

Summary of Changes in the 15th Edition 2024-2026 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules

This document provides a list of changes that are incorporated into the **15th Edition 2024-2026 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules (3PAR Rules)**. The new rulebooks were issued in September 2024, but coaches and athletes should note that the ISSF Rules for the next 2025-2028 Olympic cycle have not yet been decided or released. The National Council strives, to the extent possible, to keep **3PAR Rules** aligned with ISSF Rules so if there are new ISSF rules that are substantially different from these rules, an updated version of these rules will be released. Changes in the 2024-2026 **3PAR Rules** include:

Rule 3.4.5. The recommended start date for the New Shooter Category is changed from 1 April to 1 August. This coincides with the start of the school year.

Rule 4.2.1 c). The maximum cost for Sporter Class air rifles is increased from \$650 to \$700. This change considers the impact of inflation since the \$650 maximum was set.

Rule 4.3.1 d). The prohibition against rolling or bunching sleeves to place additional layers of material under the arm is strengthened (it's not legal).

Rule 4.4. New ISSF precision air rifle rule language is incorporated into this rule. Some rifle dimension measurements are updated to comply with current ISSF rules.

Rule 4.5.2. New language conforms to a new ISSF rifle sight rule.

Rule 4.7.7. Headgear can now touch the rear sight if it is made of "flexible material."

Rule 5.1.3 f). The standing position rule is updated to conform to new ISSF language.

Rule 5.1.4. Visually impaired athletes (VI) are authorized to compete, essentially under WSPS standards that apply to SH2 athletes.

Rule 5.3.1. The old prone-standing-kneeling position order has now been eliminated. The international standard kneeling-prone-standing firing order is already used in 90% of all 3PAR competitions. Since the K-P-S firing order is the international standard, it should also be the **3PAR Rules** standard. A provision for match programs to include a special sighting-in time before beginning a match course of fire is added in case a 3PAR match includes beginners who truly have not had opportunities to sight in their rifles.

Rule 8.6.1 e). A tie-breaking rule for decimal scoring is added. More 3PAR matches are now using decimal scoring for 3x10 and 3x20 events so this provision is essential.

The following special program regulations were reinserted into the rulebook:

Appendix A Three-Position Air Rifle for Adults

Appendix B National Three-Position Air Rifle Council Programs

Appendix C Junior EIC Award Program (Virtual EIC matches have now been deleted because this was a covid era program that is no longer necessary.)

The following documents are not in the rulebook, but are available for downloading from the CMP website at: <https://thecmp.org/youth/air/national-standard-three-position-air-rifle-rules/>.

- Summary of Rule Changes in the 2024-2026 Rulebook
- Team Entry and Eligibility Declaration Form
- Sanctioning Matches (Instructions and Forms)
- Firing Procedures and Range Officer Commands (Range Officer Scripts for the following:)
 - 3x10 & 3x20 Courses of Fire
 - Standing (60 shot) Course of Fire
 - 3x10 & 3x20 Courses on Ranges with automated procedures
 - Standard Final
 - One Position Start-from-Zero Final
 - Three-Position Start-from-Zero Final

If anyone has questions or comments regarding the ***National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules***, they should contact the **NATIONAL COUNCIL RULES HOTLINE** by calling 419-635-2141, ext. 702 or 731, or via email at 3PAR@TheCMP.org.