

## **Competitor Quick Reference Guide For USARB Benchrest Shoots**

The following information is taken from USARB rules for sanctioned air rifle competitions. This competitor guide explains how obvious scoring errors, protest procedure and competitor responsibility for corrective action.

The official WRABF Rule Book for 2013-2021 is available for inspection: **contact the match director.**

**The competition shall be conducted in accordance with 2013-2021 World & European Rimfire & Air Rifle Benchrest Rules. With respect to the requirement to generally follow WRABF rules, attending USARB Board Designate or Match Director is empowered to address and agree to any specific exceptions deemed practical and appropriate for 25-yard indoor benchrest matches.**

### **Benchrest Shooting Etiquette**

Looking at WRABF rule (Section c.18 Sportsmanship) governing competitor conduct during the firing of a match. All competitors should adhere to the following protocols.

Shooters shall remain silent and not speak or converse with each other after the 'fire command' except in the case of an emergence. Cell phone ringers shall be in the 'off position'. If done shooting before the 'cease fire' command, a shooter will remain seated and not handle their equipment or refill their rifle. Please do not distract those who are shooting.

## Obvious Scoring Error

Where a competitor considers an **obvious error** has been made (**wrong value assigned to shot, score calculation mistake, FM, FMX or cross fire**) a request can be made of the Target Scorer to view the target to have the matter resolved.

**In the case of a close call where there is doubt, the competitor can submit a protest in accordance with the Protest Procedures with the appropriate fee.**

The **protest committee** includes **match scorer, USARB delegate, match director and one competitor**. They are responsible for **all re-scoring**. The **aggrieved shooter** is not a participant in the re-scoring.

In a **crossfire situation**, it is the responsibility of **the shooter who crossfires to immediately advise the match director of such an event** and then shoots the balance of their shots on their own target.

The **cross-firing shooter** will be **penalized 5 points for each cross-fire shot**.

**An Obvious Error** must be presented to the **host club scorer or match director** within **30 minutes** of the shooter receiving their target cards.

## Protest Process

### **Protest Committee:**

It is the responsibility of the Meet Director to arrange a Protest Committee to hear **scoring** grievance raised by a competitor.

The Protest Committee shall consist of the Meet Director, scorer and one competitor appointed by the Meet Director. Appointed committee members term is for the duration of the Meet. Protesting competitors cannot be Protest Committee members.

## **Making a Protest**

**All Protests are written on the back of the target card with a \$1.00 Protest fee per grievance target.** If more than one target on a card is protested there is a \$1.00 fee per target.

In the event of successful protest, the fee will be refunded. If protest is denied, the Protest Committee retains the fee.

When the scorer releases target cards to each competitor, scores are considered posted and **protests must be made within 30 minutes.**

## **Decisions of Protest Committee**

Decisions of the Protest Committee are final and binding and there is no provision for appeal of such decisions.

### **Reference:**

**These rules are based on World Benchrest Rules with modification to fit USARB sanctions. See World Benchrest Rules C-14, C-15, C-16, E.9, E.10, E.12, E.12.2, C5, C8a, c, d, f, g, C9a and 9b.**

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