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# Global Benchrest Association

  

## Official Rules for Competition



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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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**CHANGE #**

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**DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:**

87 **Objectives of the Global Benchrest Association**

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- 89 • To promote competitive benchrest shooting and good sportsmanship
- 90 • To ensure equal Club representation with shooting disciplines in direct control of their
- 91 programs
- 92 • To conduct Association affairs with goodwill, transparency, and accountability
- 93 • To make the administration of benchrest shooting programs uniform and efficient
- 94 • To make pertinent statistics and technical data available to Association Clubs and members

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- 96 • **The Global Benchrest Association does not restrict in any way the**
- 97 **number of associations that Clubs and Ranges are affiliated with.**
- 98 **However, GBA registered matches must be stand-alone matches, not**
- 99 **conducted or reported as dual-association matches.**

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- 101 • **The Global Benchrest Association expects all GBA Match participants**
- 102 **to comply with all laws applicable to the match venue.**

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104 **How This Document is Structured and Maintained**

- 105 • Matters common to all shooting disciplines are discussed in the main body.
- 106 • Matters pertinent to each shooting discipline are contained in their respective Annexes. If
- 107 any discipline rules conflict with these main body rules, the discipline rules contained in the
- 108 Annexes take precedence.
- 109 • Forms are contained in Appendices.
- 110 • This document has a version number and date of issuance. Updates to either the main body,
- 111 Annexes, or Appendices, will cause a new numbered version of the document to be posted,
- 112 with the date of its revision. A Summary of Changes page will accompany updates.
- 113 • Upon direction of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Secretary is responsible for
- 114 incorporating approved updates, and for publishing this document.

115 **Safety**

- 116 • Some Ranges may have additional safety rules, and those additional rules must be followed
- 117 at those ranges.
- 118 • Competitive benchrest rifle shooting involves the use of firearms in an outdoor environment
- 119 and there is risk of injury or death inherent in participating in this type of activity. Safety is
- 120 therefore paramount.

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- 122 • **Responsibilities:**
- 123       ○ It is the responsibility of every participant in benchrest shooting to be safe in their  
124       own actions and conduct.
- 125       ○ Everyone has the right and the responsibility to speak up if they see an unsafe  
126       condition or practice.
- 127       ○ Range Officials are responsible for enforcing safety measures and promptly  
128       addressing safety issues even if it means a Match must be halted or suspended. A  
129       Range Official will make the final determinations on matters concerning safety.
- 130 • **Emergency Cease Fire.** Anyone may call an emergency cease fire. When an Emergency Cease  
131 Fire is called all shooters on the firing line are to remain seated and may not touch their rifles  
132 and are to wait for further instructions from the Range Officer.  
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- 134 • **Bolts.** Bolts will be removed from all rifles during the course of a tournament, at all times,  
135 except between appropriate commands given by the Range Officer. Bolts are not to be placed  
136 in rifles in the loading area or any other area at the range/club except between the commands  
137 given by the Range Officer. If an individual has a problem and needs to check a trigger,  
138 shoulder bump back, or check a dummy, they will need to contact a Referee who will direct  
139 them to a place where a stripped and flagged bolt can be inserted into the rifle. This will be  
140 supervised by a Referee or an experienced shooter in order to ensure safety.  
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- 142 • **Magazines.** Contestants with rifles that have actions requiring a magazine will only use the  
143 magazine to support a single round as it is being chambered, under appropriate command of  
144 the Range Officer. At no time will any contestant's rifle magazine(s) be loaded anywhere on  
145 the range. Violators are subject to disqualification and being banned from the range.  
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- 147 • **Firing Commands.** No shot shall be fired until the command "COMMENCE FIRE" has been  
148 given in its entirety or after the command "CEASE FIRE" has been initiated. A competitor  
149 firing before "Commence Fire" in its entirety or after "CEASE FIRE" has been initiated (i.e.:  
150 after the word "Cease") shall constitute grounds for disqualification in all classes of  
151 competition and voiding of all his/her groups/targets fired at the Tournament.  
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- 153 • **Muzzle Position.** In all registered tournaments, for any class of competition, the rifle does not  
154 have to be placed so the muzzle breaks the plane of the front edge of the bench. Range  
155 Officials may review the safety of a shooter's rest and rifle's position on the bench and refuse  
156 to allow the competitor to shoot if the rest/rifle setup is judged to be unsafe. This is a  
157 subjective opinion based on experience. Range Official rulings are final.  
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- 159 • **Safe Control of the Firing Line.** For the Range Officer and/or Safety Officers to maintain safe  
160 control of the firing line, all competitors are to remain seated and quiet at their assigned  
161 bench until the "CLEAR THE BENCHES" command is given by the Range Officer.  
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- 163 • **Downrange Movement.** At no time after the registered aggregate has begun will any person,  
164 other than Range Officials or Referees, be permitted down range until that Match aggregate  
165 has been completed. Any person violating this safety rule will be automatically disqualified.

166 At some ranges, shooters are allowed, between relays, to place rests, shooting stools, etc.  
167 immediately in front of the shooting bench and well below the line of fire. This is not  
168 deemed to be “down range” for purposes of this rule. The Range Officer controls all  
169 downrange movement.  
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- 171 • **Prohibition of Alcoholic Beverages and Drug Use.** Drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind is  
172 always prohibited on Range premises until competition is completed, with rifles cased and in  
173 vehicles, and upon approval of the Range Owner. Note that individual Range Owners may  
174 prohibit even the possession of alcoholic beverages on their range. Drug use is always  
175 prohibited. Prescriptions, used safely, are not included in this prohibition.  
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- 177 • **Unsafe Equipment.** Any equipment thought to be unsafe, harmful, destructive, or otherwise  
178 unpredictable will not be allowed on the range at any time. Examples, such as but not limited  
179 to, auto-loading weapons, tracers, incendiary projectiles, rifle calibers larger than .409.  
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- 181 • **Shooting Position.** All shooters shall shoot from designated benches. Shooting off-hand or  
182 from the prone or kneeling position is not allowed.  
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- 184 • **Safety Briefing.** A complete Safety Briefing will be verbally given to every competitor before  
185 the start of any day’s Matches. This briefing will be given by the Host Club Match Director,  
186 the Range Officer or a designated Safety Officer. It is a safety violation if a Safety Briefing is  
187 not given. The Safety Briefing is found on page 19.  
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- 189 • **Posting of Local Emergency Services.** The Host Club will post at the range information for  
190 contacting local emergency services – Police, Fire and Rescue. The Range Officer will have  
191 a copy of this information on the line. A copy will also be in the Score House, in the Pits, and  
192 on the Range bulletin board. The address of the Range, GPS coordinates and/or a written  
193 narrative describing how to get to the range will be posted with emergency service numbers.  
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## 199 General Rules and Definitions

200 **Alibi.** An alibi is a reason for being unable to complete a stage of fire. A legitimate alibi could  
201 allow the competitor the opportunity to complete the stage of fire.

202 • Mechanical malfunction of range equipment, targets falling off carriages partially or  
203 completely, targets being pulled too soon, or official's failures to properly give range  
204 commands or call time are examples of Range alibis. Range Officers and Referees will  
205 address alibi conditions and their ruling is final.

206 • Range Officers will stop time for an affected shooter if a target blows down or there is  
207 some delay in the pits. If there is a range equipment failure, the shooter has the option to  
208 have the problem repaired and finish shooting after one sighter shot (if desired), or to  
209 shoot over at the end of the relay. Unaffected shooters should complete their record  
210 targets and be released to clear their benches after the "clear your bench" command has  
211 been issued by the Range Officer.

212 • No shooter's alibi will be permitted. Rifle, and/or Bolt, and/or Rest and/or Ammunition  
213 failure and/or shooter error are not legitimate alibis, even if there is insufficient time  
214 remaining after the failure is rectified during the record period to complete that stage of  
215 fire.

216 **Alteration of Facilities.** No mutilation or alteration of range facilities, (benches, target frames,  
217 etc.) by anyone will be tolerated. Definition of mutilation or alteration is determined by Range  
218 Owner. Competitors must ask for and receive permission prior to any alterations.

219 **Artificial Lights.** The firing of Registered Tournaments or any part thereof, under artificial lights,  
220 is authorized.

221 **Bench.** A bench shall be a rigidly constructed table of a height to permit a shooter of average  
222 height to sit comfortably thereat by merely increasing or decreasing the height of the stool on  
223 which he/she sits. It shall be constructed to permit firing by either a right or left-handed shooter.

224 **Club.** An Affiliated Club, as defined in the By-Laws of the Association. More than one Club  
225 may be hosted at a range, in compliance with criteria set by the GBA Board of Directors.

226 **Coaching.** Coaching is defined as assisting another shooter verbally or through non-verbal  
227 communications.

228 • The handling and adjusting of rests and rifles, and all other assistance by attendees during  
229 the set-up period only is not restricted in any way except as otherwise noted below or in  
230 the Rules.

231 • The only time that someone other than the shooter may fire the shooter's rifle is during  
232 the sight in period. This is further restricted to include only rookies and juniors and their  
233 coach and can only be done for the first two matches shot by that rookie.

234 • Coaching by or between any match attendees is permitted without limitation during the  
235 set up and sight-in periods, and at any other time, except that coaching of a shooter  
236 during his record period can only be done as described below.

237 • Rookies and Junior Shooters: The Range Officer will allow a rookie or junior shooter  
238 competing in their first two matches to be coached by an experienced shooter during the  
239 record period. A rookie or junior shooter in their first two matches may also have an

240 experienced shooter on the line with them during the record period, who is permitted to  
241 coach, handle rests and rifles, and provide any other needed assistance provided that the  
242 Coach does not fire the rifle during the record period and that the actions by the Coach  
243 are conducted in a safe manner.

- 244 • Handicapped Shooters. Shooters who have a physical handicap are allowed the same  
245 special considerations as Rookies and Junior Shooters, except that there is no limit to the  
246 number of matches they may receive this special consideration.
- 247 • Violation of these coaching rules may result in disqualification of the shooter and/or  
248 coach from the match at the discretion of the Referees.

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

250 **Guiding Means.** Any device, addition, contour or dimension on any rifle of any class, designed or  
251 adapted to co-act with mating or reciprocal features of a rest to guide its return to firing position  
252 so that it shall not be necessary to re-aim the rifle optically for each shot.

### 253 Inspection of Equipment

- 254 • A scale with certified weights shall be set up near the firing line at all registered  
255 Tournaments requiring weight limits on rifles. Competitors may use this equipment prior  
256 to and during the matches.
- 257 • Certified Master Weights are required at all registered Tournaments. Scales should have a  
258 zeroing pointer. Scales must be balanced and leveled including the one-ounce error  
259 factor. Scales are to be set up in a reasonably permanent location and should remain at  
260 this location for the duration of the Tournament.
- 261 • Referees may spot check at their discretion rifle weight, dimensions and rests, preferably  
262 prior to the beginning of a match. This will allow any competitor time to correct any  
263 violation and still participate in the competition. Any competitor may request his  
264 equipment to be inspected prior to the beginning of a match for compliance with the  
265 rules. Competitors must cooperate with the Referees or forfeit the right to compete. An  
266 overweight rifle, or one outside the rules dimensionally, or an illegal rest, will result in  
267 disqualification if the illegal equipment has been used to fire any part of the registered  
268 Tournament.
- 269 • In Tournaments where the dimension factor is involved the Host Club shall provide an  
270 accurate scale, a steel rule, and a pair of calipers or micrometer having a maximum  
271 capacity in excess of 1.25". In weighing rifles with scope attached, diopters, and bolt, an  
272 excess of one (1) ounce shall be attributed to scale error.
- 273 • See Annex 2 for weighing of Light Guns.

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

276 **Muzzle Brake.** A device connected to the muzzle of a rifle that redirects propellant gases to  
277 counter or control recoil. Muzzle Brakes may not be of "Clamshell" or any other design that  
278 intentionally exit gas directly rearward. **Note:** By the nature of gas dissipation, there will be  
279 some rearward movement of gases. The intent here is to prohibit muzzle brakes designed to  
280 intentionally direct this gas rearward beyond the 90-degree plane.



281 **One Match One Shoot Rule.** No shooter may participate and/or shoot more than once in any  
282 scheduled Match, even with different rifles. This rule may not apply in cases of Club sponsored  
283 special events, Shoot Offs, or competition in other classes.

284 **Pit Duty.** It is the responsibility of the shooter to be in the pits when called. Pit duty will be  
285 posted on the Range bulletin board. Competitors who win a relay are also responsible for pit duty  
286 for the shoot-off even if the shooter chooses not to shoot in the shoot-off. If a competitor does  
287 not wish to pull targets, it is the competitor's responsibility to provide a qualified substitute. Roll  
288 call will be taken prior to each pit detail. Anyone not fulfilling his/her obligation of pit duty will  
289 be disqualified for score, group and aggregate for the day's shoot. All participants that are on pit  
290 duty must remain on their assigned target until released by the Range Safety Officer or Target  
291 Captain. Handicapped shooters are exempt from pit duty if they so wish.

292 **Range.** A place to shoot competitive matches having not less than 3 benches on the firing line.  
293 The bullet stop must be adequate to stop bullets of any caliber legal for GBA competition and  
294 shall be sufficiently high to intercept ricochets.

295 **Ready Area.** An area where the oncoming Relay next to fire may stage equipment in order to be  
296 closer to the firing line. A Ready Area facilitates more rapid changes between Relays.  
297 Competitors will receive instruction during initial briefings and before competition begins about  
298 the range's Ready Area.

299 **Registered Tournament.** A tournament is an orderly program of competitive shooting of one or  
300 more Matches authorized by the appropriate office of the GBA and conducted under Rules and  
301 Regulations in accordance with the official tournament procedures approved by the GBA. The  
302 words "shoot" and "meet" are synonymous.

303 **Relay.** A relay is one set of shooters firing in competition with each other, within one class, Light  
304 Gun, Heavy Gun, Factory or Hunter.

305 **Rest.** A front sand bag rest shall support the front part of a rifle: a rear sand bag rest shall support  
306 the rear part of a rifle: neither rest can be attached to the bench, the rifle, nor each other; they  
307 must be movable in all directions independently of the other. Any part of the rifle resting there  
308 on must maintain a minimum of one-half inch distance from any part of the retainer or container  
309 holding the sand bag on which the rifle rests. Whenever the rifle makes contact on its sides, there  
310 may be a maximum of sand one-half inch high and a minimum of one-half thick on each side.  
311 Sand bags on front rests must be a minimum of one and one-half inches wide and rear rests sand  
312 bags must be a minimum of one and one-half inches wide by three inches long. No device of any  
313 kind can restrict the upward and/or rearward movement of the rifle. Any; sand bag used as a rest  
314 that is not supported by a retainer and that has movement without restraint need not comply with  
315 this rule. A multi-piece front bag system is acceptable if they meet all other criteria listed in this  
316 definition. Rifles will be removable from their front rests without lifting any part of the front rest  
317 from its contact points with the bench it is occupying.

318 Any rest changes or recoil systems may be shown to and approved by the Referees and/or Range  
319 Officer before being used in competition. Rifles must rest on sand bags only; multiple recoil  
320 ("return to battery") systems on front or rear rests are NOT allowed.

321 **Restriction for Official's Participation.** There is no restriction on an Official's participation in  
322 Club, Regional or National tournaments.

323 **Rookie.** A new shooter to the sport of benchrest competition who has not more than 2 years of  
324 experience in competitive shooting. The clock starts at any time during a calendar year. For  
325 example, a new shooter whose first competition is in July 2019, will be deemed to have 1-year  
326 experience at the conclusion of the 2019 GBA calendar. The shooter can compete in all of  
327 calendar year 2020 at which time their Rookie status ends. They will not be considered a rookie  
328 for the 2021 season, for example. Correct and accurate Rookie designation is important on Match  
329 results submitted to GBA. Match forms should contain the rookie's name and "(R)". (e.g.: **Joe**  
330 **Rookie (R)**) Club Presidents are responsible for ensuring accurate Rookie status for their Club  
331 members.

332 **Sandbag.** A sand bag is defined as a bag with or without a pedestal, with a leather, cloth or  
333 synthetic cover that is capable of being easily flexed by the fingers. They may contain a dry  
334 finely divided nonmetallic substance such as, but not limited to, "Heavy Sand", sand, gravel or  
335 grain, without additive and packed loosely enough that bag can be easily deformed by pressure  
336 of the fingers. The cover of the sand bags must not be bound in such a manner to prohibit free  
337 movement of the contents. Lubricants on the sand bag may be used. Front and rear rest sandbags  
338 must be such that when lifting the rifle from the rests, the rests do not lose any contact from the  
339 bench it is occupying. Vertical spacers under a rear bag are allowed if they do not contain any  
340 protrusions which can be inserted into the bench top or a sandbag.

341 **Shared Equipment.** In the event two or more competitors using the same rifle or equipment  
342 qualify to participate in the same Shoot Off, it is the sole responsibility of the competitor to  
343 provide the necessary equipment to participate when the competitors for the Shoot-Off are called  
344 to the firing line.

345 **Shooter Additional Duties.** A shooter may work as Range Officer, Target Crew, Scorer or  
346 Statistician but may not handle or score targets from the relay(s) in which he/she is a competitor.  
347 The exception is the official Target Scorer may score their own target, but it must be verified by  
348 the Statistician or Senior Referee.

349 **Shoot-Off.** In some disciplines, a shoot-off is used. Relay winners may proceed to a shoot-off  
350 between them to determine the overall Match winner. When a competitor earns a place in a  
351 shoot-off, and then subsequently shoots a world record target, it will be recognized no matter  
352 what category (score or group) they entered or earned their place in the shoot-off.

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

354 **Timeliness Reporting to the Firing Line.** Once a relay is determined for a shooter and the time to  
355 shoot is designated, the competitor must be available to report to the firing line when the relay or  
356 shoot-off is called by the Range Officer. If a competitor fails to report at the designated time the  
357 Range Officer has the option to proceed and disqualify the absent competitor, or, wait until the  
358 competitor reports.

359 **Timers.** The use of a personal timer on the shooting bench is allowed. They should not audibly  
360 distract other shooters.

361 **Unused Benches.** No contestant shall physically occupy with their person any bench in a relay in  
362 which he/she is not shooting unless authorized by the Range Officer. Violating this rule will  
363 result in disqualification from the Tournament.

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365 **Wind Flags/Electronic Wind Gauges**

- 366 • Wind Flags will be provided by the Range and will be placed in locations selected by the  
367 Range Owner. The size, shape, and color of the flags will be selected by the Range  
368 Owner, taking into consideration the distance the flag is placed from the firing line.
- 369 • Range owned wind flags may only be moved by Referees under the direction of the  
370 Range Officer. In no circumstance shall any range owned flag be moved for an individual  
371 shooter's convenience or benefit for the remainder of an aggregate. If a flag is causing an  
372 obstruction for any shooter, range personnel will lay down the flag and pole in question.  
373 At any tournaments where multiple aggregates are being contested on the same day, flags  
374 may be moved and/or adjusted by the Range Officer between aggregates.
- 375 • Wind flags for 600 Yard and Score competition is addressed in Annex 2 and Annex 5.

376 **Written Notice of Caliber Change.** Every competitor who changes calibers after first submitting  
377 their Match Registration Form for the tournament must give written notice to the Range Officer.  
378 The Range Officer will give this notice to the Statistician. This is for purposes of resolving  
379 scoring issues should they arise. This Change Form is found in Appendix 8.

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381 **Roles and Responsibilities**

382 **Host Club Match Director.** This Director is normally the President of the Club whose matches are  
383 being held. The Director can be a designated representative in absence of the Club President. The  
384 Director or his/her designated representative may also be a shooter. The Director is responsible  
385 for hosting and ensuring the smooth conduct of a Match/Tournament.

386 **Range Officer**

- 387 • The Range Officer will conduct Matches, control the firing line and supervise  
388 competitors.
- 389 • He/she shall direct the actions of the Target Detail while on the range.
- 390 • He/she shall enforce all safety rules. In the event of boisterous or unsportsmanlike  
391 conduct of a competitor, he/she shall first caution such competitor, and if the offense is  
392 repeated shall disqualify the competitor for the match in which the second offense was  
393 committed. Refusal to comply with the Range Officer shall be grounds for barring a  
394 competitor from the range.
- 395 • He/she ensures Range flags are raised and that competitor wind flags are rule compliant.
- 396 • The Range Officer controls all downrange movement.
- 397 • Responsible for communications and emergency signaling.
- 398 • In the event of any situation arriving (e.g. Act of God), procedures for which are not  
399 covered by these rules, the Range Officer has full authority to pause or stop the Match  
400 and after consultation with the Referees, announce a decision or procedure, which shall  
401 be final and binding. Any such occurrence shall be fully reported to the Board of  
402 Directors by the Senior Referee for possible remedial legislation. Such report shall be in  
403 writing.

404 **Range Official.** General term covering Host Club Match Director, Range Officer, Target Captain,  
405 Scorers, Statistician, Safety Officers and Referees.

- 406
- All officials at Regional and National Championship Matches must be approved by the
- 407 GBA Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- In all Registered Tournaments there shall be a Range Officer, three Referees and an
- 408 alternate, a Statistician, and an Official Scorer.
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411 **Referees.** Appointed officials for a Match or Tournament.

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- They must be GBA members in good standing and will be selected based on their
- 413 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
- 414 referee will be designated the Senior Referee. An alternate is selected in the event a
- 415 target shot by a referee must be judged.
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- Referees may not judge their own target.
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- Insofar as possible, referees will come from different participating Clubs.
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- They have the authority to conduct spot compliance inspections. The Referees may
- 419 inspect the equipment of competitors at their discretion, then pass judgement upon
- 420 whether such equipment complies with the requirements of the class in which the shooter
- 421 is competing. If found to be noncompliant, the shooter shall be given the opportunity to
- 422 correct it, to shoot in a class in which his/her equipment does qualify, provided that the
- 423 shooter has not shot any part of the Registered Tournament, or, to file a protest and shoot
- 424 under protest.
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- They adjudicate scoring at the request of the Scorers.
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- They handle protests from competitors.
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- They adjudicate violations identified by Safety Officers or the Range Officer.
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- Referees also shall investigate any complaints of conduct on the range, hardship in the
- 429 assignment of benches, alleged crossfires and similar matters and shall report their
- 430 finding and recommendations to the Range Officer who will decide.
- 431
- For Regional Championships, National Championships and State Tournaments, an odd
- 432 number of referees (either three or no more than five) will be selected from all the
- 433 participating Clubs. No more than one referee will be from the same Club unless there are
- 434 no additional Club attendees.
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436 **Safety Officers**

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- Appointed assistants to the Range Officer overseeing safe conduct on the Range. The
- 438 number of Safety Officers is determined by each Club.
- They have the authority to flag prohibited practices for potential shooter disqualification
- 439 with final determination by the Range Officer, Referees, or the Host Club Match
- 440 Director.
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442 **Scorer**

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- Receive targets directly from the Target Captain or representative of the Target Detail,
- 444 scores them and provides results to the Statistician.
- Posts group and score winning targets.
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- The Official Scorer shall direct the duties of the individuals comprising the scoring detail.
- 446 He/she shall coordinate his/her duties with those of the Statistician.
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- 448       • The Scorer may score personal targets, but the Statistician or assistant to the Scorer *must*  
449       verify all group measurements and scores on Scorer-fired targets. If the Statistician is  
450       unable to do this the Senior Referee will verify.

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

- 452       • Safe, professional and courteous personal conduct, exercising good sportsmanship and  
453       consideration for fellow competitors. In the event of boisterous or unsportsmanlike  
454       conduct of a competitor, the Range Officer or Safety Officer shall first caution such  
455       competitor, and if the offense is repeated the Range Officer shall disqualify the  
456       competitor for the Match in which the second offense was committed. Refusal to comply  
457       with the Range Officer shall be grounds for disqualification and barring a competitor  
458       from the range.
- 459       • Presenting valid GBA membership card when registering for matches and when asked to  
460       do so by Club or GBA officials.
- 461       • Coming to the Match prepared (e.g.: known zero and reasonably accurate dope.)
- 462       • Complying with instructions and decisions of Range Officials.
- 463       • Not interfering with Target Crew, Scorers, Statistician or other Range Officials while  
464       they perform their duties. No contestant will enter the Score House or engage with the  
465       Scorers or Statistician in the performance of their scoring duties. Any shooter violating  
466       this rule will be subject to disqualification. When required, the Statistician or a Referee  
467       will summon a shooter if a question needs to be answered.
- 468       • Becoming knowledgeable about individual Range rules and requirements.
- 469       • Reporting to the firing line when the relay or shoot-off they are in is called by the Range  
470       Officer, and for clearing their bench promptly when their relay has been released by the  
471       Range Officer.

472 **Statistician**

- 473       • Sets up relays based on information taken from competitor's registration forms, taking  
474       care to balance non-GBA and Rookie shooters across all Relays, and to allow for  
475       necessary equipment sharing. Female shooters who are GBA members are not balanced  
476       across relays because their GBA member male counterparts are not balanced across  
477       relays.
- 478       • He/she shall supervise the work of the scoring detail and assist scoring when required.
- 479       • Records Relay, Match and Tournament results.
- 480       • Keeps and reports official Match and Tournament results to GBA.
- 481       • Provides Match or Tournament results to competitors via e-mail if a legible e-mail  
482       address is provided on registration forms.
- 483       • Provides Match or Tournament results to the Club Webmaster for posting.

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

- 485       • Runs the Pits and target line and the entire Pit Crew.
- 486       • Communicates directly with and reports to the Range Officer. (*See Target Detail*  
487       *Functioning for greater detail.*)

488 **Treasurer**

- 489       • Receives all match registration forms and conveys them to the Statistician. They will  
490       require each contestant to:

- 491 ○ Show membership card
- 492 ○ Fill out completely and sign a GBA Match Registration Form and Hold Harmless
- 493 Agreement
- 494 ○ Pay the appropriate registration fees
- 495 ○ Elect whether to compete for awards, or for record only, and if for awards, to pay
- 496 the appropriate entry fees
- 497 ● Receives monies at Match/Tournament events. They shall segregate from the registration
- 498 fees that part reserved for GBA and deliver the balance to the Host Club. He/she shall
- 499 retain the match entry fees and distribute them as awards when the winners have been
- 500 ascertained, if cash awards are given. The Treasurer or designated representative will also
- 501 pay any range personnel per agreement with the host range (e.g.: paid target pullers).
- 502 ● Receives new GBA applications, Club memberships, and their monies and forward to
- 503 GBA and/or the Club as appropriate.
- 504 ● The Treasurer may employ a designated representative.

## 505 **Tournament Administration**

506 **Types of Tournaments.** Tournaments shall be of two general classes: Registered or Unregistered.  
507 Only Registered Tournaments shall be considered for record purposes.

### 508 **Registered Tournaments**

509 Only clubs affiliated with GBA, which are in good standing, and which have the facilities and  
510 equipment required to conduct a shoot under the procedures required by the Association may  
511 hold Registered Tournaments. Registered Tournaments shall be held only on dates approved by  
512 the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

513 **Tournament Date Applications.** The form for applying for Tournament dates is found in  
514 Appendix 11.

### 515 **Location of Tournaments**

516 Club Tournaments, Regional and State Championships, and International Championships are  
517 held at Host range facilities.

518 GBA National Championship Tournaments shall be conducted, if possible, in areas of easiest  
519 accessibility to the greatest number of GBA competitors. Regional Championships will be  
520 similarly situated. Suitable accommodations and range facilities will also be a factor in selecting  
521 the site of Championship Tournaments. Interpretation of the word "suitable" shall be left to the  
522 discretion of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

### 523 **Competitor Eligibility/Membership Criterion**

524 Subject to discipline rules contained in the Appendices, shooters generally must be GBA  
525 Members in order to compete in any GBA Club, Regional, National, or International registered  
526 tournament. The Board of Directors may allow new shooters to compete at a maximum of two  
527 Club Matches by paying a reduced fee that is applied toward the full membership fee if the  
528 shooter wishes to continue to compete in GBA matches.

529 **Competitor Registration**

530 All competitors at every Registered Tournament shall be required to complete a Registration  
531 Form/Hold Harmless Agreement supplied by GBA. This form is found on the GBA website, at  
532 the registration table at Host Club tournaments, and in Appendix 1.

533 **Pre-Registration for GBA Regional and National Championships.** Pre-registration shall be required  
534 30 days in advance of GBA Regional and National Championships. Prepayment of fees is not  
535 required, however, a written declaration of intent to attend is required. There will be a mandatory  
536 late fee of U.S. \$10.00 assessed for all registrations (written declaration of intent to attend)  
537 received after 30 days before the Regional and National Championship. Should a preregistered  
538 competitor be unable to attend, the total fees paid will be refunded.

539 **Pre-Registration for GBA International Championships.** Registration requirements will be  
540 announced by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

541 **Proof of Membership**

542 Membership cards must be presented at Registration. If a person does not have their  
543 membership card, he/she shall pay, or have paid on his/her behalf, the GBA Membership fee.  
544 Upon proof from records that they were a member in good standing on the date of the  
545 Tournament, a refund shall be provided. (See Appendix 10)

546 **Registration Fees**

547 Each competitor shall be charged (or have paid on his/her behalf) a registration fee for each day  
548 for each class in which he/she competes, as determined by the Host Club. At its option, the Host  
549 Club may charge a registration fee not greater than may be approved by the Board of Directors  
550 or may conduct the match and pay the prescribed GBA registration fee at the expense of its own  
551 treasury.

552 Any non-member may decide to pay the prescribed GBA annual dues at any Registered  
553 Tournament thus becoming a member of GBA at that tournament. For their results to count, they  
554 must apply to be a GBA member before the tournament begins. After competition begins (the  
555 first round downrange), there is no option to change the decision. The Club Treasurer is  
556 responsible for submitting their GBA membership forms and payment to GBA. (See Appendix 5  
557 for GBA Membership Application Form)

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

560 **Match Entry Fees.** Clubs establish their own Match Entry Fees and may elect to have special  
561 competitions (such as closest to the center of the X) which may be included in the Match Entry  
562 Fee or may have a separate fee.

563 **Forwarding Forms and Payment to GBA**

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- 565 • Within two weeks after a Tournament, the Host U.S. Club should forward to GBA all  
566 Match Registration and Hold Harmless forms, Match Results, and Equipment Lists,  
567 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.

- 568 • Non-U.S. Clubs, within two weeks after a tournament, will only submit Match Results,  
569 Points and Equipment Lists, by e-mail, in accordance with the instructions in Appendix  
570 12.
- 571 • GBA will retain all U.S. Match Registration and Hold Harmless forms for 5 years. Non-  
572 U.S. Clubs will hold their Match Registration and Hold Harmless forms for 5 years.

### 573 Preparation and Use of Forms

- 574 • The Statistician shall have supervision and control of any statistical forms used in the  
575 conduct of a tournament and shall be responsible for all entries made therein.
- 576 • The Registration Form shall be used in the preparation of all other forms.

### 577 Additional Items. The Host Club should have:

- 578 • Range Officer Tally sheets giving name and bench number of each contestant in each  
579 relay.
- 580 • Match and Aggregate Score (M&AS) Posting Form in duplicate. The Statistician will  
581 post results for review by competitors as the tournament progresses.
- 582 • Application forms for GBA Membership and Club Membership.

### 583 Relay and Bench Assignments

584 The overarching principle is relay and bench assignment must be done fairly, so that no shooter  
585 is discriminately advantaged or disadvantaged, regardless of their experience or seniority in the  
586 sport. Clubs conducting Registered Tournaments do not have the privilege of permitting  
587 competitors to select their relay or bench assignment. Three exceptions are allowed.

- 588 • An exception may be allowed to accommodate legitimate requirements a shooter  
589 might have such as a scheduled doctor's appointment that day, as an example.
- 590 • Physical handicap imposing limitations on a shooter may be accommodated.
- 591 • Clubs have the option of assigning all non-GBA shooters to the same relay(s).

592 Additional exceptions can be granted by the Host Club Match Director or Statistician,  
593 based upon the situation and their judgement.

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### 595 **Approved Methods for Relay and Bench Assignments**

- 596 • **Computer-Based Program.** Computer-based relay and bench assignment is the primary  
597 method of assignment within GBA. This is the fairest and most objective method of  
598 determining relay and bench selection. It is also performed very quickly. A computer-  
599 based random generator is used to determine relay and bench assignment for each  
600 individual Match by class. (See Appendix 9)
- 601 • **Random Drawing.** Random drawing is a second, approved method of relay and bench  
602 assignment. In this method, shooters draw numbered chips or numbered cards, denoting  
603 bench assignments. For 1000-Yard competition, a drawing must be done each time for  
604 every match in every Class of competition. 600-Yard and Score competition may conduct  
605 one drawing for match and relay assignments for the day's competition. A second day's  
606 competition will require a new drawing.



607 **Bench Rotation.** Bench Rotation will not be used in any Tournament within GBA unless  
608 specified in the Annexes.

#### 609 **Changes of Relay or Bench Assignments**

610 Latecomers will be assigned to benches and relays by the Statistician, if the shooter arrives prior  
611 to the announced deadline for registration.

612 Having been assigned a bench or benches, a competitor will not be allowed to switch positions  
613 with another shooter, nor may they switch to an unoccupied bench within a match. If necessary  
614 and depending on circumstances, the Range Officer may change the assignment to a bench or  
615 relay or both in such a way as to relieve any hardship. Any changes must be immediately made  
616 known to the Target Captain and Statistician.

617 **Program Announcements.** Upon receiving assignment of a Tournament date, the Host Club may  
618 prepare a program for circulation to interested shooters. Posting of the Tournament dates on the  
619 GBA website and/or to Club website satisfies this rule. The program shall state:

- 620 • The name of the Host Club, the location of the Range, and the date of the Tournament
- 621 • The Schedule of Events. (Note: Clubs are not required to offer competition in all  
622 sanctioned classes. Clubs have the right to limit the number of classes a competitor can  
623 enter in a specific tournament.
- 624 • The Amount of the Registration fee
- 625 • When offered - the Entry Fee for each match and a statement that no entry fee shall be  
626 required of anyone not desiring to compete for awards
- 627 • A Schedule of Cash Awards expressed as a percentage of entry fees collected
- 628 • A statement as to the method relays and benches will be assigned, and if exceptions are  
629 necessary, how and when and to whom those are communicated in advance of the  
630 tournament.
- 631 • The name, address, and telephone number of the Club point of contact

#### 632 **Posting of Results/Official Score Bulletins**

- 633 • Relay and Match results will be posted at a location convenient for shooters to see results  
634 as the Tournament progresses.
- 635 • Within two (2) weeks after conclusion of a Tournament, the Tournament Sponsor should  
636 supply every registered competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin which shall  
637 be a complete record of all Groups and Scores fired and as applicable all Registered  
638 Tournament aggregates. Equipment lists will be provided for a minimum of the top 20  
639 competitors at Championship Tournaments and top 10 competitors of all other Registered  
640 Tournaments.
- 641 • Posting to a Club website complies with this provision.

642 **Rule Book Availability.** All Clubs shall have one or more current copies of the Rule Book at every  
643 GBA Tournament.

644 **Targets.** Targets used in sanctioned matches/tournaments are approved by the GBA Board of  
645 Directors.

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## 648 Target Detail Functioning

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

650 Target Captain. The Target Captain is responsible for:

- 651 • Training the Pit Crew in the proper and efficient handling of targets and Pit functions.
- 652 • Controlling and directing the movement and activities of the Pit Crew.
- 653 • Ensuring Pit infrastructure (target frames, carriages, etc.) are in good repair and functional
- 654 prior to the conduct of a Tournament.
- 655 • Ensuring supplies are on hand to conduct the Tournament. This includes targets, shot
- 656 markers, pasters, clays, pins, staplers, etc.
- 657 • Ensuring communications are tested and functional prior to the Target Detail going
- 658 downrange.
- 659 • Proper marking of targets for each Bench and Relay.
- 660 • Movement of targets from the Pits to the Scorer.
- 661 • Proper handling of potential World Record targets. The Target Captain will have in
- 662 his/her possession a copy of current World Records as posted on the GBA Website (or
- 663 minimum thresholds beginning in the 2019 season).
- 664 • Raising or lowering of Range wind flags downrange.

665 Pit Crew. The Pit Crew is responsible for:

- 666 • Orderly and professional conduct in the Pits.
- 667 • Prompt response to commands from the Target Captain.
- 668 • Prompt, efficient and proper servicing of targets.

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

- 670 • He/she controls any movement downrange
- 671 • Directs any actions required of the Target Detail
- 672 • Keeps the Target Captain informed of Range status, course of fire and conditions on the
- 673 firing line
- 674 • He/she ensures Range flags are raised and that all competitor wind flags comply with
- 675 rules.

## 676 Pit Crew Training

677 If Target Pullers are used, the Target Captain will demonstrate to them exactly how and when  
678 sighter targets are to be pulled, shots marked with appropriate visible markers, and previous shot  
679 holes in sighter targets taped over. He/she will also instruct new crew especially to NOT pull  
680 record targets once Record fire begins, and to only pull and remove them when they are  
681 instructed to do so.

682 The Target Captain will instruct Target Pullers to look for any shots inadvertently fired on  
683 Record targets prior to the Record period, if this is possible. If any such shots are seen, they will  
684 immediately inform the Target Captain who will then inform the Range Officer. The Range  
685 Officer will provide appropriate direction.

686 The Target Captain will instruct Target Pullers to count shots in the bank during Record fire if  
687 there are Target Pullers for each target to do so and they are in position to safely observe the

688 impacts. If they observe more shots in the bank behind their target than are allowed in that  
689 course of fire, they will inform the Target Captain BEFORE targets are taken from their  
690 backers/carriages.

691 The Target Captain will instruct the Pit Crew to keep targets in order, by target and bench  
692 number, as they are removed from target frames. (For example, bench 1 target 1, bench 2 target  
693 2, etc. to bench 10 target 10.) Targets need to come off in order as listed by the Range Tally  
694 Sheet for the Relay or Shoot-off in which they were shot. It is vitally important that each target  
695 be appropriately marked so each shooter can be correlated to the specific target they fired upon.

696 **Communications. *Safety is paramount.*** Direct, positive communications will be maintained  
697 between the Range Officer and the Target Captain. Depending on circumstances, the Range  
698 Officer at his/her discretion and judgment may call an immediate “**CEASE FIRE**” whether in  
699 sighter or Record fire until positive communications is re-established. Handheld portable radio  
700 and backup cellphone communications should be used. It is recommended that Clubs and Range  
701 Owners consider alternative, fallback communications methods if **all** voice communications  
702 between the Range Officer and Target Captain are down. Air horns are one possible method. If  
703 an emergency exists downrange and voice communications are out, and an immediate cease-fire  
704 should be called, a backup plan appropriate to that range should be available and be  
705 implemented.

#### 706 **Target Preparation**

707 The Range Officer and/or Target Captain will inspect target frames and carriages and see that all  
708 defects are corrected or repaired prior to the Tournament. Prior to the Tournament, an estimate of  
709 the attendance and an estimate of the number of the entries in the several classes shall be made.

710 After completion of bench assignments the Statistician shall prepare and furnish the Range  
711 Officer and the Captain of the Target Detail with a copy of the Range Officer Tally, which shall  
712 show which competitor occupies each bench in each relay of each match, thereby furnishing  
713 information necessary to complete the identification marking of the targets for matches  
714 subsequent to Match number one, and to avoid preparing targets for inactive benches.

715 The Target Captain is charged with the proper marking and identification of every target. The  
716 marking shall correspond with the correct Match, Relay and Target numbers of the event, and  
717 bench number. The competitor’s bench number shall be marked behind or near the target frame  
718 or carriage and conspicuously visible from the bench at the distance being shot.

719 **Movement Downrange.** The Target Detail will not enter the range except by order of the Range  
720 Officer. A routine for entering and leaving the range between relays shall be established by the  
721 Club and rigidly adhered to.

#### 722 **Pit Functioning**

723 When the Range Officer has authorized movement downrange the Target Detail will proceed to  
724 the Pits. The Target Captain will ensure he/she has the Range Officer Tally Sheets and direct the  
725 Pit Crew to prepare targets for the first Relay of the day. The Target Captain is charged with the  
726 orderly placing of correctly marked targets in the target frames, appropriate for the Match and  
727 upcoming stage of fire.

728 The Target Captain will walk the line to inspect each target and personally ensure the target line  
729 is ready.

730 The Range Officer will direct any adjustments necessary, examples being better affixing a target  
731 to a backer or adjusting/placing additional clays for sighters.

732 The Target Captain is responsible for removal of the Target Detail from positions of hazard,  
733 indicating to the Range Officer that firing may begin. When the Target Captain is satisfied that  
734 the target line is ready, this indication is given by an unambiguous signal to the Range Officer,  
735 e.g.: “**Target Detail Clear and Ready for Sighters**” or “**Target Detail Clear and Ready for**  
736 **Record Fire**”.

737 The Range Officer will then make appropriate announcement to the shooters on the line and  
738 command “Commence Fire”. (*See Annexes for 1000 Yard, 600 Yard, and Score competition*)

739 If a target must be fixed during a course of fire, it will only be done under specific direction of  
740 the Range Officer and only after “**Cease Fire**” has been called and the command is given to  
741 shooters to “**Remove Bolts. Show Bolts.**” Safety Officers will verify appropriately with the  
742 Range Officer and **then and only then** on his/her command will there be any movement  
743 downrange from a position of cover by the Target Detail to correct a problem.

744 Once the problem is taken care of and the Target Detail is back safely under cover, the Target  
745 Captain will inform the Range Officer, e.g.: “**Target Detail Clear and Ready**”. The Range  
746 Officer will then command the shooters appropriately.

747 When these steps are completed, the Target Captain is responsible for the orderly removal of  
748 targets from the frames and the orderly delivery of targets to the Official Scorer. No shooter may  
749 see results or touch these targets while being delivered to the Official Scorer.

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

751 **Cold Range.** When the last shot is fired in the last Relay for the day, and “**Cease Fire**” and  
752 “**Show Bolts**” has been commanded and followed, the Range Officer will declare, “**The Range**  
753 **is Cold**” and inform the Target Captain. Appropriate Range flags will be lowered.

754 **Closing the Pits.** The Range Captain will close the Pits and be the last person to leave. The Pits  
755 will be left in a condition ready for future competition. Any maintenance issues will be reported  
756 by the Target Captain to the Range Officer or President of the Host Club.

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758 **Operational Conduct of a Match.** (*Note: Range Officer/Range Official Commands are*  
759 *Italicized and Bolded.*)

760 **Preliminaries.** There may or may not be a ceremony preliminary to the tournament events. A  
761 prayer for safety of all and for good sportsmanship is highly recommended. The Range Officer  
762 will wait until preliminaries are over before calling the first relay to the line. The Target detail  
763 may still be on the range. Preliminaries do not require an empty range.

764 **Safety Briefing.** At each Tournament and at the conclusion of the registration period, there will  
765 be a **mandatory** safety meeting prior to the first match of each day. All competitors are required  
766 to be at the safety brief. Competitors not attending the safety brief will not be allowed to  
767 compete. In the interest of time, the Statistician, who may also be a competitor, may be busily  
768 setting up Relay assignments when this safety brief commences. Before the Statistician shoots,  
769 they will be given a safety briefing separately by a Range Official. If new shooters show up for

770 subsequent matches later in the day, they must be briefed by a Range Official. The Range  
771 Official conducting the safety briefing may read the Safety Brief contained on the following page  
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## SAFETY BRIEFING

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805 *Do we have any new shooters today? (Intent is to determine if these new shooters are rookies*  
806 *and whether they need a coach on the line to assist them.)*

807 *Bolts will be removed from all rifles during a tournament at all times, except between*  
808 *appropriate commands given by the Range Officer. Bolts are not to be placed in rifles in the*  
809 *ready area or any other area at the Club except between the commands given by the Range*  
810 *Officer. If a shooter has a problem and needs to check a trigger, shoulder bump back, or*  
811 *check a dummy, they must contact a Referee who will direct them to a place where the bolt can*  
812 *be inserted into the rifle under the supervision of a Range Official.*

813 *All actions shall remain open and bolts to the rear of the action with no loaded cartridge*  
814 *touching the loading ramp, or in the chamber, until the Range Officer gives the command*  
815 *“COMMENCE FIRE” at the start of the sighter period. After the sighter period bolts may*  
816 *remain in the rifle unless commanded otherwise, but no loaded cartridge may touch the*  
817 *loading ramp or be chambered until the Range Officer gives the command “COMMENCE*  
818 *FIRE”.*

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

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822 *For the Range Officer and/or Safety Officers to maintain safe control of the firing line, all*  
823 *competitors are to remain seated and quiet at their assigned bench until the “CLEAR THE*  
824 *BENCHES” command is given by the Range Officer.*

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826 *If during the relay or shoot-off a situation arises which shall require a cessation of fire, the*  
827 *Range Officer shall command “CEASE FIRE” or “EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE”. All*  
828 *competitors are to leave their rifles alone and wait for follow-up command from the Range*  
829 *Officer.*

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

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833 *Once the range officer has determined whether it is a safety interruption, such as a person*  
834 *downrange or a procedural interruption, such as a loose target, the Range Officer will give*  
835 *further instructions. A procedural cease fire may only be called in the sighter period.*

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837 *If it is a safety incident, that is an ‘EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE’. All rifles are to be left*  
838 *untouched until the Range Officer commands otherwise.*

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840 *If it is a procedural incident, the Range Officer can then command “CLEAR YOUR RIFLE*  
841 *BY FIRING” or by “OPEN BOLTS”.*

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843 *At the end of each relay, all bolts must be out of rifles and the “CLEAR THE BENCHES”*  
844 *command must be given prior to the Target Detail going downrange.*

845 *There will be no movement by any person downrange without the command of the Range*  
846 *Officer.*

847 *Any time lost by interruption of shooting not governed by the Rule book shall not be charged*  
848 *against your allotted time.*

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850 *Shooters, if you have a malfunction, raise your hand and a Safety Officer will assist. If you*  
851 *have a misfire DO NOT – DO NOT open your bolt. Wait 30 seconds or more before opening*  
852 *the bolt after first ensuring that all observers behind the rifle are clear. Is this understood?*  
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854 *The Referees for today will be (name them) and the Alternate Referee will be (name them).*  
855 *Safety Officers will be (name them).*  
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857 *Police/Fire/Rescue numbers are posted. (Person conducting the Safety briefing points them*  
858 *out.)*

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

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862 *First Relay, to the line.*  
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871 **Pits and Firing Line Ready.** The Range Officer will confirm that he/she has positive  
872 communications with the Target Captain and that all targets are ready. He/she will also confirm  
873 that shooters in the Relay are ready and inform the Target Captain that rounds are coming  
874 downrange.

875 **Commands.** The Range Officer issues commands to the shooters on the firing line appropriate to  
876 the Course of Fire for the shooting discipline. (*See Annexes for shooting disciplines/classes.*)

## 877 **Scoring, Protests and Appeals**

### 878 **Scoring**

#### 879 **General**

- 880 • Maintaining the integrity of scoring is critical to this sport. In order to ensure integrity,  
881 scoring principles and procedures must be followed. Range measurements stand as the  
882 official results of a match and must be honored in the placement of competitors.
- 883 • Electronic Scoring Systems will not be used in GBA Registered Tournaments unless  
884 approved by GBA.

#### 885 **Scorer's Role**

- 886 • Maintains reticles and calipers necessary to score targets
- 887 • Receives shot targets from the Target Captain or designated representative. After  
888 receiving the shot targets from the Target Captain, the Scorer verifies that targets are in  
889 order (e.g.: benches 1 through 10) and makes sure all targets are properly numbered and  
890 correlated to benches. If unnumbered targets can't be determined by process of  
891 elimination the Target Captain and Range Officer are consulted.
- 892 • Scores targets
- 893 • May score their own target but it must be verified by Statistician or Senior Referee
- 894 • Enters Groups and Scores onto scoring sheets and provides them to the Statistician
- 895 • Calls for Referees as required to help resolve scoring issues

#### 896 **Statistician's Role**

- 897 • Retains all Tournament registration forms that competitors filled out
- 898 • Assigns shooters to and sets up Relays and Shoot-Offs. For 1000-Yard and 600-Yard  
899 matches, the Statistician should not assign benches for relays in a way that intentionally  
900 leaves empty benches within the continuous line of benches that have been assigned to  
901 shooters. For shoot-offs, it is customary to leave an empty bench between the shooters  
902 for group and the shooters for score. If a registered shooter does not complete or is  
903 unable to complete the course of fire, his/her bench may remain empty for the remainder  
904 of the tournament.
- 905 • Receives Relay and Shoot-off Groups and Scores from the Scorer
- 906 • Enters Relay and Shoot-off Groups and Scores into official Match Results Forms
- 907 • Posts results for competitor viewing as the Tournament progresses
- 908 • Retains official Match results in Club files, and sends copies to GBA
- 909 • Calculates aggregates
- 910 • Scores all Scorer shot targets
- 911 • Assists the Scorer and Referees as required



912 **Referee's Role**

- 913 • As required, are called upon to use their professional judgment to resolve issues
- 914 • Referees are called one at a time to look at a target in question so as not to influence each
- 915 other's opinions. Each uses their professional judgment to make a recommendation
- 916 about that target. The Scorer and Statistician note the majority opinion. The majority
- 917 opinion decides the official result for that target.
- 918 • No referee will help resolve issues with their own target. In such circumstances, the
- 919 Alternate Referee will judge that target.

920 **Protests and Appeals**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

928 question is turned over to a match official.

929 **Other Protests.** "Other" protests include all grievances other than related to scoring. Designated

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

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

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

933 be thrown out.

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

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

936 match officials leave the range. "Other" protests must be initiated before the range is "cold" and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

947 decision. The steps in the appeal process:

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

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

950 Shooter." No other details are necessary at this point. The purpose of this brevity is to enable all

951 parties to focus on a tournament still in progress, without distraction.

952 **Step 2:** The Match Director will ensure he/she understands the grievance and will then convey  
953 the aggrieved shooter's note to the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

954 **Step 3:** The aggrieved shooter, within three days after the Match, will provide a full, legible and  
955 signed statement sent via e-mail or certified mail to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The  
956 statement will include:

- 957 • The ruling made by the Referees, and/or Range Officer and/or other Range Official
- 958 • The reason(s) why the aggrieved shooter believes an incorrect decision was made
- 959 • Names of Referees, Range Officer, Scorer, etc., where appropriate
- 960 • Aggrieved shooter's full name, address and contact information (e-mail and phone  
961 number)
- 962 • Signature of aggrieved shooter

963 **Step 4:** Concurrently, also within three days after the Match, the Range Officer will provide a  
964 full, legible and signed statement sent via e-mail or certified mail to the Chairman of the Board  
965 of Directors. The statement will include:

- 966 • Ruling of and logic behind the Referees, Range Officer's, or other Range Official's  
967 decisions
- 968 • Sections of Rules of Competition that support the ruling
- 969 • Names of Referees, Range Officer, Scorer, etc., where appropriate
- 970 • Name of competitor filing grievance
- 971 • Signatures of involved Range Officials
- 972 • Contact information for each involved Range Official (e-mail and phone number)

973 **Step 5:** Whether sent via e-mail or by certified mail, the Chairman of the Board of Directors will  
974 acknowledge receipt, either by e-mail or phone call. No other discussion is necessary at this  
975 point. This is simply a courtesy notification to the aggrieved shooter and to the Range Officer  
976 that statements have been received.

977 **Step 6:** The Chairman of the Board of Directors will assign the matter to the Board of Directors  
978 to investigate.

979 **Step 7:** The Board of Directors will investigate based on provided evidence or inquiry of their  
980 own and make a recommendation to the Chairman.

981 **Step 8:** The Chairman will arrive at a decision and then inform all parties. The decision is final.  
982 If the appeal is in the shooter's favor, the protest fee will be returned. If the appeal is not in the  
983 shooter's favor, the fee will be forfeited to the GBA.

984 **Timeliness of Final Resolution.** Every attempt will be made to come to final resolution within 10  
985 days after an appeal is received by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

986 **Exception to Appeal Process.** If the Chairman of the Board of Directors is a direct party in an  
987 appeal, he/she must recuse themselves. An Acting Chairman will be selected by the Board of  
988 Directors to act in this matter only. If any other member of the Board of Directors is a direct  
989 party in a protest or appeal, they will recuse themselves from investigation into the matter and  
990 from any vote about the protest or appeal.

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992 **Special Rules for International Clubs**

993 • Because of the high cost of targets, electronic targets may be used in Matches by  
994 International Clubs. However, for a target to be considered as a potential World Record,  
995 it must be a paper target to allow precise measurement.

996 • Targets may be patched and reused, provided that the targets are handled carefully to  
997 avoid loss of any patches. It is recommended that before patching, an ink or marker line  
998 is struck across the bullet hole before patching to make it easier to judge a target with a  
999 missing patch.

1000 • For the purpose of determining GBA records and recognizing the difficulty of shipping  
1001 targets internationally for measurement verification, the scoring and measurement of all  
1002 International Club Targets will be determined and verified by the local clubs or other  
1003 designated official.

1004 • Membership fee amounts to be paid by individuals and clubs, and the amount of match  
1005 fees will be determined by the International Clubs. Because of the cost to transfer funds  
1006 internationally, these funds will be retained in-country. The International Clubs will then  
1007 be responsible for the cost of creating GBA Awards that are earned by its shooters.

1008 • Appeals arising in International tournaments will follow steps 1 through 8 above.  
1009 Appeals arising from host-country Club matches and other tournaments will be resolved  
1010 per host-country procedures.

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## 1028 Annex 1. 1000-Yard Competition

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### 1030 Rules and Definitions

1031 **Bipods.** Bipods are not allowed in Light Gun or Heavy Gun Classes. A shooter wishing to use a  
1032 rifle that typically uses a bipod should purchase and use a front rest adapter plate, which affixes  
1033 to the rifle stock where the bipod normally attaches.

1034 **Heavy Gun (HG) Class.** There are no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight, except that  
1035 no weights or other parts may be assembled onto the rifle at the firing line or on the bench. The  
1036 intent is that the rifle is an integral whole, no “rail guns”, and the gun will not be so heavy as to  
1037 have no recoil and remain in battery during firing. There is no restriction as to sights. Caliber is  
1038 restricted to .409 or less. Muzzle brakes are allowed. Rifles are fired utilizing sand bag front rests  
1039 which may be supported on a pedestal that does not co-act with the sand bag to restrict upward  
1040 and/or rearward movement, and rear rests comprised of a sand bag which may be attached to a  
1041 pedestal, may be mechanical in nature, and that supports the rifle between the rear of the pistol  
1042 grip and the toe of the butt stock.

1043 **Light Gun (LG) Class.** Guns shooting in the light gun class must weigh no more than seventeen  
1044 (17) pounds (7.711 kg), including bolt, scope, diopters and muzzle brake. The rear rest must not  
1045 be mechanical in nature. Bunny ear type bags are acceptable. Muzzle brakes are allowed.

1046 • Light Guns in all GBA-registered Tournaments, including Regional, National and  
1047 International Championships, must be weighed at the conclusion of every Relay in the  
1048 first Light Gun Match of that day as shooters come off the line. Shooters may weigh  
1049 Light Guns before the Match to ensure they will make weight. Still, all shooters must  
1050 weigh Light Guns as they come off the firing line. The rifle will be weighed exactly as it  
1051 was fired, with bolt (removed), muzzle brake (if used) and scope. Any guns not in  
1052 compliance will result in the competitor’s disqualification.

1053 • If a shooter changes Light Guns, or the configuration of a Light Gun for subsequent  
1054 matches that day, this Light Gun must also be weighed/re-weighed.

1055 **GBA Membership.** All match participants must be Global Benchrest Association members, except  
1056 that in Factory Class only, a new shooter may participate for no more than two club matches  
1057 before joining GBA. Non-GBA shooters may shoot in Club matches; however, they will not earn  
1058 GBA points for group or score or place in aggregates and will not go on to a shoot-off should  
1059 they win their relay.

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1061 **Targets.** The official 1000-yard target is defined by the GBA Board of Directors.

1062 • **Special Target Rules for International Clubs**

1063 ○ Because of the high cost of obtaining 1000-yard targets, International Clubs (non-  
1064 U.S.) may reuse targets by pasting previous bullet holes.

1065 ○ International Clubs (non-U.S.) may use electronic targets for 1000-yard competitions,  
1066 except that records will only be recognized when paper targets are used because the  
1067 level of accuracy of electronic targets is not enough to assure measurement precision.

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1069 **1000-Yard Course of Fire – Heavy Gun**

1070 Club Matches for their ten registered matches will consist of relays and shoot-offs. Each  
1071 competitor will shoot in one relay only, and the winners of group and score in each relay advance  
1072 to a shoot-off to determine the match winners.

1073 Club State Championships (still part of their ten registered matches) are conducted in the same  
1074 way as all Club Matches with relays and shoot-offs to determine GBA points to be awarded to  
1075 the winning shooters. The match may separately be scored as a two, three, or four target  
1076 aggregate at the sole option of the Club to determine the State Match winners.

1077 Shooters will compete against the same shooters for each of the targets to be included in the  
1078 Match aggregate.

1079 All shooters have six (6) minutes to shoot an unlimited number of sighter shots, which are  
1080 individually spotted.

1081 If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock  
1082 immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than 2 minutes, then the clock will  
1083 resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than 2 minutes, it rounds back to  
1084 2 minutes.

1085 At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters  
1086 must fire their ten (10) shots for record within a ten (10) minute time period. If for some reason a  
1087 period of more than one-minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the command  
1088 commence fire, an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot.

1089 In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of  
1090 theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their hand up  
1091 and asking for attention. The Range Officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the  
1092 sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not  
1093 finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have  
1094 completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to  
1095 correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one-minute sighter period and go  
1096 directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will remain  
1097 courteous and seated until the shooter with the problem has completed firing and the Range  
1098 Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches.

1099 At the command of the Range Officer to "COMMENCE FIRE", the allotted time for both sighter  
1100 shots and record string, in sequence, begins.

1101 If pulled targets are used, at the end of a sighter period, the Range Officer will direct the Target  
1102 Captain to put Record Targets in the air, as appropriate to the range. (This must be done  
1103 expeditiously, within one minute, otherwise an additional sighter shot may be allowed to  
1104 shooters.) Once in the air and the Target Detail is safely under cover, the Target Captain will  
1105 inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then command shooters appropriately.

1106 After "***Cease Fire***" and "***Show Bolts***" has been commanded, and prior to any Record target  
1107 being taken down from backers/carriages, the Target Captain will walk the line looking at each  
1108 target. Any target that could potentially be a World Record will be flagged to the Range Officer.

1109 The Range Officer will then instruct the Target Captain to take personal control of that target all  
1110 the way to the Official Scorer. (*See line 1372 for handling of potential World Record targets.*)  
1111 As the Target Captain walks the target line prior to any target being removed, he/she will also  
1112 flag to the Range Officer all targets having less than or more than the correct number of shots for  
1113 that course of fire. The Range Officer will provide further direction.

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#### 1115 Yard Course of Fire – Light Gun

1116 Club Matches for their ten registered matches will consist of relays and shoot-offs. Each  
1117 competitor will shoot in one relay only, and the winners of group and score in each relay advance  
1118 to a shoot-off to determine the match winners.

1119 Club State Championships (still part of their ten registered matches) are conducted in the same  
1120 way as all Club Matches with relays and shoot-offs to determine GBA points to be awarded to  
1121 the winning shooters. The match may separately be scored as a two, three, or four target  
1122 aggregate at the sole option of the Club to determine the State Match winners.

1123 Shooters will compete against the same shooters for each of the targets to be included in the  
1124 Match aggregate.

1125 All shooters have six (6) minutes to shoot an unlimited number of sighter shots that are  
1126 individually spotted.

1127 If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock  
1128 immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than 2 minutes, then the clock will  
1129 resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than 2 minutes, it rounds back to  
1130 2 minutes.

1131 At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters  
1132 must fire their five (5) shots or their ten (10) shots for record (the number of record shots is  
1133 determined by the Club) within a ten (10) minute time period. If for some reason a period of  
1134 more than one-minute elapses between the end of the sighters and the command commence fire,  
1135 an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot.

1136 In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of  
1137 theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their arm up  
1138 and asking for attention. The range officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the  
1139 sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not  
1140 finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have  
1141 completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to  
1142 correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one-minute sighter period and go  
1143 directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will remain  
1144 courteous and seated until the shooter with the problem has completed firing and the Range  
1145 Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches.

1146 At the command of the Range Officer to "COMMENCE FIRE", the allotted time for both sighter  
1147 shots and record string, in sequence, begins.

1148 If pulled targets are used, at the end of a sighter period, the Range Officer will direct the Target  
1149 Captain to put Record Targets in the air, as appropriate to the range. (This must be done  
1150 expeditiously, within one minute, otherwise an additional sighter shot may be allowed to

1151 shooters.) Once in the air and the Target Detail is safely under cover, the Target Captain will  
1152 inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then command shooters appropriately.

1153 After **“Cease Fire”** and **“Show Bolts”** has been commanded, and prior to any Record target  
1154 being taken down from backers/carriages, the Target Captain will walk the line looking at each  
1155 target. Any target that could potentially be a World Record will be flagged to the Range Officer.  
1156 The Range Officer will then instruct the Target Captain to take personal control of that target all  
1157 the way to the Official Scorer. (*See line 1372 for handling of potential World Record targets.*)  
1158 As the Target Captain walks the target line prior to any target being removed, he/she will also  
1159 flag to the Range Officer all targets having less than or more than the correct number of shots for  
1160 that course of fire. The Range Officer will provide further direction.

#### 1161 **Course of Fire Range Commands for 1000-Yard Discipline**

1162 Once competitors are seated at their benches and immediately prior to the beginning of a  
1163 Relay the Range Officer will announce to competitors the following commands in BOLD  
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1166 **“THIS IS (LG OR HG) MATCH NUMBER \_\_ RELAY NUMBER \_\_ (or “This is (LG or**  
1167 **HG) MATCH NUMBER \_\_ SHOOT-OFF)**

1168 **YOU WILL BE ALLOWED 6 MINUTES TO COMPLETE YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD**  
1169 **FOLLOWED BY 10 MINUTES FOR YOUR RECORD TARGET.**

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1171 **AFTER THE “CEASE FIRE” COMMAND AT THE END OF THE SIGHTER PERIOD**  
1172 **AND BEFORE THE “COMMENCE FIRE” COMMAND FOR THE 10 MIN RECORD**  
1173 **PERIOD, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A LOADED ROUND TOUCHING**  
1174 **YOUR RIFLE ACTION OR IN THE CHAMBER.**

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1176 **DURING THE SIGHTER AND RECORD PERIODS YOU WILL BE GIVEN TIME**  
1177 **WARNINGS FOR 3 MIN, 2 MIN, 1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS, AND “CEASE FIRE”.**

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1179 The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence in a  
1180 fluid cadence:

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1182 **START OF SIGHTER PERIOD – “SHOOTERS, CHECK YOUR BORES AND CHECK**  
1183 **THAT YOU HAVE THE CORRECT BOLT. GIVE ME A THUMBS UP IF CLEAR AND**  
1184 **READY.”**

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1186 **ONCE THUMBS UP ARE VERIFIED – “READY ON THE RIGHT, READY ON THE**  
1187 **LEFT, INSERT BOLTS, COMMENCE FIRE.”**

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1189 END OF SIGHTER PERIOD/START OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE  
1190 FIRE. THIS ENDS YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD. ALL SPOTTERS AND NON-SHOOTERS  
1191 OFF THE FIRING LINE.”

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1193 In less than one (1) minute the Range Officer will confirm that all Record Targets are in the  
1194 air. When confirmed he/she commands: “COMMENCE FIRE.”

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1196 Note: If more than one (1) minute elapses after Cease Fire for the sighter period and  
1197 Commence Fire for the Record period, shooters will be given one (1) additional minute for  
1198 sighters.

1199 END OF RECORD PERIOD – When time has expired or when the last shooter has finished  
1200 his/her string of fire, whichever shall be earlier, the Range Officer will give the following  
1201 commands: “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE THIS ENDS YOUR RECORD PERIOD.  
1202 REMAIN SEATED. REMOVE AND SHOW BOLTS.” This applies anytime that a “CEASE  
1203 FIRE” is called and the benches must be cleared to allow target crews or others downrange.

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1205 At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed  
1206 Safety Officers, who will signal the Range Officer with a “thumbs up” sign that all bolts are  
1207 out.

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1209 Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: “CLEAR THE  
1210 BENCHES. (For first LG match the Range Officer commands: “WEIGH LIGHT GUNS”)  
1211 NEXT RELAY TO THE LINE.”

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1213 The Range Officer oversees the target detail and the target detail is not to enter the range  
1214 until the Range Officer has given the command to “CLEAR THE BENCHES” and has given  
1215 the target crew the command to go downrange.

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1217 This process repeats as required until all Relays in the Match and Shoot-Offs for each class  
1218 are complete.

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1220 Shoot-Offs for both LG and HG will be conducted at the conclusion of all Relays for both  
1221 classes.

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## 1227 Scoring 1000-Yard Discipline

### 1228 **General.**

1229 Group size and score winners from each relay will compete in respective Shoot-Offs to  
1230 determine the overall match winners. If a competitor has both the smallest group and highest  
1231 score in a relay, the smallest group will take precedence, and the competitor with the next  
1232 highest score will advance to the Shoot-Off.

1233 No one has the authority to eliminate or disregard errant bullet holes with their location on  
1234 the target being a determining factor.

### 1235 Scoring Scenarios

1236 • **Correct Number of Shots on Target.** This is the easiest scoring scenario. The Scorer  
1237 measures the group and score on each target and records the results to a score sheet that only  
1238 identifies the shooter by target/bench number, not by name. Scorers do not know the names  
1239 of the shooters of each target. After finishing scoring the relay, the Scorer verifies that each  
1240 target's score and group were correctly transferred to the score sheet, designates the group  
1241 and score winner on the sheet, and turns the sheet over to the Statistician. The targets are  
1242 then released. Winning group and score targets are posted.

1243 • **No Shots on Target.** If there are no shots on a target, the Scorer looks at all adjoining  
1244 targets to see if there are extra shots on them. If there are no extra shots on adjoining targets,  
1245 the target is scored as a zero and disqualified.

1246 • **Less than the Allowed Number of Shots on Target.** If there are less than the required  
1247 number of shots on target, the Scorer again looks at all adjoining targets for additional shots.  
1248 In the absence of any, the Scorer will try to define any doubles (two bullets in nearly the  
1249 same hole) by turning targets over or using reticles. Referees may be called by the Scorer  
1250 one at a time to look at the target in question and indicate his/her decision to the Scorer.  
1251 Referee majority decision determines the result. If the shooter protests, follow procedures as  
1252 set forth for Protests and Appeals. In no circumstances may the shooter be in the Scoring  
1253 Shed or see their target prior to Referee decision. The target is marked with the number of  
1254 shots on, as appropriate (e.g.: "4 on".)

1255 • **Distinguishable Cross Fires.** A crossfire is a situation of a shooter on one bench firing on  
1256 the target of a fellow competitor. Crossfires can be reconciled by distinction in caliber or  
1257 paint marking. The Statistician will inform the Scorer of the calibers each shooter indicated  
1258 on their match registration form. Shooters can be asked if they used painted bullets. Acetone  
1259 can be used on the bullet holes to bring out any color.

1260 • **Indistinguishable Cross Fires.** If there are greater than the number of required shots on the  
1261 target and less than the number of shots on an adjoining target, the Scorer will try to decipher  
1262 the shots by caliber or paint marking. If Scorers cannot determine any difference, the shooter  
1263 with more than the correct number of shots on his/her target, without seeing the target, will  
1264 be asked if they will accept the larger group and lowest score, or whether they opt to re-  
1265 shoot. If they opt to re-shoot, the Range Officer and Statistician are notified. If the shooter  
1266 elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-shoot in the soonest available relay. If they  
1267 accept the largest group and lowest score, the Statistician records that result. If the shooter

1268 protests, Referees become involved. The shooter who did not have the correct number of  
1269 shots on target is disqualified.

## 1270 Heavy Gun Scoring

1271 **General.** All 10 shots for measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for  
1272 record, for aggregate calculations, and for awards.

## 1273 Additional Scenarios

1274 • **11 or More Shots on One Target/All Other Targets have Correct Number of Shots.** Three  
1275 plausible reasons for this situation exist.

- 1276 ○ The shooter lost count and fired the extra shots, or,
- 1277 ○ A competitor fired extra rounds on a target which wasn't theirs, or
- 1278 ○ Combination of both reasons.

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1280 If ownership of the 11<sup>th</sup> (or more) shot(s) can be determined with certainty by looking at calibers  
1281 or paint markings, and it was an adjacent shooter, that adjacent shooter deemed to have fired  
1282 these shots will be disqualified.

1283 If by elimination of errant shot(s) the target in question has 10 shots remaining of the caliber  
1284 or paint color fired by the correct competitor, group size and score will be determined for  
1285 results.

1286 In the event the ownership of the 11<sup>th</sup> (or more) shot cannot be determined with certainty, the  
1287 shooter with 11 or more shots on target will be given the choice of accepting the largest  
1288 group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The shooter cannot be notified of the size of the  
1289 11 or more shot group, nor their total score before they have made their choice. If the shooter  
1290 elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-shoot in the soonest available relay. If the  
1291 shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the group size will be determined by measuring  
1292 the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the target. Score will be  
1293 determined by scoring the lowest value shots.

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## 1295 Light Gun Scoring

### 1296 General

1297 • All shooters have the option of coloring their bullets. In the event a Scorer can determine  
1298 the bullets used by the color of the bullet holes they may render a decision with that  
1299 evidence.

1300 • Light Gun course of fire for a tournament may consist of either 5 or 10 shots, to be  
1301 announced and published in Club programs before the tournament. All 5 or 10 shots for  
1302 measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for record, for aggregate  
1303 calculations, and for awards.

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1307 **Additional Scenarios**

1308 • **6 or More (or 11 or More) Shots on One Target/All Other Targets have Correct Number of**  
1309 **Shots. Three plausible reasons for this situation exist.**

- 1310 ○ The shooter lost count and fired the extra shots, or,
- 1311 ○ A competitor fired extra rounds on a target which wasn't theirs, or
- 1312 ○ Combination of both reasons.

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1314 If ownership of the 6th (or more) (or 11<sup>th</sup> or more) shot(s) can be determined with certainty  
1315 by looking at calibers or paint marking, and it was an adjacent shooter, that adjacent shooter  
1316 deemed to have fired these shots will be disqualified.

1317 If by elimination of errant shot(s) the target in question has 5 shots (or 10 shots) remaining of  
1318 the caliber fired by the correct competitor, group size and score will be determined for  
1319 results.

1320 In the event the ownership of the 6th (or more) (or 11<sup>th</sup> or more) shot cannot be determined  
1321 with certainty, the shooter with 6 or more shots (or 11 or more shots) on target will be given  
1322 the choice of accepting the largest group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The shooter  
1323 cannot be notified of the size of the 6 or more (or 11 or more) shot group, nor their total score  
1324 before they have made their choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will  
1325 re-shoot in the soonest available relay. If the shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the  
1326 group size will be determined by measuring the terminal distance between the two most  
1327 distant bullet holes in the target. Score will be determined by scoring the lowest value shots.

1328 **Breaking Ties.** In case of a tie, winners are determined as follows:

1329 • In any case of a tie for score, the number of shots in the X ring will be totaled and the  
1330 target with the most X's will determine the winner.

1331 • In the case of a tie for score and the X ring count, the smallest group will determine the  
1332 winner.

1333 • If there is still a tie for score the target with the closest shot to the center of the target  
1334 which is represented by the X in the center of the X ring, will determine the winner.

1335 • In the case of a tie for the smallest group, the higher score determines the winner.

1336 • In the case of a tie for the smallest group, and score is also tied, the bullet nearest to the  
1337 center of the bull's-eye determines the winner.

1338 **Aggregates.** The procedure for determining aggregates is the same for all GBA registered  
1339 matches. The only factor that may differ is the number of targets considered in the  
1340 aggregate.

1341 A shooter must have their required number of scored targets to be eligible for any Aggregate  
1342 Award or Trophies, within certain events. In the event a shooter has a target that has been  
1343 disqualified they are no longer eligible for Aggregate Awards or Trophies; however, they are  
1344 remain eligible for Individual target Awards and or Trophies.

1345 Club membership is required for participation in annual GBA aggregates.

1346 **Calculating Aggregates.** For purposes of discussion the following example will be used to  
1347 show how aggregates and aggregate rankings are calculated.

1348 • The group aggregate for any single shooter in a class (HG or LG) is determined by  
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1361 **Breaking Aggregate Ties.** The procedure for breaking aggregate ties is the same for all GBA  
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1367 • Ties in 2-Gun Ranking are broken by: Smallest HG aggregate group, and if still a tie, by  
1368 smallest LG aggregate group.

1369 • If a tie then remains, the shooter with the highest "X" count wins.

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1372 **Handling of Potential World Record-Setting Targets.** The Host Club Match Director will:

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1376 • Inquire of the Match Referees and Range Officers that all rules and regulations were  
1377 followed when the prospective record target was shot. This will require an inspection of rifle  
1378 and rests used to ensure they were compliant.

1379 • Ensure all Match Referees and the Range Officer have verified and signed and dated the  
1380 prospective record target.

1381 • The target will be turned over to the Host Club Match Director with duplicate copies of  
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1384 • Verify that the information on the Candidate Record Submission Form matches that  
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1389 **World Records Recognized, Points, Awards, Regional and National**  
1390 **Tournaments, Top Gun and Consistency Shooter Programs – 1000-Yard**  
1391 **Discipline**

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1393 **World Records Recognized.** Official recording of match results for GBA began in 2019. Only  
1394 records shot by GBA members in GBA sanctioned matches will be recognized as GBA world  
1395 records. Separately, we will publish the international record holders across all associations,  
1396 listing the record, the person's name, and their Association. Before the shooting season  
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1399 categories will be based on match results during the entire shooting season and only one record  
1400 will be awarded in each category per calendar year.

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1402 **Heavy Gun Class**

- 1403 • Smallest 10 Shot Group
- 1404 • Highest 10 Shot Score
- 1405 • Smallest 6 match Group aggregate
- 1406 • Smallest 10 match Group aggregate
- 1407 • Highest 6 match Score aggregate
- 1408 • Highest 10 match Score aggregate

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1410 **Light Gun Class**

- 1411 • Smallest 5 shot Group
- 1412 • Smallest 10 shot Group
- 1413 • Highest 5 shot Score
- 1414 • Highest 10 shot Score
- 1415 • Smallest 6 match Group aggregate (for 5 shots)
- 1416 • Smallest 6 match Group aggregate (for 10 shots)
- 1417 • Smallest 10 match Group aggregate (for 5 shots)
- 1418 • Smallest 10 match Group aggregate (for 10 shots)
- 1419 • Highest 6 match Score aggregate (for 5 shots)
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1424 **Points.** The Board of Directors will announce the point structure prior to the first match of the  
1425 2019 shooting season for the following:

- 1426 • Club relay and match wins
- 1427 • State Championships
- 1428 • Regional Championships
- 1429 • National Championship
- 1430 • International Championships
- 1431 • World records

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1433 **Awards.** The GBA Board of Directors will determine the awards program and announce it  
1434 before the first shooting season concludes.

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#### 1436 **Lifetime Marksman (LM) Awards**

1437 All IBS Long Range Marksman points earned through December 31, 2018 are grandfathered in  
1438 determining the number of Lifetime Marksman points earned by each GBA shooter.

- 1439 • 30 LM points – Bronze - Shooter is awarded a Jacket.
- 1440 • 60 LM points – Silver - Shooter is awarded a Silver level plaque
- 1441 • 100 LM points – Gold – Shooter is awarded a Gold level plaque
- 1442 • 200 LM points – Shooter is awarded a Platinum level plaque

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#### 1444 **Regional, National and International Tournaments**

- 1445 • Regionals, Nationals and Internationals are sanctioned GBA tournaments, but results are  
1446 not considered in determining individual club aggregate winners.
- 1447 • The GBA Board of Directors determines venues and programs.

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#### 1449 **GBA 1000-Yard Top Gun and Top Consistency Shooter Programs**

1450 The GBA 1000-Yard Top Shooter Programs are administered by the Board of Directors. Details  
1451 will be announced by the Board of Directors prior to the first match of the 2019 shooting season  
1452 and will be updated by the Board annually.

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1454 **Top Gun and Top Consistency Shooter Tie Breaker Criteria.** In case of a tie for Top Gun or  
1455 Consistency shooter points the winners are determined using the following criteria:

- 1456 • Total number of shoot-off wins,
- 1457 • Number of relay wins,
- 1458 • Season group aggregate,
- 1459 • Season score aggregate

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1461 **Special Rules for Regional, National and International Championships.** We recognize that our  
1462 Association has Clubs that are geographically dispersed, and we believe that all Association  
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1495 **Annex 2. 600-Yard Competition**

1496 **General:**

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1498 **Rules and Definitions.**

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1500 **Bipods.** Bipods are not allowed in Light Gun or Heavy Gun Classes. A shooter wishing to use a  
1501 rifle that typically uses a bipod should purchase and use a front rest adapter plate, which affixes  
1502 to the rifle stock where the bipod normally attaches.

1503 **Rifles and rests.** The Light Gun and Heavy Gun rifles and rests are the same for 600-yard and  
1504 1000-yard competitions (see appendix 1).

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1506 • Light Guns in all GBA-registered Tournaments, including Regional and National  
1507 Championships, must be weighed at the conclusion of every Relay in the first Light Gun  
1508 Match of that day as shooters come off the line. Shooters may weigh Light Guns before  
1509 the Match to ensure they will make weight. Still, all shooters must weigh Light Guns as  
1510 they come off the firing line. The rifle will be weighed exactly as it was fired, with bolt  
1511 (removed), muzzle brake (if used) and scope. Any guns not in compliance will result in  
1512 the competitor's disqualification.

1513 • If a shooter changes Light Guns, or the configuration of a Light Gun for subsequent  
1514 matches that day, this Light Gun must also be weighed/re-weighed.

1515 **Targets.** The official target is defined by the GBA Board. The intention is to size the 600-yard  
1516 target to be as equivalent as possible to other associations who conduct 600-yard benchrest  
1517 competitions.

1518 • **Special Target Rules for International Clubs**

1519 ○ International Clubs (non-U.S.) may use electronic targets for 600-yard competitions,  
1520 except that records will only be recognized when paper targets are used because the  
1521 level of accuracy of electronic targets is not capable to assure measurement precision.

1522 **Bench and Relay Assignments.** Benches and relays must be assigned using a random method.  
1523 For Club matches, at the prerogative of the hosting Club, the shooter may remain at the same  
1524 bench and relay assignment throughout the match.

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1526 **Ranges.**

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1528 • Any safe range may be used for GBA 600-yard matches.

1529 • For sight-in purposes, the target line of the range may be equipped with pulled targets, or  
1530 painted metal plates located near the record targets, or a separate sighter target hung near  
1531 the record target.

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1533 **GBA Membership.** All match participants must be Global Benchrest Association members, except  
1534 that in Factory Class only, a new shooter may participate in a match for no more than two club  
1535 matches before joining GBA.



1536 **600-Yard Course of Fire for Club Matches**

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1538 The match format is an aggregate for group and separately an aggregate for score. Four targets  
1539 are shot in each class of competition.

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1541 For the first target shot in each rifle class, a sight-in period of six minutes is allowed. For all  
1542 other targets, a two-minute sight-in period is allowed. There is no limit on the number of sight-  
1543 in shots. All record periods for all targets is ten minutes after the start of the record period.

1544 After the record period begins, the shooter may not take any sight-in shots. Five record shots are  
1545 fired at each target.

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1547 Each time a shooter goes to the line for a rifle class, he shoots two sight-in periods each followed  
1548 by two record targets.

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1550 Clubs with pits have the following option: At this time a second record target will be hung. On  
1551 the command of the range officer you will have one (1) minute to fire a sighter and have it  
1552 spotted. At the end of this allotted time and at the command of the Range Officer all shooters  
1553 must fire their second five (5) shots for record. After two (2) targets are completed all equipment  
1554 will be removed from the benches and the succeeding relays will shoot two (2) targets each.  
1555 Each two-target string will commence with a six (6) minute sighter period as described for the  
1556 first.

1557 If for some reason a period of more than one (1) minute elapses between the end of the sighters  
1558 and the command commence fire, an additional minute is allowed for an additional sighter shot.

1559 If a cease-fire is called during the sighter period, the Range Officer will stop the clock  
1560 immediately to fix the problem. If the time left is greater than two (2) minutes, then the clock  
1561 will resume from that time without rounding. If the time left is less than two (2) minutes, it  
1562 rounds back to two (2) minutes.

1563 At the end of this allotted sighter period, and at the command of the Range Officer, all shooters  
1564 must fire their five (5) shots for record within a ten (10) minute time period.

1565 In the event a shooter cannot fully utilize the last minute of the sighter period due to no fault of  
1566 theirs (usually a target problem), they need to notify the Range Officer by holding their arm up  
1567 and asking for attention. The Range Officer will direct the balance of the shooters to continue the  
1568 sighter period and fire their record rounds per normal procedures. The shooter that could not  
1569 finish the sighter period or record target will remain seated until all other shooters have  
1570 completed their record targets. At that point the Range Officer will direct the target crew to  
1571 correct the target problem. The shooter will then be allowed a one (1) minute sighter period and  
1572 go directly to the record round per normal procedures. All other shooters on that relay will  
1573 remain courteous and seated until the shooter experiencing the problem has completed firing and  
1574 the Range Officer indicates it is safe to clear the benches.

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1576 At the command of the Range Officer to "COMMENCE FIRE", the allotted time for both sighter  
1577 shots and record string, in sequence, begins.

1578 If pulled targets are used, at the end of a sighter period, the Range Officer will direct the Target  
1579 Captain to put Record Targets in the air, as appropriate to the range. (This must be done  
1580 expeditiously, within one minute, otherwise an additional sighter shot may be allowed to  
1581 shooters.) Once in the air and the Target Detail is safely under cover, the Target Captain will  
1582 inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then command shooters appropriately.

1583 After ***“Cease Fire”*** and ***“Show Bolts”*** has been commanded, and prior to any Record target  
1584 being taken down from backers/carriages, the Target Captain will walk the line looking at each  
1585 target. Any target that could potentially be a World Record will be flagged to the Range Officer.  
1586 The Range Officer will then instruct the Target Captain to take personal control of that target all  
1587 the way to the Official Scorer. (***See page xx for handling of potential World Record targets.***) As  
1588 the Target Captain walks the target line prior to any target being removed, he/she will also flag to  
1589 the Range Officer all targets having less than or more than the correct number of shots for that  
1590 course of fire. The Range Officer will provide further direction.

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1596 Course of Fire Range Commands for 600-Yard Discipline. See next page.

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1615 **Course of Fire Range Commands for 600-Yard Discipline**

1616 Once competitors are seated at their benches and immediately prior to the beginning of a Relay  
1617 the Range Officer will announce to competitors the following commands in **BOLD ITALICS**):

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1619 **“THIS IS LG OR HG MATCH NUMBER \_\_ RELAY NUMBER \_\_ TARGET NUMBER\_\_”**

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1621 Note: The first target of each Class has a 6-minute Sighter Period. All subsequent targets for  
1622 each Class have a 2-minute Sighter Period.

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1624 **YOU WILL BE ALLOWED \_\_ MINUTES TO COMPLETE YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD**  
1625 **FOLLOWED BY 10 MINUTES FOR YOUR RECORD TARGET.**

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1627 **AFTER THE CEASE FIRE COMMAND AT THE END OF THE SIGHTER PERIOD AND**  
1628 **BEFORE THE COMMENCE FIRE COMMAND FOR THE 10 MIN RECORD PERIOD YOU**  
1629 **ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A LOADED ROUND TOUCHING YOUR RIFLE ACTION**  
1630 **OR IN THE CHAMBER.**

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1632 **DURING THE SIGHTER AND RECORD PERIODS YOU WILL BE GIVEN TIME**  
1633 **WARNINGS FOR 3 MIN, 2 MIN, 1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS, AND CEASE FIRE.”** (Note: For  
1634 targets having a 2-minute sighter period, the time warnings will be “1 MIN, 30 SECS, 15 SECS,  
1635 **AND CEASE FIRE.”**

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1637 The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence in a fluid  
1638 cadence:

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1640 **START OF SIGHTER PERIOD – “SHOOTERS, CHECK YOUR BORES AND CHECK**  
1641 **THAT YOU HAVE THE CORRECT BOLT. GIVE ME A THUMBS UP IF CLEAR AND**  
1642 **READY.” ONCE THUMBS UP ARE VERIFIED - READY ON THE RIGHT, READY ON**  
1643 **THE LEFT, INSERT BOLTS, COMMENCE FIRE.”**

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1645 **END OF SIGHTER PERIOD/START OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE**  
1646 **THIS ENDS YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD. ALL SPOTTERS AND NON-SHOOTERS OFF THE**  
1647 **FIRING LINE.**

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1649 The Range Officer will confirm that Record Targets are in the air. When confirmed he/she  
1650 commands **“COMMENCE FIRE.”**

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1652 END OF RECORD PERIOD – “CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE THIS ENDS YOUR RECORD  
1653 PERIOD. REMAIN SEATED. REMOVE AND SHOW BOLTS.”

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1655 The Range Officer will instruct the Target Crew to remove the Record Targets just shot and  
1656 replace them with new, clean Record Targets. The Range Officer will receive confirmation  
1657 when this is done and that Sighter Targets for the second sighter period are ready. When they are  
1658 ready, the Range Officer announces the above commands to competitors, stating 2 minutes for  
1659 the Sighter Period.

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1661 At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed  
1662 Safety Officers, as appropriate, who will signal the Range Officer with a “thumbs up” sign that  
1663 all bolts are out.

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1665 Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: “CLEAR THE  
1666 BENCHES. (For first LG match the Range Officer commands: “WEIGH LIGHT GUNS”)  
1667 NEXT RELAY TO THE LINE.”

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1669 The Range Officer oversees the target detail and the target detail is not to enter the range until  
1670 the Range Officer has given the command to “CLEAR THE BENCHES” and has given the  
1671 target crew the command to go downrange.

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1673 This process repeats as required until all Relays in the Match for each class are complete.

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1688 Scoring 600-Yard Discipline

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- 1690 • All shooters have the option of coloring their bullets. In the event a Scorer can determine  
1691 the bullets used by the color of the bullet holes they may render a decision with that  
1692 evidence.
- 1693 • All 5 shots for measured group and score must be on the target to qualify for record, for  
1694 aggregate calculations, and for awards.
- 1695 • No one has the authority to eliminate or disregard errant bullet holes with their location  
1696 on the target being a determining factor.

1697 Scoring Scenarios

1698 Any target that appears to have less than 5 shots must be reviewed by the Pit Officer and the  
1699 assigned target puller(s) or if no pits, then the Head Scorer at the scoring shed, for verifiable  
1700 duplicate shots. Their decision is reviewable by Referees. The target in question must be signed  
1701 and the total number of shots noted by the official Scorer, Pit Officer and/or assigned target  
1702 puller(s). Targets in question may be reviewed by match officials at the request of the Target  
1703 Captain or if no pits, then the Head Scorer.

1704 If 6 or more shots appear on a target and 4 or less appear on another, the shooter with 4 or less is  
1705 disqualified. If a difference in caliber size or the use of colored bullets can determine the errant  
1706 bullet holes the Head Scorer, Pit Chairman or referees may disregard their presence and score the  
1707 target accordingly.

1708 In case no decision can be made by the Pit Chairman or Head Scorer, the shooter with 6 or more  
1709 shots has the choice of accepting the largest group and smallest score, or to shoot over. The  
1710 shooter cannot be notified of the size of the 6 or more shot group, nor his/her total score until  
1711 after he/she has made his/her choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire the record string, they will re-  
1712 shoot in the soonest available relay.

1713 In the event the Pit Chairman or, if no pits then the Head Scorer, cannot determine the 6th Shot  
1714 and the shooter chooses to accept the target as shot, the group size will be determined by  
1715 measuring the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the target. Score  
1716 will be determined by scoring the lowest value shots. The shooter has the choice of accepting  
1717 largest group and smallest score.

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1727 **Aggregates.** The procedure for determining aggregates is the same for all GBA registered  
1728 matches. The only factor that may differ is the number of targets considered in the aggregate.

1729 A shooter must have their required number of scored targets to be eligible for any Aggregate  
1730 Award or Trophies, within certain events. In the event a shooter has a target that has been  
1731 disqualified they are no longer eligible for Aggregate Awards or Trophies; however, they are  
1732 remain eligible for Individual target Awards and or Trophies.

1733 Club membership is required for participation in annual GBA aggregates.

1734 **Calculating Aggregates.** For purposes of discussion the following example will be used to show  
1735 how aggregates and aggregate rankings are calculated.

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1764 **Shooter of the Year Programs – 600-Yard Discipline**

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1798 shooter.

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1802 There are three levels of achievement recognized. These levels are achieved through point  
1803 accrual. The levels and awards are:

- 1804 • Bronze for 30 Points – a shooting jacket embroidered with the shooters name
- 1805 • Silver for 60 Points – a Silver Level plaque
- 1806 • Gold for 100 Points – a Gold Level plaque

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1857 season.
- 1858 • The host club of each Regional Championship will determine the Regional Champion,  
1859 and who by their performance will receive other awards and recognition.
- 1860 • The results of all Regional Championships are combined by the Board to determine who  
1861 the National Champion is, and who by their performance will receive other awards and  
1862 recognition.
- 1863 • Prizes will be awarded after all Regional Championships are completed, using a random  
1864 draw method that includes all shooters who competed in each of the Regional  
1865 Championships.
- 1866 • The International Championship program will be announced by the Board of Directors.

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1880 **Annex 3. Factory Class Competition**

1881 For 600-Yard and 1000-Yard Factory Class competitions, the rifle and rests must conform to the  
1882 following rules:

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1884 • Commercial bolt action - commercially produced rifle, using the commercially installed  
1885 action, factory barrel, and factory stock.

1886 • No stock modifications except that the action may be glass bedded.

1887 • Any safe trigger may be installed in the rifle

1888 • Any scope may be used.

1889 • Front rests may be used provided the rifle stock has not been modified or augmented in  
1890 any way where the stock contacts the front rest. No one-piece rests.

1891 • Monopods and Bipods are legal.

1892 • A rear sand bag and front pedestal authorized

1893 • No mechanical rear rests

1894 • Sling swivels and sling swivel screws may be removed from the stock

1895 • Maximum rifle weight is 17 pounds (7.711kg), weighed in the as-fired configuration

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1916 **Annex 4. Hunter Class Competition**

1917 For Hunter Class competition the rifle and rest must conform to the following rules:

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- 1919 • Any bolt action
- 1920 • Any barrel
- 1921 • Rounded stock – no benchrest stocks
- 1922 • Any trigger
- 1923 • Glass bedding
- 1924 • No one-piece rest
- 1925 • Monopods and Bipods are legal
- 1926 • A rear sand bag and front pedestal authorized
- 1927 • No mechanical rear rests
- 1928 • Maximum weight is 22 pounds (9.979 kg), weighed in the as-fired configuration

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1951 **Annex 5. Score Competition**

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1983 **Annex 6 International Competition**

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- 1985 • All Clubs, regardless where in the world they are located, are equal. It is the intention of  
1986 GBA to create a level playing field for competition so that all members have an  
1987 opportunity to earn points and accumulate Lifetime Shooter awards.  
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- 1989 • National/Regional Matches will be held annually. National Matches are intended for use  
1990 within one larger country. Regional Matches are intended to include two or more smaller  
1991 countries or can be held in larger countries when it is not practical to expect shooters  
1992 from across the entire country to be able to travel to one location for a National Match.  
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- 1994 • International Tournament programs will be developed by the Board of Directors.  
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- 1996 • Postal Matches. Postal matches may be conducted between Clubs of different nations.  
1997 Details on how a postal match is conducted is provided in Appendix 3.

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2019 **Appendix 1. Match Registration/Hold Harmless Form**

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2051 **Global Benchrest Association Match Registration/Hold Harmless Form**

2052  GBA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Year Membership Current \_\_\_\_\_  Non – GBA

2053  Rookie Date of first match competition: \_\_\_\_\_

2054  Female

2055  Junior (<18)

2056  Club-Provided Rifle Shooter

2057 *Special Instructions from Registration Official:*

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2059  Light Gun Only  Heavy Gun Only  Light and Heavy Gun  Factory Class  Hunter Class  1 Mile

2060  Sharing Equipment with Another Shooter Name of Other Shooter \_\_\_\_\_

2061  Paid by Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  Paid by Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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2063 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

2064 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

2065 Address \_\_\_\_\_

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2067 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

2068 Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2069 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

2070 Can match results be submitted to you by e-mail?  Yes  No

2071 **Light Gun Class (17 pounds or less)**

2072 Caliber \_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_\_ Stock \_\_\_\_\_

2073 Barrel \_\_\_\_\_ Gunsmith \_\_\_\_\_

2074 Scope \_\_\_\_\_ Power \_\_\_\_\_ Bullet \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

2075 Case \_\_\_\_\_ Primer \_\_\_\_\_ Propellant \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

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2077 **Heavy Gun Class**

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2079 Barrel \_\_\_\_\_ Gunsmith \_\_\_\_\_

2080 Scope \_\_\_\_\_ Power \_\_\_\_\_ Bullet \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

2081 Case \_\_\_\_\_ Primer \_\_\_\_\_ Propellant \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

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2083 Factory Class (17 pounds or less)

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2085 Barrel \_\_\_\_\_ Gunsmith \_\_\_\_\_

2086 Scope \_\_\_\_\_ Power \_\_\_\_\_ Bullet \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

2087 Case \_\_\_\_\_ Primer \_\_\_\_\_ Propellant \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

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2089 Hunter Class (22 pounds or less)

2090 Caliber \_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_\_ Stock \_\_\_\_\_

2091 Barrel \_\_\_\_\_ Gunsmith \_\_\_\_\_

2092 Scope \_\_\_\_\_ Power \_\_\_\_\_ Bullet \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

2093 Case \_\_\_\_\_ Primer \_\_\_\_\_ Propellant \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

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2095 Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement *Read Before Signing*

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Competitor's name and address:  
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Guardian's name and address (required if the Competitor is under 18 years of age):  
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In consideration for being allowed to participate in this competition at \_\_\_\_\_, I (or WE if a guardian is listed above) agree to the following:

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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.

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Signature of Competitor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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2135 **Appendix 2. Match Report Form**

2136 **GLOBAL BENCHREST ASSOCIATION**

2137 **MATCH REPORT FORM**

2138 **CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_

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2140 **DATE OF MATCHES** \_\_\_\_\_

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2142 **1000 YARD                      600 YARD                      SCORE                      ONE MILE**

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2144 **NUMBER OF ASSOCIATION COMPETITORS**

2145 **DAY ONE** \_\_\_\_\_

2146 **DAY TWO** \_\_\_\_\_

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2148 **NUMBER OF GBA MEMBERSHIPS** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL FOR MEMBERSHIPS (\$45 PER) \$** \_\_\_\_\_

2149 **GBA MATCH FEES ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

2150 **(= # of Association competitors x \$2.00 per match per day)**

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2152 **Within 2 weeks after Match send completed and signed Match Registration/ Hold Harmless Forms,**  
2153 **Match Reports Equipment List, Match fees and new membership fees and completed new**  
2154 **membership forms to:**

2155 **Global Benchrest Association**  
2156 **(Attn: Secretary/Treasurer)**  
2157 **PO Box 5043**  
2158 **Fredericksburg, VA 22403**

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2160 **SUBMITTER POINT OF CONTACT** \_\_\_\_\_

2161 **E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

2162 **PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

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2165 **Note: International Clubs do not use this form and do not remit fees to GBA in the United States**

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2170 **Appendix 3. Global Benchrest Association Postal Match Results Report Format**

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2172 If postal matches are held, the following report format will be used to report match  
2173 comparison results between international Clubs in the Global Benchrest Association.

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2175 • It must be prepared as an Excel file to enable posting on the web. Clubs desiring to hold  
2176 postal matches should contact the GBA Secretary to have the Excel file template sent to  
2177 them.

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2179 • Comparisons should be between like numbered matches held by both international Clubs.

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2181 • The international Clubs conducting postal matches will include the other Club in  
2182 distribution of their match results.

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2184 • The U.S. Club will prepare this form using both Club’s match results.

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2186 • The U.S. Club will submit the completed report to the other international Club and to the  
2187 U.S. Webmaster so that Postal match results can be posted on the GBA website.

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2189 Note: The following example shows “USA” and “Australia” match comparisons. This could  
2190 have been labeled VA 1000 (the U.S. Club) and Narromine Dubbo, (the Australian Club) -  
2191 the two specific Clubs being compared.

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**EXAMPLE ONLY**

2019		
Global Benchrest Association 1000 Yard Benchrest		
3rd Postal Match Result Comparison		
	USA	Australia
<b>Heavy Gun</b>		
<b>No. Competitors</b>	16	4
<b>Small Group</b>	J Green - 5.616"	A Bending - 4.642"
<b>Top 5 Agg.</b>	7.2797"	N/A
<b>Top10 Agg.</b>	8.648"	N/A
<b>Agg. All Competitors</b>	9.668"	9.3534"
<b>Highest Scoring Target</b>	J Green - 100.1	J Harrison - 95.1
<b>Top 5 Agg.</b>	95.03	N/A
<b>Top10 Agg.</b>	90.63	N/A
<b>Agg. All Competitors</b>	87.68	89.5375
<b>Light Gun</b>		
<b>No. Competitors</b>	24	15
<b>Small Group</b>	G McDaniel - 2.830"	T Armstrong - 4.924"
<b>Top 5 Agg.</b>	5.2864"	8.009"
<b>Top10 Agg.</b>	5.8186"	9.753"
<b>Agg. All Competitors</b>	7.9199"	10.156"
<b>Highest Scoring Target</b>	S Reimers/R Lowman - 49.1	A Nielsen - 49
<b>Top 5 Agg.</b>	46.66	46.65
<b>Top10 Agg.</b>	45.895	44.485
<b>Agg. All Competitors</b>	42.544	42.9875

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2218 **Appendix 4. Equipment List Form**

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2220 The equipment list contains information about the rifle, scope, and ammunition used by  
 2221 competitors in a tournament. It is submitted by Clubs along with Match Reports, fees and  
 2222 other documentation, within 2 weeks after tournament conclusion.

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2224 This is an Excel file. Clubs should contact the GBA Secretary to have the Excel file template  
 2225 sent to them.

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

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2231 An equipment list is not required for postal matches.

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2244 **Appendix 5. GBA Membership Application Form**

2245 **GLOBAL BENCHREST ASSOCIATION**

2246 **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

2247 **NOTE: FOR MEMBERSHIPS OUTSIDE THE USA: PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND**  
2248 **THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT WHO WILL ISSUE YOUR**  
2249 **MEMBERSHIP CARD. YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT WILL ADVISE THE COST OF THE**  
2250 **MEMBERSHIP AND WHERE TO SEND THE MEMBERSHIP FEE. FOR RECORD**  
2251 **KEEPING PURPOSES, A COPY OF THIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SHOULD BE**  
2252 **SENT BY YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT TO THE GLOBAL BENCHREST ASSOCIATION**  
2253 **SECRETARY AT THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.**

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2255 **DATE OF APPLICATION**  
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GBA Use Only: Date Received _____
Received by: _____
Membership Number _____

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2259 **FIRST NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **SUFFIX** \_\_\_\_\_

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2263 **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

2264 **COUNTRY** \_\_\_\_\_

2265 **PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

2266 **E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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2268 **Indicate Your Global Benchrest Association Membership Category Below**

- 2269 **1. Regular Membership (USA MEMBERS \$45 per calendar year)**
- 2270 **2. Junior Membership (Under 18) (USA MEMBERS \$20 per calendar year)**
- 2271 **3. Family Membership (children under age 18 on 31 December of the current year and**  
2272 **parents living in the same residence; USA Membership \$65 per calendar year)**
- 2273 **4. Club Membership (USA MEMBERSHIP \$45 per calendar year)**

2274 **U.S Applicants Only: Mail completed form and payment to:**

2275 **Global Benchrest Association**  
2276 **(Attn: Secretary/Treasurer)**  
2277 **PO Box 5043**  
2278 **Fredericksburg, VA 22403**  
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2280 **Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to Global Benchrest Association. (U.S. Funds Only)**

2281 **Appendix 6. Lifetime Marksman Points Report Form**

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2283 Clubs must use this format when reporting points earned by competitors at their matches.  
 2284 Standardization will greatly aid compiling all Club results and posting on the GBA website.

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2286 • This is an Excel file. Points can automatically total as they are entered. Clubs should  
 2287 contact the GBA Secretary to have the Excel file template sent to them.

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2289 • Ideally, the Club should have highest point earner at the top, and other competitors in  
 2290 descending points order.

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2292 • The file should contain the names of all GBA member shooters who competed at that  
 2293 Club during the calendar year.

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2295 • Rookies should be distinguished by R in front of their name.

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2297 • Females should be distinguished by F in front of their name.

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2299 • Junior shooters should be distinguished by a J in front of their name. A Junior  
 2300 Female shooter would be JF.

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Name	Membership #	VA 1000 POINTS 2019 AT MATCHES:										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
JF - Kimberly Medina	1456	1.50	1.50				0.45	0.90	1.50			5.85
One Eyed Bill	0003	0.45			0.90		0.35		2.80		0.45	4.95
R - Gotem Allon	0756		0.50			0.45				0.35		1.30
Sammy Sharpshooter	0246										1.00	1.00
Gotta Dobetter	1369	0.45										0.45
Still Learning	0174											0.00
etc.												
<b>Point Totals</b>		<b>2.40</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>4.30</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>13.55</b>

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2313 **Appendix 7. Candidate Records Submission Form**

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2315 **Candidate Record Submission Form**

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2317 **Competitor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

2318 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2319 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2320 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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2322 **Competitor Association Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Issued:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2324 **Candidate Record Being Submitted:** (Circle All Appropriate Items)

- 2325
- 2326 Score
- 2327 Score Aggregate/Score Grand Aggregate
- 2328 1000-Yard Score/Group
- 2329 10-Match 1000-Yard Aggregate
- 2330 6-Match 1000-Yard Aggregate
- 2331 600-Yard Score/Group
- 2332 600-Yard Score Aggregate/Group Aggregate
- 2333 1 Mile Group/Score

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2335 **Class** (Circle All Appropriate Items)

- 2336 HV for Score
- 2337 LV for Score
- 2338 Hunter
- 2339 Varmint Hunter
- 2340 LV
- 2341 Sporter
- 2342 HV
- 2343 Light Gun 1000 yd (5 shot)
- 2344 Light Gun 1000 yd (10 shot)
- 2345 Heavy Gun 1000 yd
- 2346 Light Gun 600 yard
- 2347 Heavy Gun 600 yard

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2349 **CALIBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISTANCE:** 100 200 300 600 1000 Yards/Meters 1 Mile

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2351 Date Fired: \_\_\_\_\_

2352 Club Where Fired: \_\_\_\_\_

2353 Range Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

2354 Referees: \_\_\_\_\_

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2357 **Records Administrator Use Only:**  
2358 Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Record: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

2359 Date target(s) returned: \_\_\_\_\_

2360 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2361 **Directions to Complete Form and Process to Establish Record(s):**

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- 2363 1. Prepare one completed form per candidate record and make a copy.  
2364 2. Keep original copy with target(s) in secure location under control of the Club President  
2365 3. Mail copy of completed form to the Records Administrator.  
2366 4. The Records Administrator will review all candidate record forms submitted by Clubs to  
2367 ascertain which candidate record target(s) need to be submitted for verification of record  
2368 5. Once candidate target(s) are received by the Records Administrator they will be  
2369 evaluated and verified for record.  
2370 6. If deemed NOT a record, the target(s) and completed form will be returned to the  
2371 submitting Club President.  
2372 7. If declared a record, the form will be returned to the submitting Club President, however,  
2373 the record setting target(s) will be retained for presentation at the GBA Annual Meeting.  
2374 8. If declared a record, the Records Administrator will notify the Chairman of the Board of  
2375 Directors who will ensure the Webmaster, Secretary, Points Keepers and Awards and  
2376 Prizes Administrator update appropriate Association records.  
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2398 **Appendix 8. Notice of Caliber Change Form**

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2400 **NOTICE OF CALIBER CHANGE**

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2402 Competitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2403 Match: \_\_\_\_\_

2404 HG or LG: (Circle one)

2405 Bench and Relay Assigned: Bench \_\_\_\_\_ Relay \_\_\_\_\_

2406 Caliber at Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

2407 Change Caliber To: \_\_\_\_\_

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2409 Instructions:

2410 1. Complete the change card before shooting in the relay and submit to the Range Officer

2411 2. Provide your name exactly as you registered

2412 3. Indicate the Match is which you will fire this caliber change (e.g.: Match 6)

2413 4. Circle whether this is for HG or LG

2414 5. Provide the bench number and relay to which you are assigned when you will shoot this  
2415 changed caliber (e.g.: Bench 7, Relay 2)

2416 6. Provide your caliber written at registration (e.g. 300WM)

2417 7. Provide the caliber you are changing to (e.g.: 6 Dasher)

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2431 **Appendix 9. Computer-Based Relay Assignment Procedures**

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2464 **Appendix 10. Global Benchrest Association Membership Card**

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2466 • A membership card will be issued to each Association Member, and to each Club  
2467 Secretary (for Club membership). It is valid for the entire calendar year in which it was  
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2470 • A unique 4-digit membership number will be assigned and will be linked with the  
2471 member in Association records. If their membership lapses, the number will not be re-  
2472 used, however it will remain available to the same person if they renew.

2473 ○ A block of unique membership numbers, managed by the Secretary, will be  
2474 assigned to each country participating in the Global Benchrest Association.

2475 ■ Non-U.S. countries will manage their own assigned block of membership  
2476 numbers, and will report monthly to the GBA Secretary the following:

2477 • Name

2478 • Assigned Membership Number

2479 • Date Issued

2480 ○ A block assignment ensures that all GBA competitors are given a number that is  
2481 unique to only them. This will be useful when the Association conducts  
2482 International Tournaments.

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2484 • The card will contain the following information:

2485 ○ Global Benchrest Association web address

2486 ○ Membership Identification Number

2487 ○ Member name

2488 ○ Member signature

2489 ○ Date Issued

2490 ○ Issued by (Secretary, Global Benchrest Association) (or designated representative  
2491 in non-U.S. country granted by-direction authority by the Secretary)

2492 ○ Statement that this card must be presented at Registration for all Matches and  
2493 Tournaments, and upon request by Club or GBA officials.

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2495 • Renewal notices will be mailed to membership in November of each year.

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2500 **Appendix 11. Registered Match Contract Application Form**

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2502 Clubs desiring to hold Registered Tournaments will apply for assignments using the form below.  
2503 The application shall be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and delivered to this  
2504 officer not less than 30 days before the first proposed tournament date.

2505 The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall examine the application, consult other tournament  
2506 schedules, and if the range facilities are approved and no interference with other tournaments  
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2573 The Club Officer agrees that all Safety and Global Benchrest Association Rules will be followed  
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2576 Club Officer Name/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2578 Club Officer Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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2580 Return this form for approval to GBA Secretary by Mail or email:

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2582 Global Benchrest Association  
2583 (Attn: Secretary)  
2584 PO Box 5043  
2585 Fredericksburg VA 22403  
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2587 michael.wallace0602@gmail.com  
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2590 Approved by GBA: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2595 **Instructions:**

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2597 **Submit one Match Contract Form for each class of competition**

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2600 **Note: A Club must decide whether their 1000-yard LG course of fire is 5 or 10 shots. Once**  
2601 **selected, that is the format for the entire season.**

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2610 **Appendix 12. Reporting and Distribution Matrices**

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2612 There are two Reporting and Distribution Matrices:

- 2613 • U.S. Matrix
- 2614 • Non-U.S. Matrix

2615 Both summarize administrative guidance.

2616 The GBA Secretary will provide these for Clubs after additional internal review.

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