

CHANGES IN 2023 CMP HIGHPOWER RIFLE COMPETITION RULES

11 June 2023 Update

- **1.5/Table 1. CMP Highpower Rifle Events.** A Mid-Range 300-500-600 course of fire is added.
- **2.6.3. Grand Senior Category.** The Grand Senior category was added to the Highpower Rifle rules.
- **2.6.9. National Trophy Teams.** State National Trophy Rifle Teams (6 firing members) may have a maximum of two members who are from adjoining states that do not enter teams in the competition.
- **2.8.1. New Shooter Definition.** Starting in 2023, Civilian National Trophy Team members will now be permitted to retain new shooter eligibility for two years (formerly one year). This rule will not be retroactive to past new shooters except that a competitor who fired as a new shooter in 2022 will be eligible to fire as a new shooter one additional year and a competitor who fired as a new shooter prior to 2022 who has not fired in any subsequent National Trophy Team Matches in that event may fire as a new shooter one additional time. A former military competitor who only competed in one NTT Match would be eligible to shoot one additional time as a Civilian new shooter.
- **3.2.11. Spectators and Media.** A new rule encouraging the accommodation of spectators and media at competitions was added. It spells out limitations on their actions.
- **3.8.1 & 3.8.2. Pre-Preparation and Preparation Periods.** Rules defining the pre-prep and preparation periods are added.
- **3.9.3 c). Interruptions.** If interruptions lead to competitors getting out of position, the CRO may authorize additional preparation time before resuming firing.
- **3.12.3./Table 2. Rifle Achievement Awards.** Cut scores are revised, based on 2022 National Match results.
- **4.1.1 g). Magazines.** Altering M16/AR magazines by opening the front of the magazine to accommodate slightly longer bullets is authorized.
- **4.1.1 j) M16/AR15 Service Rifle External Appearance.** New language provides a standard for evaluating minor alterations in the “*general overall external appearance*” of M16/AR rifles. Minor alterations created by the installation of after-market products for these rifles that have trigger configuration and trigger guard variations or slightly different external appearances (i.e., no walk pins, etc.) will generally be approved under this revised criteria. Such minor alterations may be approved provided, that they 1) do not provide an unfair advantage, 2) fulfill rifle functionality requirements and 3) “generally meet M16 external dimension specifications. This change gives match officials “*reasonable flexibility*” in evaluating after-market products designed for these rifles.

- **4.5.8 Electronic Devices.** *See rule interpretation below.*
- **4.6.2. j) & k). Targets.** The new 300-500-600 Yard Mid-Range course will be fired on MR targets. A rule defining reduced MR targets for 300 and 500 yards is added.
- **5.2.3 c). Rapid-Fire Loading, CMP Cup Match Events.** The Rapid-fire loading procedure for CMP Cup Matches is not changed, but it is clarified.
- **5.4. Rifle National Match Course, Table 4.** This rule is rewritten so that the Highpower Rifle National Match Course can be programmed as a National Trophy Match, EIC Match, sanctioned Service Rifle Match (with no sighters and starting rapid-fire from standing) or as a CMP Cup Match (with sighters and starting rapid fire in position). Allowing the firing of this course as a CMP Cup Match is new.
- **5.7.4 f). Team Matches.** When Long-Range team events are fired, a time limit of 47 minutes for two team members will apply. In these events, team members may pair fire or fire in succession.
- **5.9. Long Range Matches, Table 7.** Additional details regarding the application of Palma Rules were added for events that are restricted to Palma rifles. A provision authorizing the CRO to optionally use block time that combines the preparation time and firing time was added.
- **5.12. Mid-Range Courses, Table 8.** Details regarding the new 300/500/600 Mid-Range course of fire (event) are added to the Table defining Mid-Range Courses.
- **9.4 b). Distinguished Marksman Badge.** A provision allowing authorized and eligible Distinguished Marksman Badge competitors to earn 10-EIC credit points if they shoot a qualifying score during the National Matches National Trophy Individual event is added.

Rule Interpretation Regarding Scope Cameras. The CMP has received inquiries regarding whether spotting scope cameras that transmit images from spotting scopes to separate cell phones, tablets or other handheld devices are legal for use during Highpower Rifle competitions. Competitors may not use such devices or systems on the firing line. Rule H4.5.8 limits how cell phones, tablets, and other handheld devices may be used during competitions. Displaying spotting scope images is not a permitted use. This rule also prohibits the use of such devices to “*communicate with other electronic devices or systems.*”