

## **Agenda Items for 2012 National Benchrest Conference submitted by Victoria**

All items concern the Interim Fly shoot rules and are suggested changes, amendments or additions to Version 1.1.7 December 2010.

1/ Rule 3.2.3 - reword as below –

‘Rifles are to be shot from restricted rests as defined in main rule book item 4.4, although heavy class rifles need not contact the front sandbag for the full width of the fore-end and may also have an adjustable rear rest if desired’

Reasoning – There is no point writing a complete definition when it is already in the main rules.

- Most heavy class rifles already in existence employ ‘runners’ under the fore-end which make it impossible to achieve full width contact – indeed that is the purpose of same

- Reference to heavy gun rear rests needs to be discussed and decided upon and if decided against that part of the sentence can simply be deleted.

2/ Rule 3.2.4 – delete as it runs contrary to 4.4 and nobody seems to know what a ‘stabiliser plate’ is anyway.

3/ Rule 3.2.5 – add the words ‘during the course of fire’ at the end of the sentence for reasons of clarification.

4/ New Rule 3.2.8 – ‘All rifles intended to be used in Light Rifle class or Rimfire class to be weighed prior to the commencement of the match’ – this is wanted so that any substitute or replacement rifle can be used immediately rather than having to bother the organizers to ‘check weigh’ during the match.

5/ Rule 3.3.1.3 – add the words ‘plus an optional warmer target’ at the end of the sentence – simply a bit of a tidy up.

5a/ Rule 3.3.2 – Change wording from ‘first target’ to ‘warmer target’ – to avoid confusion.

6/ Rule 3.4.2 – delete the words ‘just forward of’ – most ranges have discovered that the best way of preventing damage to targets from ‘splash’ is to incorporate a wooden baffle and it is not always convenient to do this if the plates are forward of the target. Also add – ‘The use of deep yellow paint is recommended’.

6a/ Rule 3.4.3 – Add – ‘The use of deep yellow paper is recommended’.

7/ Rule 3.4.4 – Change the rimfire event from 200 metres to 200 yards. The change in rimfire distance is needed to enable more ranges to host this event as a great number are unable to accommodate 200 metres easily (if at all).

8/ Rule 3.5 – standardize the scoring of a Fly hit as 10.01 and delete 10.1 – apart from standardization it will also serve to avoid confusion should the total of Fly hits get into double figures.

9/ Rule 3.6.2 – Change title to **200 YARD EVENT** and change wording to ‘The same target used for 500metre centrefire is to be used for 200yard rimfire’. (This is subject to point 7)

10/ Rule 3.8.2 – Insert ‘plus smallest group and highest target score for all classes’ and add a ‘Junior Award’ for the highest placed Junior in Centrefire (regardless of class) and Rimfire

11/ New Rule 3.10.1 – **BENCH DRAW** -

‘The host club is to conduct a bench draw in a non-discriminatory manner that neither favours nor disadvantages any competitor deliberately. This bench draw is to be published/posted at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the match, unless otherwise agreed by all competitors at the time of lodging their entries’.

Reasoning – As there is no bench rotation separate mention of this topic is necessary. In the first sentence we avoid using the word ‘Random’ for reasons of multiple entrants sharing equipment and flags both on single benches, and also adjacent benches, having to be accommodated. Furthermore, on ranges where topography does not favour any particular bench or end of the firing line, competitors are able to lay out permanent flag locations. The wording regarding the time-frame (for publishing/posting the bench draw) is intended to give clubs flexibility when ALL entrants are in agreement.

Lastly, a change to the main rule-book seems necessary (but must wait for incorporation until 2014)–

Rule 7.10 – needs to be changed from “total of 15 pounds” to “total of 18 pounds” .