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## NRL22X 2027 Rule Modification Summary

This is a summary of modifications implemented for the 2027 NRL22X season.

### General Updates and Safety enhancements

- [Section 1.B](#) - Updated support staff
- [Section 2.D.4](#) - Clarified negligent discharge while on glass.
- [Section 3.C.8](#) – Added language discouraging stages that incorporate unsupported shooting.
- [Section 3.D.5](#) – Added “Wrong Procedure” to standard shot calls and clarified when silence should be used for missed shots.
- [Section 3.D.6](#) – Added language reinforcing that closed-ended questions regarding D.O.P.E. or wind corrections are not allowed to be answered during the stage.
- [Section 3.D.7](#) – Clarified every shot has a designated target and position.
- [Section 3.D.9](#) – Clarified stem hits on KYLs.
- [Section 3.E.6](#) – Added language prohibiting competitors from placing personal equipment downrange.
- [Section 4.A.2](#) – Added language to include Specialty NRL22X match scores such as Pro-Am Team scores, true team matches, or RO matches.

### Division modifications and Sportsmanship

- [Section 5.B.3](#) - Clarified that red dots, bag riders, and bolt handles are accessories.
- [Section 5.B.3.J](#). – Added a Base Division grace period.
- [Section 5.D](#). – Added recognition of military and law enforcement.
- [Section 6.B.2](#) – Added language around intentionally delaying a match.

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## Match Safety Briefing

(For complete safety rules refer to [Section 2: Safety](#))

1. Safety is always a top priority at NRL22X matches. These rules are for your safety and the safety of those around you. Please assist your fellow competitors with adhering to these safety protocols.
2. Cold range. Always keep your rifle unloaded until ready to use. Only load the rifle when instructed to by a Range Officer. With the exception of when it is your turn to shoot, rifles are always cold at NRL22 events. This means the magazine is out and bolt back with chamber flag inserted.
3. Always point your rifle in a safe direction. Only place your rifle in the areas briefed by the Match Director in this safety briefing. Most ranges require the rifles to be on the firing line with barrels pointed downrange, or in a dedicated rifle rack.
4. No touching your firearms when the range is called cold.
5. Range commands. When it is your turn to shoot, you will hear the following commands. "Do you understand the course of fire?" If no questions are asked, then "Please load and make ready". Once the competitor makes his or her rifle ready according to the stage description (typically standing with rifle in port arms, mag-in, bolt back) the range officer will say, "Are you ready?" Once an affirmative is obtained, you will hear the command "Stand by," and then after a brief pause the start tone (or a verbal "engage") should follow. After the competitor has completed the stage and prior to leaving the prop, the Range Officer will say "Unload, show clear, and insert chamber flag".
6. Safe Transitions. Always keep your rifle pointed downrange with your bolt back (or mechanical safety on for semi-auto's) when transitioning during a stage. Your muzzle must not break the 120-degree rule, or you will be disqualified.
7. No sky-loading. Only close your bolt (or take off mechanical safe with semi-auto's) when you are behind the rifle on target looking through your scope with the target in the field of view.
8. Accidental or negligent discharges. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to fire. Per NRL22X rules, if you have a negligent discharge, you will be disqualified. If you have an accidental discharge / mechanical failure, you will receive a zero for that stage and all follow up stages until the rifle is repaired.
9. In the event of an emergency, the Range Officer shall immediately declare a ceasefire which will be echoed down the firing line. The Range Officer shall then assess the situation and relay the situation to the Match Director. The Match Director will activate the 911 system and the primary medical responder as appropriate.
10. The 911 system is: YOUR MEDEVAC PLAN
11. The primary medical responder is: YOUR PRIMARY MEDICAL RESPONDER
12. Identify any other medical personnel.
13. Are there any questions?

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## 2027 NRL22X RULES AND REGULATIONS

2027 Rules and Regulations as written by the NRL22 commission.

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To give athletes, aspiring athletes, and the community the most compelling competitive shooting experience possible.

NRL22X is the premier precision rifle advocacy & support organization.

We are a non-profit engine of impacts that empowers organizations and athletes in precision rifle by providing education and opportunities for growth.

These activities are designed to develop marksmanship skills for those participating in this discipline, and to educate the public about firearm safety.

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The goal of this document is to provide maximum safety to all participants, while providing standard rules to follow without limiting the creativity of the individual Match and its Match Director.

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## **SECTION 1: NRL22X ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **A. Executive Staff.**

The NRL22X has an Executive staff whose responsibilities include day to day operations, media, match operations, logistics, marketing and finances. The President appoints the Executive staff. For the 2027 season, the Executive staff is as follows:

1. President / Founder – Tyler Frehner, Nevada
2. Financial Director – Janae Frehner, Nevada
3. Co-Director of Match Operations – Dominic Thompson, Tennessee
4. Co-Director of Match Operations – Levi Sanderson, Tennessee

### **B. Support Staff**

The NRL22X has a support staff whose responsibilities include all things match related. Rules, course of fire, equipment, and Match Director support. The Director of Match Operations appoints the Support staff. For the 2027 season, the Support staff is as follows:

1. Darron deBoer – Match Director, Free State Precision Plinkers, Kansas
2. Jeramie Walker – Match Director, Official COF Walkthrough Creator, Colorado
3. Suzie Lundsten – Match Director, Northwest Minnesota Rimfire, Minnesota
4. Carey Palmer – Co-Match Director, Utah

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## **SECTION 2: SAFETY**

### **A. General Rifle Safety**

1. Always point your rifle in a safe direction. Never point a rifle at anything you don't intend to destroy.
2. Always keep your rifle unloaded until ready to use. Treat all rifles as though they are loaded even if you believe otherwise.
3. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
4. Know your target and what is beyond.
5. It is always recommended to wear proper eye and ear protection and ensure others have the same before firing.
6. Never use alcohol or drugs while shooting.
7. Individual Range safety rules always supersede NRL22X rules.

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## **B. Rifle Safety While at a NRL22X Match**

1. Due to the many different types of 22 rifles, chamber flags are essential equipment to quickly ensure rifles are in a safe condition. NRL22 will take many steps to ensure that chamber flags are easily obtainable and available. Match Directors may allow magazine blocks at their discretion, but the rifle must be confirmed to be unloaded by the RO prior to inserting the magazine block.
2. NRL22X competitions are always cold ranges. All rifles are to be unloaded, with magazines out, and actions open with an empty chamber and chamber flag/magazine block inserted. Chamber flags/magazine blocks are to be utilized at all times so that anyone can identify an unloaded rifle. Chamber flag may only be removed, and the rifle loaded, when instructed to "Load and make ready" by the Range Officer. Once the stage is complete, the magazine shall be removed, bolt in the rearward position and chamber flag/magazine block inserted before the rifle is removed from the firing line.
3. Only ground rifles in a proper rifle rack, or wherever the Match Director designates as a safe location and direction.
4. Rifles with removable magazines must be used. Rifles with fixed tubular magazines are not allowed.
5. When moving to another shooting location, always ensure the rifle is pointed in a safe direction. Make sure rifles are either pointed upward towards the sky or downward towards the ground. If carts are used, then the rifle must point downward and not flag anyone.

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## **C. Rifle Safety During Your Stage**

1. Always wait for the Range Officer's command to "Load and make ready" before you remove your chamber flag and insert magazine.
2. Stages always begin with magazine in and bolt to the rear unless specifically directed by the match book and the Range Officer. If a rifle is unable to keep the bolt back to the rear, such as a semi-automatic, then the rifle must have an empty chamber.
3. Any movement or barricade transition must be done with the action open and an empty chamber. The only exception to this rule will be with the use of semi-automatic rifles, but only with the approval of the Match Director. If the MD allows this, the competitor must engage the mechanical safety, and yell "safe" loud enough for the RO to hear with ear protection.
4. During movement, the 120-degree rule must always be adhered to. The 120-degree rule refers to only pointing the rifle within 60 degrees of straight forward. There may be stages when the Match Director reduces or exceeds the 120-degree rule based on unique range layouts, but the muzzle must always be pointed within the 120-degree rule or no further than the area between the left-most engageable target and the right-most engageable target. Always follow directions and be aware of where you are pointing your rifle. When transitioning within the stage and the muzzle is pointed skyward, the competitor must ensure that he/she is not pointing the muzzle past 180 degrees vertically i.e. towards the rear of the competitor, or other competitors, or towards an unsafe impact area.
5. Sky-bolting/loading is never allowed during a match. Sky-bolting/loading refers to when a competitor closes the bolt or disengages the safety on a semi-automatic rifle before they are looking through their optic and on target. The bolt must only be closed when the competitor is directly behind the optic and on the target.

6. Competitors must have positive control of their rifle. Failure to maintain positive control while the bolt is closed will result in a match DQ. Failure to maintain positive control, while the bolt is open and rearward, resulting in the rifle making contact with the ground will result in a stage DQ. Incidents such as this will result in a stage DQ on the first offense and a match DQ for a second offense. If additional safety rules were broken such as breaking the 120-degree rule, flagging someone, or a negligent discharge, then that will result in an immediate match DQ regardless of the position of the bolt or condition of the rifle. Intentionally grounding the rifle is allowed.

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#### **D. Safety Violations and Penalties**

1. Violation of the cold range rule: Any competitor who has violated the cold range rule shall be issued a warning. A second violation will result in a stage zero. Next violation will result in a match DQ and removal from competition. This includes magazine inserted, a closed bolt, or chamber flag not being used. Having a live round in the chamber while not shooting shall be a match DQ.
2. Muzzling and/or violating the 120-degree rule: Muzzling is pointing or sweeping someone's body with the muzzle of a rifle. There will be no warnings for this unsafe act. If any competitor muzzles or sweeps someone's body, that action shall result in match DQ and removal from competition. It will be the duty of the RO to inform the MD of the infraction, and the MD's call to issue the match DQ. When transitioning within the stage and the muzzle is pointed skyward, the competitor must ensure that he/she is not pointing the muzzle vertically beyond 90 degrees of horizontal i.e. towards the rear of the competitor, or other competitors, or towards an unsafe impact area.
3. Unsafe transitioning: Transitioning on a barricade, movement without having the bolt to the rear, or sky-bolting will result in the Range Officer having the competitor correct the situation, then move back to the previous firing position before resuming the course of fire. A second violation will result in a zero for the stage. A third will result in the competitor getting a match DQ and removal from competition. Semi-Automatic rifles can move with a closed bolt, but the mechanical safety must be engaged. The same rule applies to semi-automatic rifles if the competitor does not either engage the safety and/or yell "safe".
4. Negligent Discharge (ND). A Negligent Discharge (ND) is defined as any unintentional discharge of a firearm during movement, transitions, or weapon manipulation.  
  
An ND includes any unintentional discharge that occurs while the shooter is behind the rifle and looking through the optic ("in glass"), regardless of whether the round impacts the intended target.  
  
Any round intentionally discharged during a ceasefire will also be considered a Negligent Discharge.  
  
A competitor who commits a Negligent Discharge will receive a match disqualification (DQ) and be removed from the competition.
5. Accidental Discharge/Mechanical Failure (AD). An Accidental Discharge is defined as any round unintentionally discharged from a firearm due to a mechanical failure. The participant will be removed from the event until he or she can repair the rifle to safe working order. The competitor will receive a zero for that stage, and all follow up stages will be forfeited during this down time.
6. If a Match Director judges a competitor to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during competition, the competitor will receive a match DQ and be removed from competition. The competitor will not be allowed to drive from the competition while still intoxicated.

7. In the event of a match disqualification regardless of points already earned on previous stages, the competitor will earn zero points for the entire match and the Match Director will submit the competitor's score.

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### **SECTION 3: NRL22X MATCH FORMAT**

#### **A. NRL22X's Responsibilities**

1. Provide promotional and media support through social media and web sites.
2. Provide optional logistical support to include t-shirts, printing matchbooks, trophies, and a sign up and match fee collection web site. These services are optional and designed to ease the burden of administering the match and to create buying power through volume. All service costs will be transparent.
3. Publish match scores from all NRL22X events for a flat fee of \$50 per match. Match Directors must submit scores within 72 hours of completing the match. The NRL22 will utilize the match scores to track a national points race and determine who qualifies for the NRL22 National Championship Match. Scores will be tracked for every competitor that competes in a match, however only the scores of members with a current NRL22 membership will be published.
4. Publish and update a leaderboard throughout the season so members can see how they are performing within the national series. The leaderboard will be used for invites to the National Championship as written in Section E. The leaderboard will track each member's top three scores in each division based on percentage of the overall match winner's score. NRL22X matches must have a minimum of 15 competitors to be counted towards the leaderboard; however, all matches regardless of size are eligible to earn classification credits. RO matches for dedicated RO's are scored and submitted separately from the main event. Competitors may choose to volunteer as a dedicated RO and compete in as many RO matches as they like; however, only the competitor's single best RO match score can be used as one of the three scores for the NRL22X series.
5. NRL22X memberships will be valid for both NRL22 and NRL22X Leagues. Competitors will have a 7-day grace period following each match to purchase or renew their NRL22 membership for the current season. Due to the NRL22 National Championship occurring after the points race for the upcoming season has already begun, an extended grace period beginning with the first eligible match of the new season through 30 days following the previous season's NRL22 National Championship will be honored. i.e. Approximately the first 60-90 days of each season depending on the season beginning/end dates and the date of the National Championship. Memberships for the upcoming season purchased prior to the deadline for the extended grace period will have all scores accumulated for the upcoming season retroactively applied to the upcoming season's standings. NRL22X memberships shall be \$60 for adults and \$25 for Young Guns.

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#### **B. Competitor's Responsibilities**

1. Competitors will always treat Match Directors and Range Officers with respect. From time to time, disagreements arise between competitors and match officials. This is fine, so long as mutual respect and calm communication occurs. If a competitor, at any point, is disrespectful to any match official and/or the Match Director, then he/she may be subject to dismissal from the competition. The Match Director's ruling is always final.
2. Competitors in the precision rifle discipline are regarded as the most professional and highly educated in any discipline. All participants in NRL22X matches are looked upon as Safety Officers. Any participant that witnesses an unsafe act is to call for a ceasefire and stop the unsafe act. The participant should then inform the closest Range Officer of the act.
3. It is the competitor's responsibility to know the NRL22X Rules and Regulations prior to a competition.
4. Competitors should actively participate in any stage briefing to move the shoot along smoothly.
5. Competitors shall understand that at the beginning of the stage, when asked by the Range Officer "Do you understand the course of fire?" If they give an affirmative answer, that will be their last opportunity to get clarification. Because of this, arguments that they did not understand anything about the stage, or its targets are invalid.
6. Competitors should be good squad mates by helping police brass, helping Range Officers when directed, and providing coaching to other competitors off-the-clock, before or after their stage is complete. Competitors are encouraged to share gear, strategies, and insight, but doing so is optional and not required.
7. Sponsors are very important to the NRL22X. It is encouraged that the competitor writes emails or utilizes social media to thank the sponsors that supported the competition.
8. Competitors will only be allowed to take a position on a prop while on the clock and shooting the stage. This will ensure that they don't gain an advantage and helps to move the match along; however, this rule is at the discretion of the Match Director. Shooting props cannot be moved nor positioned in a different manner unless the stage description clearly states to do so unless it must be repositioned to ensure it is safe for use.
9. Competitors will not provide corrections to other competitors during a stage. If corrections are given on the clock, the competitor that provides the corrections will receive a zero for the stage. The only exception to this rule is outlined in Section 5.B.4.
10. Competitors are provided a match book either digitally, hard copy, or both prior to the match beginning. It is the competitor's responsibility to fully understand all aspects of the stage outlined in the match book prior to beginning the stage.

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### **C. Match Director's Responsibilities**

1. Match Directors are responsible for the overall direction of a match. He or she is the person in charge at that event. For these reasons and others, the Match Director is not allowed to compete, for score, in the NRL22X match(es) that they are hosting.
2. If a Match Director needs to deviate from these rules, he or she must contact the NRL22 and request permission to do so prior to the match date.

3. Match Directors must register their club [for the current season as an official NRL22 club](#). This money will be used to create and maintain club information on the NRL22 web site. The web site will also be updated so that new competitors can search for NRL22X matches close to them or in any area of the country. Registering as an NRL22 member is optional for the match director but recommended as it would be required to qualify for the Match Director Appreciation Program.
4. Match Directors shall pay a \$50 admin fee per NRL22X match that is hosted. This admin fee will be paid at the time when scores are submitted through the NRL22 website and must be completed within 72 hours after the end of the match.
5. Match Directors shall provide a match book to all competitors. If the course of fire is made available to the competitors prior to checking in on the day of the match, the course of fire must be sent electronically to all registered competitors at or before the time it becomes available to the first competitor.
6. Match Directors must write clear and concise stage descriptions so as to not confuse a competitor.
7. Stage design is challenging and takes creativity. Match Directors should refrain from using stages from the NRL22 monthly course of fire and should design a comprehensive COF that tests a competitor's shooting skill. Match Directors should not design stages based on luck, chance, or otherwise unfairly favoring one competitor over another.
8. Stages incorporating unsupported shooting are highly discouraged.
9. Modification to the course of fire should not be allowed in order to prevent competitors from having an advantage over others.
10. Match Directors shall provide no less than a 30-minute sight in period with paper placed in a safe location at a distance of 50 yards to zero your rifle. If the Match Director chooses to, he/she can have multiple targets (paper and/or steel) at various distances for competitors to verify and/or gather D.O.P.E. (Data on previous engagements); however, having additional targets beyond 50 yards is not mandatory.
11. Match Directors shall provide enough Range Officers to ensure administration of the match is top quality. It is encouraged to have two stationary Dedicated Range Officers per stage but alternatively no less than one Squad Range Officer per squad. Match Directors may use stationary Dedicated Range Officers for their match, which is the preferred method, so that each stage is run the same way throughout the match. Dedicated Range Officers are defined as Range Officers who stay at the same stage throughout the match and do not travel throughout the match with the squads. Squad Range Officers are defined as competitors (match participants) who are designated as a Range Officer that travels with the squad.
  - a. Stationary Dedicated Range Officer NRL22X Match - This method is intended to incentivize experienced competitors to volunteer as high quality, dedicated Range Officers. Dedicated Range Officers would be responsible for ensuring safety and ensuring each squad is run through the stage in the same manner. RO's would also be responsible for spotting and calling impacts. It is preferred to have two RO's per stage and in this scenario, the RO's would also be responsible for running the scoring tablet. This option allows the Match Director to run all of the Range Officer's through the course of fire on the day prior to the event. The Match Director will submit the Range Officer Companion Match scores separate from the competitor scores. The Range Officer score submission will be included free of charge with the paid NRL22X match

score submission fee. Due to the RO match being separate but still counting towards the NRL22X points race, multiple criteria must be adhered to in order to ensure as fair of a scenario as possible.

- i. The RO match must have a minimum of 10 competitors to count towards the NRL22X points race. For a 10 stage X match, it is recommended to have 22 - 24 range officers. Situations where the minimum attendance is not met will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Regardless of final attendance, the match can be submitted for Classification credits. NRL22X recommends selecting 10-20% more RO's than you think you need. i.e. If you want 20 RO's for 10 stages, line up 22-24 RO's. Extra help is nice to have, and things always happen where RO's end up with scheduling conflicts. Reach out to [info@nrl22.com](mailto:info@nrl22.com) if questions arise.
- ii. The Match Director must open Range Officer slots to the public; however, the Match Director will retain the ability to select Range Officers from the applicants.
- iii. Range Officer's that compete on the day prior but do not fulfill their responsibilities as a Range Officer during the event will receive a match DQ and their score will not count. Additionally, as stated above, the competitor is not allowed to shoot the X match.

Note: This method is not available for squad range officers. It is only available for dedicated range officers as defined in Section 3.C.10. For any questions or clarifications, reach out to [info@nrl22.com](mailto:info@nrl22.com)

- b. Squad Range Officer – Prior to the match, the Match Director will select one competitor per squad, whom he or she trusts and designate them to provide stage consistency and delegate Range Officer duties to the squad. This individual will be known as the Squad Range Officer and will shoot the course of fire and be scored the same as all other competitors. If the Match Director chooses to use Squad Range Officers, the course of fire may be published publicly prior to the match or on match day but Squad Range Officers cannot receive the course of fire earlier than the other competitors. Everyone, including the Squad Range Officers, must receive the course of fire at the same time. After the course of fire has been distributed, the Match Director must perform a stage walk through with all Squad Range Officers to ensure that the course of fire is consistent across all squads.

12. Match Directors are responsible for utilizing enough spotters, reactive targets and/or electronic flashers when putting targets at longer ranges. Match Directors may utilize other competitors in the squad to assist in spotting hits.

13. Match Directors must have a scoring system that allows for quick tabulation of points and must allow competitors to see their scores after the stage. Using a system that makes the competitor sign or acknowledge their score is encouraged. If utilizing paper scoring, rain should be accounted for. If using electronic scoring, failure of equipment and battery life should be accounted for, and paper backup should be available. The use of tablets is highly encouraged. It allows for accurate and timely tabulation of scores, without manually calculating scores. The use of tablets not only allows competitors to quickly see their raw scores, but they also allow the Match Director to verify any alterations to scores and to quickly submit final match scores to NRL22.

14. At the conclusion of the match, Match Directors shall provide a 10-minute arbitration period for competitors to review scores and issue grievances if necessary. Once the arbitration period is

complete, scores are then final. At no time and for no reason will scores or results be altered after this period. If individuals come forward any time after the arbitration period has ended, the reasons will be noted and followed up with the Match Director, but scores, placements, and prizes will not be recalled. During the arbitration period, competitors must provide proof in order for a score to be changed in their favor.

15. Match Directors must submit match scores to the NRL22 within 3 days of the completion of their match. Included in the scores will be names of any poor sportsmen, and any individual found to have cheated.
16. Sponsors are very important to NRL22X. Match Directors are encouraged to send an email to all competitors after the competition with the email address for every sponsor.
17. Match Directors must be experienced in hosting matches to ensure a smooth and efficient match.
18. Match Directors will only submit scores of competitors who attended and competed in their match. If a competitor leaves for any reason after they have started any stage of the match, then any points earned will be submitted as the competitor's final score.
19. If a Match Director chooses to use an online scoring application like PractiScore or Impact Scoring to calculate scores, then he/she should not mark a competitor as DQ within that system if the competitor did not attend the match. It is recommended that the Match Director delete all no-show competitors from the app prior to publishing scores. If a competitor checks into a match but does not show up to a stage, then the Range Officer shall mark them as "DNF" aka Did Not Finish.

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#### **D. Range Officer's Responsibilities**

1. Range Officers are any person assisting in running a competition, not including the Match Director. They can be the person running a stage, a spotter, the sign in person, or anyone that the Match Director acknowledged, as working the match.
2. Range Officers should understand all Rules and Regulations prior to the start of the competition to ensure the safety of all participants. Any Range Officer witnessing unsafe acts shall call ceasefire and correct the unsafe act as soon as possible.
3. Range Officers (ROs) assigned to a stage must have a complete understanding of that stage and its requirements. Range Officers are responsible for:
  - a. Asking the Match Director for any clarifications during the stage walkthrough prior to the match and making any adjustments to the match book as per the Match Directors instructions. Range Officers will not run stages differently than what is written in the match book or per the instructions of the Match Director during the stage walkthrough.
  - b. Conducting a stage briefing prior to the first competitor, clearly outlining all stage procedures, restrictions, and any applicable target engagement rules.
  - c. Assisting with target identification when prior target knowledge is permitted.
  - d. Allowing the squad five (5) minutes of preparation time following the stage briefing before the first competitor is called to the line.
  - e. Running all competitors through the stage as consistently as possible, applying the same commands, timing, and enforcement of rules.

4. Range Officer Commands - Match Directors must ensure that Range Officers utilize standardized commands throughout the competition.

**Standard commands** are as follows:

- a. **“Do you understand the course of fire?”**
  - b. **“Please load and make ready.”**
  - c. **“Are you ready?”**
  - d. **“Stand by.”** (followed by a brief pause)
  - e. Start signal (audible tone or verbal command **“Engage”**)
  - f. After the stage is complete: **“Unload, show clear, and insert chamber flag.”**
5. Range Officer Shot Calls - Range Officers serving as spotters are responsible for calling hits and misses. The following standard calls shall be used **AFTER** each shot is fired:
    - a. **“Impact”** – The correct target was hit.
    - b. **“Wrong Target”** – An incorrect target was hit.
    - c. **“Wrong Position”** – The shot was fired from an incorrect position.
    - d. **“Wrong Procedure”** – A procedural violation occurred (e.g., failure to perform a required magazine change, dialing during a no-dial stage, incorrect support-side use, etc.).
    - e. **“Miss”** or **“No Call”** – The target was not hit. Remaining silent on missed shots is permitted; however, this should be used sparingly and primarily to maintain a positive shooter experience, particularly for newer competitors.
  6. Range officers may answer closed-ended questions pertaining to the course of fire. Closed-ended questions are defined as questions that can be answered with “Yes” or “No”. Calling wind or D.O.P.E. corrections during a stage is not permitted, including answering closed-ended questions related to wind or D.O.P.E.

Example of a closed-ended question:

1. “I’m on the far target, correct?” (This is an acceptable question) versus,
  2. “What target am I on?” (This is NOT a closed-ended question and should not be answered by the RO.)
7. Shooting order and positions – Every shot has a designated target and position that must be used to count as an impact. Moving to a new position does not reset the engagement sequence. Each shot fired out of position or at the wrong target counts as a miss. If a competitor gets out of sequence, the competitor can use closed-ended questions to get back on track.
  8. Range Officer Time-requests - Receiving coaching from other competitors or spectators while on the clock is not allowed. RO’s may provide, if able, remaining time on a stage, if asked; however, only if it doesn’t interfere with their RO duties.
  9. Impacts on a target only count when the actual steel target is hit. Depending on the manufacturer, a target may have a small piece of steel where the target stand goes through, that part is still considered the target. Impacts on target hangers, stands, and/or straps do not count as impacts. If a target moves following a shot, the shot will be recorded as an impact, unless the Range Officer can clearly determine that the impact was made on the hanger, stand, or strap rather than the steel target. For KYL targets, the stem is considered part of the target only when the stem is equal to or smaller than the intended

target size (e.g., a ½" target with a ½" or smaller stem). Impacts near the hinge or crossbar do not count. If a Range Officer determines that a competitor is intentionally engaging near the hinge or crossbar to gain an advantage, this may be considered cheating and is grounds for match disqualification (DQ).

10. Incorrect commands or calls made by Range Officer does not warrant a re-shoot in most scenarios and the competitor will only receive points for impacts that were in alignment with the stage description, but the ultimate decision on a situational reshoot will be left to the match director's discretion.
11. Anytime a Range Officer is not able to settle a grievance presented by a competitor, he or she shall request the Match Director to make the final judgment.
12. Range Officers will ensure that the competitor's chamber is cleared, magazine removed, and chamber flag/block inserted prior to them moving their rifle off the firing line/prop.
13. It is highly recommended that Range Officers read off the competitor's score after the stage has been completed and then read off all competitor scores prior to leaving the stage. This will limit the arbitration time and resolve any score discrepancies prior to the next stage.
14. It is highly recommended to have separate people spotting impacts and running the tablet. Ideally the spotter will have a mechanical, thumb operated, clicker counter to tally impacts while the other individual is recording the result of each shot on the tablet. Upon completion of the competitor's allotted time, the spotter should confirm the number of impacts with the person operating the tablet. This process minimizes errors and ensures the spotter can watch for safety and concentrate on accurate impact calls.

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#### **E. Specific Competition Rules**

1. A NRL22X competition shall consist of at least 8 individual stages. There is no limit to maximum yardage so long as the Match Director has target flashers and spotters to ensure the identification of hits or misses. Having a minimum 30-minute sight in period with paper placed in a safe location at a distance of 50 yards is mandatory and having at least a few targets (paper or steel) out at distance is encouraged due to environmental factors. If weather or acts of God alter the competition, the competition scores will be valid if the intention of the competition meets the previous guidelines.
2. No single stage should be worth 1.5 times over the amount of another stage. Additionally, stages in which a single shot removes all points without the opportunity to earn any back are discouraged.
3. Shots taken up to 0.30 seconds after the clock are still eligible for points. The competitor is granted a buffer time of 0.30 seconds, this means that if the last shot registers as 120.30 then the competitor will be granted that point. The buffer of 0.30 seconds applies to all stages if a shot timer is used.
4. It is understood that many ranges operate for profit and shutting a range down is not possible. Also, that train ups assist in profits for the range. Therefore, shooting at the range prior to a competition is allowed. Shooting on the range's props is also allowed; however, shooting specific stages that are part of the COF before the competition will not be allowed for any reason. For these reasons, it is important that the Match Director be involved or at least has knowledge of events taking place at the range prior to his or her competition so having common stages and /or course of fire does not occur.
5. No competitor may be allowed to assist in designing the stages for the course of fire.

6. No competitors may be allowed to place or use any personal equipment forward of the firing line that could provide an advantage to that competitor over other competitors. Any equipment placed downrange must be part of the stage setup and available for use by all competitors.
7. Reshoots shall only be permitted in the event of an interruption of the stage that was outside the control of the competitor. This includes target failure, called ceasefires for any reason not caused by the competitor, a broken prop, or any other reason outside of the competitors control deemed reasonable by the Match Director. Target failure is defined as a target falling off the stand or stuck to such a degree that the competitor does not have the same advantage as they did at the beginning of the stage. Reshoots will not be permitted for equipment malfunctions unless the firearm was provided as a loaner rifle by the club/Match Director. Reshoots will not be permitted for competitors who claim to have not understood the stage description/target engagements after the stage begins (stage begins when time has been started), nor permitted due to variations or irregularities in the Range Officer's commands. Competitors who are granted a reshoot must reshoot the stage in the same manner with the exact same equipment. With Match Director approval, the Range Officer can give a competitor the option for a reshoot without having been asked by the competitor if the Range Officer observes an incident which hindered the competitor. The competitor can request a reshoot if he/she believes one is warranted but only under the aforementioned circumstances. The competitor will have a period of two minutes to explain their grievance to the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then contact the Match Director to determine if a reshoot will be granted. The score on the reshoot will be the only score used. There are two types of reshoots available to the competitor:
  - a. A Full Reshoot - which means the competitor will run the entire stage over from start to finish.
  - b. A Partial Reshoot - which means the competitor is placed in the exact same position they were in at the time of the stoppage and will have the exact amount of time placed back on the clock which was remaining at the time of the stoppage. The remaining time will start within 10 seconds of the competitor getting into position. If either the position or the time remaining cannot be determined, the competitor must take a full reshoot.
8. The Match Director may choose to have mulligans for their match at an additional cost. A mulligan is defined as an opportunity for the competitor to replace their score for a single stage and shoot that stage again. A competitor will not be allowed to have more than one mulligan for the entire match. If the competitor decides to use a mulligan, then he/she will need to announce that to the Range Officer immediately after shooting the stage and prior to the next competitor starting. During the match brief, the Match Director will announce when the competitor will reshoot the stage after they have chosen to use their mulligan i.e. immediately after the competitor announces the use of a mulligan or after all squad members have completed the stage. If a competitor decides to not use their mulligan throughout the match, then no additional points may be awarded for not using it. When mulligans are offered at a match, the Match Director should advertise this in the match announcement so competitors can factor this optional upsell into their potential overall cost of the match.
9. All regular target impacts shall be worth 10 points per hit. The Match Director can choose to utilize special targets worth different values so long as they are designated as such in the match book. Impacts on a target only count when the actual steel target is hit. Depending on the manufacturer, a target may have a small piece of steel where the target stand goes through, that part is still considered the target. In addition, the stem of a KYL is considered part of the target but impacts near the hinge or the crossbar are not allowed. If a range officer determines that a competitor is intentionally shooting NEAR the hinge or crossbar of a KYL rack, this activity can be deemed as cheating and is grounds for match DQ. Impacts on target hangers, stands, and/or straps will not count as an impact. If a target

moves after a shot has been fired, then that shot will be recorded as an impact, unless the Range Officer is able to clearly determine that the impact was not made on the steel target but rather the target hanger/stand/strap.

10. There will be a timed stage at every NRL22X event. This stage is intended to break up ties. It is encouraged that the Match Director uses a stage that most competitors will be able to fire all rounds. The timed stage will be designated as such in the matchbook. Here is how the timed stage shall be administered:
  - a. It is preferred that the Range Officer use a shot timer but at a minimum a simple stopwatch that can record down to the hundredth of a second. Shot timers are available through loaner programs and allow for accurate shots times to be recorded. Further information can be obtained by emailing [info@nrl22.com](mailto:info@nrl22.com)
  - b. The time will start when the Range Officer tells the competitor to start the course of fire.
  - c. If using a stopwatch, the Range Officer will stop the timer after the required number of rounds for the stage have been fired. If using a shot timer, at a minimum, the Range Officer will ensure the shot timer is close enough to the muzzle to properly record the last shot fired. The competitor is granted a buffer time of 0.30 seconds if a shot timer is being used to accurately capture the time. This means that if the last shot registers as 120.30 then the competitor will be granted that point. The buffer of 0.30 seconds applies to all stages where a shot timer is being used.
  - d. The Range Officer will record the time elapsed to the hundredth of a second.
  - e. The competitor shall be awarded 0.1 points for every second remaining in the course of fire.

Example: The course of fire is 120 seconds with 10 target engagements. The competitor hits all 10 targets for 100 points. The course of fire was completed in 111.35 seconds. The competitor is awarded 0.865 bonus points for time remaining. The competitor's score for the stage would be 100.865.

11. In the event that scores for trophies or recognition are still tied after administering the timed stage as dictated in Section 3.E.9, the Match Director shall have 2 options to break the tie.
  - a. Option 1: The tied competitors will repeat the timed stage until the tie is broken.
  - b. Option 2: The Match Director will evaluate each stage in the match starting with the tie breaker stage and award the win to the competitor who had the most impacts. If both competitors have the same number of impacts, then the next stage after the tie breaker stage will be evaluated. e.g. if the tie breaker stage was on stage 5, the Match Director will evaluate stage 5 to see which competitor scored higher. If they tied on stage 5, then stage 6 will be examined, etc. to see which competitor dropped an impact first. This method will continue until the tie is broken or in the unlikely event that both competitors tied on every individual stage of the match and shot the tie breaker stage in the exact same time down to the hundredth of a second, then the Match Director will have to revert back to Option 1.

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#### SECTION 4: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## A. Championship Qualification

1. The NRL22X season will begin on May 1, 2026, and end on April 30, 2027.
2. Competitors are encouraged to shoot as many competitions as they like. The competitor's three best match scores will count toward the season points race and NRL22 Championship qualification. Specialty NRL22X matches are unique match styles that competitors can compete in to earn a score for NRL22X. Examples of specialty matches would be NRL22X RO matches, Pro-Am Team scores, true team matches, or other matches designated as such by NRL22 leadership. Competitors may choose to compete in as many Specialty NRL22X matches as they like; however, only the competitor's single best Specialty NRL22X score can be used as one of the three scores for the NRL22X series. The National Championship score will count as double for the NRL22X series.
3. The NRL22 Championship will have 2 separate ways to qualify. 45% of the competitors will come from NRL22 (see NRL22 rules for details on qualification), 45% will come from NRL22X by ranking, and the remaining 10% will be awarded to international NRL22 clubs.
4. Invites will be emailed directly to NRL22X members from NRL22 and will be based on Season points. Season points will be tallied by NRL22X and displayed on the NRL22X website. Rankings will be determined by the best score.
5. Young Guns and Ladies Divisions will receive no less than 10% of the allotted NRL22X invites and the rest will be divided between the remaining divisions based on season participation. (example: if 100 spots are available to NRL22 competitors and the season's participation levels are 54% Open, 8% Young Guns, 8% Ladies, 10% OG, 10% Air Rifle, and 10% Base, then invites will be extended to the top 50 Open competitors, top 10 Ladies competitors, top 10 Young Gun competitors, top 10 Old Gun competitors, top 10 Air Rifle Competitors, and top 10 Base competitors). Invites will continue to be sent to the next competitors in each division until 50 Open competitors are registered and 10 competitors in each other division are registered or until every competitor in that division has been invited.
6. Invites are earned by season performance within each division and therefore members may only compete in the National Championship in a division for which they earned an invite.
7. The NRL22 will allocate approximately 10% of the available invites to International NRL22 competitors so that they can attend the National Championship.

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## B. Championship Match Rules and Scoring

1. The NRL22 will be responsible for conducting a Championship match at the end of the season. The National Championship match is to be held in June of 2027 in (to be announced), hosted by (to be announced). Further specific details will be disclosed closer to the match date.
2. Each season there will be a NRL22X Champion for each division and will be announced during the NRL22 National Championship. The winner of each division will be determined by their season score (highest three percentages of overall finish from NRL22X matches) combined with their percentage of overall finish in the NRL22 National Championship. The NRL22 National Championship will be worth double points; the percentage of overall finish will be multiplied by two before adding it to the season score. For example, if a competitor has a total of 294.34 points from their highest three NRL22X

matches and earns 98.43 points at the NRL22 National Championship, then the competitor will have a combined total of 491.20 (294.34 + 98.43 + 98.43) points.

3. The NRL22 championship will be conducted according to the NRL22X rules and the rules laid out below
4. The NRL22 National Championship match shall consist of at least 190 rounds fired, and at least 18 individual stages. Having a sight in and D.O.P.E. gathering time with paper placed in a safe location at a distance of 50 yards is mandatory. Additional targets shall be available at distances beyond 50 yards such as paper at 100 yards and steel targets at varying distances for competitors to gather elevation and environmental data.
5. The National Championship matchbook will not be released prior to competitors checking in on Friday during vendor day.
6. No single stage should be worth 1.5 times over the amount of another stage within the match. Additionally, a stage in which a single shot removes all points without the opportunity to earn any back is not allowed.
7. It is understood that many ranges operate for profit and shutting a range down is not possible. It is also understood that train ups assist in profits for the range. Therefore, shooting at the range prior to a competition is allowed. Shooting on the range's props is also allowed. However, shooting specific stages before the competition must not be allowed for any reason. For these reasons, it is important that the Match Director be involved or at least has knowledge of events taking place at the range prior to his or her competition so having common stages and/or course of fire does not occur.
8. No National Championship competitor may be allowed to assist in forming the stages, course of fire, or assist in setup of the match. Range Officers and the Match Director are all dedicated to that event and shall not participate in the match.
9. There will be a tiebreaker stage at the National Championship Match. The tiebreaker stage will be designated as such in the competitor booklet. The tie breaker will be conducted in the same fashion as the NRL22X timed stage.
10. If scores for trophies or recognition are still tied after administering the timed stage as dictated in Section 3.E.10, the Match Director shall have 2 options to break the tie.
  - a. Option 1: The tied competitors will repeat the timed stage until the tie is broken.
  - b. Option 2: The Match Director will evaluate each stage in the match starting with the tie breaker stage and award the win to the competitor who had the most impacts. If both competitors have the same number of impacts, then the next stage after the tie breaker stage will be evaluated. e.g. if the tie breaker stage was on stage 5, the Match Director will evaluate stage 5 to see which competitor scored higher. If they tied on stage 5, then stage 6 will be examined, etc. to see which competitor dropped an impact first. This method will continue until the tie is broken or in the unlikely event that both competitors tied on every individual stage of the match and shot the tie breaker stage in the exact same time down to the hundredth of a second, then the Match Director will have to revert back to Option 1.
11. Competitors may only participate in one division at the National Championship. This means the competitor is only eligible to win their division in which they earned their invite. For example, if a female competitor qualifies for Open and Ladies and she signs up to shoot in the Open division, then she will only be able to win the Open division.

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## **SECTION 5: RIFLES, EQUIPMENT, DIVISIONS, CLASSIFICATIONS, AND SCORING**

### **A. Rifles and Equipment**

1. Rifles must be chambered in .22 Long Rifle. This cartridge is the most common and available rimfire cartridge. At these ranges it also most closely mimics centerfire cartridges at Precision Rifle. 17 HMR, 22 Magnum and like rimfires cartridges are not allowed.
2. Any .22 Long Rifle chambered rifle may be used, however, rifles with removable magazines must be used. Rifles with fixed tubular magazines are not allowed as they are more difficult to make safe.
3. Air Rifles may be used in accordance with the rules laid out in Section 5.B.7 regarding Air Rifle Division.
4. Any scope, iron sights, or electronic sights may be used. However, magnified rifle scopes with externally adjustable turrets and reticles designed to assist in holdover and measurement are highly recommended.
5. The competitor will only use one rifle for the competition. If the competitor's rifle has a malfunction, the competitor shall be able to use a backup or loaner rifle with the approval of the Match Director. The Match Director must be notified when a rifle malfunction occurs. The competitor shall demonstrate the failure to the match director and obtain permission to utilize the backup rifle. A rifle malfunction is defined as a rifle that is no longer able to safely be utilized during a match.
6. Any shooting equipment may be utilized in NRL22X. The only exception is when a course of fire prohibits specific equipment or requires use of only certain equipment.

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### **B. Divisions**

The NRL22X has seven divisions - Open, Base, Young Guns, Ladies, Old Guns, Semi-Auto, and Air Rifle.

1. Competitors must pick one division to shoot at the beginning of a match. The competitor is only eligible for placement in the division in which they signed up. For example, if a female competitor signs up for Open division and wins the entire match, she will only be recognized for the placement in the division in which she signed up for. In this example, that would be the Open division.
2. Open is for any competitor that does not meet the criteria of Base, Young Guns, Ladies division, Old Guns, Semi-Auto, or Air Rifle.
3. Base division is intended to be budget oriented and friendly to new competitors. Any rifle system that comes in at or under a combined MSRP of \$1650 USD, as listed on the manufacturer's website, and complies with the parameters listed below, shall be eligible to compete in Base division. This \$1650 USD combined MSRP price is the limit for the sum of the rifle's MSRP and the scope's MSRP. Base division competitors may voluntarily choose to compete in any other division if they meet the requirements of that division.

- a. The following are considered accessories to the rifle and are allowed in Base division: Interchangeable/removable grips utilizing factory attachment points, bottom metal/trigger guard/magwell, scope rings, scope bases, bipods, suppressors, data card holders, magazines, spare magazine holders, auto bolt releases, extended magazine releases, bubble levels, digital levels, red dots, bag riders, bolt knobs, bolt handles, and rail attached weights or weights utilizing factory attachment points.
- b. Factory barrels must remain in their original factory specifications. Threading of the barrel is allowed. Replacement barrels must also remain in the original factory specifications of the original rifle. i.e. a CZ 457 Pro Varmint barrel may not be replaced with a CZ 457 Manners MTR barrel.
- c. Barrel tuners, or items attached to the barrel that act as a tuner are not allowed in Base division. Thread protectors and suppressors are allowed in Base division.
- d. Aftermarket triggers are not allowed. Only the following adjustments of the factory trigger are allowed: replacing springs, safe adjustment of trigger pull weight, and/or the polishing of internal components.
- e. The addition of internal weights is not allowed.
- f. Modifications to the stock are not allowed. Drilling holes in the stock is also prohibited unless being done to accommodate one of the following exceptions listed below:
  - i. Bedding of the action
  - ii. Mounting a flat rail (e.g. arca or picatinny) to the bottom of the forend.
  - iii. Adding a cheek riser
  - iv. Adding a sling stud.
- g. Base rifles must remain in their factory configured stock/chassis. Applying paint and/or cerakote to the original factory stock/chassis is allowed, but if a barreled action is removed from the factory stock/chassis and placed in an aftermarket stock not available by the manufacturer and not available as an option to purchase as a complete rifle, then that rifle will be an Open division rifle. i.e. a CZ 457 MTR barreled action may not be placed in a CZ 457 Pro Varmint stock.
- h. The production status and MSRP on the first day of the season will be considered valid for the entire season. Left-handed models identical in configuration to right-handed models but with a higher MSRP will be recognized at the MSRP of the right-handed version. Base division competitors should be mindful that manufacturers may change the MSRP of their products from time to time. Rifles and scopes that are out of production on the first day of the season are eligible if the last production year MSRP of the rifle and optic adjusted for inflation using the following link [https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation\\_calculator.htm](https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm) fall within the MSRP limits and the rifle meets all other criteria for Base division. NRL22 will not maintain a list of authorized rifles or scopes due to the dynamics of the ever-changing cycle of revised models, new products, and upgrades being released by manufacturers.
- i. At sign in, the Match Director should inspect the rifle and ensure that the rifle meets the aforementioned criteria. If the MSRP goes over or unauthorized modifications have been made, the competitor shall compete in the Open division or another division so long as he/she meets the criteria of that division. It is difficult for local Match Directors to keep up with every detail. Base division competitors are encouraged to assist local Match Directors with ensuring Base

division rifles appropriately fall into Base division. Match Directors are responsible for enforcing the Base division regulation matters when they arise on a case-by-case basis. For the National Championship, these rules will be followed to the letter. There will be a gunsmith or a representative from NRL22 present at the NRL22 Championship for Base division rifle inspections.

- j. Grace Period - Each year, the new NRL22 season begins prior to the conclusion of the previous season's National Championship. To allow reasonable time for compliance and to prevent mandatory equipment changes prior to the Championship, Base Division rifles are granted a grace period for any MSRP or parameter changes within Section 5.B.3 implemented for the new season.

During the grace period, competitors may use equipment compliant with either the previous season's rules or the upcoming season's rules; however, all competitors must comply with the previous season's rules when competing in the previous season's National Championship.

The grace period remains in effect through the conclusion of the previous season's National Championship. Upon completion of the National Championship, all Base Division rules for the new season will be fully enforced.

- 4. Young Guns division will be for any competitor who is 17 years old or younger. Competitors 17 years old or less on the first day of the season are eligible to compete in Young Guns division for the entire season. A parent or guardian must be present with the competitor and will take responsibility for the actions of the Young Gun. Young Guns must be able to operate their firearm safely by themselves. Young Guns may voluntarily choose to compete in any other division if they meet the requirements of that division. There are two levels of assistance available to Young Guns competitors:
  - a. Novice & Marksman – All verbal coaching and hands-on assistance is allowed at any time.
  - b. Sharpshooter & Expert – No verbal coaching or hands-on assistance while on the clock.
- 5. Ladies division is for competitors born as biological females. Alternatively, Ladies may voluntarily sign up to compete in any other division if the competitor meets the requirements of that division.
- 6. Old Guns (OG) division will be available to any competitor 60 years old or older. Any competitor that will turn 60 years old during the current season (June 1st thru April 30th) will be eligible to compete in the Old Guns division for the entire season and may start competing in Old Guns division on the first day of the season (June 1st). OGs may voluntarily choose to compete in any other division if they meet the requirement of that division. OGs will shoot the same COF as all other competitors.
- 7. Air Rifle division is for competitors using a rifle that operates with compressed air to fire a pellet or slug. There are no projectile weight restrictions, but the rifle must be .30 caliber or smaller with muzzle energy not exceeding 110 foot pounds of energy (FPE). (See formula below to calculate energy.) Tethered tanks are not allowed. Alternatively, competitors using air rifles may voluntarily sign up to compete in any other division if they meet the requirements of that division.
  - a. Measuring foot pounds of energy (FPE) requires knowing the pellet's velocity and weight. Use a chronograph to determine velocity, then apply the formula:
 
$$\text{Energy} = \text{Pellet Weight} * \text{Velocity}^2 / 450240.$$
 For example a 33 grain pellet at 1,020 ft/sec would have 76.26 FPE.

A 40 grain lead bullet measuring at 1,080 ft/sec has 103.62 FPE.

8. Semi-auto division is available for any competitor without restrictions to price or attachments. A semi-auto rifle is a rifle that automatically reloads after firing a single round out of a magazine with each trigger pull. To reiterate the safety aspect, semi-automatic rifles can move with a closed bolt, but the mechanical safety must be engaged and the competitor must yell “safe” to indicate the mechanical safety has been engaged. Semi-Auto competitors may voluntarily choose to compete in any other division if they meet the requirement of that division.
9. The divisions listed above are the only official divisions for NRL22X. Match Directors will ensure that only the above seven divisions are used when hosting a match.

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### C. Classifications

1. Any match hosted within the NRL22’s umbrella of events has four classifications – Novice, Marksman, Sharpshooter, and Expert. Classifications are based on experience, participation, and skill. Classifications are intended to allow competitors to grow and track their progress through the sport. All competitors will be classified and classed up based on participation and performance at any match within the NRL22 umbrella of events that is submitted for score. NRL22 will display classification levels for all members.
2. Classifications will carry over from one season to the next. Throughout the season, competitors will continue to earn credits towards classing up to the next classification level. All competitors and their historical performance at NRL22 events will be assessed to properly classify new members as well as properly award current members for credits earned against non-member competitors. From time to time, skilled competitors with a lack of historical precedence in NRL22 events will be classed lower than expected however, the system is designed to allow these competitors to quickly ascend up into their proper classification.
3. Competitors will class up once they have reached the maximum number of credits allowed for that class. Credits earned will always start at zero for each class achieved. If a competitor earns more than the credits allowed within a class, they will still enter the new class with zero credits. Maximum credits are based on 24 months of accumulated credits. Credits older than 2 years will expire and will no longer count towards your class credits.

Maximum credits allowed in each class are as follows:

- a. Expert – Unlimited
- b. Sharpshooter – 12 credits
- c. Marksman – 8 credits
- d. Novice – 6 credits

4. Earning Credits for Classing Up: Competitors will earn credits to class up by earning the high score or tying for the high score in their class, or by outscoring higher classed competitors. Credits will be distributed as follows:
- a. National Championship: The top 5 scores in each class will receive 4 credits; the 6th and 7th place scores in each class will receive 3 credits; the 8th and 9th place scores in each class will receive 2 credits; the 10th place score in each class will receive 1 credit.
  - b. All other sanctioned events will award credits based on the number of competitors in each respective class at that event combined with any higher classed competitors that a competitor outscored. \*
    - i. Outscoring Higher Classed Competitors: Each competitor who outscores a higher classed competitor will receive 0.1 credits per higher classed competitor that they outscored.
    - ii. High Overall Credit: The competitor with the highest overall score for the entire event will earn 1 credit if the event has a minimum of 20 shooters, and there are less than 3 competitors in the high overall competitor's class (or higher\*). A competitor will only receive a credit for high overall score or a credit from a class win but not both.
    - iii. 0 – 2 competitors in class (or higher\*): 0 credits
    - iv. 3 – 9 competitors in class (or higher\*): 1 credit for class winner.
    - v. 10 – 14 competitors in class (or higher\*): 2 credits for class winner, and 1 credit for second place.
    - vi. 15 – 29 competitors in class (or higher\*): 4 credits for class winner, 2 credits for second, and 1 credit for third place.
    - vii. 30 – 44 competitors in class (or higher\*): 4 credits for class winner, 4 credits for second, 2 credits for third, and 1 credit for fourth place.
    - viii. 45+ competitors in class (or higher\*): 4 credits for class winner, 4 credits for second and third, 3 credits for fourth, 2 credits for fifth, and 1 credit for sixth place.

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#### **D. Military and Law Enforcement**

Recognition as Military/LEO is a courtesy to honor those who have served or are currently serving our country and communities.

This designation provides no scoring advantage and does not affect equipment rules or division placement. The Military/LEO designation exists solely for recognition and does not replace any NRL22 division. All shooters must still compete within an established NRL22 division.

Documentation must be submitted through your shooter profile (Edit My Shooter Profile) on NRL22.com. Email [info@nrl22.com](mailto:info@nrl22.com) with questions.

Once approved, your profile and leaderboard will reflect your Military/LEO status.

1. Military Eligibility - Must be currently serving or have previously served in the United States Armed Forces.

- a. Active Duty Verification - Active Duty members must verify current service every season by providing one of the following (with SSN and any personally identifiable information (PII) redacted):
    - i. Valid military ID, or
    - ii. Enlisted or Officer Record Brief (ERB/ORB)
  - b. Veteran Verification - Veterans must verify Honorable characterization of service by providing a DD-214. Verification is required only once and remains valid for all future seasons. Any characterization other than Honorable does not qualify for this recognition.
2. Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Eligibility - A commissioned law enforcement officer who is a government employee with primary duties of enforcing laws and maintaining public safety. Eligible roles include, but are not limited to, municipal and detective police officers, sheriffs and deputies, state troopers, federal agents (e.g., FBI, DOJ, DHS, Border Patrol), correctional officers who completed a formal academy training program at a correctional officer academy. The Law Enforcement Officer must be currently employed by a state agency, retired, or medically retired. Civilian employees and non-commissioned staff are not eligible.
- a. Active Law Enforcement Verification - Law enforcement officers must submit valid documentation verifying their current status every season.
  - b. Retired Law Enforcement Verification - Retired or Medically Retired Law Enforcement Officers must submit valid documentation verifying their status. Verification is required only once and remains valid for all future seasons.

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## E. Scoring

1. The NRL22X season will begin on May 1, 2026, and end on April 30, 2027.
2. Competitors are encouraged to shoot as many competitions as they like. The competitor's three best match scores will count toward the season points race and NRL22 Championship qualification. Competitors may choose to volunteer as a dedicated RO and compete in as many Specialty NRL22X matches as they like; however, only the competitor's single best Specialty NRL22X score can be used as one of the three scores for the NRL22X series. Specialty NRL22X matches would be NRL22X RO matches, Pro-Am Team scores, true team matches, or other matches designated as such by NRL22 leadership. The National Championship score will count as double for the NRL22X series.
3. Match points may only be obtained by NRL22X members. If a competitor is not a member, they have a 7-day grace period after the event to obtain a membership for the match points to be counted.
4. Match points will be earned by shooting any of the sanctioned NRL22X competitions with a minimum of 15 competitors; however, all matches regardless of size are eligible to earn classification credits.
5. Scores shall be awarded by percentage of the winning score. Percentage is described as follows: The match's winner will be awarded 100 points. Other match points will be based off of the percentage of the winning competitor. (For example, if the winning competitor scores 175 points, and the second-place competitor scores 163 you would divide 163 by 175 to end up with 93.14 points.)

6. Once a competitor has begun the COF, points at the end of the stage will be maintained regardless of competitor status at the conclusion of the match. The only exception to this is if the competitor is disqualified. In the event of a match disqualification, regardless of points already earned on previous stages, the competitor will earn zero points for the entire match.

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## **SECTION 6: SPORTSMANSHIP**

### **A. Good Sportsmanship.**

1. Good Sportsmanship is one of the founding principles of the NRL22X and is highly regarded by the NRL22 as a whole. Good sportsmanship helps grow the sport, creates positive role models, and is impressive to the sponsors. It is not something that can be quantified but is easy to recognize by all participants.
2. The NRL22 is intended to promote and grow the sport of competitive shooting. It is expected that all members and competitors be inclusive and respectful of all other members, competitors, and the general public in order to portray the NRL22 (and by extension the larger shooting sports community) in a positive manner. This expectation extends beyond the match proper and includes social media. Instances of bullying, bigotry, slurs, racism, spam posts, excessive negativity, or similar behaviors on official NRL22 social media channels will not be tolerated. The NRL22 will monitor posts and comments on official NRL22 social media channels and may remove posts, comments, and/or members that violate this policy.
3. It is encouraged that members and competitors post and comment in a manner that promotes both the NRL22 and the larger shooting sports community, promotes matches, provides positive feedback, assists newer competitors, provides constructive feedback (both positive and negative), and promotes civil and productive discourse.

### **B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.**

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct is taken very seriously by the NRL22X.
2. Examples of bad sportsmanship include treating participants or range staff with disrespect, unwarranted complaining, throwing tantrums, being unpleasant, or intentionally delaying a match.

### **C. Cheating**

The NRL22X defines cheating as acting dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage in competition. Examples of cheating are:

1. Sabotaging another competitor's equipment.
2. Assisting in writing any course of fire or obtaining the course of fire prior to any other competitor.
3. Using unauthorized modifications in the Base division
4. Altering or destruction of score sheets.
5. Any other act as deemed unfair/cheating by a Range Officer or Match Director.

**D. Penalties for Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Cheating**

1. Any competitor who is deemed as acting in an unsportsmanlike fashion will be subject to any penalty that the Match Director deems appropriate including warnings; stage zeros and/or match DQ and being removed from competition.
2. The only penalty appropriate for cheating shall be the Match Director issuing a match DQ and being removed from competition.
3. In the event of a competitor being removed from a competition for cheating or unsportsmanlike conduct no match points will be awarded.
4. Depending on the severity of unsportsmanlike conduct and/or cheating may result in the competitor being suspended from the NRL22 for a minimum of a year.

**E. Reports to the Board of Directors.**

1. Upon completion of an NRL22X competition, the Match Director shall issue a report to his or her fellow Board of Directors which will include scores, who was the standout sportsman, and who if any competitors showed unsportsmanlike conduct or cheated along with any other pertinent information.
2. If any competitor was deemed as displaying unsportsmanlike conduct, the fellow Match Directors will be informed and can choose if they will allow that competitor into their shoots. The Executive Director of Match Operations will inform these competitors of the report by a phone call.
3. If any competitor was deemed to be cheating, the Match Directors will conduct a vote to determine the disciplinary action for the competitor. Regardless of the decision, the Executive Director of Match Operations will inform that competitor of the Board's decision by phone call.

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