



2021 CMP RULES ERRATA

CMP HIGHPOWER RIFLE COMPETITION RULES

2020 CMP Rulebooks were printed in early 2020 shortly before the Covid-19 pandemic caused the cancellation of many 2020 competitions, including the National Matches and most CMP Travel Games. Since the 2020 Rules were not used for a full year of competitions and because the CMP has a large inventory of printed 2020 Rulebooks, the CMP will not publish new 2021 Rulebooks, but will continue to use 2020 Rulebooks with errata sheets that list 2021 rule changes. A limited number of rule changes for the next year were approved by the CMP Rules Committee and those changes that concern CMP Highpower Rifle Rules are listed in this Errata Sheet. To use your printed 2020 Rulebook, note or annotate rules in it with the changes listed in this Errata Sheet.

Updated 2020 & 2021 versions of the ***CMP Highpower Rifle Competition Rules*** are also posted on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>. There you can download the current version of these rules to have an electronic or printed version of them.

CHANGES IN THE 2021 CMP HIGHPOWER RIFLE COMPETITION RULES:

1.2 Open Participation Without Discrimination -- Insert a new Rule 1.2 and renumber Rule 1.0 accordingly:

The CMP is a national shooting sports organization chartered by federal law (Title 36 USC, §40701-40733) and dedicated to promoting gun safety, marksmanship training and marksmanship competitions. CMP competitions and competition events are open to all competitors who comply with the requirements of federal law (see Rules 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3) regardless of their race, sex, age, sexual orientation or disability.

Rule 1.6.3 Sanctioned Match Requirements -- Add a new sub-paragraph c) as follows and renumber existing c) to d):

c) *Provide sufficient qualified competition officials to ensure that the requirements of these rules are properly enforced. Failure to effectively enforce Range Safety Procedures in Rule 3.6 may be grounds for not accepting scores fired in a competition for classification purposes or the awarding of EIC credit points or other CMP awards.*

Rule 2.6.3 a) Civilian Sub-Categories, Junior – Allow Juniors born in 2000 to have one more year of junior eligibility in 2021 (*due to the covid-related cancellation of the 2020 National Matches*).

a) **Junior.** Civilians may compete as Juniors through December 31 of the calendar year in which their 20th birthday occurs. In 2020 and 2021, Juniors must have been born in 2000 or later. Individuals who compete in any Service category may not compete as Juniors.

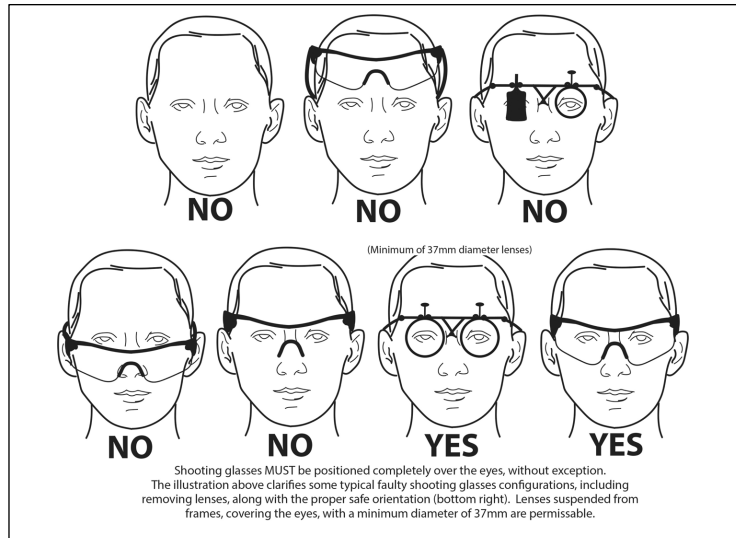
Rule 3.2.7 Verifier -- Add a new requirement to the list of Verifier responsibilities as follows:

d) *Call out the value of each slow-fire shot and rapid-fire total when they are indicated on the target monitor, unless the competitor instructs the Scorer not to call out shot values or scores.*

Rule 3.6.2 Eye and Hearing Protection – delete the existing rule and substitute the following text and diagram:

All competitors and competition officials, including Scorers or Verifiers, are required to wear eye and hearing protection when on shooting range firing lines during highpower rifle firing. Eye protection must have two complete lenses with minimum dimensions in depth and width for each lens of 1.30 in. It is strongly recommended that eyewear worn on firing lines meet or exceed the ANSI Z87.1 safety standard

impact protection. Competitors' eyewear must be worn so that the two lenses remain in front of the eyes during firing (see diagram). No one will be allowed to participate in a CMP-sanctioned competition unless they are wearing eyewear and hearing protection that complies with this rule. Any competitor or match official who is not in compliance with this rule will be warned in accordance with Rule 3.12.2 a). Refusal to comply with a warning is grounds for disqualification.



Rule 3.9.1 Fire in a Match – Change the requirement for being counted as having fired in a match from two to three stages so that this rule agrees with Rule 9.2.6:

Any competitor who fires one or more recorded shots in at least ~~two~~ **three** stages of a match shall be counted as having fired in the match.

Rule 3.10.12 a) Tie-Breaking – delete the two references to “~~(last 10-shot series).~~” In Highpower Rifle, the last stage is usually a 20-shot series; the intent of this rule is to use the last stage score, not the last 10-shot score, unless the last stage is only 10 shots.

Rule 4.1.1 b) ii) M16/AR15-Type Service Rifle – Amend the rule to permit billeted uppers and lowers, provided billeted lowers do not have integral trigger guards.

ii) Billeted uppers and/or lower receivers are ~~not~~ permitted, provided that lower receivers do not have integral trigger guards.

Rule 4.1.3 M14/M1A-Type Service Rifle c) – This rule added left-handed receivers.

c) No alteration or modification may change the external configuration of the rifle, except that left-handed receivers that reverse the operational design features of M14/M1A-type rifles are permitted.

Rule 4.1.3 g) M14/M1A-Type Service Rifle – Amend the rule to allow rifles with optical sights to have an attached cheek pad or cheek-piece.

g) Stock dimensions must comply with original stock dimensions, except that stocks may be no more than 2 inches wide at a point immediately to the rear of the front band, no more than 2.5 inches wide at the front and rear of the receiver, and have a continuous taper from receiver to front band. The width at the receiver may be carried through to the butt plate. If optical sights are used, the attachment of a cheek pad or cheek-piece riser to the butt-stock is permitted if the pad or attached cheek-piece is not orthopedically shaped and is fixed so it cannot be moved or adjusted for different firing positions.

Rule 4.1.3 l) Optical Sights. The rifle may have an optical sight (reflective sights are considered optical sights) with a maximum power of 4.5X installed on the receiver. Variable scopes with a maximum of 4.5X are permitted. Only commercially manufactured scopes that were produced with a maximum magnification of 4.5X and have a maximum objective lens diameter of 34 mm may be used. If an optical sight is used, the same optical sight configuration must be used in all stages of a course of fire (changing sights or sight mount configurations is not permitted). The centerline of an optical sight shall be no higher than 3.5 inches above the centerline of the bore. The use of Optical sights is prohibited in the Springfield M1A Match Course listed in rule 5.9.

Rule 4.1.4 M1 Garand-Type Service Rifle – Allow the use of optical sights on M1 Garands that are fired in Service Rifle Matches (*this does not apply to M1 Garands fired in As-Issued Military Rifle Matches*):

- i) No alteration or modification may change the external configuration of the rifle, except as authorized in 4.1.4 j).
- j) Optical Sights. The rifle may have an optical sight (reflective sights are considered optical sights) with a maximum power of 4.5X installed on the receiver. Variable scopes with a maximum of 4.5X are permitted. Only commercially manufactured scopes that were produced with a maximum magnification of 4.5X and have a maximum objective lens diameter of 34 mm may be used. If an optical sight is used, the same optical sight configuration must be used in all stages of a course of fire (changing sights or sight mount configurations is not permitted). The centerline of an optical sight shall be no higher than 3.5 inches above the centerline of the bore.
- k) Stock dimensions must comply with original stock dimensions. If optical sights are used, the attachment of a cheek pad or cheek-piece riser to the butt-stock is permitted if the pad or attached cheek-piece is not orthopedically shaped and is fixed so it cannot be moved or adjusted for different firing positions.

4.1.3 M14/M1A-Type Service Rifle c) – This rule added left-handed receivers.

c) No alteration or modification may change the external configuration of the rifle, except that left-handed receivers that reverse the operational design features of M14/M1A-type rifles are permitted.

Rule 5.9 Springfield M1A Match Course

The Springfield M1A Match Course is a CMP highpower rifle event that is conducted during the National Matches and may be conducted at CMP National Ranges or Travel Games Matches or in other sanctioned competitions.

Competitors must use the M14/M1A-Type Service Rifle Rule 4.1.3. For this match you must have iron sights in compliance with rule 4.1.3.m. The use of Optical sights is not permitted in the Springfield M1A Match. The use of cheek pieces is prohibited.

Rule 9.2.2 b) EIC Match Eligibility – Amend the rule to authorize one additional EIC match in years when the National Trophy Individual Match is not conducted:

b) A maximum of five (5) CMP-sanctioned EIC matches, except that in years when there is no National Trophy Individual Match, a maximum of six (6) CMP-sanctioned matches may be fired. The scores of any competitor who fires in more than five (5) EIC matches in one calendar year, except as authorized in this rule, will not be counted in determining EIC credit points.

Rule 9.4.2 Criteria for Earning the Distinguished Marksman Badge – This rule was amended to allow Distinguished Rifleman EIC points previously earned to count as Distinguished Marksman EIC points:

CMP F-CLASS AND AR TACTICAL RIFLE MATCHES

Beginning in 2021, the CMP will include F-Class and AR Tactical Rifle Matches in its National Matches Long Range Rifle Matches program. The following rules will be used to govern the conduct of these matches.

Rule 1.5 CMP Recognized Highpower Rifle Events – Add new events as follows:

TABLE 1 – CMP HIGHPOWER RIFLE EVENTS		
Individual Events	Course of Fire	Event Rules
Long Range 1000 Yard Match*	20 shots at 1000 yards, Table 8	Rule 5.10
Long Range Palma Match*	15 shots at 800 yards, 15 shots at 900 yards, 15 shots at 1000 yards, Table 8	Rule 5.11 Rule 5.12
<i>*CMP Long Range courses of fire may be used for Long Range Rifle Matches governed by Rule 5.10, for F-Class Matches governed by Rule 5.11 and for AR Tactical Matches governed by Rule 5.12.</i>		
<u>Mid-Range 3 x 600 Match*</u>	<u>Stages are 2 sighting shots and 20 shots for record in 22 minutes. The 3 x 600 Match is 3 x 20 record shots.</u>	Rule 5.13 Rule 5.14 Rule 5.15
<i>*CMP Mid-Range courses of fire may be used for F-Class Matches governed by Rule 5.13, AR Tactical Matches governed by Rule 5.14 or for Service Rifle Matches governed by Rule 5.15.</i>		

Rule 4.1 CMP Highpower Rifle Rules – Add new rules defining F-Class and AR Tactical Rifles as follows

4.1.6 Long Range Service Rifle

The rifle must be an M110 U. S. Army Service Rifle or a similar AR10-type commercial rifle that is derived from the M16 service rifle design. The rifle must comply with the technical requirements in Rule 4.1.1, except that the rifle must be chambered for the 7.62 x 51 mm NATO (.308) cartridge, integral trigger guards are permitted on these rifles and the maximum diameter of any portion of the barrel forward of the rearward location of the gas block shall not exceed 0.875". The rifle may be equipped with optical sights, maximum 4.5X, in accordance with Rule 4.1.3 I).

4.1.7 F-Class Target Rifle (F-TR)

- The Rifle.** The rifle must be chambered for the 5.56mm x 45mm NATO (.223) or 7.62 x 51mm (.308) cartridge. Rifle chambers may not exceed SAAMI or CIP specifications for these cartridges. Any sights are permitted. Any safe, manually operated trigger is permitted. The maximum weight is 8.25 kg. (18.19 lbs.) when weighed with the bipod, sights, sling (if used) and any attachment. A muzzle brake, compensator or silencer is not allowed.
- Bipod.** The rifle may be fired with a bipod support or sling, but not both. If a bipod is used, it must be attached to the fore-end of the rifle. Bipods may have no more than two legs that rest on the firing point. Bipod legs may be rigid or folding and may be adjustable in length.
- Rear Rest.** The butt of the rifle may not touch the ground during firing. The butt may be supported by a small sandbag, rabbit-eared bag or the competitor's hand. The rear rest may not be attached to the rifle.

4.1.8 F-Class Open Rifle (F-O)

- The Rifle.** The rifle may be chambered for any cartridge up to .35 caliber. The maximum fore-end width is 76 mm (2.99"). Any sights are permitted. The maximum weight is 10 kg. (22.0 lbs.); the rifle must be weighed with sights and any attachments that are fixed to the rifle. The rifle must be fired from the shoulder; rail guns are not allowed. A muzzle brake, compensator or silencer is not allowed.

- b) **Front Rest.** The rifle may be fired with an adjustable front rest. The rest may not provide any mechanical method for returning the rifle to its previous point of aim (this must be done by the competitor). The front rest may have no more than three support points (feet); each support point may have a spike that can be pressed into the ground. The area of contact between the rifle fore-end and the front rest may not exceed 76 mm x 76 mm (2.99" x 2.99"). The use of a table or solid flat surface that extends under both the front and rear rests is prohibited.
- c) **Rear Rest.** The butt of the rifle may not touch the ground during firing. The butt may be supported by a small sandbag, rabbit-eared bag or the competitor's hand. The rear rest may not be attached to the rifle. Mechanical or adjustable rear rests are prohibited.

4.1.9 AR Tactical Rifle

- a) **The Rifle.** The rifle must be an AR-Type (AR platform) rifle chambered for any cartridge with a bullet diameter between 5.56mm (.223) and 7.62mm (.308). The maximum barrel length is 20.0 in. The minimum trigger pull weight is 4.5 lbs. Any sights are permitted; optical sights may not exceed 15X; if a variable scope is used its magnification may be taped at 15X or less. The butt-stock and cheek-piece must be symmetrical (ambidextrous) and in line with the centerline of the bore. Tactical stocks that allow length of pull and cheek-piece height adjustments are permitted. Butt-plates must be vertical (perpendicular to the centerline of the bore) and may be adjusted for height. If the stock has a pistol grip, it may not have a hand rest or orthopedic grip and may not extend more than 6.0 in. below the centerline of the bore. A muzzle brake, compensator or silencer is not allowed. The maximum weight is 14 lbs. when weighed with sights, sling (if used) and bi-pod.
- b) **Front Rest.** The rifle may be equipped with a tactical front rest or bipod or a field-expedient front rest consisting of a backpack or range bag may be used.
- c) **Rear Rest.** A bag without ears or special shaping may be used.

Rule 4.6.4 F-Class Targets – Add new rules defining targets for F-Class competitions:

The following targets are used for CMP F-Class courses of fire (Rules 5.11 and 5.13).

- a) **600-Yard MR-1FC Target.** Standard U.S. Army Mid-Range (MR) (600 yards or meters) competitive rifle target with the X, 10, 9, 8 and 7 rings black. The NRA MR-1 target may be used.

X-ring	3.00 in.	7-ring	24.00 in.
10-ring	6.00 in.	6-ring	30.00 in.
9-ring	12.00 in.	5-ring	36.00 in.
8-ring	18.00 in.	Aiming black	36.00 in.

- b) **800, 900 and 1000-Yard LRFC Target.** The target is used for long range shooting at 800, 900 and 1000 yards.

X-ring	5.00 in.	7-ring	44.00 in.
10-ring	10.00 in.	Aiming black	44.00 in.
9-ring	20.00 in.	6-ring	60.00 in.
8-ring	30.00 in.		

Rule 5.1.4 Supported Prone Position – add a new rule defining the firing position.

For the F-Class or AR Tactical Matches (Rules 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14) competitors may fire in a supported prone position. The rifle fore-end may be supported with a bipod (Rule 4.1.7 or 4.1.9) or front rest (Rule 4.1.8). The butt-stock may not rest on the ground but may be supported by a rear rest as defined by Rules 4.1.7 or 4.1.9 or 4.1.8. Rifles must be fired from the competitor's shoulder.

Rules 5.11, 5.12, 5.13 and 5.14 CMP F-Class and AR Tactical Long Range and Mid-Range Matches – Add new match and course of fire definitions as follows:

5.11 CMP F-Class Long Range Matches

CMP F-Class Long Range Matches are CMP Highpower Rifle events that are conducted during the National Matches or in other CMP-sanctioned competitions.

- a) **Rifle.** In accordance with the Match Program, competitors may use the F-TR Rifle (Rule 4.1.7) or the F-Open Rifle (Rule 4.1.8).
- b) **Course of Fire.** F-Class Long Range Matches may use either the 1000-Yard Match course or the Palma Match course (see Table 8 above).
- c) **Target.** The 800, 900 and 1000-Yard LRFC target (Rule 4.6.4 b).
- d) **Competition Conditions.** Competitors may fire in a supported prone position with the rifle supported by a bipod or front rest and a rear rest as defined by Rule 5.1.4 or they may fire in a prone position with a sling as defined by Rule 5.1.3.

5.12 CMP AR Tactical Rifle Long Range Matches

CMP AR-Tactical Matches are CMP Highpower Rifle events that may be conducted during the National Matches or in other CMP-sanctioned competitions.

- a) **Rifles.** Competitors must use the AR-Tactical Rifle as defined by Rule 4.1.9.
- b) **Course of Fire.** AR Tactical Rifle Long Range Matches may use either the 1000-Yard Match course or the Palma Match Course (see Table 8 above).
- c) **Target.** The 800, 900 and 1000-Yard LRFC target (Rule 4.6.4 b).
- d) **Competition Conditions.** Competitors may fire in a supported prone position with their rifle supported by a bipod and rear rest as defined by Rule 5.1.4 or they may fire in a prone position with a sling as defined by Rule 5.1.3.

5.13 CMP F-Class Mid-Range Matches

CMP F-Class Mid-Range Matches are CMP Highpower Rifle events that may be conducted during the National Matches or in other CMP-sanctioned competitions.

- a) **Rifles.** In accordance with the Match Program, competitors may use the F-TR Rifle (Rules 4.1.7) or the F-Open Rifle (Rule 4.1.8).
- b) **Course of Fire.** F-Class Mid-Range Matches may use a 600 yard 20-shot course of fire (Table 5, 2 sighting shots and 20 record shots in 22 minutes) or the 3 x 600 Match course of fire.
- c) **Target.** 600-Yard MR-1FC Target (Rule 4.6.4 b).
- d) **Competition Conditions.** Competitors must fire in a supported prone position with the rifle supported by a bipod or front rest and a rear rest as defined by Rule 5.1.4 or they may fire in a prone position with a sling as defined by Rule 5.1.3.

5.14 CMP AR Tactical Rifle Mid-Range Matches

CMP AR-Tactical Mid-Range Matches are CMP Highpower Rifle events that may be conducted during the National Matches or in other CMP-sanctioned competitions.

- a) **Rifles.** Competitors must use the AR-Tactical Rifle as defined by Rule 4.1.9.
- b) **Course of Fire.** AR Tactical Rifle Mid-Range Matches may use a 600 yard 20-shot course of fire (Table 5, 2 sighting shots and 20 record shots in 22 minutes) or the 3 x 600 Match course of fire.
- c) **Target.** MR target (Rule 4.6.4 a).
- d) **Competition Conditions.** Competitors may fire in a supported prone position with their rifle supported by a bipod and rear rest as defined by Rule 5.1.4 or they may fire in a prone position with a sling as defined by Rule 5.1.3.

5.15 CMP Service Rifle Mid-Range Matches

CMP Service Rifle Mid-Range Matches are CMP Highpower Rifle events that may be conducted during the National Matches or in other CMP-sanctioned competitions.

- a) **Rifles.** Competitors must use the Service Rifle as defined by Rule 4.1.
- b) **Course of Fire.** CMP Service Rifle Mid-Range Matches may use a 600 yard 20-shot course of fire (Table 5, 2 sighting shots and 20 record shots in 22 minutes) or the 3 x 600 Match course of fire.
- c) **Target.** MR target (Rule 4.6.4 a).
- d) **Competition Conditions.** Competitors may fire in a regular prone position with a sling as defined by Rule 5.1.3.