

International Benchrest Shooters

2008 Annual Meeting Agenda Items

1. General Agenda Items

a. GA-1

i. Change Rulebook Section III.M.3.b from:

b. At every relay of every match the Range Officer shall announce in exactly these words: "This is match number __ relay number __ - It is a __-shot match at __-yards/meters. You will be allowed __ minutes to complete your firing. Beginning at two minutes before the time limit shall expire, there will be a countdown as follows: 2 minutes, 1 minute, 30 seconds, 15 seconds, 10 seconds, 5 seconds, cease fire." The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence with an approximate five second interval between each command: "Ready on the right, ready on the left, replace bolts, ready on the firing line, commence firing."

To:

b. At every relay of every match the Range Officer shall announce in exactly these words: "This is match number __ relay number __ - It is a __-shot match at __-yards/meters. You will be allowed __ minutes to complete your firing. Beginning at two minutes before the time limit shall expire, there will be a countdown as follows: 2 minutes, 1 minute, 30 seconds, 15 seconds, 10 seconds, 5 seconds, cease fire." The Range Officer will then give the following commands in the following sequence with an approximate five second interval between each command: "Ready on the right, ready on the left, ready on the firing line, commence firing."

Committee recommendation: This agenda item need not be acted on as the rule was changed by executive Order for safety reasons during the 2007 competitive year.

b. GA-2 Bolts Out:

i. The bolts out rule was amplified in 2007 to provide for competitors to have a place to check dummy rounds, shoulder setback and trigger function. The rule was modified to have the range provide a "safe area" that could be used under the direction of a referee for inserting a bolt into rifle stripped or assembled. No loaded rounds can be placed in any rifle at any time except on the firing line. This item is on the agenda for ideas/proposals from the membership on other options on how to accomplish the same thing and retain the safety systems.

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c. GA-3 Tuners:

Change IBS Rule Book Section V.B. RIFLES 2) HEAVY VARMINT RIFLE and VI.C. RIFLES- HUNTER AND VARMINT HUNTER

Add the following verbage:

Use of an 'attached' barrel tuner shall be allowed, with the following restrictions: 1) The tuner must be securely attached to the barrel (not made integral to the barrel). 2) The tuner cannot have venting ports. 3) The rifle must not exceed the weight as described herein. 4) Adjusting the tuner during a match can only be accomplished while remaining seated, and after removing the bolt from the action. 5) The tuner is exempt from the barrel diameter restrictions (may be any diameter and length), but the barrel itself must remain within the dimensions as stated in the current rules.

Failure to adhere to restriction #4 above will result in the immediate disqualification of the competitor from the aggregate in which he or she is competing at the time of the violation.

It is the intent of this rule change to allow the use of a tuner in all Group LV and HV, Score VFS LV and HV, Hunter, Varmint Hunter rifles. This rule change does not affect the rules as they pertain to Rimfire, 1000 Yd. and 600 YD. competition/classes.

The IBS group committee recommends that the wording be changed to add Sporter Class to be accepted as well. The committee recommends that the agenda item be passed.

The IBS Score Committee feels this agenda item is worthy of further discussion at the Annual Meeting. The committee is not making a recommendation for or against this agenda item.

2. Longrange Agenda Items

a. LR_1

As reads:

6) NATIONAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL SHOOTS

a. A national championship is held annually at a designated IBS 1000 yard range. The site is rotated among IBS 1000 yard benchrest clubs.

b. Super shoots, state championships, and the Nationals may be sanctioned IBS matches, but results are usually not considered in determining individual club aggregate winners.

Add the following item.

C. For the National Championships and State Matches, an odd number of referees (either 3 or no more than 5) will be selected from all of the participating clubs. No more than one referee will be from the same club.

Justification:

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Until recently it had been a tradition that referees would be selected among all participating clubs and not just the host club only. This is agenda item is needed to insure that tradition remains.

Long Range Committee Recommendation:

Half the committee vote for and half voted against. Those voting against felt this matter was better left up to the Club hosting the Nationals, The Long Range Committee and the IBS VP in charge of match schedules.

b. LR_2

Long Range Competition Rules

As reads: Not addressed now

Add the following item.

B) Heavy Gun Class

2. Light guns with muzzle brakes may be shot in the heavy gun competition as long as the light gun is shot from rests that are legal for light guns and the light gun meets all other light gun rules for weight and dimensions.

Justification:

Many new shooters can only afford one gun which is normally a light gun. They also normally do not have the gun tuned for shooting without a muzzle brake. This will help attract and maintain new shooters as they will be able to shoot the one gun they have as long as they shoot it exactly as in LG class.

Long Range Committee Recommendation:

The majority on the Committee voted against this agenda item, the general consensus of the Committee was, the muzzle blast from the light gun would distract other heavy gun shooters.

c. LR_6

Long Range Competition Rules

E) IBS General Rules

As reads: 7) A front sand bag rest shall support the front part of a rifle: a rear sand bag rest shall support the rear part of a rifle: neither rest can be attached to the bench, the rifle, nor each other; they must be movable in all directions independently of the other. Any part of the rifle resting there on must maintain a minimum of one-half inch distance from any part of the retainer or container holding

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the sand bag on which the rifle rests. Whenever the rifle makes contact on its sides, there may be a maximum of sand one-half inch high and a minimum of one-half thick on each side. Sand bags on front rests must be a minimum of one and one-half inches wide by four inches long and rear rests sand bags must be a minimum of one and one-half inches wide by three inches long. No device of any kind can restrict the upward and/or rearward movement of the rifle. Any; sand bag used as a rest that is not supported by a retainer and that has movement without restraint need not comply with this rule.

Change to: 7) A front sand bag rest shall support the front part of a rifle: a rear sand bag rest shall support the rear part, of a rifle: neither rest can be attached to the bench, the rifle, nor each other; they must be movable in all directions independently of the other. No device of any kind can restrict the upward and/or rearward movement of the rifle. Any; sand bag used as a rest that is not supported by a retainer and that has movement without restraint need not comply to this rule.

Justification: The current rules are unduly complicated and two of the three current major rest manufactures do not sell rest/front bag combinations that are legal under the present language without modification. That is a significant indicator that the present language is unduly restrictive and not based on current reality. The restrictive language is not needed and is an invite for conflict and unneeded disqualifications at Nationals and major events.

Long Range Committee Recommendation:

[The majority of the Committee voted against this agenda item and felt this issue was handled last fall with the following interpretation that the Long Range Committee put out and adding it to the rule book.](#)

“Rule LONG RANGE COMPETITION, E) IBS General Rules and Regulations 7) “any part of the rifle resting there on must maintain a minimum of one-half inch distant from any part of the retainer or container holding the sand bag on which the rifle rests”.

ADD THIS TO CURRENT RULE as the next sentence:

“And this would apply only if the sides of the retainers (bar holding sand bag on the rest, front and back), actually makes contact with the sand bag, this does not apply to the sides. If they (retainers) do not make contact with the sand bag then the ½ inch will be measured from the rifle resting on the sand bag to the bottom of the sand bag sitting on the rest. In no case is the ½ inch rule to be measured from any protruding screws holding down the retainer or bar holding the sand bag on the rest”.

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d. LR_7

Long Range Competition Rules J) 1000 Yard Competition

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- b. Super shoots, state championships, and the Nationals may be sanctioned IBS matches, but results are usually not considered in determining individual club aggregate winners.

Change to: 6) NATIONAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL SHOOTS

- a. **A national championship is held annually at a designated IBS 1000 yard range. The site is rotated among IBS 1000 yard benchrest clubs.**
- b. **Super shoots, state championships, and the Nationals may be sanctioned IBS matches, but results are usually not considered in determining individual club aggregate winners.**
- c/d. **The Nationals championship match will be held by the host club at a date no later than the third weekend in the month of September.**

Justification: Waiting too late in the year to shoot the Nationals will often result in extremely poor weather conditions resulting in an inordinate number of shooters being affected by severe weather conditions. This directly affects the level of competition in a detrimental way which is not the role of the Nationals. It should be direct competition of head to head shooting, not who survives the wind.

Long Range Committee Recommendation:

[Half the committee vote for and half voted against. Those voting against felt this matter was better left up to the Club hosting the Nationals, The Long Range Committee and the IBS VP in charge of match schedules.](#)

e. LR_8

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The site is rotated among IBS 1000 yard Benchrest clubs.

b. Super shoots, state championships, and the Nationals may be sanctioned IBS matches, but results are usually not considered in determining individual club aggregate winners.

c/d/e. All Light Guns will be weighed at National Championships. The host club will insure that all Light Gun participants weigh their Light guns at the completion of their first Light Gun relay of fire.

Justification: Selective enforcement of weighing Light guns is conducive to protests and makes any subsequent attempted disqualification null and void if not all guns are weighed. Selectively weighing is a highly subjective and subject to being called partisan rule enforcement method and an unacceptable practice for a National Championship level competition. "

Long Range Committee Recommendation:

The majority of the committee voted against this agenda item and feels that this is already more than adequately covered in the current rule book under "Tournament Procedures, I inspection of equipment 2,3 and 4

f. LR_12

Agenda Item: Definition of a Relay

Current rule:

*J) 1000 yard Completion-I) course of fire - Heavy Gun/Light Gun
a. Competitors are assigned to relays. Group size and score winners from each relay will compete in respective Shoot-Offs to determine the overall match winners. If a competitor has both the smallest group and highest score in a relay, the smallest group will take precedent, and the competitor with the next highest score will advance to the score Shoot Off.*

Reason and description of proposed change:

This proposal would allow the individual 1000 yard clubs to determine the number of relay targets to be shot and aggregated in a match to determine the shooters that would advance to the shoot offs. This would give the shooters of a club potentially more shooting and allow clubs currently not affiliated with the IBS to affiliate with the IBS and shoot the IBS format in addition to their clubs current affiliation format.

The following rule(s) changes have been proposed:

a. A relay shall consist of a one, two, or three target aggregate, number of targets to be shot for a relay will be determined by the individual Clubs, and submitted with their Match contract and approved by the IBS Match

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Schedule Chairman before the start of their season. Competitors will be assigned to relays by the respective Clubs holding the Match. The shooters will shoot against the same shooters for each of the targets to be included in the aggregate relay. Points awarded under the individual Long Range Marksman and Shooter of the Year programs would be the same regardless of the number of targets shot in a relay. Six and Ten Match aggregates for IBS records would be based solely on the aggregate of all targets shot during that relay. Group size and score winners from each relay will compete in respective Shoot-Offs to determine the overall match winners. If a competitor has both the smallest group and highest score in a relay, the smallest group will take precedent, and the competitor with the next highest score will advance to the score Shoot Off.

Long Range Committee Recommendation:

The majority of the Committee voted no on this agenda item. The sentence “Six and Ten Match aggregates for IBS records would be based solely on the aggregate of all targets shot during that relay”, is too vague and could be interpreted at least two different ways. Both interpretations would be unfair to the shooters. If the wording in that sentence were changed to read “...Based solely on the first target shot in the relay”, the majority of the Committee would support this agenda item.

3. Score Shooting Rule Change Agenda Items

a. SC_1

Change IBS Rulebook Score Shooting D.2) matches to be fired separately with twenty (20) minutes elapsing from end of relay to start of the same relay in the next match, if required by the competitors. Ten (10) minutes allowed to fire five (5) shots, one for each on five (5) record bulls.....

To:

D.2) matches to be fired separately with twenty (20) minutes elapsing from end of relay to start of the same relay in the next match, if required by the competitors. Seven (7) minutes allowed to fire five (5) shots, one for each on five (5) record bulls.....

IBS Score Committee recommends that agenda item not be passed.

b. SC_2

Change IBS Rulebook Score Shooting D.2) matches to be fired separately with twenty (20) minutes elapsing from end of relay to start of the same relay in the next match, if required by the competitors. Ten (10) minutes allowed to fire five (5) shots, one for each on five (5) record bulls.....

To:

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D.2) matches to be fired separately with twenty (20) minutes elapsing from end of relay to start of the same relay in the next match, if required by the competitors. Seven (7) minutes allowed to fire five (5) shots, one for each on five (5) record bulls. At the discretion of the Host Club, except in the hosting of IBS National Championship Tournaments, seven (7) minute matches are allowed and this must be advertised in the shoot program in Precision Shooting magazine or on the IBS Website at least thirty (30) days prior to the Tournament date.

The IBS Score Committee recommends that this agenda item be passed. The committee feels this version would give the Host Clubs an opportunity to try the 7 mminuterelays without mandating it for a full 1 year trial.