Paid by Check Amount: Paid by Cash Amount:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Signature Date**  **First Name Last Name Suffix** |
|  | **Address** |
|  |  |
|  | **City State** |
|  | **Zip Code Country Phone** |
|  | **E-Mail** |
|  | **Can match results be submitted to you by e-mail? Yes No** |
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|  | **Light Gun Class (17 pounds or less)** |
|  | **Caliber Action Stock** |
|  | **Barrel Gunsmith** |

**Scope Power Bullet Weight Case Primer Propellant Weight**

**Heavy Gun Class**

**Caliber Action Stock Barrel Gunsmith - Scope Power Bullet Weight**

**Case Primer Propellant Weight**

**Factory Class (17 pounds or less)**

**Caliber Action -\_--- - Stock Barrel Gunsmith Scope Power Bullet Weight**

**Case Primer Propellant Weight**

**Tactical Class (34 pounds or less)**

**Caliber Action Stock Barrel Gunsmith Scope Power Bullet Weight**

**Case Primer Propellant Weight**

**Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement *Read Before Signing***

**Competitor’s name and address:**

**Guardian’s name and address (required if the Competitor is under 18 years of age):**

**In consideration for being allowed to participate in this competition at , I (or WE if a guardian is listed above) agree to the following:**

* **I understand that this is a competition that involves the use of firearms in an outdoor environment.**
* **I understand that there is a risk of injury or death inherent in participating in this type of activity.**
* **I agree that I understand and will follow all rules of the Range where the competition is held and the rules of the hosting Club, and the rules of the Global Benchrest Association.**
* **I agree that I assume all risk and liability for any injury of death that may be caused to me as a result of participating in this competition.**
* **I agree that I release from liability and hold harmless the Range Owner(s), hosting Club, and the Global Benchrest Association for any injury or death caused to me related to my participation in this competition, regardless of whether any rules noted above were violated by me or by another person at the competition, and regardless of whether the Range Owner(s), hosting Club, and/or the Global Benchrest Association caused any dangerous, careless, negligent, or reckless condition that did or might lead to any injury or death to me.**
* **I agree that I am binding all my heirs, relations by marriage, relations by lineage, assigns, and successors to all the terms of this Agreement in perpetuity.**

**I have read this Agreement and fully understand its terms and that I have given up significant rights and recourses by signing it. I have freely signed this Agreement.**

**Signature of Competitor:**

**Signature of Guardian: Date:**

**Appendix 2. Match Report Form**

**GLOBAL BENCHREST ASSOCIATION**

**MATCH REPORT FORM**

**CLUB DATE OF MATCHES**

**1000-YARD 600-YARD SCORE GROUP ONE MILE**

**NUMBER OF ASSOCIATION COMPETITORS DAY ONE DAY TWO**

**NUMBER OF GBA MEMBERSHIPS TOTAL FOR MEMBERSHIPS $ GBA MATCH FEES ENCLOSED $**

**(= # of Association competitors x $2.00 per match per day)**

**Within 2 weeks after Match mail (hard copy) completed and signed Match Registration/ Hold Harmless Forms, Match Reports Equipment List, Match fees and new membership fees and completed new membership forms to:**

**Global Benchrest Association (Attn: Secretary/Treasurer) PO Box 5043**

**Fredericksburg, VA 22403**

**Within 2 weeks after Match e-mail Match results to** [**globalbenchrest@gmail.com**](mailto:globalbenchrest@gmail.com)

**SUBMITTER POINT OF CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER**

**Note: International Clubs do not use this form and do not remit fees to GBA in the United States**

###### Appendix 3. Global Benchrest Association Postal Match Results Report Format

If postal matches are held, the following report format will be used to report match comparison results between international Clubs in the Global Benchrest Association.

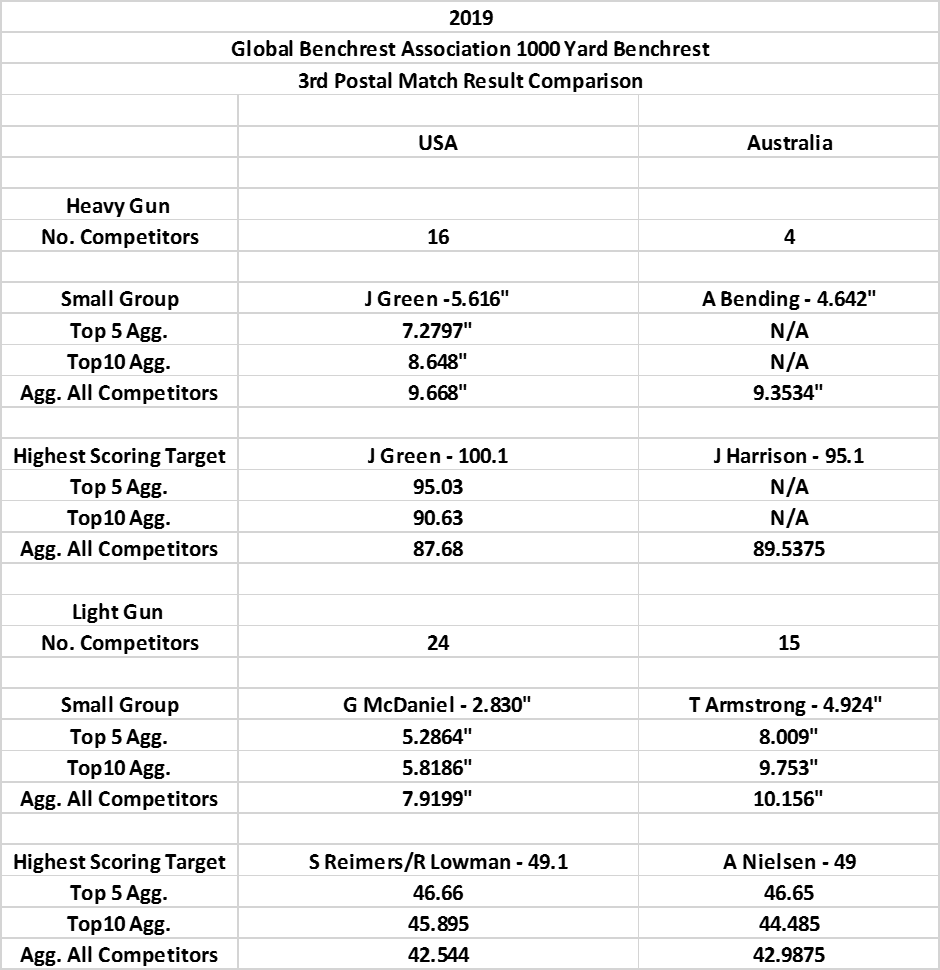
* It must be prepared as an Excel file to enable posting on the web. Clubs desiring to hold postal matches should contact the GBA Secretary to have the Excel file template sent to them.
* Comparisons should be between like numbered matches held by both international Clubs.
* The international Clubs conducting postal matches will include the other Club in distribution of their match results.
* The U.S. Club will prepare this form using both Club’s match results.
* The U.S. Club will submit the completed report to the other international Club and to the

U.S. Webmaster so that Postal match results can be posted on the GBA website.

Note: The following example shows “USA” and “Australia” match comparisons. This could have been labeled VA 1000 (the U.S. Club) and Narromine Dubbo, (the Australian Club) - the two specific Clubs being compared.

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###### Appendix 4. Equipment List Form

The equipment list contains information about the rifle, scope, and ammunition used by competitors in a tournament. It is submitted by Clubs along with Match Reports, fees and other documentation, within 2 weeks after tournament conclusion.

This is an Excel file. Clubs should contact the GBA Secretary to have the Excel file template sent to them.

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| **Equipment List** |  |  | **Club Name** |  | **Match Numbers (e.g. 1 and 2)** | | |  | **Date** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Heavy Gun** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Competitor Name** | **Caliber** | **Action** | **Barrel** | **Smith** | **Stock** | **Scope** | **Power** | **Case** | **Powder** | **Weight** | **Bullet** | **Weight** | **Primer** |
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| **One Eyed Bill** | 6.5x47 | Stiller | Krieger | Henry | Baer | Nightforce | 12x42 | Lapua | H-4895 | 36 | Berger | 140 | CCI |
| **name** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **name** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **etc.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Light Gun** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Competitor Name** | **Caliber** | **Action** | **Barrel** | **Smith** | **Stock** | **Scope** | **Power** | **Case** | **Powder** | **Weight** | **Bullet** | **Weight** | **Primer** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **One Eyed Bill** | 6.5x47 | Stiller | Brux | Henry | McMillan | Nightforce | 12x42 | Lapua | H-4895 | 36 | Eazor | 146 | CCI |
| **name** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **name** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **etc.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

An equipment list is not required for postal matches.

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**Appendix 5. U.S.A. GBA Membership Application Form**

##### GLOBAL BENCHREST ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Note: Each member and Board Member of the Association is responsible to:

* Act safely and responsibly at all matches and comply with all safety rules.
* Act with sportsmanship at and after matches.
* Not engage in any drug use. Not engage in any alcohol use while matches are in progress. If a range or club does not allow any alcohol use or possession at the range, members must respect this rule.
* Promote good will among the membership.
* Support and attend club matches to the best of their ability
* Not engage in any ill will generating activities toward the Association or its members.
* Not engage in any blogging or web forum activities that are detrimental to the Association or its members.
* Any Association Member who does not comply with their responsibilities may be ejected from the Association at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

GBA Use Only: Date Received Received by: Membership Number

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|  | **DATE OF APPLICATION FOR 20\_\_** |
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|  | **DID YOU SHOOT WITH IBS BEFORE 2019?** |
|  | **(Circle one) Yes No** |
|  |  |

**FIRST NAME LAST NAME SUFFIX ADDRESS ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**Indicate Your Global Benchrest Association Membership Category Below**

1. **Regular Membership (USA MEMBERS $45 per calendar year)**
2. **Junior Membership (Under 18) (USA MEMBERS $20 per calendar year)**
3. **Family Membership (children under age 18 on 31 December of the current year and parents living in the same residence; USA Membership $65 per calendar year)**

**U.S Applicants Only: Mail completed form and payment to:**

**Global Benchrest Association (Attn: Secretary/Treasurer) PO Box 5043**

**Fredericksburg, VA 22403**

**Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to Global Benchrest Association. (U.S. Funds Only)**

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|  | **Appendix 5a.** | **GBA Membership Application Form – non-U.S.A.** |
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|  |  | GLOBAL BENCHREST ASSOCIATION |
|  |  | MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION |

Membership forms used by nations other than the U.S. will use nationally-generated membership application forms. While they should contain similar information to the U.S. membership application, country-unique modifications will be necessary.

Each nation’s GBA representative is issued a block of membership numbers to manage and assign.

Membership fees and categories of GBA membership are determined by each nation. No membership funds from other nations will be remitted to the United States.

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###### Appendix 6. Lifetime Marksman Points

**Lifetime Marksman Points are maintained by Board-appointed Points Keepers for each shooting discipline (600-Yard, 1000-Yard, 1-Mile, Score, Group).**

* All clubs send their match results to [globalbenchrest@gmail.com](mailto:globalbenchrest@gmail.com) which is the GBA Google account email where only the Points Keepers and Webmaster have access.
* Points Keepers use Club-provided match results to tally points earned by each shooter.
* The Webmaster posts updates to the GBA website when the Points Keeper releases approved updates.
* Individual GBA members / shooters access the GBA website to view current point standings.

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**Appendix 7. Global Benchrest Association Candidate Record Submission Form**

**Competitor Name**: Address: Phone: Signature:

**Competitor Association Membership Number:** Date Issued:

**Is this Candidate Record on Paper Target or Electronic Target? Candidate Record Being Submitted**: (Circle All Appropriate Items)

Score

Score Aggregate/Score Grand Aggregate 1000-Yard Score/Group

10-Match 1000-Yard Aggregate 6-Match 1000-Yard Aggregate 600-Yard Score/Group

600-Yard Score Aggregate/Group Aggregate 1 Mile Group/Score

Cla**ss** (Circle All Appropriate Items) HV for Score

LV for Score Tactical Varmint Hunter LV

Sporter HV

Light Gun 1000 yd (5 shot)

Light Gun 1000 yd (10 shot) Heavy Gun 1000 yd

Light Gun 600 yard Heavy Gun 600 yard

**CALIBER: DISTANCE:** 100 200 300 600 1000 Yards/Meters 1-Mile

Date Fired: Club Where Fired: Range Officer: Referees:

**Records Administrator Use Only:**

Date received: Record: Yes No Date target(s) returned:

Signature

**Directions to Complete Form and Process to Establish Record(s):**

1. Prepare one completed form per candidate record and make a copy.
2. Indicate whether this candidate record is on a paper target or electronic target.
3. Keep original copy with target(s) in secure location under control of the Club President
4. Mail copy of completed form to the Records Administrator.
5. The Records Administrator will review all candidate record forms submitted by Clubs to ascertain which candidate record target(s) need to be submitted for verification of record
6. Once candidate target(s) are received by the Records Administrator they will be evaluated and verified for record.
7. If deemed NOT a record, the target(s) and completed form will be returned to the submitting Club President.
8. If declared a record, the form will be returned to the submitting Club President, however, the record setting target(s) will be retained for presentation at the GBA Annual Meeting.
9. If declared a record, the Records Administrator will notify the Chairman of the Board of Directors who will ensure the Webmaster, Secretary, Points Keepers and Awards and Prizes Administrator update appropriate Association records.

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###### Appendix 8. Notice of Caliber Change Form NOTICE OF CALIBER CHANGE

Competitor Name: Match:

HG LG Tactical Factory Score Group 1-Mile (Circle one) Bench and Relay Assigned: Bench Relay

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| --- | --- |
|  | Caliber at Registration: |
|  | Change Caliber To: |
|  |  |
|  | Instructions: |
|  | 1. Complete the change card before shooting in the relay and submit to the Range Officer |
|  | 2. Provide your name exactly as you registered |
|  | 3. Indicate the Match is which you will fire this caliber change (e.g.: Match 6) |
|  | 4. Circle HG, LG, Tactical, Factory, Score, Group, or 1-Mile |
|  | 5. Provide the bench number and relay to which you are assigned when you will shoot this |
|  | changed caliber (e.g.: Bench 7, Relay 2) |
|  | 6. Provide your caliber written at registration (e.g. 300WSM) |
|  | 7. Provide the caliber you are changing to (e.g.: 6 Dasher) |
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**Appendix 9. Computer-Based Relay Assignment Procedures**

**Upon request, Clubs will be provided the Excel template and instructions how to set up and run computer-based relay assignments. Contact the GBA Secretary.**

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###### Appendix 10. Global Benchrest Association Membership Card

* A membership card will be issued to each Association Member, and to each Club Secretary or the Club’s Director on the Board (for Club membership). It is valid for the entire calendar year in which it was issued.
* A unique 4-digit membership number will be assigned and will be linked with the member in Association records. If their membership lapses, the number will not be re- used, however it will remain available to the same person if they renew.
  + A block of unique membership numbers, managed by the Secretary, will be assigned to each country participating in the Global Benchrest Association.
    - Non-U.S. countries will manage their own assigned block of membership numbers, and will report monthly to the GBA Secretary the following:
      * Name
      * Assigned Membership Number
      * Date Issued
  + A block assignment ensures that all GBA competitors are given a number that is unique to only them. This will be useful when the Association conducts International Tournaments.
* Membership cards are not transferable.
* The card will contain the following information:
  + Global Benchrest Association web address
  + Membership Identification Number
  + Member name
  + Member signature
  + Date Issued
  + Issued by (Secretary, Global Benchrest Association) (or designated representative in non-U.S. country granted by-direction authority by the Secretary)
  + Statement that this card must be presented at Registration for all Matches and Tournaments, and upon request by Club or GBA officials.

Renewal notices with appropriate instructions will be mailed to the membership not later than 1 January of each year.

###### Appendix 11. Registered Match Contract Application Form

Clubs desiring to hold Registered Tournaments will apply for assignments using the form below. The application shall be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and delivered to this officer not less than 30 days before the first proposed tournament date.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall examine the application, consult other tournament schedules, and if the range facilities are approved and no interference with other tournaments exists, shall assign the requested date to the applying Club. Conflicts will be adjudicated with affected parties.

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**Registered Match Contract Global Benchrest Association**

Club Name: Range Name, City, State: Club Email Address:

**Class of Competition:** Indicate after date 1000-Yard LG/HG; 1000-Yard Tactical/Factory, 600-Yard, Score 100, 200 or 300, or 1 Mile

**For 1000-Yard Competition is it a 5 or 10 shot LG / Tactical or Factory course of fire?** (Note: the choice made is the format for the entire year) (circle) 5 10

Will electronic targets / electronic scoring system be used? (circle) Y N

If Match is an Aggregate, indicate # of targets in the aggregate after the class of competition Proposed Registered Match Numbers/Dates:

e.g.: Match 1 and Match 2, 15 Feb 2020, 1000-Yard LG/HG, 1000-Yard Tactical and Factory; 3 target aggregate

Alternate Date Alternate Date Match Start Time:

The Club Officer agrees that all Safety and Global Benchrest Association Rules will be followed at all registered matches.

Club Officer Name/Signature: Club Officer Phone Number:

Return this form for approval to GBA Secretary by Mail or email:

Global Benchrest Association (Attn: Secretary)

PO Box 5043

Fredericksburg VA 22403 [michael.wallace0602@gmail.com](mailto:michael.wallace0602@gmail.com)

Approved by GBA: