

**COMMONWEALTH SHOOTING  
FEDERATION**  
(CSF)



**in consultation with**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF  
FULLBORE RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS  
(ICFRA)**

**RULES OF COMPETITION**

*For*

**7.62mm TARGET RIFLE COMMONWEALTH  
CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS**

## **FOREWORD**

### **Adoption**

The CSF Executive adopted these rules and regulations on 4 April 2015.

### **Interpretation**

The Term “Commonwealth Championships” means a celebration of the CSF Championships OR the FBR Event at a Commonwealth Games. CSF Regions are encouraged to adopt these rules for FBR matches at their own events.

### **Amendments**

These CSF Rules of Competition will be open to motions for amendment (including the application or disapplication of any Technical Rule) at either the Meeting of FB Nations at the CSFC and/or the Meeting of FB Nations at the Games. In either case three months clear written notice of motion MUST be given to the Chairman of CSF(FB) copy to the President and Secretary of CSF to allow circulation to all FB nations.

Any amendment agreed (with a 2/3 majority) at a CSFC Meeting will, subject to endorsement by CSF in General Assembly, also with a 2/3 majority, be implemented for the following Commonwealth Games.

Immediately following the FB Rifle Event at a Commonwealth Games, the CSF Fullbore Committee will review the Rules of Competition in the light of:-

- a) Experience at the Games (taking account of the Report of the FB Rifle Jury), and
- b) Resolutions passed at the Meeting of FB Nations held in the margins of the Games

This review is to be complete, (including all necessary consultation) for submission of any amendments to the CSF Executive for promulgation within one year of the Games Celebration.

The Rules of Competition so promulgated will be used for any CSF Championships preceding the following Games where they in turn will be subject to the above procedures.

Rules of Competition approved at a CSF General Assembly will remain in force for the next Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championship and Commonwealth Games and subsequent celebrations of these events if not amended as above.

If for compelling reasons it is desirable or necessary to change the Rules of competition before the next CSF General Assembly at a Commonwealth Games, the CSF Officers may request the CSF Fullbore Committee to consider the matter and subsequently cause Secretariat to conduct a postal / fax or email poll amongst all CSF Members who competed in the Fullbore event at the immediate past Commonwealth Games.

On receipt of a two-thirds majority decision, a change may be made provided;

- a) there is a minimum of six months from the closing of the poll before the next CSF championship or Commonwealth Games; and that change only applies until it can be ratified or rejected at the next CSF General Assembly held at a Commonwealth Games.
- b) the CSF Secretariat conveys the result of a poll to all CSF Members entitled to vote within one month of the closing date for that poll.

## 1. Technical Rules of Shooting

- 1.1. Except in so far as these CSF Rules (which take precedence) modify them, the Technical Rules of Target Rifle Shooting of the International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations will apply.
- 1.2. Conduct of shooting in the individual match will be “Bisley” as for pairs (or if necessary threes); and the Pairs Match will be shot under the conditions for Team Matches.

## 2. Rifle and Ammunition.

- 2.1. Rifles. - The rifle will be suitable for firing the .308Win/7.62mm x 51 Commercial metrification equivalent Cartridge. .223 Rem/5.56 x 45mm is not permitted
- 2.2. Ammunition – The Commonwealth Games events will be shot with a single batch of high quality target ammunition provided by the host Nation, and the provisions of ICFRA Rules Annex T/E will apply thereto. The ammunition provided will be .308/7.62mm x 51 with a nominal bullet weight of 155 grains.
  - 2.2.1. While ammunition for the Commonwealth Games events will be at the cost of the Organising Committee, ammunition for practice will be supplied at no more than the actual cost to the host (but may be Free of Charge).
  - 2.2.2. Ammunition for both practice and matches at the CSF Championships will be provided by the host country at no more than the actual cost to the host country (but may be Free of Charge).
  - 2.2.3. The Host Nation is required:-
    - 2.2.3.1. To notify Nations 6 months in advance of the CSF Championships of the identity of the Manufacturer, and
    - 2.2.3.2. To use its best endeavours to provide ammunition for both any preceding CSF Championships and the Games from the same batch: and in any case ensure that Games Practice and Match ammunition are from a single batch.

### WARNING - FACTORY AMMUNITION

- 2.3. Most barrels used in TR shooting (especially in countries where handloads are in common use) are tighter in their bore and groove dimensions than the test barrels used by commercial ammunition manufacturers. Competitors should therefore be aware that higher pressures could be generated than those quoted by the ammunition manufacturer. Also, a throat diameter smaller than the diameter of the bullets will significantly increase the pressure and should not be used. Care should therefore be taken with the first usage of any factory ammunition. If any of the recognised symptoms of excessive pressure are experienced (particularly blown primers and difficult extraction of fired cartridge cases), or if there is difficulty chambering or unloading a live round, the shooter must stop firing immediately and call the Range Officer.
- 2.4. Equipment Control. Prior to the event competitors will be required to submit their rifles and equipment to an equipment control check, at which at least one Jury Member must be present. Due notice of the time, date and venue of the equipment control must be given.
- 2.5. A random check on a competitor’s rifle and equipment may be conducted on completion of a competition stage and before his scorecard will be accepted. Selection of any competitor(s) for such a check MUST be conducted by a draw supervised by at least one Jury Member, unless a protest “for cause” has been received. Such a protest need not wait until the end of the stage, and should be resolved at the earliest possible moment.

- 2.6. Draw for targets. - A draw will take place for targets for the Individual and Pairs events. For Individual matches care must be taken to ensure competitors from the same country are not squaddled together and that so far as is possible no competitor shoots on the same firing point more than once. A pre-prepared scheme of target allocation may be used which ensures that, over the course of the whole match, competitors are subject – as far as possible – equally to any variable conditions arising from position on the range. The draw must not be conducted until the butts have been closed for the shooting session in question. At least one Juror must be present.

### **3. Match officials.**

- 3.1. A Match Referee and three Jurors will be appointed by the Organising Committee from nominations sought from, and made by, the other CSF Member countries or the CSF(FB) Committee. The appointment is subject to consultation with the Technical Director and the Chairman of CSF FB Committee. The Referee, who must be fully conversant with the rules and of appropriate standing, will have the prerogatives of the Referee described in the Technical Rules. The Referee has access to both Competitors' Area and firing points.
- 3.2. The Match Committee ("Fullbore Rifle Jury") will be constituted of three members. One juror will come from, and be appointed by, the host country subject to confirmation by the Technical Director. Two jurors (one of whom will be the Chairman of the Jury) will be selected from the nominees received in response to 3.1 above. The Jurors have access to the Competitors' Area, but not the firing point unless invited by the Referee or CRO.
- 3.3. If required by the Organising Committee a Technical Adviser (FB) to the Games Shooting Technical Director may be appointed. Subject to approval of the appointment, the Technical Adviser will also sit on the Jury of Appeal as one of its members in the event of an appeal relating to a FBR Matter.
- 3.4. For the Commonwealth Games the appointees at 3.1 to 3.3 are subject to confirmation by the CGF.
- 3.5. Any decision by the Fullbore Rifle Jury on matters of scoring, outcomes on the Range or the application of the Technical Rules is final. Decisions on other matters by the Fullbore Jury may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal and must be submitted in writing within one hour of the written decision of the Fullbore Jury, accompanied by the prescribed fee. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final unless CGF Constitution itself provides further Appeal opportunities.
- 3.6. The Chairman of the Fullbore Rifle Jury will have the discretionary power to seek advice or information from any person(s) and in any manner should he decide this is necessary for the resolution of a protest.
- 3.7. Any Rules, Regulations and Conditions not provided for during competition in the Commonwealth Championships will be decided by the Fullbore Rifle Jury in consultation with the Referee.

### **4. Anti Doping.**

- 4.1. All competitors are bound by the Commonwealth Games Federation Regulations of April 2005 or any published successor. This requirement supervenes Section T15 of the Technical Rules.
- 4.2. Testing procedures will be in accordance with those put in place by the Organising Committee for the ISSF-governed events at the celebration of the Games or Championships, as the case may be.

- 4.3. **Warnings.**
- 4.3.1. The requirements of Commonwealth Games Federation, which has adopted the World Anti Doping Agency Code, are much stricter than those in force in some countries for domestic competition. Ignorance of the Regulations will not be admitted as an excuse.
- 4.3.2. It could be highly dangerous for a competitor to give up or reduce a therapeutic drug regularly taken. No competitor should take this course of action without medical advice. Many prohibited drugs appear either alone or as mixtures in medications under a commercial title. It is advisable that, should there be any doubt, expert advice be sought by the competitor before taking any medication.

## **5. Team Managers**

- 5.1. Each Nation may bring and designate one Team Official (“the Manager”). The Manager may only be replaced for reason of personal emergency and once replaced, may not resume his role. He has access to the competitors area but not the firing point except only for the purposes of resolving queries or protests connected with the rules or conduct of the competition, or rectification of rifle or equipment mishaps.
- 5.2. The Manager may offer no advice in the way of coaching from the moment the CRO calls the competitors forward until the moment that both competitors have left the firing point having completed their shoots.
- 5.3. A Manager may (additionally) act for another Nation than his own; and a Nation which does not have a manager may seek managerial assistance from a national of the host nation, subject to the Referee’s agreement.

## **THE CONDITIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL EVENT.**

### **6. Targets.**

- 6.1. The targets will be the ICFRA International Match Target as laid out at Annex T/D of the Technical Rules. In countries where the target frames do not permit the mounting of the 10 ft long range target, 8 ft targets may be used.

### **7. Course of Fire.**

- 7.1. **The First Stage:** Squaddled in pairs.  
Distances: 300yds 500yds 600yds.  
No of shots: Two sighting shots (convertible) and seven shots to count at each distance.  
Duration for the purposes of Technical Rule T8.3 (rectification of mishap) 25 Minutes
- 7.2. **The Second Stage:** Squaddled in pairs.  
Distances: 300yds 500yds 600yds.  
No of shots: Two sighting shots (convertible) and ten shots to count at each distance.  
Duration for the purposes of Technical Rule T8.3 (rectification of mishap) – 35 minutes
- 7.3. **The Third Stage:** Squaddled in pairs.  
Distances: 900yds 1000yds.  
No of shots: Two sighting shots (convertible) and fifteen shots to count at each distance.  
Duration for the purposes of Technical Rule T8.3 (rectification of mishap) – 50 minutes.
- 7.4. The final placings will be decided on the aggregate scores in all three stages. (Highest Possible Score 405 Points.) Counting out will be as for a competition shot in stages.

## **8. Distance.**

- 8.1. In countries with metric ranges only, Stages 1 and 2 will be fired at distances of 300m, 500m, and 600m and Stage 3 will be fired at 800m and 900m. The ICFRA International Match Target for metric ranges will be used.
- 8.2. In countries where 800m/900yds and/or 900m/1000yds are not available, the final will be shot at the two longest ranges available.

## **9. Squadding.**

- 9.1. If target accommodation permits, all competitors will fire shoulder to shoulder in pairs in one detail. If it is necessary to limit the number of firers because of target accommodation, a draw will take place for targets and details for Stage 1: thereafter for Stages 2 and 3, the highest scorers shoot in the second detail. The Pairs long range will be similarly seeded based on the short range scores. Only in extreme circumstances will it be permissible to cause shooters to shoot in squads of three, in which case the time allowances will be adjusted by the Jury. Whatever system is in use, a draw will be conducted in accordance with rule 2.5.
- 9.2. In the case of there being an unpaired competitor then the host country should provide a shooter of good quality to shoot with the single shooter. If there is likely to be a continued single shooter in the Individual event then the host country may change the person that they allocate as they wish but only between distances. If for an exceptional reason the host country cannot provide such a shooter then in these circumstances a shooter may shoot on his own and a register keeper will be provided BUT this event will be the exception and not the norm.
- 9.3. Where a left handed shot and a right handed shot are squadded as a pair, the right handed shooter will take the left hand position on the firing point.

## **10. Tie for the Individual Event.**

- 10.1. A tie for any of the Medals will be shot off immediately at the conclusion of the match on the longest distance used for the event. All other placings will be decided by counting out

# **THE PAIRS EVENT.**

## **11. Conditions.**

- 11.1. Distances and number of shots will be as for the second and third stages of the Individual Event, with two convertible sighting shots per firer being allowed at each distance. One target will be allowed to each pair. Time limits at 300yds, 500yds, and 600yds will be 32 minutes, and at 900yds and 1000yds the time limit will be 45 minutes. The pairs will fire shoulder to shoulder but may choose whether to fire alternately or each shooting a string. The register keeper must be informed which method will be used and in advance of any departure there from.
- 11.2. The firers of a pair may coach each other, but may not receive any advice or assistance (other than as provided in rule 5.1) from any other person during the period of the detail (i.e. from the moment the CRO calls the competitors forward until both shooters have completed their shoots and left the firing point).
- 11.3. The host Nation is to provide register keepers on a scale of one per target. They must attend properly trained and equipped (including Telescope or binoculars) and may NOT double-up into any role of plotting the fall of shot for spectators.

- 11.4. The Chief Range Officer will give a broadcast warning at the moment when 5 minutes exactly remain for a pairs detail.

## **12. Ties for the Pairs Match**

- 12.1. Ties for all places will be counted out by range totals of distance commencing with the longest range.
- 12.2. If still a tie, by the aggregate of the last shots of both firers in the team, at the longest distance, followed by the aggregate of the penultimate shots, and so on.

## **13. Practice.**

- 13.1. Where possible a practice period should be made available to competitors both prior to the event, and whenever there is a switch from short range to long range or vice versa.
- 13.2. It is permissible (but not obligatory) for the organisers to make available facilities for 'blow off' shots (2 per competitor, optional) prior to the commencement of shooting on each competition day of the individual or pairs competitions.

## ANNEX A

### Potential Programmes

A1. A possible programme for the Commonwealth Games is outlined below:

Days	1-10	Practice as available
Day	11	Opening Ceremony - No practice
Day	12	Practice at 300,500,600 yards
Day	13	Practice at 900 & 1000 yards
Day	14	PAIRS TEAM MATCH
Day	15	Practice at 300,500,600 yards
Day	16	INDIVIDUAL STAGE I (AM) STAGE II (PM)
Day	17	Practice at 900 & 1000 yards
Day	18	STAGE III

*NOTE: This is a suggested programme: the final programme is to be approved by the Technical Assistant (FB) failing whom the CSF(FB), in either case in consultation with the organising committee. The programme may be varied to suit local circumstances, e.g. range accommodation, heat or rain.*

A2. A possible programme for COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS is outlined below:

Days	1,3,	Practice at 300,500,600, yards
Days	2,4,	Practice at 900 and 1000 yards
Day	5	PAIRS & BADGE MATCH
Day	6	Practice at 300,500,600 yards
Day	7	INDIVIDUAL Stage I (AM) Stage II (PM)
Day	8	Practice at 900 & 1000 yards
Day	9	INDIVIDUAL Stage III

A3. NEITHER of the above programmes is mandatory: it is recognised that Shooting may not take place on all competition days of a Commonwealth Games.



## ANNEX B

### REQUIRED RANGE EQUIPMENT.

- B. The following scale of Range Equipment is suggested.
- a. 2 x trigger weights - 500g,
  - b. Register keeper kit – Telescope, pencils, rain protection for score cards, ear defenders,
  - c. Tools for ammunition check. (could be a small electronic scale, and bullet puller),
  - d. Stickers to show that the rifles have been approved for weight and trigger pull.
  - e. Rope to keep spectators well behind firing point but near enough to see boards,
  - f. A cartridge extractor tool
  - g. Tables and chairs for CRO and ROs,
  - h. Chairs and, if necessary, portable shelter for Jury,
  - i. Different coloured vests to distinguish:
    1. Technical Assistant,
    2. Referee
    3. Jury,
    4. CRO and ROs,
  - j. Ablutions (for male and female) within reasonable walking distance of the firing points,
  - k. Gauge 7.82mm for Chief Butt Officer. (NB NOT 7.62mm)
  - l. Equipment for drawing lots among the competitors.
  - m. public address equipment, whether portable or fixed, for the CRO.

### Specification of a CWG Fullbore Rifle Range

C1. Many host Nations will have pre-existing facilities, and the principles which follow should be adhered to as nearly as possible within the constraints of the existing configuration of the range.

Where new Ranges are being built:-

C2. The number of targets should if possible be sufficient to accommodate the expected entry shooting in pairs in a single detail with one (or more) targets spare in case of breakdown. As at 2014, 20 targets would be the default requirement.

C3. While ranges of mixed Imperial and Metric distances or Metric distances are acceptable, a range should desirably have firing points at 300, 500, 600, 900 and 1000 yards (or 300, 500, 600, 800 & 900 m if metric).

C4. Wind Flags should be not less than 12 foot 6 inches<sup>1</sup> in length and should be made of polyester bunting with weight close to 165 grams per square metre. The all-range specification for ranges which do not have pre-existing flags is:- *A truncated pennant fabricated from 'Admiralty woven (or spun) polyester bunting' of a nominal weight of 165 g per sq m (do NOT allow a lighter substitute!!). The dimensions should be: Length 12' 6', depth at the hoist 5 ft, depth at the fly 12" and the flags should be coloured blue over yellow<sup>2</sup>. They should be flown from a standard flag rope and hoist and not be anchored to the flagpole.*

C5. Flagpoles must be provided on both flanks of the range and *may* be provided on the centre line of the range providing there is sufficient clearance afforded by a gap in the line of targets displayed. The clearance between the centre line of the edge targets and the nearest flag line must not be less than 7 metres. Flagpoles should be mounted in two (or three) files at the following distances up range from the line of the targets:- 35, 200, 365, 530, 695 and 860 yards. Flagpoles should be 7.5 m tall or at such a height as will allow the flag to be flown 7m above the muzzle to target-centre line. All flagpoles must be visible from all firing points.

C6. Firing points must be flat and should be horizontal although a slope of 1 – in – 24 is acceptable for drainage purposes. The surface should desirably be grass, and must not be of material which will facilitate creation of temporary pits for elbows (e.g. loose-packed gravel). Given the standard specification for Long Range targets of 8 feet width, firing points should be not less than 10 feet wide and should be furnished with a number marker which denotes the right hand edge of the firing point in question. Further information about firing point layout and competitor/spectator areas is given in ICFRA TR Rules.

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<sup>1</sup> But may be more if custom and practice on the host range so dictates.

<sup>2</sup> Red over yellow is acceptable. Green should NOT be used.