

Changes in 2023 CMP Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules:

- **F-Class Rules.** The biggest change in the 5th Edition CMP Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules is the addition of rules for Smallbore Rifle F-Class competition. A small group of competitors competed in provisional F-Class smallbore rifle events during the 2022 CMP Smallbore Prone Championship at Camp Perry. F-Class will now be part of the CMP Smallbore Rifle Program.
- **5.3. F-Class Smallbore Rifles.** Two types of F-Class rifle front supports are recognized, a front rest (F-O, Open Rifle) or a bipod (F-TR, Target Rifle). Non-mechanical rear rests are authorized.
- **5.6.1. Ammunition.** F-Class events are limited to rimfire ammunition loaded with 40-grain bullets.
- **6.1.4. Supported Prone Position.** The firing position authorized for F-Class shooting.
- **6.2. 100-Yard International Target.** This is the 300 m ISSF target reduced for use in F-Class 100-yard events.
- **6.2.4. Target Hanging Procedures.** A new rule prohibits the use of distinctive colored target clips as a means of distinguishing their target (competitors should use their target numbers).
- **6.3.5. Wind Flags.** Wind flag height must correspond with bullets' flight paths.
- **6.4. Table 3.** The 3-position course of fire was changed in 2022 to be the same as the new ISSF 3x20 course of fire.
- **6.4. Table 4.** A new Alternative Events Aggregate with one 40 shots at 50 m stage, one 60 shots at 50 yards stage and one 60 shots at 100 yards stage is added to the Table 4 chart showing Smallbore Rifle Prone Events. This aggregate is designed for use on ranges with electronic targets. This aggregate event will be used during the 2023 National Matches Smallbore Rifle Championship.
- **6.4. Table 5.** The F-Class 160-shot course of fire provides for 40 shots at 50 yards on the ISSF reduced 50 m target, 40 shots at 50 m on the old A-50 metric target, a combined 50 and 100 yard 40-shot event and 40 shots at 100 yards on the 100-yard international target (see Rule 6.2).
- **6.4.8. F-Class Procedures.** F-Class firing procedures provide for 5- or 2-min. pre-prep and 3-min. preparation periods, followed by unlimited sighting shots with each record fire stage.
- **7.9 and 7.10. Competition Procedures, Electronic Targets.** These procedures were included in the previous edition of this rulebook, but they are highlighted here because the CMP plans to have electronic targets in place at Camp Perry during the 2023 National Matches. In prone but not three-position events, competitors will be allowed to switch back to sighting shots during record firing. 40-shot prone events can be fired without a break, but an extra five minutes is provided in the rules to allow competitors who would like to do so to

take a break during these events. Target aiming masks provided for any sight stages will have an aiming mark inscribed on them.

- **7.12.9. Disclaimed Shot.** Procedures for handling disclaimed shots are provided.
- **11.3.3. EIC Match Limitations.** The ISSF's change in the basic smallbore three-position course of fire from 120 to 60 shots necessitated a change in the number of EIC credit matches in which competitors can participate in one year. The three-position limit is one 120-shot 2-day aggregate at the National Matches and four regular 60-shot (3x20) EIC events. The prone limits are two 320-shot 2-day aggregates at the National Matches and eight 160-shot one-day prone matches.
- **11.3.5 Three-Position EIC Credit Points.** The traditional 10-8-6 EIC credit point system is used for 50m Three-Position EIC Matches.
- **11.3.6 Prone EIC Credit Points.** Since prone competitors are allowed to compete in twice as many EIC Matches, prone EIC Matches award 5-4-3 EIC credit points.
- **11.4.2. Distinguished Marksman 10-Point Legs.** The traditional provision that National Trophy Matches legs are all worth 10 points is also being applied to the Distinguished Marksman program for competitors with disabilities.
- **11.5. Distinguished International Shooter Badge.** Regulations for this prestigious badge were revised earlier in 2022 in order to adapt these regulations to ISSF rule changes that increased World Championship opportunities and proliferated team events. International Distinguished regulations now give priority to Olympic individual and mixed-team events. Further changes in 2023 are not anticipated.