

## **1. An Auto Bench Rest Association (ABRA) Event Is.**

- 1.1 An ABRA match event consists of a minimum of two competitors, shooting from two to four targets per day, at ABRA Sanctioned Clubs throughout the United States and Canada.
- 1.2 All match events are either part of sanctioned Club and/or Tournament events may be held at those same Clubs. All events scheduled and the results of those events will be listed on the ABRA website at [www.abra.guru](http://www.abra.guru)

## **2. ABRA Competition Season**

- 2.1 The official Outdoor Season will be each calendar year, January 1st through November 30th.

## **3. Sanctioned Clubs**

- 3.1 Each club that wishes to be sanctioned shall pay an annual fee of \$20.00 to ABRA, LLC to hold Officially Sanctioned ABRA match events.
- 3.2 The Match Director shall make application to the ABRA Office before any sanctioned events are held at the Club.
- 3.3 Each Club must have at least five benches, of similar, sturdy construction, to be eligible to hold Officially Sanctioned ABRA match events.
- 3.4 Each Sanctioned Club must host events during each season consisting of a minimum of two targets per day. There is a maximum limit of 5 targets per day on a regular club schedule.

- 3.5 Each Sanctioned Club may host only one event per day, this can include unlimited, factory, outlaw heavy, outlaw lite, and outlaw -factory shooting at the same time. The Match Director for each Sanctioned Club shall send in a match schedule to the ABRA Office. This should include the dates and starting times for matches held at their club, along with the number of individual targets to be shot on each date.
- 3.6 The match schedule may be amended from time to time, including the addition or deletion of match events and/or targets to be shot at each, so long as at least 15 days' notice is given to the ABRA Office.
- 3.7 Situations may arise where a 15-day advance notice is not possible. When potentially dangerous weather conditions arise, it is the duty of the Match Director to contact the ABRA Office as soon as possible with a request for re-scheduling. Then, ABRA Office shall post a notice on the Official ABRA website to that effect so as to notify any competitors. The Match Director should also make every effort to notify anyone he/she knows that might be planning to attend.
- 3.8 All scheduling information may be viewed on the ABRA website.
- 3.9 A single range location may function as two separate ABRA Sanctioned Clubs. The separate Club must be Sanctioned, and have a different Match Director and Club name.
- 3.10 A range shall be defined as a physical location with at least five benches, of similar, sturdy construction.
- 3.11 Matches may be held on any day of the week, during either day or night.

3.12 If more competitor/participants enter a match event than there are benches available, additional relays should be formed to accommodate those competitors. An attempt should be made to equalize the number of competitors on each relay.

3.13 "Outdoor", as defined for ABRA purposes is: the entire flight of the bullet must be outdoors, from muzzle to target, and entirely subject to the prevailing weather conditions.

3.14 All Match Directors are required to have a copy of these official ABRA rules available at all ABRA sanctioned events.

3.15 All Match Directors are required to have an official ABRA scoring plug that has a diameter of .224 as well as a magnifier of at least 8X power.

3.16 Matches may consist of up two to five targets per day. The term "match" shall be defined as a single event of two to five targets, scheduled at a Sanctioned Club.

## 4. Match Fees

4.1 The Match Director shall send a fee of \$1.00 per target per competitor to the ABRA Office within 10 days of the conclusion of the event along with a legible copy of the Match Report. It is also acceptable to e-mail the match report to the ABRA Office.

- 4.2 Any report that is not RECEIVED at the Office within the 10-day time period may be disqualified. If so, all scores and potential Record Targets from the event will NOT be allowed UNLESS proof of extenuating circumstances are presented or if either a phone call or email is sent to the Office within the 10-day period, explaining the reason for the delay.
- 4.3 The Match Director bears the full responsibility to verify that all reports are sent to the Office in order to be received within the allowed time frame.
- 4.4 ABRA fees are waived for Junior Competitors.

## **5. Junior Competitors**

- 5.1 Any youth age 7 to 16 years of age as of January 1 is considered a youth for that season.
- 5.2 It is the responsibility of the Match Director to verify and provide the date of birth of Juniors, and indicate on the Match Report if a Junior is participating. Juniors are to be identified on the Match Report with an asterisk (\*) after the end of their name.
- 5.3 An adult must accompany each junior under the age of 12 at the bench while shooting.

- 5.4 All target fees normally sent to the ABRA Office are waived for Junior Competitors.
- 5.5 A Junior competitor does not compete in the adult class in any way form or fashion.
- 5.6 While not mandatory, Match Directors are encouraged to waive or reduce the entry fees for all Junior competitors.
- 5.7 Tournaments will be held each year for junior competitors.
- 5.8 Juniors will shoot the same number of targets as adults in each match, and will be scored the same.
- 5.9 The adult that brings the junior to the event shall be responsible for them and their actions.
- 5.10 It is the responsibility of the Match Director, or his/her safety officers to make sure that the juniors understand all range safety rules.
- 5.11 A junior may compete in the adult class if parents or guardians allow their child to compete in this division, ABRA must be notified of this and that youth will be marked as such. Once the decision is made by the parent or guardian that youth must compete in adult division for the full season and will be required to pay the same fees as all adults. If after the season is complete the youth can return back to the youth division until age is reached.

## **6. Ammunition**

- 6.1 Any brand of factory loaded .22 caliber Long Rifle ammunition may be used. It must be available for sale over the counter to any individual and consist of the cartridge case, powder and bullets.
- 6.2 No cartridge shall be altered in anyway, or anything added to them. No exceptions!

## **7. Targets and Distance**

- 7.1 An ABRA target consists of 20 record bulls, upon which one shot per bull is shot for score. The side of the target provides sighter targets that are the only Official Sighters.
- 7.2 Only official ABRA targets shall be used in an ABRA sanctioned match.
- 7.3 No reproduction of the official ABRA target is permitted without written consent from the ABRA Office.
- 7.4 All targets used in any sanctioned match must be provided by the Match Director. A Competitor may not supply his own targets for the sanctioned match
- 7.5 The distance from the forward edge of the bench to the target shall be 50 yards.

## **8. Classes**

- 8.1 ABRA shall be divided into 4 Classes: ABRA (Unlimited) Outdoor, (Factory) Outdoor, (Outlaw Heavy Barrel Bolt Gun) Outdoor, (Outlaw Lite Barrel Bolt Gun) Outdoor and (Outlaw Factory see approved rifle list) Outdoor
- 8.2 All Club Championships and State Championships will be kept separate for each class.
- 8.3 At sign-in, each competitor must declare in which class he or she plans to compete. All rifles must be certified by the Match Director to verify that it qualifies for the declared class of competition.

## **9. ABRA (Unlimited) Class Rifle**

- 9.1 Any Semi-automatic rifle chambered for the .22 Long Rifle cartridges may be used. The gun also needs to be able to function in a semi-auto fashion at all times, and all cartridges must be fed from a magazine into the guns chamber.
- 9.2 There are no weight limits, no classes, and no dimensional restrictions to barrels, stocks, or limits on scope magnification.

9.3 One-two piece rest will be allowed.

9.4 If using front nor rear rest may be affixed or tied down to bench. Rifle must be allowed to recoil freely.

## **10. ABRA (Factory) Class Rifle**

10.1 There is no restriction on scope power.

10.2 You must use the original factory stock, but factory stocks may be bedded.

10.3 Factory rifle barrel with factory markings must be used for its model, and no diameter more than .750, at the end of the barrel and without alteration. However, it may be re-crowned and re-chambered. If barrel has a front sight, it must be retained. Rear sight may be taken off to make room for scope.

10.4 Factory rifle trigger may be altered and lightened but OEM trigger housing must be used.

10.5 A magazine release may be added to aide shooters that might have issues with being able to properly release the magazine.

10.6 Factory rifle bolt may be altered or replaced. Bolt handle spring may be lightened, altered or replaced to be able to fire target type ammo.

**10.7 *"No "factory custom" rifles such as Kidd, Volquartsen or similar are allowed in Factory Class.***



10.8 Neither front nor rear rest may be affixed or tied down to bench, or fixture of any kind. The rests front and rear must be able to be picked up from the bench at any time. Gun must be allowed to recoil freely.

10.9 No mid-barrel or muzzle tuners are allowed.

10.10 No other modifications for Factory class rifles will be allowed other than what is stated above.

10.11 The gun also needs to be able to function in a semi-auto fashion at all times, and all Cartridges must be fed from a magazine into the guns chamber.

## **11. ABRA (Outlaw Heavy Barrel Bolt Gun) Class**

11.1 Any .22 LR Bolt Rifle

11.2 No Barrel restrictions

11.3 No Scope restrictions

11.4 Tuners are allowed

11.5 one- or two-piece rest will be allowed.

## **12. ABRA (Outlaw Lite Barrel Bolt Gun) Class**

12.1 Any .22 LR Bolt Rifle

12.2 No Size Barrel Restrictions

12.3 No Tuners allowed

12.4 No Scope Restrictions

12.5 One- or two-piece rest will be allowed.

## **13. ABRA (Outlaw Factory) Class**

- 13.1 See approved ABRA Outlaw Factory approved rifle list.
- 13.2 Any magazine or tube fed rifle in production that is readily available and produced in quantities greater than 500 with MSRP less than \$1250.00 or is included on the ABRA Outlaw Factory rifle list.
- 13.3 Ammunition does not need to be fed from the magazine. Competitors may load the ammunition one round at a time.
- 13.4 Any optic is allowable and may be attached to the rifle as originally designed by the manufacturer.
- 13.5 No modifications to the firearm or stock are permitted except those specifically listed outlined below.
- 13.6 Trigger mechanism may be modified or replaced completely but must function safely. A trigger with no safety is permitted.
- 13.7 Re-crowning of the barrel is permitted
- 13.8 Any bipod (bipod has to touch point on the bench top) is permitted and may be attached to the stock with a sling stud or rail. Any rail wider than a standard picatinny rail (1") must be removed if not using bipod.
- 13.9 The rifle may be glass and pillar bedded to the stock; but must be removable from the stock. Only modifications for inletting are allowed to the stock.
- 13.10 The butt of the stock may be shortened or lengthened to adjust for length of pull. The swivel studs may be removed. The butt plate may be replaced but must conform to the original shape of the stock and not extend past the edges of the butt of the gun.
- 13.11 Non- permanent comb changes such as stock sock or padding may be used.
- 13.12 Individual small stickers may be placed on the stock, no wraps are allowed.
- 13.13 Replacement of the following factory hardware is allowed: Bolt Knob, Butt plate (see 13.10), Action Screws, load indicator, mag well, mag release, mag well cover.
- 13.14 Original Equipment Manufacturer parts or parts that are OEM spec'd may be used to replace the following: firing pin and firing pin springs.
- 13.15 The cocking indicator/loaded round indicator does not have to be functional. See ABRA Safety Rules.
- 13.16 Factory original sights attached to the rifle may be removed to allow for mounting the scope.

- 13.17 No attachments to the barrel such as a tuner are allowed. A thread protector may be attached solely for the purpose of protecting the threads and must be flush with the end of the barrel. A rifle that comes from the factory with a muzzle break must have the muzzle break removed.
- 13.18 No other modifications to the rifle are allowed including but not limited to re-chambering barrel, adding weight to stock or bipod, adding attachments to the barrel such as a tuner, adding attachments to the stock such as a plate to the forearm or cheek riser to the stock.
- 13.19 One piece rest are strictly prohibited.
- 13.20 The front and rear rest may not be attached to the stock at the same time. Either the front or the rear of the rifle must be free to be lifted from the rest.
- 13.21 Two Piece Rests are allowed
- 13.22 No rest or bipod may be affixed to the bench top in a manner that it cannot be removed.

## **14. Sign-In for Match and Drawing for Benches**

- 14.1 Each Match Director shall hold mandatory drawing for each competitor's bench placement. Rotating benches between matches is not necessary, unless it is a State or National competition.
- 14.2 No competitor is allowed to compete in the same class by entering two or more times, regardless of the number of relays available.
- 14.3 Each competitor needs to accurately complete the Sign-In Sheet, including the last four digits of his/her Social Security Number, plus the initials of his/her name. (Example:1234LGC.) This number becomes his/her official ABRA statistical number, which is needed for all statistical computer database records.

- 14.4 It is imperative that competitors sign-in consistently with the same numbers and initials each time or face the possibility that their scores may be improperly entered in the ABRA database.
- 14.5 If a competitor has never competed in a ABRA event, the match director shall have the new competitor fill out the “New Competitor” form and the match director will return that to the ABRA office.

## **15. Bench Rotation**

- 15.1 The object of bench rotation is to rotate an equal number of benches between each target so that each competitor will end up on or very near his beginning bench. This allows competitors to experience all possible shooting conditions from one side of the range to the other and to provide that no obvious advantage or disadvantage shall be given any competitor by shooting from the same bench the entire event.
- 15.2 Bench rotation will consist of rotating benches to the right after each target. Match Director will determine how many benches to rotate.
- 15.3 Bench rotation is not mandatory for club matches; however, it is mandatory for National Matches.
- 15.4 Rotating benches during a State Tournament is mandatory at least once during a State our Club Tournament, having them rotate to opposite ends of the range.
- 15.5 Information regarding bench rotation should be included with the State, Club and National Match Schedule.

- 15.6 If there are competitors with obvious physical limitations for which bench rotation would cause undue hardship, the Match Director may offer them the option of remaining at their first bench for the entire event, with the rest of the field rotating around them.

## **16. Firing Period**

- 16.1 A maximum of 15 minutes shall be allowed to complete each 20- shot target for any class.
- 16.2 The command to begin shooting shall be "You have 15 minutes to complete your firing - you may begin NOW!" At this point, the Match Director starts the official timer.
- 16.3 Time-remaining warnings should be given at five minutes, two minutes and one-minute remaining.
- 16.4 Upon completion of the firing period, the command shall be "Cease Fire! Cease Fire! All competitors make your rifle safe. Step back from your bench and make the range safe."
- 16.5 At the discretion of the Match Director, any competitor who flagrantly fires after the "Cease Fire" order, the target shall be eliminated for that round.
- 16.6 Once the Match Director has determined that the range is safe, he may then direct the designated target retrievers downrange.

16.7 Competitors shall hang their targets as rapidly as possible.

## 17. Crossfires

17.1 Before firing any shots into the record portion of the target, each competitor shall fire at least one shot into any of the two Official Sighter Targets on the side portion of the target. If each competitor begins in this manner, it can be quickly determined whether or not he/she is sighted in on his/her designated target.

17.2 If, during the routine examination of any target by the scoring team, a competitor's target is discovered that has no sighter shot placed into the Sighter portion of the target, as stated above, a friendly and private notice of the Sighter Rule shall be made to the competitor by the Match Director.

17.3 No penalty or punitive action need be taken against the competitor unless he continues to ignore the rule.

17.4 If crossfire should still occur, immediately report the shot or shots to the Match Director, who shall note the placement of the shot and the scoring box number. Crossfire shots will not count for or against the offended party. Scoring of the offended competitors target will be done by ignoring the bullet hole or holes not shot by him. The competitor will shoot that target box as if the bullet hole(s) were not there.

17.5 Immediately upon the conclusion of that relay, the Match Director should notify the scoring team which shots to score and which to ignore.

17.6 No penalty shall be assessed the offender unless it can be determined that the crossfire shot was intentional. In that event, and at the Match Director's discretion, the offender may be disqualified for the remainder of that match event and a zero score shall be calculated into the average for the remaining targets of that event.

17.7 In the event of a mechanical failure of a competitor's rifle or equipment which prevents the competitor from placing a scoring shot into each of the 20 record scoring squares, the partial target shall be scored by the scoring team.

17.8 Whatever partial or incomplete score is the result shall be entered as part of his/her average on that particular target.

17.9 Rifle Change: Nothing shall prevent the competitor from using another rifle, either his own, or a borrowed one, to complete any unfinished target, so long as enough time remains, and the replacement process does not disturb the adjoining competitors who may still be in the process of completing their own targets. All due respect shall be paid these adjoining competitors so as to prevent jeopardizing their efforts to complete their targets without distraction.

## **18. Target for Record**

18.1 Any ABRA official target that competitor places upon the target frame shall be scored and calculated into his/her average, regardless of whether or not the competitor shoots any shots into it. Once it is attached to the frame, it

becomes a record target for which each competitor is responsible and which counts into his/her average and overall standings.

18.2 Any target that blows down before its completion by the competitor shall be scored based upon the values of all shots placed on that target before it blew down. In the event a target is blown away and is lost it must be scored as a zero. In either case, as with scoring in a mechanical failure, these scores must also be counted in the competitor's match and seasonal average.

18.3 It is the responsibility of each competitor to properly and securely affix his or her own target on the target backer

18.4 It is the responsibility of the Match Director to provide suitable, stable backers upon which competitors may securely attach their targets. If the competitor is having difficulty Securely attaching his target to the backer, he should ask the Match Director to replace it with a new one.

18.5 In the event a target frame or backer is blown down, time will be noted and stopped while range is made safe. A match official will replace the backer or target frame.

18.6 In a Club, State all targets must be completed. In the event that all targets are not shot, the un-shot targets will be counted as zeros and added to your total score and divided by the number of targets for that event to get an average.

## **19. Scoring of Targets**



- 19.1 Scoring rings with various values are included within each scoring box, and the values of shots in those boxes are 10 points, 9 points, 8 points, 7 points, 6 points, 5 points, and 0 points.
- 19.2 Scoring is based on the best edge scoring method. A bullet hole that touches the line is given the higher value.
- 19.3 A scoring plug shall be used to determine the value of any shots that are not obvious in value. The scoring plug MUST measure .224 in diameter. For the purposes of standardization, the plug and magnifier are available at the ABRA Office.
- 19.4 It is the responsibility of every Match Director to provide each of these devices to his Scoring Officials.
- 19.5 The Match Director shall appoint a scoring team. It shall consist of at least one person to plug the target and at least two others to do preliminary scoring. These two shall also assist the plugger in deciding any close shots. In large matches, more than one Scoring Official Team may be formed.
- 19.6 The names of the members of the scoring official team or teams must be submitted along with the Match report and Match fees that are sent to the ABRA office following the conclusion of each match
- 19.7 If competitors are members of the scoring team, the competitor is not allowed to score his/her own target. If a situation arises that would require a competitor to make ruling on his/her own target, the match director should appoint an alternate to make the ruling in the competitor's place.

19.8 Target Retrieval: The Match Director shall appoint one person or a team of persons to retrieve the targets after completion of each firing period. Only the designated target retriever shall handle the fired and unscored targets.

19.9 The definition of a close shot is any bullet hole that touches or appears to touch the adjacent scoring ring.

19.10 The official shall then plug and score those shots with the required ABRA plug and magnifier, marking the value of the shot in the scoring box and adding his/her initials, indicating that it was plugged, and by whom.

19.11 If after close examination, the shot is too close to call alone, the official shall call upon the scoring team members to review the bullet hole. All three scoring team members shall be offered the opportunity to vote on its value.

19.12 Each member of the scoring team that reviews a plugged bullet hole shall place his/her initials in the scoring box adjacent to the agreed upon score.

19.13 Any shot outside the largest scoring ring, but within the scoring box, is scored zero, the same as any un-shot scoring box.

19.14 Only one shot is allowed in each of the 20 scoring boxes.

19.15 If a malfunction should occur during a match and a shot enters any of the empty official scoring boxes, DO NOT fire another shot into that scoring box. You must accept the score for that misplaced shot.

- 19.16 A malfunctioning shot that falls into a scoring box that has already been shot will be scored by taking the shot furthest away from the bull minus 1. There shall be no score less than zero.
- 19.17 It is the job of the person who totals the scores to scan each target to determine that correct values have been attributed to each shot.
- 19.18 If the reviewer should find any incorrect values, whether done by inadvertently writing an improper value in that box, or by an obvious error, it shall be brought to the attention of the person who made the error and it shall be corrected.
- 19.19 Only those on the scoring team shall be allowed in the immediate area where scoring is taking place.
- 19.20 Otherwise, the targets shall not be viewed or handled by anyone other than the target handler or scoring team, for any reason, until after the Official Scoring Team completes the entire scoring procedure for all targets in the event.
- 19.21 The targets, after the Scoring Team has completed their scoring, may be posted on a secure wall or other place for viewing by all competitors. ( A competitor shall not plug their own targets at anytime until the match is completely finished and scores are certified.
- 19.22 However, under no circumstances shall anyone, other a member of the official scoring team, remove a target from its place of viewing before being officially given the targets for review, or place a scoring plug into or a magnifier over any bullet hole, or manipulate or attempt to alter any bullet hole on the target in any way at any time.

19.23 Anyone, other than a member of the official Scoring team, who places a plug into a displayed target, or manipulates or attempts to alter any bullet hole on the target in any way at any time shall be DISQUALIFIED from that event and a score of ZERO entered as his total score for the event.

19.24 Gun Malfunction, if a competitor has a malfunction with his/her firearm that can not be resolved in a timely manner he/she should alert the line officer their time shall be marked and competitor can remove his/her gun off of the line to repair. If unable to repair in a timely manner (no more than 10 minutes) he/she may borrow a gun to complete his/her target with the remaining time marked.

## 20. Protesting Target Scores

20.1 After all targets have been scored, and upon the conclusion of the final match, **all targets shall be made available for inspection to the competitor.**

20.2 The competitor shall have two minutes per target to determine that scoring is correct and the calculations were completed in an accurate manner

20.3 Any errors discovered after the two minute per target review period has expired shall stand as marked, right or wrong.

20.4 There shall be no challenges allowed except on the target of the competitor by the competitor.

20.5 Any scored value given to a plugged shot may be challenged by the competitor, on HIS/HER target only.

- 20.6 The Match Director shall direct the scoring team to review that shot for possible revision.

## **21. Tie Scores**

- 21.1 In the event of a tie score on an individual target, the winner shall be determined by the X Count on the targets of the tied competitors.
- 21.2 In the event of a tie 200 card the tie will be broken by the X Count.
- 21.3 If still tied, continue comparing shots from box to box in numerical order, until the tie is broken.
- 21.4 It is the Match Director's responsibility to indicate which competitor won the tie, and so indicate on his match report.
- 21.5 If a competitor is in a ties situation for placement and he/she has shot the overall high card of the match they will win the tie.
- 21.6 Aggregate ties are to be broken by comparing the X Count if this does not break the tie, then compare targets of the tied competitors and, beginning with target 1 and scoring box 1, the competitor with the first miss on the target will lose.
- 21.7 If all targets are tied, use the method above, on each competitor's highest scoring target, by reviewing each scoring box until resolved.

## **22. National and State Record High Score Targets**

- 22.1 Potential National record targets (200) or (193+) must be sent to the ABRA office by the Match Director of the Club if it is the competitors very 1<sup>st</sup> record target, at which the target was shot and must be postmarked no later than 10 days from the date of the event.
- 22.2 If the competitor has previously shot a (200) or (193+) the an Appointed ABRA Certifier can certify the target and give back to the competitor at the end of the match. The ABRA office must receive the list of approved certifiers for each club. ( ABRA will mail each club and official ABRA certified stamp to be used.)
- 22.3 Do not fold targets. Ship in either a box of appropriate size or rolled up in a tube.
- 22.4 Once received, the ABRA office will verify scoring.
- 22.5 All potential National record targets must be signed and witnessed on the non-record front portion of the target by the competitor, the Match Director and the scoring committee, and on the reverse side of the target with the Club name, competitor name, and date the target was shot.
- 22.6 Immediately following the conclusion of the event, any competitor who wishes to have his target sent in for review as a potential record target must immediately take the target to the Match Director to forward to the ABRA office in the manner described above.

22.7 State and Club records need not be sent for verification.

## 23. Match Points and Awarding of Points

23.1 Each Person competing in a match and completing the number of scheduled targets will be awarded 1 point.

23.2 The highest scored target in each class will receive 2 bonus points for each of the number of scheduled targets. Example: If a 3-target match; then the total bonus points awarded would be 6.

Example: Target 1 high score=191 then + 2 points are added to that shooters point total. Target 2 high score=195 then +2 points are added to that shooters point total: Target 3 high score = 188 then +2 points are added to that shooters point total.

23.3 For each class of shooters, with a minimum of 2 shooters in each class, First Place will receive 4 points; Second Place will receive 3 points; Third Place will receive 2 points; all other places will receive 1 point.

23.4 If, for instance, a club schedules a four-target event, scores for each individual competitor are added together, divided by the number of targets scheduled for the Club on that date, and an average is established. The highest average score or highest target total will determine the match winner. Then points will be awarded as stated in (20-3).

23.5 ABRA will allow 1 shooter in a class if there are other shooters at the same time in a different class. To keep the points fair if you only have one shooter in a class there will not be any point's award for high target card. The competitor will receive 1 point for entering and 4 points for 1st place for a maximum of 5 points. Points are double in tournament.

23.6 All points will be doubled for Club; State; and National Tournaments.

## **24. Club Tournaments**

24.1 ARBA Clubs may host one Unlimited and one Factory Club tournament event during a regulation season.

24.2 Tournaments shall consist of six targets and be a one-day event.

24.3 Should a competitor, for any reason, fail to complete all targets on the schedule, a zero must be included in his or her score for each unshot target and the total of all those scores divided by the total number of targets in the event to determine his or her aggregate.

24.4 In this example of a six-target Tournament, if a competitor completes targets one through five, but fails to complete target six, calculations for his or her Aggregate score might look like this:  $152 + 185 + 192 + 193 + 177 + 166 + 0 = 913$  points divided by 6 targets = 152.16 Aggregate

24.5 Sanctioned tournaments will earn double Match Points, and are included in the National Ranking and State calculations for their respective Class.



## **25. State Tournament**

25.1 Sanctioned ABRA Clubs within any given state may host a State Tournament. Application must be made with the ABRA office for approval to host a State Tournament. States that have multiple club and these clubs do desire to host the State Tournament, then they would be awarded to host the event on a routing schedule.

25.2 Only one State Tournament is allowed per state per class during a competitive season. This tournament may be held in addition to a Club regularly scheduled match, but each must be a separate event.

25.3 State Tournament shall consist of six targets and be a one-day event.

## **26. The National Championship Tournament**

- 26.1 One Officially Sanctioned National Championship Tournament shall be held each year by ABRA Headquarters, per class, (ABRA Unlimited Outdoor, ABRA Factory Outdoor, Outlaw Heavy Outdoor, Outlaw Lite Outdoor, and Outlaw Factory Outdoor) and shall be referred to as the ABRA Nationals.
- 26.2 The traditional date for any class shall be a standalone competition and the scores will not be counted towards the Club or State aggregates.
- 26.3 The target format will be determined by ABRA Headquarters as well as the days for Outdoor Competition.
- 26.4 The Auto Bench Rest Association Nationals will be solely ran and managed by ABRA Headquarters.
- 26.5 Bids for the locations of these matches shall be made through the ABRA Office at the beginning of each shooting season.
- 26.6 Any club wishing to host the ABRA Nationals at their range must be able to handle a significant number of competitors comfortably.
- 26.7 No Club or Match events for the respective divisions shall be allowed to be scheduled or held on the same weekend as the ABRA Nationals, unless deemed approved by the ABRA Headquarters. This will only be in conjunction with the Nationals.

## **27. Club Championship:**

27.1 ABRA does not designate any rules or format for a club champion, and if the club so desires to have a club champion, it will be the club's responsibility on how this will be determined and any rewards will be up to that particular club.

## **28. State Championship:**

- 28.1.1 There will be a State Champion for each class based upon the required qualifications as designated to be the State Champion.
- 28.2 The qualifications for State Championship for each class must have shot at least 20 targets at any sanctioned club/clubs events within that State.
- 28.3 The state championship will be based on a combination of the highest aggregate plus points in that State.
- 28.4 In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest score shot on any individual target fired during the season at that particular club shall be declared the winner. If still tied, then proceed to the 2nd highest target and so on until the tie is broken.

## **29. The National Championship**

29.1 There will be a National Champion for each class based upon the required qualifications as designated to be the National Champion

29.2 The qualifications for National Championship for each class must have shot a minimum of 20 targets at any ABRA sanctioned events.

29.3 The National championship will be based on a combination of the highest aggregate plus points.

29.4 In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest score shot on any individual targets fired during the season shall be declared the winner. If still tied, then proceed to the 2nd highest targets and so on until the tie is broken.

## **30. The National Aggregate Championship**

30.1 There will be a National Aggregate Championship for each class based upon the required qualifications as designated to be the National Aggregate Championship.

30.2 The qualifications for National Aggregate Championship for each class must have shot a minimum of 20 targets at any ABRA sanctioned events.

30.3 The National Aggregate Championship will be based on a combination of the highest aggregate.

30.4 In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest score shot on any individual targets fired during the season shall be declared the winner. If still tied, then proceed to the 2nd highest targets and so on until the tie is broken.

## **31. ABRA Hall of Recognition**

31.1 ABRA will keep track of every perfect target shot for a shooting season and recognition will be given to the individual who shot the perfect target.

## **32. Safety.**

**32.1 Safety is of the utmost concern of all shooters. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MACTH DIRECTOR AND OR RANGE SAFETY OFFICER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL SAFETY RULES ARE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES AND TO MAKE SURE FIRING LINE IS SAFE AT ALL TIMES.**

**32.2 All Safety rules of the club shall be followed at all times by all competitors and it is the competitor's responsibility to know these rules.**

**32.3 Any competitor creating a safety hazard may be asked to leave the range at the Match Director's or range safety officer's discretion.**

**32.4 Rifles on the firing line shall have the actions open and clips or magazines removed until the "Commence Fire" command is given by the Match Director. Any rifle not on the firing line must have the action open.**

**32.5 No Drugs or Alcohol are allowed at any time at an ABRA Match.**

## **Duties and Responsibilities of an ABRA Director:**

The Official Rules will govern all ABRA Matches. The section is provided as a guide only. (Especially for new Match Directors) You as a Match Director are one of the most important individual elements in ABRA competition. Your task is to organize and encourage local competition. You organize Clubs into Sanctioned Clubs, according to ABRA guidelines; ready the Range facility in such a manner to always provide adequate and safe target backers; make certain that adequate berms exist so that all bullets passing through each target will do so without ricochet; provide sturdy benches of similar construction and design for all competitors; advertise your schedule to as many interested competitors as possible in your area. Keep good accurate records of the names and equipment list of each registered competitor; select a target scoring team capable of correctly and accurately scoring all targets in a fair and unbiased manner; correctly and accurately calculate all

averages and points in order to determine place of finish for each competitor; diplomatically settle any disagreements or misunderstandings; quickly send in each Match Report, equipment list and appropriate fees to the ABRA Office following each event; note complaints or praise from each competitor regarding the manner that ABRA

events are conducted and report these to the ABRA office if they might improve the manner in which ABRA events are conducted.

## **Specifically, your duties are to:**

Affiliate your club at the beginning of each competitive season by sending in the appropriate Club Sanction Fee to the ABRA Office. Set schedules for ABRA Club events for each season. Attempt to coordinate scheduling of events with Match Directors of nearby Clubs so as to prevent conflicting schedules, thereby maximizing each competitor's opportunity to participate in as many events as possible in a given area. Attempt to standardize all operations and procedures so as to be consistent with other ABRA Sanctioned Clubs across the U.S. and Canada. Study and maintain proficient knowledge of all ABRA rules for each current season and be capable of finding and/or explaining any Rule that comes into question, enforce all ABRA rules in a diplomatic and impartial manner.

## **Getting Started Preparing the Range:**

ABRA requires a minimum of 5 benches at each range. Benches must be of similar, sturdy materials. This provides each competitor with an equal chance. Target stands should also be sturdy. The backing should provide plenty of support for the targets to be stapled onto. You should provide stools or chairs when necessary.

## **Drawing for Benches:**

Drawing for benches is recommend but however, it is up to the Match Director to decide how the benches are to be drawn. Then the match director shall give the competitor a 15-minute warm up before their 1<sup>st</sup> relay. If it is deemed that two relays will be needed then match director shall give an additional 15 minute warm up for the second relay (as long as competitors on that relay have not already had the 15-minute warm period.)

## **Signing In:**

Sign-In and Equipment list forms are available on the ABRA website or from the office. You should make copies of these forms for use throughout the year. Computer-generated reports are acceptable. However, it is important that you follow the same order used on the official ABRA forms. Please be sure to include the name of the club, name of the Match Director, and the date of the event. After a competitor has drawn for his/her bench, they will sign in on the corresponding line on the sign in sheet. Names are not used on the target only the number. Many Match Directors put the competitor numbers on the back of the target. This is the recommended way. Each competitor needs to accurately complete the Sign in sheet, including the last four digits of his/her social security number, plus the initials of his/her name. (Example:1234lgc). This number becomes their official ABRA number. It is needed for maintenance of all computer database records. It is imperative that competitors sign in consistently with the same numbers and initials each time, or face the possibility that their scores may be improperly entered into the ABRA database. If the competitor has never competed in an ABRA event, their ABRA number will be the last four of their social security number and their initials. The Match Director should have the competitor fill out the new competitor form and send that the ABRA Office.



## **Choosing Your Scoring Team:**

The Scoring Team shall consist of at least two people with a third person for cards that have questions. Competitors may be on the scoring team but are not allowed to score their own personal targets. they should pass them to another member of the team to be scored. You also need to appoint at least one person to be the designated target retriever. These people are the only ones who should be handling the completed targets. Only those on the Scoring Team are allowed in the area where scoring is to take place. You should provide supplies for your Scoring Team: Pens, Markers, Hi-Lighters, the ABRA plug, Magnifier, and Calculators. Plenty copies of the required ABRA forms and copy of the ABRA Rule Book. You may also want to have either a small screwdriver or knife available for the target retriever to remove staples. Following completion of the event, the targets are to be handed out to the competitors for review. Competitors are allowed two minutes per target to review their targets for correct math calculations and that each shot is properly scored. Any competitor finding an error should show it to the Match Director who will advise the Scoring Team to recheck it. Only the Scoring Team, along with the Match Director can make a change or correction.

If a shooter hinders the scoring team, in anyway, form or fashion all scores will be marked as zeroes and shooter will be disqualified. This is to make sure the scoring team can do their job efficiently without distraction.

## **Record Targets:**

Only Potential Record Targets need to be sent to be the ABRA Office for verification. Potential record targets must be signed on the front of the target by the Match Director, the three members of the Scoring Team and the Competitor. Do so on a no-recorded portion of the target. The Club name and date should be written on the back. Targets that do not comply with this Rule will not be verified as a record.

## **Mailing the Match Reports:**

The results of each match must be postmarked within 10 days of an event to be considered an ABRA sanctioned event and counted toward the ABRA standings. Both, the Sign-In Sheet, and the Equipment List and the Match Results forms need to be sent to the ABRA office along with appropriate match fees. Match fees for both Club and Tournament matches are \$1.00 per competitor per target shot. Remember ABRA waives their portion of any fees for eligible Junior Competitors. Please indicate any junior with an asterisk (\*) on the forms. Anytime you have questions please feel free to contact Joe Chacon @ (830) 796 0815 Luke Restivo @ 830-522-0031, or Lisa Chacon @ 830-688-0147. Thank you for being a part of our team!

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