

Revision History:

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Clarification: It was changed back due to several indoor facilities shooting all year. Therefore, the official Indoor Season will be each calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

12/21/25,

clarified warm up period under drawing of benches section at end of rules

12/17/25,

clarified 16.3

updated 3.17 and 24.4 to six targets

Clarification: The indoor season for 2025 will be extended to include 2026 through April 30, 2026 and be called the 2026 season instead of 2025. There will be no official 2025 indoor season.

Clarification: The same match can be used for both national and state rankings. IE a club that has only 9 matches will by definition have all matches qualify for club, state and national rankings. If there are additional matches than the allowed, the club will determine which ones qualify. Basically, any club having 4 or less matches per month, will have ALL of those matches qualify for state rankings. ALL matches qualify for club rankings.

Clarification: We are trying our best to have a new excel match software for 2026 out by Xmas week. I am pretty sure we will have it.

Updated 3.14 to define indoor match location specs

Updated 18.2 to define an "X"

12/9/25,

1. changed 9.3 to include "or"
2. changed 10.2.3 to allow complete replacement
3. changed 3.4 to allow for 6 target club matches
4. changed 3.5 to allow for 2 events per day twice per year
5. added clarification to 16.9
6. changed 18.24 to new rule
7. changed 10.3.3 to require repeaters to feed from magazine
8. added 23.0 club match definition

12/5/25, everything in red is changes or clarifications.

# ABRA Rules and Regulations

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## 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 six 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 and 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 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.2. The official Indoor Season will be each calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 **match**. There is a maximum limit of **6 targets** per match on a regular club schedule.
- 3.5. Each Sanctioned Club may host only one event per day, this can include: Unlimited, Outlaw Heavy, Outlaw Lite, and **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, and the number of individual targets to be shot on each date. **As an exception to the one event per day, each club may have 2 events per year that can consist of two events in a single day to encourage more attendance and a special event match.**
- 3.6. Each club may hold as many matches per year as they want. However, only a limited number of matches will qualify to add into State or National rankings. All matches will be included for club championship rankings.
- 3.6.1. Each club may designate up to 9 matches per year for National Rankings. The matches must be designated when the schedule is submitted for the year. The matches should be spread out on a monthly basis. If a club is running a double match weekend, consideration will be given for both those to be designated matches. Example: A match is scheduled for June 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Both matches can be designated and be considered for the June and July allotment. It is preferred that clubs in near vicinity coordinate schedules to not compete with each other on match dates for designated matches. ABRA will approve of the dates after the schedules are submitted. It is desired that the larger attendance matches be used for designated matches.
- 3.6.2. Each club may designate up to 4 matches per month for State Rankings. The matches must be designated when the schedule is submitted for the year. ABRA will approve of the dates after the schedules are submitted. It is desired that the larger attendance matches be used for designated matches.
- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. 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.

- 3.9. All schedule information may be viewed on the ABRA website.
- 3.10. A single range location may function as **one** ABRA Sanctioned Club.
- 3.11. A range shall be defined as a physical location with at least five benches of similar, sturdy construction.
- 3.12. Matches may be held on any day of the week, during either day or night.
- 3.13. If more competitors/participants enter a match event then there are benches available, additional relays should be formed to accommodate those competitors. An attempt should be made to **have all the competitors for a class on the same relay, such that each class's competitors shoot at the same time.**
- 3.14. Indoor / Outdoor**
- 3.14.1. "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.**
- 3.14.2. "Indoor", as defined for ABRA purposes is: the entire flight of the bullet can be indoor and/or protected from outside conditions, IE large building, tunnel underground etc.**
- 3.15. All Match Directors are required to have a copy of these official ABRA rules available at all ABRA Sanctioned Events.
- 3.16. 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. **The Official Scoring Plugs are available from the ABRA.guru website (they are the same as the ARA official plug). The ABRA will supply a link to a lighted magnifier on Amazon.**
- 3.17. Matches may consist of two **to six** targets per day. The term "match" shall be defined as: a single event of two **to six** targets, scheduled at a Sanctioned Club.

#### 4. Match Fees

- 4.1. The Match Director will be invoiced for a fee of **\$1.50** per target per competitor. The invoice should be paid within 10 days of the conclusion of the event. The Match Report should be e-mailed to the ABRA Office: [abrascore@gmail.com](mailto:abrascore@gmail.com).
- 4.2. Any report that is not RECEIVED at the ABRA 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 ABRA 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 ABRA 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 aged 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 junior, and indicate on the Match Report if a junior is participating. Juniors are to be identified on the Match Report with an asterisk (\*) before 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. Junior Competitors will be included in the National Tournaments with their own rankings.

5.8. Junior Competitors will shoot the same number of targets as adults in each match, and will be scored the same.

5.9. The adult that brings Junior Competitors 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 Junior Competitors understand all range safety rules.

5.11. A Junior Competitor may compete in the adult class if parents or guardians allow their child to compete in this division. ABRA must be notified at the beginning of the season, and provide approval so the youth can be ranked as such. The ABRA will look at each situation and make a determination based on the junior shooter's prior history and capabilities and determine if shooting as an adult is in the best interest of the junior shooter and the ABRA.

Once the decision is made, the junior shooter must compete in adult division for the full season, and will be required to pay the same fees as all adults.

- 5.12. If the parent or guardian requests that the junior shooter be returned to junior status, ABRA must again be notified and agree at the beginning of the season. If approved, the junior shooter may return back to the junior division until age is reached.

## 6. Ammunition

- 6.1. Any brand of factory loaded .22 caliber Long Rifle ammunition may be used. It may 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 any way, 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 targets provides sighter targets that are the only Official Sighters. Additional sighting aids are allowed on the backer if the club allows it. Example: Sighter strips on the sides or bottom area outside the record target.
- 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: Unlimited, Outlaw Heavy Barrel Bolt Gun, Outlaw Lite Barrel Bolt Gun, and Factory [see approved rifle list].
- 8.2. All Club Championships, State and National 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 they qualify for the declared class of competition.

## 9. 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 gun's 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 **or** two-piece rest will be allowed.
- 9.4. Front nor rear rest may be affixed or tied down to the bench. Rifle must be allowed to recoil freely.

## 10. Factory Class Rifle

- 10.1. There is no restriction on scope power.
- 10.2. **Semi Auto Factory Rifles:**
  - 10.2.1. You must use the original factory stock, but factory stocks may be bedded.
  - 10.2.2. A factory rifle barrel with factory markings must be used for its model, with no diameter **restrictions**. However, it may be re-crowned and re-chambered. If a barrel has a front sight, it must be retained. The rear sight may be taken off to make room for a scope.
  - 10.2.3. **The trigger mechanism may be modified or replaced completely but must function safely. A trigger with no safety is permitted.**
  - 10.2.4. A magazine release may be added to aide shooters that might have issues with being able to properly release the magazine.
  - 10.2.5. The factory rifle bolt may be altered or replaced. The bolt handle spring may be lightened, altered or replaced to be able to fire target type ammo.
  - 10.2.6. ***No "factory custom" rifles such as Kidd, Volquartsen or similar are allowed in Factory Class.***
  - 10.2.7. Neither the front nor rear rest may be affixed or tied down to the bench, or fixture of any kind. The rests front and rear must be able to be picked up from the bench at any time. The gun must be allowed to recoil freely.
  - 10.2.8. No mid-barrel or muzzle tuners are allowed.

10.2.9. No other modifications for Factory Class rifles will be allowed other than what is stated above.

10.2.10. 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 gun's chamber.

10.3. **Bolt Action Rifles.** The bolt action factory rifle will mirror the ARA factory class rifle such that ABRA and ARA competitors can use the same rifle. See Section 8.4 of the rules on [www.americanrimfire.com](http://www.americanrimfire.com) rules page. They are summarized below:

10.3.1. See approved ABRA Outlaw Factory approved rifle list.

10.3.2. Any magazine or tube fed rifle in production that is readily available and produced in quantities greater than 500 with MSRP less than \$1450.00 or is included on the ABRA Outlaw Factory Rifle List.

10.3.3. Ammunition must be fed from the magazine if the gun is a repeater.

10.3.4. Any optic is allowable and may be attached to the rifle as originally designed by the manufacturer.

10.3.5. No modification to the firearm or stock are permitted except those specifically listed as outlined below.

10.3.6. Trigger mechanism may be modified or replaced completely but must function safely. A trigger with no safety is permitted.

10.3.7. Re-crowning of the barrel is permitted.

10.3.8. 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 approved if not using bipod.

10.3.9. 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.

10.3.10. 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 slope of the stock and not extend past the edges of the butt of the gun.

- 10.3.11. Non-permanent comb changes such as stock sock or padding may be used.
- 10.3.12. Stocks may be oiled, refinished, and/or clear coated. Individual small stickers may be placed on the stock. No paint or wraps are allowed.
- 10.3.13. Replacement of the following factory hardware is allowed: Bolt Knob, Butt Plate (see 13.10), Action Screws, Load Indicator, Mag Well, Mag Release, and Mag Well Cover.
- 10.3.14. Original equipment manufacturer parts or parts that are OEM spec'd may be used to replace the following: firing pin and firing pin springs.
- 10.3.15. The cocking indicator/loaded round indicator does not have to be functional. See ABRA Safety Rules.
- 10.3.16. Factory original sights attached to the rifle may be removed to allow for mounting the scope.
- 10.3.17. 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.
- 10.3.18. 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.
- 10.3.19. One-piece rests are strictly prohibited.
- 10.3.20. 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.
- 10.3.21. Two-piece rests are allowed.
- 10.3.22. No rest or bipod may be affixed to the bench top in a manner that it cannot be removed.

## 11. Outlaw Heavy Barrel Bolt Gun Class Rifle

- 11.1. Any .22 LR Bolt Rifle.
- 11.2. No barrel size restrictions

- 11.3. No scope restrictions.
- 11.4. Tuners are allowed.
- 11.5. One-piece or Two-piece rest will be allowed.

## 12. Outlaw Lite Barrel Bolt Gun Class Rifle

- 12.1. Any .22 LR Bolt Rifle.
- 12.2. No barrel size restrictions
- 12.3. No scope restrictions.
- 12.4. No tuners are allowed.
- 12.5. One-piece or Two-piece rest will be allowed.

## 13. Sign-In for Match and Drawing for Benches

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. No competitor is allowed to compete in the same class by entering two or more times, regardless of the number of relays available.
- 13.3. Each competitor needs to check-in, prior to each match by providing his/her full name, Class of competition and Shooter ID. The ID will include the last four digits of his/her Social Security Number, plus the 3 initials of his/her name. (Example: 1234JMF) This number becomes his/her official ABRA statistical number, which is needed for all statistical computer database records. (This will be required as it will be used in the new website statistics.)
- 13.4. It is imperative that competitors check-in/register consistently with the same numbers and initials each time or face the possibility that their scores may be improperly entered in the ABRA database.
- 13.5. If a competitor has never competed in an 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. This form should be emailed to: [abrascore@gmail.com](mailto:abrascore@gmail.com).

## 14. Bench Rotation

- 14.1. The object of the 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.
- 14.2. Bench rotation will consist of rotating benches. The bench rotation method and frequency to be determined by the match director, minimum of one rotation required.
- 14.3. Bench rotation is not mandatory for club matches and club tournaments.
- 14.4. Rotating benches during a State or National Tournament is mandatory.
- 14.5. Information regarding bench rotation should be posted with the State and National Match advertisements or notifications.
- 14.6. 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.

## 15. Firing Period

- 15.1. A maximum of 15 minutes shall be allowed to complete each 20-shot target for any class.
- 15.2. The command to begin shooting shall be "You have 15 minutes to complete your firing – you may begin NOW!" At that point, the Match Director starts the official timer.
- 15.3. Time-remaining warnings should be given at five minutes, two minutes and one-minute remaining.
- 15.4. 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."
- 15.5. 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.
- 15.6. Once the Match Director has determined that the range is safe, he may then direct the designated target retrievers downrange.
- 15.7. Competitors shall hang their targets as rapidly as possible.

## 16. Crossfires

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. A 10-point penalty will be given to the offender for the target on which they cross-fired.
- 16.4. If a 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. If that is impractical, a new target will be hung and just those bulls will be shot on the new target.
- 16.5. Immediately upon the conclusion of that relay, the Match Director should notify the scoring team which shots to score and which to ignore.
- 16.6. A 10-point penalty will be given for a target with a cross-fire if the cross fire was unintentional. If it is determined that the crossfire shot was intentional, 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 target(s) of that event.
- 16.7. 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.
- 16.8. Whatever partial or incomplete score is the result shall be entered as part of his/her average on that particular target.
- 16.9. 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. The changed rifle must conform to the class in which the target is shot.

## 17. Target for Record

- 17.1. Any ABRA Official Target that a competitor places upon the target frame shall be scored and calculated into his/her average, regardless of whether or not the competitor shoots any shot 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.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. It is the responsibility of each competitor to properly and securely affix his/her own target on the target backer.
- 17.4. 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/she should ask the Match Director to replace it with a new one.
- 17.5. In the event a target frame or backer is blown down, time will be noted and stopped while the range is made safe. A match official will replace the backer or target frame.
- 17.6. In a Club or State match, 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 his/her total score and divided by the number of targets for that event to get an average.

## 18. Scoring of Targets

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. Scoring is based on the best edge scoring method. A bullet hole that touches the line is given the higher value. An "X" is scored by wiping out the center dot. All scoring is based on the 0.224 diameter of the bullet as defined by the scoring plug for any questionable shots.
- 18.3. 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 is available for purchase from the ABRA Office. A link for purchasing the magnifier can be found on the abra.guru website, through Amazon.

- 18.4. It is the responsibility of every Match Director to provide each of these devices to his/her Scoring Officials.
- 18.5. 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.
- 18.6. 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.
- 18.7. 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.
- 18.8. 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.
- 18.9. The definition of a close shot is any bullet hole that touches or appears to touch the adjacent scoring ring.
- 18.10. 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.
- 18.11. 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.
- 18.12. 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.
- 18.13. Any shot outside the largest scoring ring, but within the scoring box, is scored zero, the same as any un-shot scoring box.
- 18.14. Only one shot is allowed in each of the 20 scoring boxes.

- 18.15. 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.
- 18.16. 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.
- 18.17. 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.
- 18.18. If the reviewer should find any incorrect value, 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 then be corrected.
- 18.19. Only those on the scoring team shall be allowed in the immediate area where scoring is taking place.
- 18.20. 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.
- 18.21. 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 any time until the match is completed finished and scores are certified).
- 18.22. Under NO circumstances shall anyone, other than 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.
- 18.23. 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/her total score for that event.
- 18.24. If a competitor has a gun malfunction, the competitor can remove his/her gun off the line to repair and/or may borrow a gun to complete his/her target within the normal match time. Gun must conform to the class being shot.

## 19. Protesting Target Scores

- 19.1. 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.**
- 19.2. The competitor shall have two minutes per target to determine that scoring is correct and the calculations were completed in an accurate manner.
- 19.3. Any errors discovered after the two-minute per target review period has expired shall stand as marked, right or wrong.
- 19.4. There shall be no challenges allowed except on the target of the competitor by the competitor.
- 19.5. Any scored value given to a plugged shot may be challenged by the competitor, on HIS/HER target only.
- 19.6. The Match Director shall direct the Scoring Team to review that shot for possible revision.

## 20. Tie Scores

- 20.1. 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.
- 20.2. In the event of a 200 card, the tie will be broken by the X Count
- 20.3. If still tied, continue comparing shots from box to box in numerical order, until the tie is broken
- 20.4. It is the Match Director's responsibility to indicate which competitor won the tie, and so indicate on his match report.
- 20.5. If a competitor is in a tie situation for placement and he/she has shot the overall high card of the match, they will win the tie.
- 20.6. In the event of a tie in overall score (equal total points and total X's compiled from all targets) the competitor with the highest individual target score will be the winner.
  - 20.6.1. If the highest target score is tied, compare the next highest target score, continuing in descending order until the tie is resolved.

20.6.2. If all target scores (points and X counts and high targets) are identical, apply the First Miss method described, beginning with each competitor's highest scoring target, and continuing as necessary until the tie is resolved.

20.6.3. If all targets are tied, use the method above, on each competitor's highest scoring target, by reviewing each scoring box until resolved.

## 21. National and State Record High Score Targets

21.1. Potential National record targets including score and X count, must be sent to the ABRA Office by the Match Director of the Club.

21.1.1. Do not fold targets. Ship in either a box of appropriate size or rolled up in a tube.

21.1.2. Once received, the ABRA Office will verify scoring.

21.1.3. 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. On the reverse side of the target should be the Club name, Competitor Name and date the target was shot.

21.1.4. 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.

21.2. For targets that are scored at 200 or 193+, and are the competitors very 1<sup>st</sup> record target, the ABRA will supply a link to a suggested frame for either the shooter or the club to frame the target. The Club must email the ABRA the shooter's name, club name and date the target was shot. The ABRA will supply an engraved name plate to be affixed to the target. (This greatly reduces shipping costs for both the club and ABRA).

21.3. If the competitor has previously shot a (200) or (193+) the 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 an Official Certified stamp to be used.)

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

## 22. Match Points and Awarding of Points

- 22.1. Match Points are “value added” points based on the number of targets fired in a match. Each target is valued at one point.
- 22.2. A six-target match would have a total target value of six points, a four target match a value of 4, etc.
- 22.3. Total match points are based upon the number of competitors in the class. Example: If eleven competitors are entered in a four- target match the number of match points are multiplied by entries or  $11 \times 4 = 44$  match points.
- 22.4. Match Points are awarded to each competitor based upon his or her place of finish, determined by averaging his or her scores from ALL targets on the schedule of the host Club for that event.
- 22.5. Example: 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 or aggregate established. The highest aggregate score is the winner for the event.
- 22.6. Example: If there are eleven competitors that enter a four-target event, the maximum number of Match Points that the winner will earn amounts to 44. Second place finisher would earn 40, third place 36 and on down to eleventh place which would earn four.
- 22.7. All sanctioned tournaments are double match points. Example: If there are 10 competitors in a six-target match the match points would total 60, but tournaments are double points so this value would be 120. They are awarded the same as a regular match.
- 22.8. In a match where there are 3 or more competitors in the class, the highest scored target in each class will receive 1 bonus points for each of the number of scheduled targets. Example: If a 3-target match; then the total bonus points awarded would be 3.

Example: Target 1 high score = 191, then +1 points are added to that shooters point total.

Target 2 high score = 195, then +1 points are added to that shooters point total.

Target 3 high score = 188; then +1 points are added to that shooters point total.

22.9. 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 have less than 3 shooters in a class, there will not be any additional points awarded for high target card.

22.10. All points will be doubled for Club and State Tournaments.

## 23. Club Match

23.1. ABRA Clubs may host an unlimited number of matches during a competitive season.

23.2. Club matches shall consist of two to six targets.

23.3. Should a competitor, for any reason, fail to complete all targets on the schedule, a zero must be included in his/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/her aggregate.

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

23.5. Sanctioned Club Matches will earn single Match Points.

## 24. Club Tournament

24.1. ABRA Clubs may host two club tournament events per class during a competitive 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/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/her aggregate.

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

24.5. Sanctioned Tournaments will earn double Match Points.

## 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. In states that have multiple clubs and those clubs desire to host the State Tournament, then they would be awarded to host the State Tournament on a rotating schedule
- 25.2. Only one State Tournament is allowed per state, per class during a competitive season.
- 25.3. State Tournaments shall consist of six targets and be a one-day event.
- 25.4. The State Tournament is in addition to the two allowed club tournament allowance.

## 26. The National Championship Tournament

- 26.1. Two Officially Sanctioned National Championship Outdoor Tournaments shall be held each year by ABRA Headquarters, per class. (ABRA Unlimited, Outlaw Heavy, Outlaw Lite, and Factory) and shall be referred to as the Spring and Fall ABRA Nationals.
- 26.2. Two Officially Sanctioned National Championship Indoor Tournaments shall be held each year by either the ABRA Headquarters or a designated club, per class. (ABRA Unlimited, Outlaw Heavy, Outlaw Lite, and Factory) and shall be referred to as the East and West ABRA Nationals.
- 26.3. The National Championship Tournaments will be standalone competitions and the scores will not be counted towards the Club or State Aggregates. The scores will be counted toward the national rankings, but will be a 1 point multiplier (versus double for most tournaments)
- 26.4. The target format will be determined by ABRA Headquarters as well as the days for the Indoor and Outdoor Competition.
- 26.5. The Auto Bench Rest Association Outdoor Nationals will be solely ran and managed by ABRA Headquarters.
- 26.6. Bids for locations of these matches shall be made through the ABRA Office at the beginning of each shooting season.
- 26.7. Any Club wishing to host the ABRA Nationals at their range must be able to handle a significant number of competitors comfortably.

- 26.8. No Club or Match events for the respective Classes 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 will track points for a Club Champion. There will be no ABRA level awards given, it will be up to the clubs for deciding and what type of awards to be given is so desired.
- 27.2. The Club Championship will be based on a combination of the highest aggregate plus points in that Club.
- 27.3. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> highest target and so on, until the tie is broken.

## 28. State Championship

- 28.1. There will be a State Champion for each Class, based upon the required qualifications as designated to be the State Champion.
- 28.2. To qualify for State Championship for each Class, competitor must have shot at least 20 targets at any Sanctioned Club or Club Events within that State for both Indoor and Outdoor seasons. Each competitor must have also shot in at least 2 different clubs in the state for that season if there is more than one club per 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, competitor must have shot a minimum of 30 targets for the outdoor season or 20 targets for the indoor season at any ABRA Sanctioned Events. Each competitor must have also shot in at least 2 different states OR shot in one of the National Matches.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Champion.

30.2. The qualifications for National Aggregate Championship for each class, competitor must have shot a minimum of **30 targets for the outdoor season or 20 targets for the indoor season** at any ABRA Sanctioned Events. **Each competitor must have also shot in at least 2 different states OR shot in one of the National Matches.**

30.3. The National Aggregate Championship will be based on 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 2<sup>nd</sup> highest targets and so on, until the tie is broken.

### 31. ABRA Hall of Recognition

31.1. **A Hall of Fame criteria will be generated and put into action as soon as the website is up and running. Something similar to the ARA is the idea.**

### 32. Safety

32.1. **Safety is of the utmost concern of all shooters. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MATCH 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 by anyone shooting or handling weapons at any time at an ABRA Match. The Match Time is defined as 2 am until the last cease fire is called for the entire match.**

### 33. Responsibilities of a Match Director

- 33.1. The Official Rules will govern all ABRA Matches.**

This 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.

- 33.2. Specific duties.**

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 US 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.

- 33.3. Getting Started and 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 change. Target stands should also be sturdy. The backing should provide plenty of support for the targets to be pinned. You should provide stools or chairs when necessary.

#### 33.4. **Drawing for Benches,**

Drawing for benches is recommended, however, it is up to the Match Director to decide how the benches are to be drawn. The Match Director **may give the competitors a warm-up period** before their 1<sup>st</sup> relay. If it is deemed that two relays will be needed, then Match Director **shall give the same warm-up period for the 2<sup>nd</sup> relay (as long as competitors on that relay have not already had a warm-up period).**

#### 33.5. **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. It is important that you follow the same ordered 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 targets, only the number. Many Match Directors put the competitor numbers on the backs of the targets. 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 numbers 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 to the ABRA Office.

#### 33.6. **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. Match Directors 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, highlighters, the ABRA plug, magnifier and calculators. Plenty of copies of the required ABRA forms and a copy of the ABRA Rule Book. 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 any way, 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.

### **33.7. Record Targets.**

Only potential Record Targets need to be sent to 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. Signatures should be on a no-recorded portion of the target. The Club name and date should be written on the back of the target. Targets that do not comply with this Rule will not be verified as a Record.

### **33.8. Sending the Match Reports.**

The results of each match must be emailed to: [abrascore@gmail.com](mailto:abrascore@gmail.com) within 10 days of an event to be considered an ABRA Sanctioned Event and counted toward the ABRA Standings. Once received, an invoice will be sent to the match director for match fees of \$1.50 per competitor per target shot, payable within 10 days. Remember ABRA waives their portion of any fees for eligible Junior Competitors. Please indicate any Junior with an asterisk (\*) before their name on the Match Record. Any time you have questions, please feel free to contact: Jill Folgate @ 214.504.4011 or Jerry Stiller @ 214.773-9010. You may also email questions and comments to: [jillfolgate@abra.guru](mailto:jillfolgate@abra.guru).

**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR ABRA TEAM!!**