

3-GUN NATION REGIONAL SERIES RULES January 2015 *L.Turner / R.Romero*

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Competitors must be members of 3GN to compete in a Regional Event.

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1.0 SAFETY RULES

1.1 It is the competitors' responsibility to read and understand the rules set forth by **3-Gun Nation (3GN)** and agree to be subject to these rules while participating in any **3GN** event.

1.2 All 3GN Produced Events will be run on **COLD RANGES**.

1.2.1 COLD RANGE (definition): Competitors' firearms must remain unloaded at the event site except under the direct supervision of an event official.

1.3 Designated Safe Areas

1.3.1 The Safe Areas will be clearly marked with signs.

1.3.2 Unloaded firearms may be handled and or displayed in Safe Areas only.

1.3.3 Ammunition and loaded firearms must not be handled in any Safe Area. This includes loaded magazines and live or dummy rounds. However, boxes of ammo may be handled as long as they remain closed. *(Rule 2.13)*

1.4 Transporting Rifle, Shotgun and Pistol (from vehicle or between stages)

1.4.1 Rifles & shotguns must be cased or if hand carried or slung, the muzzle must be pointed up. Using carts where the muzzles are pointed downward are approved. Pistols carried between stages must be cased or remain in the holster.

1.4.2 Rifles & Shotguns must be transported with actions open, detachable magazines removed, tubes unloaded, with an inserted chamber safety flag. **Actions can only be "closed" on an inserted chamber safety flag.**

1.4.3 A course of fire will never require or allow a competitor to touch or hold ammunition or a firearm loading device after the "Standby" command and before the "Start Signal" *(except for unavoidable contact with the arms)*

1.4.4 During a course of fire a competitor may handle more than one firearm at a time, however neither firearm may be discharged until one is re-holstered or safely grounded. Violation of this rule will result in a match DQ. *(Rule 2.5, 2.25)*

All safety rules apply while handling two firearms at the same time.

1.5 GROUNDING FIREARMS

1.5 a) Abandoned Firearm Definition:

Any firearm left in a **DESIGNATED** container, in an **UNDESIGNATED** location (on a table, on top of a barrel etc.) or at a **STIPULATED** start position in any condition, unless the muzzle is breaking the 180-degree Safety Plane (*Rule 2.5*)

1.5 b) Grounded Firearm Definition:

A firearm will not be considered grounded until another firearm is discharged. You are permitted to go back and rectify incorrectly abandoned firearms left in an incorrect condition or location until the next firearm is discharged. Any firearm that has been **GROUNDING** can no longer be used in the course of fire. You will be allowed to go back, retrieve an **ABANDONED** firearm and re-engage targets. A re-holstered pistol **IS NOT** considered grounded, but a pistol abandoned in a designated container will be considered grounded after the next firearm is discharged.

1.5.1 During the course of fire, a competitor may be required to ground a firearm in order to transition to another. Designated containers designed to safely accommodate grounded firearms shall be specified in the written stage briefing. (*Rule 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 3.12*)

1.5.1a If a Pistol is to be grounded, it must be placed into the small designated containers only.

However, if a pistol is grounded in the **incorrect designated container**, the following penalties or match DQ will apply. (*Rule 2.4.1a, 2.4.1b, 2.4.2b, 3.12*)

1.5.1b If Rifles or Shotguns are to be grounded, they must be placed into the large designated containers only.

There are two acceptable safe methods to ground a firearm.

1.5.1.1 Safety Condition One "Loaded with Safety Engaged"

1.5.1.1.1 Pistols with **ANY** type of manual safety lever must be engaged to satisfy the "loaded on safe" condition regardless of passive safeties.

1.5.1.1.2 Pistols without a manual safety **MUST** have passive safeties in **OPERATIONAL** condition; this will satisfy the safety engaged requirement. A "Passive Safety" is a safety that engages automatically and disables the firearm from discharging while the firearm is not being handled. "Safe Action" striker safeties or "Passive Trigger Safeties" fall under this ruling. "Operational" means: *The safety operates correctly as intended. It must not be altered or disabled in a way that while not being handled, the safety features can no longer prevent the firearm from discharging.*

1.5.1.1.3 If the pistol has no manual safety and the only manual lever is a de-cocking mechanism, it must be engaged and the hammer must be de-cocked to satisfy the safety engaged condition.

1.5.1.2 Safety Condition Two "Empty Chamber"

1.5.1.2.1 Empty chamber, with no live rounds in the feed tube or the magazine removed.

1.5.1.2.2 Empty chamber, slide/bolt locked open with loaded feed tube or loaded magazine inserted.

1.5.1.2.3 Empty chamber, slide/bolt forward with a loaded feed tube or loaded magazine inserted.

Exception: Spent round in the chamber constitutes an empty chamber.

1.5.2 Re-holstering a loaded pistol. A course of fire will never require a competitor to re-holster a pistol after the start signal. However, a competitor may re-holster provided this is accomplished safely as per Rules 1.5.1.1, 1.5.1.2, 1.5.1.3

2.0 DISQUALIFICATIONS

A Disqualification (DQ) will result in complete disqualification from the event and the competitor will not be allowed to continue. The competitor will not be eligible for prizes.

2.1 Safety violations will not be subject to arbitration.

2.2 A Range Officer must stop a competitor who causes a negligent discharge as soon as possible.

Disqualification for a Negligent Discharge, this includes slam-fires.

Definitions of a Negligent Discharge:

2.2.1 A shot which travels over a backstop, a berm or in any other direction deemed by the event organizers to be unsafe. (*PLEASE NOTE: a competitor who legitimately fires a shot at a target, which hits and then travels in an unsafe direction, through ricochet or bounce will not be disqualified*)

2.2.2 A shot that strikes the ground less than 10 feet from the competitor, except when shooting at a target that is placed closer than 10 feet from the competitor. The shooter will be stopped. The position that the shooter was in will be marked

as well as the impact point. Until a ruling is made, no one shall walk the stage or the area where the violation occurred.

2.2.2.1 Exception: A bullet or shot which strikes the ground within 10 feet of the competitor due to a "squib" shall not be subject to *Rule 2.2*.

2.2.2.2 If the Range Officer determines that the bullet or shot would have struck the ground within 10 feet of the competitor had it not been deflected or stopped by a prop, the provisions of *Rule 2.2.2* shall apply.

2.2.3 A shot which occurs while loading, reloading or unloading a firearm after the "**Make Ready**" command and before the "**Range is Clear**" command.

2.2.4 A shot that occurs during remedial action in the case of a malfunction.

2.2.5 A shot that occurs while transferring a firearm between hands.

2.2.6 A shot that occurs during movement, except while actually shooting at targets.

2.2.6.1 Exception: A **detonation** which occurs while unloading a firearm is not considered a shot or discharge and is not subject to DQ. However, *Rule 5.1* may apply. **Definition of a Detonation:** *Ignition of the primer of a round, other than by the action of a firing pin, where the bullet or shot does not pass completely through the barrel.(e.g. when a slide is being manually retracted or when a round is dropped).*

2.3 A competitor shall be disqualified for dropping or losing control of a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, at anytime after the "Make Ready" command and before the "Range is Clear" command is issued. This includes any firearm, loaded or unloaded, that falls after being grounded during the course of fire.

2.3.1 Exception: *Dropping an unloaded firearm before the "Make Ready" command or after the "Range is Clear" command will not result in disqualification, provided the firearm is retrieved by an Event Official ONLY.*

2.4 Grounding of Firearms DQ Applications:

2.4.1 Disqualification Apply to:

a) Grounding a firearm in the **incorrect** designated container or stipulated allowable location and the muzzle of the firearm has broken the 180 degree safety plane will result in a match DQ.

b) Grounding a firearm in the **incorrect** designated container or stipulated allowable location and the competitor **DOES** move downrange / in front of the firearm, regardless of the condition, will result in a match DQ.

2.4.2 Disqualification Does Not Apply to:

a) Grounding a firearm in the **correct** designated container or stipulated allowable location and the safety is not engaged, is not a match DQ. (*Rule 3.12 +10 Sec Penalty*)

b) Grounding a firearm in an **incorrect** designated container or stipulated allowable location and the competitor **DOES NOT** move downrange / in front of the firearm, regardless of the safety condition, is not a match DQ. (*Rule 3.12 +20 Sec Penalty*) **Exemption:** *Firearm was NEVER touched or handled in the COF; it was left in the original stipulated start location and the competitor DID NOT move downrange / in front of the firearm. There will be no penalty assessed.*

2.5 A competitor shall be disqualified for allowing the muzzle of a firearm to break the 180 Degree Safety Plane, except while holstered, drawing or re-holstering. (*Rule 2.4.2b)(also see Rule 2.23)*

Definition of the 180 Degree Safety Plane: *The plane defined by an arc both horizontal and vertical that is created when the competitor is standing facing squarely downrange and parallel to, the designated backstop used on the bay to define the 180 safety line on that particular stage. Any muzzle position that points backward toward the mouth of the bay away from the designated 180 safety line is an infraction of Rule 2.5.*

2.6 A stage may span two bays, during the course of fire, a competitor **IS** allowed to transition between the two bays with a holstered or drawn pistol, loaded shotgun or rifle, **UNLESS** it is specifically forbidden in the **Written Stage Briefing** (WSB) due to safety concerns. A violation of this action **WILL** result in a match DQ.

2.7 A competitor shall be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct, which includes, but is not limited to cheating.

2.7.1 Intentionally altering targets prior to the target being scored to gain advantage or to avoid penalties.

2.7.2 Altering or falsifying score sheets or data in electronic scoring devices.

2.7.3 Altering the configuration of firearms to gain an advantage (*Rule 5.3, 5.4*)

2.7.4 Altering the course of fire. (i.e., moving props and or targets) This includes, but is not limited to, the repositioning or altering of targets, no-shoots, barriers, barrels, walls, tables, grounding containers, fault lines, painted markings, banners, trees, bushes or anything else deemed by match officials to create an unfair advantage.

2.8 Discharging or **“BURNING”** the last round(s) to empty the chamber or unload a firearm is admissible, but it must be pointed in a safe direction. Long guns **MUST** be fired from the shoulder. Competitors’ failing to keep long guns shouldered while “BURNING” any round(s) is considered a Negligent Discharge and **WILL** result in a match DQ. (*Rule 2.2.3, 2.2.6*)

2.9 Pistol and rifle cartridges must fire a single projectile only. Violators will be deemed as cheating and shall be subject to a match DQ. (*Rule 4.3*)

2.10 Use of steel shot **IS** considered a Safety Violation and **WILL** result in a match DQ. (*Rule 4.1*)

2.11 Engaging any steel target with rifle, not designated as a rifle target in the written stage briefing (WSB) is subject to DQ. (*Rule 8.5, 8.6*)

2.12 Any competitor found with a magazine inserted in their pistol or rifle or rounds loaded in the shotgun, while not under the direct supervision of a range official, shall be escorted to a safe area to check the loaded condition. If the magazine, tube or chamber is found to be loaded, the competitor will be subject to a match DQ. ***Shotgun pre-loading at the beginning of a stage, under R.O. supervision, is exempt.*** (*Rule 1.2.1*)

2.13 Handling loaded magazines, live or dummy rounds or a loaded firearm in a Safe Area will result in a match DQ. ***Exemption: Closed boxes of ammo may be handled*** (*Rule 1.3.3*)

2.14 A competitor who **intentionally** loses or displaces eye or ear protection during a course of fire will **nullify** the provisions of **Rule 11.3** and shall be deemed to be cheating and will be subject to a match DQ. (*Rule 4.3*)

2.15 Threatening or assaulting other competitors or staff personnel, using abusive language or hostile behavior toward a competitor, Range Officer, Range Master, Match Director, Match Staff or Range Venue Staff, will result in a match DQ. (*Rule 2.7*) Disqualification for this type of conduct shall result in immediate ejection from the match venue property.

2.16 Disruptive behavior from a competitor, in an attempt to disturb or distract other competitors that are shooting a course of fire, will result in a match DQ. (*Rule 2.7*)

Disruptive behavior from a spectator in an attempt to disturb or distract competitors that are shooting a course of fire, shall result in their immediate ejection from the match venue property.

2.17 Competitors must not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs at the event site. Violators will be directed to stop shooting, issued a match DQ and must leave the range. However, a competitor found to be impaired and deemed unsafe as a result of legitimate prescription drugs shall only be directed to stop shooting, no DQ. The competitor, at the Match Directors discretion, may be allowed to resume competition, if judged to be fit to return.

2.17.1 If a competitor is deemed by match staff to be unsafe, due to a medical condition, erratic behavior, an injury that impairs their ability to continue competing safely, or is deemed to be unsafe to themselves or others around them, shall be directed to stop shooting, no DQ. The final decision shall be at the sole discretion of the Match Director.

2.18 Disqualifications will be finalized by the Range Master or the Match Director only.

2.19 Refusal to submit to a rule compliant inspection of any or all equipment that a competitor is using during the match will result in a match DQ. (*Rule 2.7*)

2.20 Refusal to submit to an inspection of a pre-loaded shotgun will result in a match DQ. (*Rule 3.8*)

2.21 Designated containers are utilized to safely ground firearms. They are not considered a stage prop. If a competitor shoots a designated grounding container in the process of **abandoning** or **grounding** a firearm or if it **already contains** a firearm, this action will result in a match DQ. (*For the purpose of this rule, the term “shoot” means that a competitor fires any projectile, bullet, pellet or slug, that strikes the container*)

2.21.1 Designated grounding containers, staging tables or any other prop at the starting position, are not to be used as support for steadying the firearm for a shot. (*Rule 3.4, 13.5*)

2.22 Engaging aerial clay(s) with a slug(s) will result in a match DQ.

2.23 Having a holstered pistol with a live round in the chamber while in the prone position will result in a match DQ. *(This includes prone at the start position or after re-holstering during the course of fire)*

2.24 Finger inside the trigger guard: The competitor's fingers must be visibly outside the trigger guard when moving, loading, reloading or unloading during a course of fire and while clearing a malfunction.

Failure to comply with Verbal Warnings will result in a Match DQ. *(Rule 12.8.1)*

Finger Exceptions: *When actually aiming or shooting at targets or while complying with the "Make Ready" command to lower the hammer of a pistol without a de-cocking lever.*

2.25 During a course of fire, a competitor "is allowed" to handle more than one firearm at a time, however neither firearm may be discharged until one is either re-holstered or safely grounded. Violation of this rule will result in a match DQ. *(Rule 1.4.4, 2.5)*

3.0 PENALTIES INDEX

3.1 Additional +5 Seconds: Foot faults, a competitor who fires shots while any part of their body is touching the ground or while stepping on an object beyond a Shooting Box or a Fault Line, or who gains support or stability through contact with an object which is wholly beyond and not attached to a Shooting Box or Fault Line, will receive one procedural penalty for each occurrence. However, if the competitor has gained a significant advantage on any target(s) while faulting, may instead be assessed one procedural penalty for each shot fired at the subject target(s) while faulting. A competitor commits a foot fault if any part of their body comes in contact with a rope fault line while firing a shot. A competitor can only receive a maximum of 4 foot fault penalties (20 seconds) per stage. When possible, the CRO will issue an audible "**FOOT**" warning and then begin assessing penalties. *(Rule 12.8.3)*

3GN will at every opportunity make the foot path wide enough and target presentation open enough to not require the shooter to touch or stretch a raised rope fault line. Ground fault line will be used wherever possible to discourage these penalties wherever terrain allows.

3.2 Additional +5 Seconds: May be assessed for failing to follow stage procedures.

3.3 Additional +5 Seconds: Shall be assessed for failure to start in the position indicated in the Written Stage Briefing.

3.4 Additional +5 Seconds: A competitor **shall not** use a pistol, rifle or shotgun grounding container to support their pistol, rifle or shotgun at any time. Violation(s) are a per-shot penalty.

3.5 Additional +5 Seconds: Will be assessed for firing a shot or shots through a vision barrier to engage a target. This will result in the target being scored with an additional FTE penalty "Failure To Engage" *(Rule 9.2, 9.2.1, 9.5)*

3.6 Additional +7.5 seconds: Breaking a clay pigeon with anything other than bird shot. Additional 7.5 seconds shall be assessed. (+5 sec for miss on target & +2.5 for the FTE)

3.7 Additional +10 Seconds: RO's may conduct random inspections of pre-loaded shotguns to insure the competitor has no more than **nine (9)** shells total loaded in the shotgun *(Unlimited exempt)*. Upon request, a competitor must unload their shotgun so an audit of the number of shotgun shells can be made. This inspection must be conducted **before** the competitor has stepped to the line and the "Make Ready" command has been issued. If found in violation +10 seconds.

3.8 Additional +10 seconds: Shall be assessed for hitting any steel target with a **SLUG** that is less than 30 yards. If the competitor damages the target, the competitor will pay to have the target replaced. *(Rule 4.1.1)*

3.9 Additional +10 seconds: The competitor **MUST** remain inside the rope or wooden fault lines, unless the WSB states differently. Leaving the rope or wooden fault line area and re-entering at a different location to create a short cut is strictly forbidden.

3.10 Additional +10 Seconds: Shall be assessed to any shooter who coaches another shooter during the course of fire. Examples are, but not limited to, calling out target directions, spotting information, shooting instructions etc... If the individual providing the coaching is not a competitor, the Range Officer shall have the discretion to eject the non-competitor from the stage.

3.11 Additional +10 Seconds: Grounding a firearm in the **CORRECT** designated container or stipulated allowable

location and the safety is not engaged, **No DQ.** (Rule 2.4.2 a)

3.12 Additional +20 Seconds: Grounding a firearm in an **INCORRECT** container or stipulated allowable location and you **DO NOT** move downrange / in front of, regardless of the condition, **No DQ.** (Rule 2.4.2 b)

Exemption: The firearm was **NEVER** touched or handled in the COF. It was left in the original stipulated start location and the competitor **DID NOT** move downrange / in front of the firearm. There will be no penalty assessed.

4.0 AMMUNITION

4.1 Tracer, incendiary, armor piercing, steel jacketed or steel/tungsten core and steel shot ammunition are specifically not allowed and are prohibited. (Rule 4.1.1, 4.4)

4.1.1 A competitor found in violation of Rule 4.1 shall be assessed a \$100 fee for each steel target damaged. Fines will be made payable the day of the offense. (Rule 3.9)

4.2 Pistol ammunition shall be 9mm or larger. **See section "7.0 FIREARM DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS"** for specifics.

4.3 Rifle ammunition shall be .223 Remington (5.56 x 45 mm NATO) or larger. Pistol and rifle cartridges must fire a single projectile only. (Rule 2.9)

4.4 Shotgun ammunition shall be 20 gauge or larger. Birdshot shall be #6 Lead Shot or smaller. Rifled Slugs or 00 Buckshot (8 or 9 pellet only) may also be required. Use of steel shot is forbidden and **IS** considered a Safety Violation and **WILL** result in a match DQ. (Rule 2.10, 4.1)

5.0 FIREARMS

5.1 All firearms used by competitors must be serviceable and safe. Range Officers may demand examination of a competitor's firearm or related equipment at any time to check that they are functioning safely. If a Range Officer declares any such firearm unserviceable or unsafe, it must be withdrawn from the event until the firearm is repaired or replaced to the satisfaction of the Range Master or Match Director or their designee.

5.2 If a competitor's firearm becomes unserviceable during competition, the competitor may replace their firearm with another of the same model, caliber and sighting system, pending approval of the Range Master or Match Director or his designee. In the event that a firearm of the same model, caliber, and sighting system cannot be found, the shooter may use any available firearm, but may also be moved to another division depending on the type of replacement firearm used. All replacement firearms must be approved by the RM/MD or his designee.

5.3 For purposes of this ruling, a "firearm" consists of a specific caliber, receiver, barrel, stock and sighting system combination. *Exclusion to (Rule 5.3) is "UNLIMITED RIFLE ONLY" (Rule 7.1.2.1)*

5.4 The same firearm system for each gun, per Rule 5.3, shall be used during the entire event. Forbidden changes include, but are not limited to: change of caliber, barrel length, shotgun magazine tube length, sighting systems or stock style.

5.5 Shotgun Choke changes **are allowed.**

6.0 HOLSTERS

6.1 Holsters must be a practical strong side carry style and must be able to safely retain the pistol during vigorous movement.

6.2 The holster material must completely cover the trigger on all pistols.

6.3 The belt upon which the holster is attached, must be secured at waist level.

6.4 Tactical thigh holsters are permitted and must be secured at waist level.

6.5 Due to safety concerns, shoulder holsters, inside the waistband, concealed types and cross draw holsters are specifically not allowed.

7.0 FIREARM DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS

7.0.1 UNLIMITED, PRACTICAL & FACTORY DIVISIONS

Cartridge, Caliber & Gauge Requirements

- a) **Pistol:** the minimum cartridge case dimensions are: 9x19mm, 9mm Luger, 9mm Parabellum, 9mm NATO or 9mm.
- b) **Rifle:** .223 (5.56 x 45mm NATO) minimum rifle caliber.
- c) **FEATURED CLUB CONCESSION RIFLE:** Pistol calibers are allowed. Minimum caliber is **5.7 x 28mm** and maximum caliber is **.45 ACP**. Competitors must be registered in Pistol Caliber Divisions to be eligible for scoring concessions or be restricted to standard division scoring requirements.
- d) **Shotgun:** Must be 20 gauge or larger.

7.0.2 Heavy Divisions Special Stipulations:

- a) **Heavy Pistol:** .45 ACP minimum caliber.
- b) **Heavy Rifle:** .308 Winchester (7.62x51mm NATO) minimum heavy caliber.
- c) **Heavy Shotgun:** 12 gauge only.

7.1 UNLIMITED DIVISION:

7.1.1 UNLIMITED PISTOL

7.1.1.1 No limitations on accessories.

7.1.1.2 Magazine length may not exceed 171.25 millimeters.

7.1.1.3 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all pistols **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded and holstered, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing **OR** if the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered, with loaded magazine inserted, with the chamber empty.

7.1.2 UNLIMITED RIFLE

7.1.2.1 There are no limitations on accessories. Rifle supporting devices (i.e. bipods, etc.) may be added or removed during the course of the event.

7.1.2.2 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all rifles **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.1.3 UNLIMITED SHOTGUN

7.1.3.1 No limitations on accessories.

7.1.3.2 The changing of barrel length **is not** allowed in Unlimited Division.

7.1.3.3 Shotgun speed loaders **are** allowed in Unlimited

a) Shotgun speed loaders must be the type with the primer relief cut.

b) Use of shotgun speed loaders without the primer relief cut is a safety violation, resulting in a match DQ. (*Rule 2.1*)

7.1.3.4 Shotguns in Unlimited Division have **no capacity limitations**.

7.1.3.5 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all shotguns **SHALL** be magazine tube and chamber loaded with the safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.2 PRACTICAL DIVISION:

7.2.1 PRACTICAL PISTOL

7.2.1.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration

7.2.1.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing they do not alter the original factory configuration of the handgun.

7.2.1.3 Firearms with custom or factory installed electronic sights, optical sights, extended sights, compensators or barrel porting are **not allowed** in this division.

7.2.1.4 Magazines used **shall not** exceed 171.25 mm OAL (overall length) for single stack and **shall not** exceed 141.25 mm OAL for staggered magazines.

7.2.1.5 Any Pistol Magazine failing the OAL inspection, after the competitor has completed one or more stages, will result in the shooter being moved into Unlimited Division.

7.2.1.6 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all pistols **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded and holstered, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing **OR** if the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered, with loaded magazine inserted, with the chamber empty.

7.2.2. PRACTICAL RIFLE

7.2.2.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration

7.2.2.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original configuration of the rifle.

7.2.2.3 There are no magazine capacity or magazine length restrictions in this division.

7.2.2.3 Practical Division rifles may be equipped with iron sights and **(OR)** no more than **one (1)** optical sight. Both sight systems may be used in conjunction, co-witnessed or offset in the shooter's preference.

7.2.2.4 A magnifier may be used with an optical sight in this division without violating the one optic rule, provided:

a) The magnifier does not contain an aiming reticle.

b) The magnifier cannot be used as an aiming device by itself.

c) The magnifier is mounted in the same location on the rifle for the entire event.

If the provisions above are satisfied:

d) The magnifier will not be considered a second/separate optic.

e) The competitor may start and use the magnifier in either the magnified or unmagnified condition without further restriction.

7.2.2.5 Any rifle supporting devices to include but not limited to bipods and or monopods or a device that deploy legs and or supports and elevates the muzzle end of the gun are not permitted. Coupled or single magazines are not considered supporting devices. Forward grips that are less than **five (5")** inches long are allowed.

7.2.2.6 Compensators are allowed in this division provided the compensator is not larger than **one (1")** inch in diameter and **three (3")** inches long, measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator.

7.2.2.7 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all rifles **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.2.3 PRACTICAL SHOTGUN

7.2.3.1 Shotguns must be of a factory configuration.

7.2.3.2 Only conventional tubular magazine fed shotguns allowed in this division.

7.2.3.3 Barrel length may not be changed for the duration of the event. However, changing of choke tubes **is allowed.**

7.2.3.4 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original factory configuration of the shotgun.

7.2.3.5 No electronic or optical sights allowed on shotguns in this division.

7.2.3.6 No shotgun supporting devices (i.e. bipods, etc.) allowed in this division.

7.2.3.7 No compensators or porting on barrels allowed in this division.

7.2.3.8 No shotgun speed loaders allowed in this division.

7.2.3.9 Shotguns in Practical Division **SHALL NOT** start a stage with more than **nine (9)** shells total in the shotgun. However, loading additional shells after the start **is permitted.** (Rule 3.7)

7.2.3.10 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all shotguns **SHALL** be magazine tube and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.3 FACTORY DIVISION:

7.3.1 FACTORY PISTOL

7.3.1.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration.

7.3.1.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing they do not alter the original factory configuration of the handgun.

7.3.1.3 Firearms with custom or factory installed electronic sights, extended sights, compensator or barrel porting are **NOT** allowed in this division.

7.3.1.4 Magazines used must be of factory configuration and length OR **shall not** exceed 127.25 mm OAL.

7.3.1.5 Any Pistol Magazine failing the OAL inspection, after the competitor has completed one or more stages, will result in the shooter being moved into Unlimited Division.

7.3.1.6 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all pistols **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded and holstered, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing **OR** if the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered, with loaded magazine inserted, with the chamber empty.

7.3.3 FACTORY RIFLE

7.3.3.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration.

7.3.3.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original factory configuration of the rifle.

7.3.3.3 All Rifle magazines must be in a **thirty (30)** round factory configuration length **ONLY** and fit in the magazine gauge. There is no maximum capacity as long as the magazine is of legal length.

7.3.3.4 Any rifle magazines failing the OAL inspection gauge after the competitor has completed one or more stages will result in the shooter being moved to Unlimited Division.

7.3.3.5 Factory Division rifles may be equipped with iron sights and (**OR**) no more than **one (1)** non-magnified (**1x**) optical sight. Both sight systems may be used in conjunction, co-witnessed or offset. It's the competitor's preference.

7.3.3.6 Any rifle supporting devices, to include but not limited to bipods, monopods or a device that deploys legs or supports and elevates the muzzle end of the gun is **not permitted**. Coupled or single magazines are not considered supporting devices. Forward grips that are less than **five (5")** inches long are allowed.

7.3.3.7 Compensators are allowed in this division, provided the compensator is not larger than **one (1")** inch in diameter and **three (3")** inches long, measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator.

7.3.3.8 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all rifles **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded with the safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.3.4 FACTORY SHOTGUN

7.3.4.1 Shotguns must be of a factory configuration.

7.3.4.2 Only conventional tubular magazine fed shotguns allowed in this division.

7.3.4.3 Barrel length may not be changed for the duration of the event. However, changing of choke tubes is allowed.

7.3.4.4 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original factory configuration of the shotgun.

7.3.4.5 No electronic or optical sights allowed on shotguns in this division.

7.3.4.6 No shotgun supporting devices allowed in this division. (i.e. bipods, etc.)

7.3.4.7 No compensators or porting of barrels allowed in this division.

7.3.4.8 No shotgun speed loaders allowed in this division.

7.3.4.9 Shotgun in Factory Division **SHALL NOT** hold more than **eight (8) shells in the magazine total** or start a stage with more than **nine (9) shells total** in the shotgun. (*Rule 3.7*)

7.3.4.10 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all shotguns **SHALL** be magazine tube and chamber loaded with the safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.4 HEAVY SPORT DIVISION:

BOTH HEAVY DIVISIONS WILL BE COMBINED FOR SCORE

SCORING CONCESSION HEAVY SPORT & HEAVY OPTICS DIVISIONS ONLY:

Competitors in these divisions shall be required to have at least **ONE SCORING HIT** on paper with Rifle and or Pistol, anywhere inside the border perforation. The hit or hits only need to touch or break the perforation to avoid penalty. (Rule 9.1.5)

7.4.1 HEAVY SPORT PISTOL

7.4.1.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration.

7.4.1.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing they do not alter the original factory configuration of the handgun.

7.4.1.3 Firearms with custom or factory installed electronic sights, optical sights, extended sights, compensators or ported barrels, are **NOT allowed** in this division.

7.4.1.4 Only .45 ACP Caliber or larger is permitted in this division.

7.4.1.5 Magazines **shall not** exceed 171.25 mm OAL (overall length) for single stack and **shall not** exceed 141.25 mm OAL for staggered magazines. Magazine capacity is limited only by magazine length.

7.4.1.6 Any Pistol Magazine failing the OAL inspection after the competitor has completed one or more stages will result in the competitor being moved into Unlimited Division.

7.4.1.7 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all pistols **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded and pistol holstered, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing **OR** if the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered, with loaded magazine inserted, with the chamber empty.

7.4.2 HEAVY SPORT RIFLE

7.4.2.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration.

7.4.2.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original factory configuration of the rifle.

7.4.2.3 Rifles must be a .308 Winchester (7.62x51 NATO) minimum.

7.4.2.4 There are no magazine capacity or magazine length restrictions in this division.

7.4.2.5 Heavy Sport Division rifles may be equipped with iron sights and (**OR**) no more than **one (1)** non-magnified (**1x**) optical sight. Both sight systems may be used in conjunction, co-witnessed or offset in shooter's preference.

7.4.2.6 Any rifle supporting devices to include but not limited to bipods, monopods or a device that deploys legs or supports and elevates the muzzle end of the gun is not permitted. Coupled or single magazines are not considered supporting devices. Forward grips that are less than **five (5")** inches long are allowed.

7.4.2.7 Compensators are allowed in this division provided the compensator is not larger than **one (1")** inch in diameter and **three (3")** inches long, measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator.

7.4.2.8 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all rifles **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.4.2 HEAVY SPORT SHOTGUN

7.4.2.1 Only 12ga is permitted in this division.

7.4.2.2 Only conventional tubular magazine fed **PUMP** shotguns allowed in this division.

7.4.2.3 Shotguns must be of a factory configuration.

7.4.2.4 Barrel length may not be changed for the duration of the event. However, changing of choke tubes is allowed.

7.4.2.5 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original configuration of the shotgun.

7.4.2.6 No electronic or optical sights allowed on shotguns in this division.

7.4.2.7 No compensators or porting on barrels allowed in this division.

7.4.2.8 No shotgun speed loaders allowed in this division.

7.4.2.9 Shotguns in Heavy Sport **SHALL NOT** start a stage with more than **nine (9)** shells total in the shotgun. (Rule 3.7) However, loading additional shells after the start **is permitted**.

7.4.2.10 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all shotguns **SHALL** be magazine tube and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.5 HEAVY OPTICS DIVISION:

BOTH HEAVY DIVISIONS WILL BE COMBINED FOR SCORE

SCORING CONCESSION HEAVY SPORT & HEAVY OPTICS DIVISIONS ONLY:

Competitors in these divisions shall be required to have at least **ONE SCORING HIT** on paper with Rifle and or Pistol, anywhere inside the border perforation. The hit or hits only need to touch or break the perforation to avoid penalty.

(Rule 9.1.5)

7.5.1 HEAVY OPTICS PISTOL

7.5.1.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration.

7.5.1.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing they do not alter the original factory configuration of the handgun.

7.5.1.3 Firearms with custom or factory installed electronic sights, optical sights, extended sights, compensator or barrel porting is NOT allowed in this division.

7.5.1.4 Only .45 ACP Caliber or larger is permitted in this division.

7.5.1.5 Magazines **SHALL NOT** be loaded with more than **ten (10)** rounds after the start. However, a (10 + 1) starting magazine is legal at the make ready command only.

7.5.1.6 Magazines **shall not** exceed 171.25 OAL (overall length) for single stacks, and **shall not** exceed 141.25 mm OAL for staggered magazines. Downloading magazines to 10rds is allowed.

7.5.1.7 Any competitor found in violation of the 10 round maximum capacity rule after the start or completion of one or more stages will result in being moved to Unlimited Division. *(Rule 7.3.1.5)*

7.5.1.8 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all pistols **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded and holstered, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing **OR** if the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered, with loaded magazine inserted, with the chamber empty.

7.5.2 HEAVY OPTICS RIFLE

7.5.2.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration.

7.5.2.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original configuration of the rifle.

7.5.2.3 Rifles must be a .308 Winchester (7.62x51 NATO) minimum.

7.5.2.4 Rifle magazines **SHALL NOT** be loaded with more than **twenty (20)** rounds total. All magazines must be in a **twenty (20)** round factory configuration **ONLY** and fit the magazine gauge.

7.5.2.5 Rifle magazines failing the OAL inspection gauge, after the competitor has completed one or more stages, will result in the competitor being moved to Unlimited Division.

7.5.2.6 Heavy Optics Division rifles may be equipped with iron sights and (or) no more than one (1) optical sight. Both sight systems may be used in conjunction, co-witnessed or offset in the shooter's preference.

7.5.2.7 A magnifier may be used with an optical sight in this division without violating the one optic rule, provided;

- a) The magnifier does not contain an aiming retical.
- b) The magnifier cannot be used as an aiming device by itself.
- c) The magnifier is mounted in the same location on the rifle for the entire event.

If the provisions above are satisfied:

d) The magnifier will not be considered a second or separate optic.

e) The competitor may start and use the magnifier in either the magnified or unmagnified condition without further restriction.

7.5.2.8 Any rifle supporting devices to include but not limited to bipods,

Monopods or a device that deploys legs or supports and elevates the muzzle end of the gun is **not permitted**. Coupled or single magazines are not considered supporting devices. Forward grips that are less than **five (5")** inches long are allowed.

7.5.2.9 Compensators are allowed in this division provided the compensator is not larger than **one (1")** inch in diameter and **three (3")** inches long, measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator.

7.5.2.10 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all rifles **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.5.3 HEAVY OPTICS SHOTGUN

7.5.3.1 Only 12 gauge is permitted in this division.

7.5.3.2 Shotguns must be of a factory configuration.

7.5.3.3 Only conventional tubular magazine fed shotguns allowed in this division.

7.5.3.4 Barrel length may not be changed for the duration of the event. However, changing of choke tubes is allowed.

7.5.3.5 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original factory configuration of the shotgun.

7.5.3.6 No electronic or optical sights allowed on shotguns in this division.

7.5.3.7 No shotgun supporting devices (i.e. bipods, etc.) allowed in this division.

7.5.3.8 No compensators or porting of barrels allowed in this division.

7.5.3.9 No shotgun speed loaders allowed in this division.

7.5.3.10 Shotguns in Heavy Optics Division **SHALL NOT** hold more than **eight (8)** shells in the magazine total or start a stage with more than **nine (9)** shells total in the shotgun. (*Rule 3.7*)

7.5.3.11 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all shotguns **SHALL** be magazine tube and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

PISTOL CALIBER RIFLE DIVISIONS: SUPPRESSED, OPTICS & IRONS DIVISION

7.6 SUPPRESSED DIVISION

SCORING CONCESSIONS FOR (PCR) PISTOL CALIBER RIFLE DIVISIONS ONLY:

Competitors in Pistol Caliber Rifle Divisions shall be allowed to shoot all 3GN official paper and all pistol, shotgun and rifle steel targets, categorized by color, size or shape, stipulated in the written stage briefing with their Pistol Caliber Rifles. (*Rule 8.6*)

7.6.1 SUPPRESSED PISTOL

7.6.1.1 No limitations on accessories.

7.6.1.2 Magazine length may not exceed 171.25 millimeters.

7.6.1.3 Minimum caliber is **5.7 x 28mm** and maximum caliber is **.45 ACP**.

7.6.1.4 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all pistols **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded and holstered unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing **OR** if the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered, with loaded magazine inserted, with the chamber empty.

7.6.2 SUPPRESSED RIFLE

7.6.2.1 No limitations on accessories. Rifle supporting devices (i.e. bipods, etc.) may be added or removed during the course of the event.

7.6.2.2 Rifle caliber is restricted to **centerfire pistol calibers ONLY**.

7.6.2.3 Minimum caliber is **5.7 x 28mm** and maximum caliber is **.45 ACP**.

7.6.2.4 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all rifles **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.6.3 SUPPRESSED SHOTGUN

7.6.3.1 No limitations on accessories.

7.6.3.2 The changing of barrel length is not allowed in Suppressed Division.

7.6.3.3 Shotgun speed loaders are allowed in Suppressed Division.

a) Shotgun speed loaders must be the type with the primer relief cut.

b) Use of shotgun speed loaders without the primer relief cut is a safety violation, resulting in a match DQ. (*Rule 2.1*)

7.6.3.4 Shotguns in Suppressed Division have no capacity limitations.

7.6.3.5 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all shotguns **SHALL** be magazine tube and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.7 OPTICS DIVISION:

SCORING CONCESSIONS FOR (PCR) PISTOL CALIBER RIFLE DIVISIONS ONLY:

Competitors in Pistol Caliber Rifle Divisions shall be allowed to shoot all 3GN official paper and all pistol, shotgun and rifle steel targets, categorized by color, size or shape, stipulated in the written stage briefing with their Pistol Caliber Rifles. (*Rule 8.6*)

7.7.1 OPTICS PISTOL

7.7.1.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration

7.7.1.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing they do not alter the original factory configuration of the handgun.

7.7.1.3 Firearms with custom or factory installed electronic sights, optical sights, extended sights, compensators or ported barrel, is NOT allowed in this division.

7.7.1.4 Magazines used **shall not** exceed 171.25 mm OAL (overall length) for single stack, and **shall not** exceed 141.25 mm OAL for staggered magazines.

7.7.1.5 Minimum caliber is **5.7 x 28mm** and maximum caliber is **.45 ACP**.

7.7.1.6 Any Pistol Magazine failing the OAL inspection, after the competitor has completed one or more stages, will result in the competitor being moved into Unlimited Division.

7.7.1.7 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all pistols **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded and holstered, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing **OR** if the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered, with loaded magazine inserted, with the chamber empty.

7.7.2 OPTICS RIFLE

7.7.2.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration

7.7.2.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original configuration of the rifle.

7.7.2.3 There are no magazine capacity or magazine length restrictions in this division.

7.7.2.4 Rifle caliber is restricted to **centerfire pistol calibers ONLY**.

7.7.2.5 Minimum caliber is **5.7 x 28mm** and maximum caliber is **.45 ACP**.

7.7.2.6 Optics Division rifles may be equipped with iron sights and (**OR**) no more than **one (1)** optical sight. Both sight systems may be used in conjunction, co-witnessed or offset in the shooter's preference.

7.7.2.7 A magnifier may be used with an optical sight in this division without violating the one optic rule, provided:

a) The magnifier does not contain an aiming reticle.

b) The magnifier cannot be used as an aiming device by itself.

c) The magnifier is mounted in the same location on the rifle for the entire event.

If the provisions above are satisfied:

d) The magnifier will not be considered a second/separate optic.

e) The competitor may start and use the magnifier in either the magnified or unmagnified condition without further restriction.

7.7.2.8 Any rifle supporting devices to include but not limited to bipods and or monopods or a device that deploy legs and or supports and elevates the muzzle end of the gun are not permitted. Coupled or single magazines are not considered supporting devices. Forward grips that are less than **five (5")** inches long are allowed.

7.7.2.9 Compensators are allowed in this division provided the compensator is not larger than **one (1")** inch in diameter and **three (3")** inches long, measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator.

7.7.2.10 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all rifles **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.7.3 OPTICS SHOTGUN

7.7.3.1 Shotguns must be of a factory configuration.

7.7.3.2 Only conventional tubular magazine fed shotguns allowed in this division.

7.7.3.3 Barrel length may not be changed for the duration of the event. However, changing of choke tubes is allowed.

7.7.3.4 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original factory configuration of the shotgun.

7.7.3.5 No electronic or optical sights allowed on shotguns in this division.

7.7.3.6 No shotgun supporting devices allowed in this division. (i.e. bipods, etc.)

7.7.3.7 No compensators or porting of barrels allowed in this division.

7.7.3.8 No shotgun speed loaders allowed in this division.

7.7.3.9 Shotguns in Practical Division **SHALL NOT** start a stage with more than **nine (9)** shells total in the shotgun. However, loading additional shells after the start **is permitted.** (Rule 3.7)

7.7.3.10 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all shotguns **SHALL** be magazine tube and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.8 IRONS DIVISION:

SCORING CONCESSIONS FOR (PCR) PISTOL CALIBER RIFLE DIVISIONS ONLY:

Competitors in Pistol Caliber Rifle Divisions shall be allowed to shoot all 3GN official paper and all pistol, shotgun and rifle steel targets, categorized by color, size or shape, stipulated in the written stage briefing with their Pistol Caliber Rifles. (Rule 8.6)

7.8.1 IRONS PISTOL

7.8.1.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration.

7.8.1.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing they do not alter the original factory configuration of the handgun.

7.8.1.3 Firearms with custom or factory installed electronic sights, optical sights, extended sights, compensators or barrel porting, is NOT allowed in this division.

7.8.1.4 Magazines used **shall not** exceed 171.25 mm OAL (overall length for single stack, and **shall not** exceed 141.25 mm OAL for staggered magazines.

7.8.1.5 Minimum caliber is **5.7 x 28mm** and maximum caliber is **.45 ACP.**

7.8.1.6 Any Pistol Magazine failing the OAL inspection after the competitor has completed one or more stages will result in the shooter being moved into Unlimited Division.

7.8.1.7 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all pistols **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded and holstered, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing **OR** if the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered, with loaded magazine inserted, with the chamber empty.

7.8.2 IRONS RIFLE

7.8.2.1 Firearms must be of a factory configuration.

7.8.2.2 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original configuration of the rifle.

7.8.2.3 There are no magazine capacity or magazine length restrictions in this division.

7.8.2.4 Rifle caliber is restricted to **centerfire pistol calibers ONLY**.

7.8.2.5 Minimum caliber is **5.7 x 28mm** and maximum caliber is **.45 ACP**.

7.8.2.6 Irons Division rifles may be equipped with Iron sights **ONLY**. Offset Iron sights are allowed in conjunction with standard Iron sights.

7.8.2.7 Any rifle supporting device, to include but not limited to bipods and or monopods or a device that deploys legs and or supports and elevates the muzzle end of the gun is not permitted. Coupled or single magazines are not considered supporting devices. Forward grips that are less than **five (5")** inches long are allowed.

7.8.2.8 Compensators are allowed in this division, provided the compensator is not larger than **one (1")** inch in diameter and **three (3")** inches long, measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator.

7.8.2.9 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all rifles **SHALL** be magazine and chamber loaded with safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

7.8.3 IRONS SHOTGUN

7.8.3.1 Shotguns must be of a factory configuration.

7.8.3.2 Only conventional tubular magazine fed shotguns are allowed in this division.

7.8.3.3 Barrel length may not be changed for the duration of the event. However, changing of choke tubes **is allowed**.

7.8.3.4 Internal modifications are allowed providing the modifications do not alter the original factory configuration of the shotgun.

7.8.3.5 No electronic or optical sights allowed on shotguns in this division.

7.8.3.6 No shotgun supporting devices (i.e. bipods, etc.) allowed in this division.

7.8.3.7 No compensators or porting on barrels allowed in this division.

7.8.3.8 No shotgun speed loaders allowed in this division.

7.8.3.9 Shotguns in Practical Division **SHALL NOT** start a stage with more than **nine (9)** shells total in the shotgun. However, loading additional shells after the start **is permitted**. (*Rule 3.7*)

7.8.3.10 The "Stage Ready Condition" for all shotguns **SHALL** be magazine tube and chamber loaded with the safety engaged, unless stipulated otherwise in the (WSB) Written Stage Briefing.

8.0 TARGETS:

8.1 Pistol: 3GN official paper and steel targets categorized by color, size or shape stipulated in the written stage briefing as pistol targets.

8.2 Shotgun / Birdshot: Clay Pigeon/Frangible targets, steel targets categorized by color, size or shape stipulated in the written stage briefing as shotgun targets.

8.3 Shotgun 00 Buckshot: 3GN official paper and steel targets categorized by color, size or shape stipulated in the written stage briefing as 00 Buckshot shotgun targets.

8.4 Shotgun Slugs: 3GN official paper and steel targets categorized by color, size or shape stipulated in the written stage briefing as Shotgun Slug Targets.

8.5 Rifle: 3GN paper targets and any steel targets categorized by color, size or shape stipulated in the written stage briefing as rifle targets.

8.6 Competitors in Pistol Caliber Rifles Divisions: Suppressed, Optics and Irons, shall be allowed to shoot all 3GN official paper and all pistol, shotgun and rifle steel targets, categorized by color, size or shape, stipulated in the written stage briefing, with their Pistol Caliber Rifles.

8.7 Option: The Written Stage Briefing (WSB) may designate certain targets that can be engaged with multiple firearms as an available option.

9.0 SCORING:

9.1 Scoring per stage will be total time plus penalties.

9.1.1 Maximum time for any stage, including penalties, is **250 seconds**.

9.1.2 Total time accumulated for all stages will determine event finish order.

9.1.3 Lowest total time including penalties determines the winner of the match.

9.1.4 Any 3GN Official paper target designated as a "Shoot" target must have either one "Center" hit in the 8" circle OR have two hits anywhere inside the border perforation. The hit or hits only need to touch or break the perforation to avoid penalty.

9.1.5 SCORING CONCESSION HEAVY SPORT & HEAVY OPTICS DIVISIONS ONLY: A competitor in either one of these divisions shall be required to have at least **ONE SCORING HIT** on paper with Rifle and or Pistol, anywhere inside the border perforation. The hit or hits only need to touch or break the perforation to avoid penalty.

9.1.6 HITS PAPER: Only holes in paper made by bullets will count for score. Evidence of the actual bullet must be present on the target, i.e. crown or grease ring mark on the hole. Holes made by shrapnel, bullet fragments or flying debris will not count for score or penalty.

9.1.7 HITS SLUGS: Any 3GN Official Paper Target designated as a "shoot" target is available as an option to be engaged with Slugs. If engaged with Slugs, it must have at least 1 Slug hit anywhere inside the border perforation. The hit or hits only need to touch or break the perforation to avoid penalty.

9.1.8 HITS CLAYS: A "Broken Clay" constitutes evidence of penetration by at least one pellet and showing light through a visible hole. If a bullet fired by a firearm other than a shotgun, fragments or ricochets then strikes and breaks a clay target or knocks down a steel target, no penalty will be assessed. (*Competitor will receive credit for the broken clay*)

9.1.9 HITS STEEL: Knock Down style plates & poppers must fall to score.

9.1.9.1 Calibration of Poppers

a) The Range Master must designate a specific supply of 9x19mm ammunition and one or more 9mm handguns to be used as official calibration tools by range officials authorized to serve as calibration officers.

b) The Range Master must arrange for each popper to be calibrated prior to the commencement of a match, and whenever required during a match.

c) For initial calibration, each popper must be set to fall when hit within the calibration zone with a single shot fired from a designated handgun using the calibration ammunition. The shot must be fired from the shooting location, in the course of fire, furthest from the popper being calibrated. The "Calibration Zone" is the circular plate portion of the popper.

9.1.9.2 Calibration Challenges Pistol

If, during a course of fire, a popper does not fall when hit, a competitor has three options:

a) Shoot the popper again until it falls. In this case, no further action is required and the course of fire is scored "As Shot".

b) The popper is left standing but the competitor does not challenge the calibration. No further action is required and the course of fire is scored "As Shot" with the subject popper scored as a miss.

c) The popper is left standing and the competitor challenges the calibration. In this case, the popper and the surrounding area on which it stands must not be touched or interfered with by any person. If a Match Official violates this rule, the competitor **WILL** get score/credit for the popper in question, with no penalties assessed. If the competitor or any other person violates this rule, the competitor in question, **WILL NOT** get credit/score and the popper will be scored as a miss and the rest of the course of fire will be "scored as shot". If the popper falls for any non-interference reason (e.g. wind action) before it can be calibrated, Rule 11.2 will apply and a re-shoot must be ordered.

d) In the absence of any interference or problem with a target mechanism, a calibration officer must conduct a calibration test of the subject popper, when required under Rule 9.1.9.1c, from as near as possible to the point from where the competitor shot the popper. The following will apply:

- e) If the first shot by the calibration officer hits on or below the calibration zone and the popper falls, the popper is deemed to be properly calibrated and it will be scored as a miss.
- f) If the first shot fired by the calibration officer hits the popper anywhere on its frontal surface and the popper does not fall, the calibration test is deemed to have failed and the competitor **WILL** get score/credit for the popper in question with no penalties assessed. The target must now be recalibrated.
- g) If the first shot fired by the calibration officer hits above the calibration zone, the calibration test is deemed to have failed and the competitor **WILL** get score/credit for the popper in question with no penalties assessed. The target must now be recalibrated.
- h) If the first shot fired by the calibration officer misses the popper altogether, another shot must be fired until one of Rule 9.1.9.1a, b or c occurs.

i) Designated steel Knock Down style plates are not subject to calibration. (Rule 9.1.9.2)

9.1.9.2 I If a designated steel Knock Down style plate is determined to have been struck and turned sideways or is no longer presenting the face of the target to the competitor and **DOES NOT** fall, the competitor **WILL** get score/credit for the Knock Down plate in question with no penalty assessed.

9.1.9.3 All metal scoring targets shall be painted before each squad regardless of weather conditions.

9.2 All props, walls, barriers, vision screens and other obstacles are deemed to be impenetrable "hard cover". (Rule 3.5)

9.2.1 Walls **SHALL NOT** be shot under or over, unless specifically permitted in the Written Stage Briefing (WSB). Firing a shot or shots through a vision barrier to engage a target will result in an additional penalty. (Rule 3.5, 9.2)

9.3 NO-SHOOT TARGETS

The white back side of an official 3GN target may be used as a No-Shoot target.

No-Shoot Penalty is **+5 Seconds** per hit, on white paper, that hits anywhere inside the border perforation or touches the perforation of the target.

9.3.1 When a shot passes through a No-Shoot Target, then continues on to hit another target or targets, **all hit targets** will be counted for score and or penalty.

9.3.2 When a shot passes through a Shoot Target, then continues on to hit a No-Shoot target or targets, **all hit targets** will be counted for score and or penalty.

9.4 Scoring Targets with Penalties Include:

9.4.1 Single Hit outside the center ring at any distance, **+2.5 seconds. Excluding: Heavy divisions** (Rule 9.1.5)

9.4.2 Any aerial clay target missed or not engaged **+2.5 seconds.**

9.4.3 MOT "Miss on Target" **less than** 40 yards, No Hits on Paper, Steel left standing, Clay not broken **+5 seconds.**

9.4.4 MOT "Miss on Target" **greater than** 40 yards, No Hits on Paper, Steel left standing, Clay not broken **+7.5 seconds.**

9.4.5 MOT "Miss on Target" **greater than** 100 yards, No Hits on Paper, Steel Left Standing or No Called Hit **+10 seconds.**

9.4.6 FTE "Failure to Engage" any target (excluding aerial clays) **+2.5 seconds.**

9.5 Definition of "Engage": *To be in a position where the muzzle is in the line of sight to a target and the competitor aims and fires upon that target.*

9.5.1 Shooting in the general direction of a target, shooting over or under obstructions that targets are behind or through see-through walls and or barriers, does not constitute "engaging a target" and is not allowed. (Rule 3.5, 9.2)

9.6 QUICK PENALTIES INDEX:

9.6.1 TARGETS ENGAGED

a) Single Hit outside the center ring at any distance **+2.5 seconds. Excluding: Heavy divisions** (Rule 9.1.5)

b) Missed or non-engaged **aerial** clay **+2.5 seconds**

c) No hits on paper, steel left standing, clay unbroken but **engaged less than 40yds +5 seconds**

d) No hits on paper, steel left standing, clay unbroken but **engaged greater than 40yds +7.5 seconds**

9.6.2 FAILURE TO ENGAGE (FTE)

a) No hits on paper, steel left standing, clay unbroken and **not engaged less than 40yds** (+5.0 sec & +2.5 sec FTE) = **+7.5 seconds**

b) No hits on paper, steel left standing, clay unbroken and **not engaged greater than 40yds** (+7.5 sec & +2.5 sec FTE) = **+10 seconds**

9.7 A signed score sheet **may not** finalize your score. If discrepancies arise prior to the time that the final event scores are posted, 3GN will, with your notification, take whatever steps necessary to rectify and correct any such problem, including, but not limited to re-shoots.

10.0 APPEALS AND ARBITRATION

10.1 Decisions are initially made by the stages' Chief Range Officer.

10.2 If the complainant disagrees with the CRO's decision, the Range Master or Match Director will be called to make the final ruling in the matter. **Safety violations will not be subject to arbitration.** (Rule 2.1)

10.3 In the event a competitor calls for an arbitration, the competitor will be the only person permitted to be present, other than 3GN staff, during the arbitration. If the competitor is a Junior, one other person may be present as an advisor. Arbitrations will not be conducted in public or in the presence of non-involved competitors.

10.4 A safety rule violation is not negated because the CRO/RO or Match Staff did not immediately stop the competitor during the course of fire (COF).

11.0 RE-SHOOTS

11.1 Re-shoots will **ONLY** be issued by a Chief Range Officer, Range Master or Match Director. The Range Master **SHALL** be informed immediately before any stage is re-shot for any reason. The competitor will be given the choice to re-shoot immediately or to have their position moved to the bottom of the shooting order and will be the last to complete the course of fire in that squad. If a reshoot is issued after the competitor has left the stage in question, the reshoot will take place at the discretion of the Range Master or Match Director.

11.2 Range Equipment Failure: If a target falls or fails without being engaged, (e.g. wind action) after the start signal, the range officer shall stop the competitor as soon as possible. The competitor will then be required to re-shoot the course of fire once it has been reset.

11.3 A competitor, during the course of fire, that inadvertently loses their eye or ear protection, may stop themselves and immediately notify the range officer why they have stopped. The competitor will then be required to re-shoot the course of fire once it has been reset.

A competitor who intentionally loses or displaces eye and or ear protection during a course of fire will be disallowed the provisions of (Rule 11.3) and will be subject to match disqualification. (Rule 2.14)

11.4 Un-Restored Targets: If, following completion of a course of fire by a previous competitor, one or more targets have not been properly patched or taped or reset or if previously applied pasters have fallen off the target for the competitor being scored, the Range Officer must judge whether or not an accurate score can be determined. If there are extra scoring hits, or if it is not obvious which hits the competitor being scored made, the affected competitor must be ordered to re-shoot the course of fire.

11.5 Range equipment failure can include the timer. If, at any time prior to the final event scores being posted, it has been determined by 3GN that the timer, for any reason, failed to record the actual last shot or that the time posted is deemed to be improbable and or impossible the competitor will be required to re-shoot the stage or receive a **Did Not Finish (DNF)** score for the stage in question.

12.0 RANGE COMMANDS AND PROCEDURES

12.1 **Make Ready** - The course of fire begins with the "Make Ready" command and ends after the "Range is Clear" command is issued.

12.2 When more than one firearm will be used during a course of fire, the Range Officer will direct and supervise the competitor through the process of preparing all firearms. The Range Officer will give the "Make Ready" command, signifying the "Start of the Course of Fire" and will then direct and supervise the competitor through the process of preparing and positioning any "staged" firearms. The Range Officer will then accompany the competitor to the start position and direct the competitor to prepare the firearm to be initially used on the stage, prior to assuming the ready position. The initial "Make Ready" command defines the start of the "Course of Fire" regardless of how many firearms are subsequently prepared, loaded and or staged following that command.

12.3 Are You Ready - Standby: After the competitor has loaded and staged all firearms to be used in the course of fire, the range officer will accompany them to the start position. The range officer shall then issue the commands "Are You Ready" followed shortly by "Standby". Within one to four seconds, the R.O. will activate the timer, which signifies the beginning of the competitors' attempt of the course of fire. The lack of any negative response from the competitor after being issued the "Are You Ready" command indicates that they fully understand the requirements of the course of fire and are ready to proceed. If the competitor is not ready, they must state "No" or "Not Ready". It is suggested that when the competitor is ready they should assume the required start position to indicate their readiness to the Range Officer.

12.4 Stop - Any Range Officer assigned to a stage may issue this command at any time during the course of fire. The competitor must immediately cease firing, stop moving and wait for further instructions from the Range Officer.

12.5 If You Are Finished, Unload And Show Clear - If the competitor has finished shooting, they must lower their firearm and **present it for inspection by the Range Officer**, with the muzzle pointed down range, magazine removed or tube emptied, slide/bolt locked or held open and the chamber empty. The range officer will then accompany and instruct the competitor to safely unload all other firearms that were used in the course of fire. The R.O. may assign the un-loading duty to designated competitors. Once the firearms have been confirmed by a range officer, as safely grounded, the designate may safely unload the firearm(s).

Pistols: Release the slide and pull the trigger without touching the hammer or de-cocker then holster or bag the pistol. (*Rule 1.4.1, 1.5.1.2.1*)

Rifle: Bolt locked back OR chamber safety flag inserted, bolt closed. (*Rule 1.4.2*)

Shotgun: Bolt locked open OR chamber safety flag inserted, bolt closed. (*Rule 1.4.2*)

Rifles and Shotguns must be carried Muzzle Up when exiting the stage. (*Rule 1.4.1*)

12.6 Range is Clear - This command shall be issued only after the competitor and the range officer have cleared all firearms. This declaration signifies the "End of the Course of Fire". Once this declaration is made, officials and competitors may then move down range to score, paste, reset and paint targets.

12.7 In the event that a Range Officer terminates a course of fire due to a suspicion that a competitor has an unsafe firearm or unsafe ammunition (e.g. a "squib" load), the Range Officer will take whatever steps he deems necessary to return both the competitor and the range to a safe condition. The Range Officer will then inspect the firearm or ammunition and proceed as follows:

12.7.1 If the Range Officer finds evidence that confirms the suspected problem, the competitor will not be entitled to a re-shoot, but will be ordered to rectify the problem. On the competitors score sheet, the time will be recorded up to the last shot fired, and the course of fire will be "scored as shot", including all applicable misses and penalties.

12.7.2 If the Range Officer discovers that the suspected safety problem does not exist, the competitor will be required to re-shoot the stage.

12.8 Additional Verbal Safety Warnings:

12.8.1 "FINGER" Any Range Officer assigned to the stage may issue this verbal warning once before assessing penalties or stopping a competitor. The competitor's fingers must be visibly outside the trigger guard when loading, reloading or unloading during a course of fire and while clearing a malfunction. (*Rule 2.24*)

12.8.2 "MUZZLE" This verbal warning may be repeated at different locations in the course of fire as needed, when the competitor's muzzle approaches the 180-Degree Safety Plane. (*Rule 2.5*)

12.8.3 “FOOT” This verbal warning may be repeated at different locations in the course of fire as needed, when a competitor is touching a rope fault line or while stepping on the ground or an object beyond a Shooting Box or Fault Line. *(Rule 3.10)*

13.0 START & SHOOTING POSITIONS

Written Stage Briefings may require the “Start Position” to be standing, sitting, kneeling, prone or dictated otherwise.

13.1 PISTOL: Unless otherwise specified, the competitor must stand erect, facing downrange, with arms hanging naturally at the sides, pistol loaded and holstered. Unless the competitor opts to go prone at the start, then the pistol can be holstered and the chamber unloaded.

13.2 PORT ARMS RIFLE & SHOTGUN: Standing erect and relaxed, with the long gun held diagonally in front of the body by both hands, stock touching the competitor's belt at hip level, muzzle angled upward, finger out of the trigger guard.

13.3 LOW READY RIFLE & SHOTGUN: Standing erect and relaxed, long gun mounted to the shoulder, muzzle lowered from aiming at targets or aimed specifically at a designated low ready marker.

13.4 PRONE: If a competitor takes the prone position by choice or is instructed by the Written Stage Briefing and they have a holstered pistol, the chamber of the pistol MUST NOT contain a live round. Violation of this rule will result in a match DQ. *(Rule 2.23)*

This includes the start position or at any time during the course of fire. The competitor must fully unload the chamber of the pistol before re-holstering. Reinserting the pistol magazine with an empty chamber is allowed. Prone is considered a "supported" shooting position.

13.5 SUPPORTED is defined as, when any part or the competitors body and or firearm touches, rests or comes in contact with the ground, any stage prop or object while engaging targets during the course of fire. Prone and shooting from a barricade is considered a supported position.

13.6 UNSUPPORTED is defined as, when any part or the competitors body and or firearm does not touch, rest or come in contact with the ground, any stage prop or object while engaging targets during the course of fire. (Also known as “Off Hand”)

14.0 CONDUCT

14.1 Competitors and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, sportsman-like manner at all times.

14.2 Clothing with offensive or obscene logos, sayings, pictures or drawings must not be worn or displayed while at the event site.

14.3 Eye protection is mandatory for all competitors, spectators & range personnel at all times while at the event site.

14.4 Ear protection is mandatory for all participants, spectators & range personnel while on or near a course of fire.

14.5 Failure to obey posted venue speed limits may result in the competitor being ejected from the property. In this case, the competitor will be assessed a Did Not Finish (DNF) score for the remainder of the match.

15.0 CLASSIFICATIONS

Initial Classification will be determined after shooting your first 3GN Classifier.

After the initial classification, only the top 4 scores will be averaged to obtain a new percentage. It is through this method that a shooter will move up in class.

Classifications:

95-100 Pro

85-94.99 Semi-Pro

75-84.99 Expert

60-74.99 High Marksman

40-59.99 Marksman

02-39.99 Amateur

15.1 Classifiers:

Prior to shooting a classifier, the shooter must indicate the division to which the classifier will be applied.

16.0 FEATURED CLUBS

Featured Club status must be personally approved by 3 Gun Nation.

To become a Featured Club, the Club must be in good standing with 3GN for a minimum of one year.

Clubs in good standing will be able to run 3GN Regional Rules.

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