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**Conditions of Competition for Target Rifle World Championships and other
ICFRA TR Matches**

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World Long Range Rifle Championships

Match conditions

Editors note: Cross references preceded with a 'W' refer to the ICFRA Rules for the management of World Championships.

L1. Preamble

- L1.1. The origin of the World Fullbore Rifle team Championships dates back to the 9th November 1875, when the Board of Directors of the NRA of America resolved “That in furtherance of the steps already taken for a Grand International Competition on the occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of American Independence, and for a proper observation of such Anniversary on the part of this Association, a series of Rifle matches be inaugurated to take place during the Summer or Autumn of 1876, and a general invitation be and hereby is extended to riflemen of all Countries to participate”.
- L1.2. This first match was fired in September 1876 and the prize was a trophy, similar to a Roman banner, which was originally called the Grand Centennial Trophy or the International Rifle Trophy. This later became known as the “Palma Trophy” because of the Latin word Palma (which replaced the Roman letters SPQR), signifying prominence, valour and victory. This first era of competition for the Palma Trophy continued sporadically until 1928, when the record shows the match fell into abeyance.
- L1.3. The revival of the Palma Trophy match was due to another Centennial, that of Canada, unfortunately without the actual Palma Trophy, which was lost after 1928. This second era began in 1966 and, since then, a regular competitive series has continued. The World Long Range Rifle Championships include the Palma Trophy team match and also now the individual Long Range Target Rifle Championship, which started in 1992.
- L1.4. In 2002 the newly formed world governing body for fullbore rifle shooting, the International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (ICFRA), took the World Championships under its aegis.

L2. Governance

- L2.1. The governance of these championships is vested in the Council of the International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (ICFRA), which delegates to its World Championships Committee (WCC - “The Committee”) full responsibility for the rules and conduct of these World Championships.
- L2.2. This committee will consist of one representative appointed by each National Rifle Association/Federation or approved regional grouping which has participated in three or more past Long Range World Championship team matches.
- L2.3. Other ICFRA member bodies not yet meeting this qualification, or interested in participating in future World Championships, may participate in the Committee but without a vote.
- L2.4. In 2003 it was agreed that, for the future, the match would be known as the Long Range World Championships, abbreviated to LRWC, or ILRWC for the Individual event.
- L2.5. Except as may be provided herein, the conduct of the LRWC will be in accordance with the ICFRA Rules for the Management of World Championships.

L3. The World Championship Long Range Team Match

- L3.1. The team match will only be designated as a World Championship if at least four countries/approved regional groups participate. A USA team must take part in order for the Palma Trophy to be awarded, or for the event to be referred to as “The Palma Match”. (This relates to the ownership of the trophy and the registered trademarks of the name and logo).
- L3.2. The match will normally be fired over a period of two days, with the complete course of fire being conducted on each day.

- L3.3. A World Long Range Championship team will consist of a maximum of 26 members, as follows:-
- L3.3.1. 1 Team Captain,
 - L3.3.2. 1 Adjutant,
 - L3.3.3. 16 Shooters,
 - L3.3.4. 2 Reserves,
 - L3.3.5. 1 Main Coach/Coordinator,
 - L3.3.6. 4 Target Coaches,
 - L3.3.7. 1 Armourer, (who is not to perform any other function in a full strength team of 26).
- L3.4. It is permissible, by application of rule W8.5 for a Team to consist of only 16 members, or any other greater number up to 26.
- L3.5. The course of fire for each shooter, on each of the two days, consists of two convertible sighting shots and fifteen shots to count at each distance 800, 900 and 1000 yards. For metric ranges, the course of fire will be the same, at ranges of 700, 800 and 900 metres (or a combination of yards/metric distances if the range layout so dictates). Four shooters will be squadded to a target and the team time allowance (as an exception to TR Rules) will be 100 minutes per distance.
- L3.6. The Target shall be the ICFRA International Match Target for Long Range.
- L3.7. The Host Nation will supply register keepers on a scale of 1 per target.
- L3.8. The Host Nation will organise the provision of an appropriate reception for all LRWC team members at its own cost.
- L4. The Individual Long Range World Championship (ILRWC)**
- L4.1. The Individual Long Range World Championships will precede the team match and will take place over three days. The daily course of fire will be identical to that in the team match, i.e. 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots to count at each of 800, 900 & 1000 yards. For metric ranges, the course of fire will be the same, at ranges of 700, 800 and 900 metres (or a combination of yards/metric distances if the range layout so dictates). After the final stage, the ten leading scorers will fire a shoulder-to-shoulder final comprising 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots to count at 1000 yards/900 metres. The scores obtained in this final will be added to the grand aggregate of each of the finalists to determine the ranking of the top ten places.
- L4.2. Entrants aged under 25, under 21 or under 19 as the case may be will shoot for their Individual World Championship(s) concurrent with the ILRWC. They will pay the ILRWC entry fee and will be squadded with all the other ILRWC competitors without distinction.
- L5. Eligibility**
- L5.1. Should the number of applicants to compete in the Individual Long Range World Championship exceed the range target capacity, the Committee will determine the cut-off point based on the following list of priorities.
- L5.1.1. Members of the competing World Championship teams, whether Open, Veterans or 'Age-Group',
 - L5.1.2. Shooters who finished in the top 100 in the individual match at the previous World Championships,
 - L5.1.3. Other individual shooters accredited by ICFRA member associations, with the number of places per country/regional group allocated on relative membership numeric strength of the associations.
- L5.2. The host nation in consultation with the Committee may allocate remaining places to local shooters.

- L5.3. NRAs will accredit their members who wish to compete in the World Championship individual matches under Rules L5.1.2 and L5.1.3. to the host nation. This is to ensure that all competitors are competent to compete in a World Championship. The host nation will not accept individual entries without national accreditation.

L6. Rifles and Equipment

- L6.1. Competitors from each country will use their own rifles, which must conform to ICFRA TR specifications for 7.62mm/.308WIN. Except as provided below, the ICFRA Technical Rules for Target Rifle Shooting will apply.
- L6.2. In the LR World Championship Team Match, each shooter must use the rifle with which he/she started, throughout the match, unless:-
- L6.2.1. There is a mechanical breakdown of the rifle or sights and the Referee is satisfied that such is the case. The competitor will then be allowed to use his own spare rifle, with no additional sighting shots being permitted,
- L6.2.2. If the shooter does not have a spare rifle, he may use the spare rifle of one of the other team members,
- L6.2.3. Only under exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Referee, will two shooters be permitted to use the same rifle,
- L6.2.4. Spare rifles will not be permitted on the firing point and should be kept outside Competitors' Areas until required.
- L6.3. The list of team members designated to shoot will be handed to the Match Referee at a pre-arranged place and time, after the completion of the practice day. For each shooter, the serial number of the rifle he is to use must be shown. In the event of the substitution of a shooter, the replacement may use his own rifle. The serial number will be added to the team register in place of that of the replaced shooter's rifle.
- L6.4. All questions of admissibility of rifles or equipment will be dealt with under the equipment control procedures of Section W10 of the Rules for Management of World Championships.

L7. Ammunition

- L7.1. Teams and Individuals will be responsible for supplying their own ammunition. 7.62x51mm/.308 WIN ammunition as specified under ICFRA TR Technical Rules will be used, and may be handloaded. Competitors' ammunition is liable for test under, and in accordance with, those rules.

L8. Awards - Trophies

- L8.1. The Palma Trophy (which will only be awarded if the USA is competing) will be awarded to the winning team in the World Championship Long Range Team Match. This trophy is:-
- L8.1.1. the property of the NRA of America,
- L8.1.2. held by the NRA of America between matches for safekeeping.
- L8.2. The Fulton Trophy - a trophy won by Art Jackson, USA, and re-presented by him with specific conditions for the World Championship (Palma) Team Match - will be awarded to the highest individual scorer in the team match. The trophy is named after Major Henry Fulton who was Captain of the USA team in the first Palma Match in 1876. This trophy is the property of the NRA of America.
- L8.3. The Paterson Cup will be awarded to the winner of the World Championship Long Range Individual Match and may be held by the winner until the next championship. This trophy is the property of the NRA of Great Britain.
- L8.4. The Fulton Trophy and the Paterson Cup are:-
- L8.4.1. entrusted to ICFRA according to the terms of a bailment agreement,
- L8.4.2. the responsibility of the winner to safeguard,
- L8.4.3. to be shipped to the next host nation one month prior to the start of the next World Championships.

L9. Awards - Medals and Badges

- L9.1. The host nation must provide all the under-mentioned awards, but their form and design must either emanate from, or be approved by, the Committee and incorporate the ICFRA Logo. The host nation may provide additional awards under conditions made known to the Committee in advance of each match as per Rule W6.9.
- L9.2. Each participant in the World Championship Long Range Team Match will be awarded a commemorative badge or medal of the agreed PALMA design.
- L9.3. Each participant in the Individual World Long Range Championship will be awarded a commemorative badge of appropriate design.
- L9.4. For the World Championship Long Range Team Match, medals of the approved design, based on that used in 1985, will be awarded as follows:-
- L9.4.1. First place team - Gold,
 - L9.4.2. Second place team - Silver,
 - L9.4.3. Third place team - Bronze.
- L9.5. 26 of each medal must be provided, one for each team member. Should a team have less than 26 members, each must receive a medal, but the remaining medals are not to be issued.
- L9.6. First, second and third place awards will be made even if only the minimum number of four teams compete.
- L9.7. For the World Championships Long Range Individual Match, the host nation will provide the following medals, of approved design incorporating the ICFRA Logo:-
- L9.7.1. Daily prizes: One set of medals (gold, silver & bronze) for each of the distances together with a fourth set for the daily aggregate for each of the three days,
 - L9.7.2. Aggregate prizes: One set of medals for each the 700m,/800y; 800m/900y and 900m/1000y aggregates,
 - L9.7.3. Championship prizes: A special gold medal for the Champion, a similar silver medal for the runner-up and eight similar bronze medals. The bronze medals must be engraved with the relative finishing positions (3rd to 10th).

Note: The colour of the medals relates to the colour only and not to their metal content.