

# Rulebook Change Log

## Rule Changes / Edits

Date: 1/1/2026

### Rule

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#### 1. OVERVIEW — Level I Matches Changed

Level I Matches – Competitors will compete with a rifle and a handgun chambered in .22 Long Rifle. If a **new** competitor only has either a rifle or pistol, they may still compete in the match **but** will be assessed a procedural penalty for a stage shot with the improper firearm.

#### 4.3.6 Changed

Match directors have the discretion to combine Categories if the required minimum number is not met for a category or if it makes financial sense to do so. For example, 70+ combined with the 65-69 category or the 18-34 category combined with the 35-54 category.

#### 4.4. Changed

Senior recognition categories expanded into separate age brackets:

- Lady 65–69
- Lady 70+
- Men 65–69
- Men 70+
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#### 4.5. Added

Match Levels table adds a requirement line for RCSA RSO Certified for RSO Staff, with requirement level varying by match level.

#### 14.1.15 Changed

At a Level 1 match a competitor who brings one gun will shoot **all of** the stages. **A stage shot with the wrong firearm will be assessed a procedural for the stage.**

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#### 2.2.5 Changed

All rifles must be unloaded and stored in a closed case or scabbard that covers the trigger guard and trigger or secured in a gun cart with flag/ECI or Magazine Well ECI

device holding the bolt action open. It is at the discretion of the competitor to use an ECI / flag when stored in a case or scabbard. (Section 5) 5.0.10

#### 4.3. Changes

##### Minimums and Requirements for Special Recognition Categories

1. There must be at least (3) competitors to be recognized in a category at a Match.
2. It may be that a competitor can compete in more than 1 category. For example: Senior and Military.
3. Competitors must compete in the appropriate category based on age on the day of the match, not time of registration.
4. Match Directors may elect to recognize divisions (Open and Limited) and categories with more than 3 entries at a match.
5. Match Directors have the discretion to add additional category awards such as High Junior Lady, or active law enforcement etc. provided the category recognition minimums are met.
6. Match directors have the discretion to combine Categories if the required minimum number is not met for a category or if it makes financial sense to do so. For example, 65+ combined with the 55-64 category or the 18-34 category combined with the 35-54 category.

#### 4.4. Changed

##### Special Recognition Categories

1. Youth – Competitors ages 12 and under
2. Junior – Competitors ages 13-17
3. Lady 18-34
4. Lady 35-54
5. Lady 55-64
6. Lady 65 +
7. Men 18-34
8. Men 35-54
9. Men 55-64
10. Men 65+
11. Military / Veteran – Military personnel on current active-duty orders or any veteran.

#### 5.0.10 Changed

All rifles must be unloaded and stored in a closed case or scabbard that covers the trigger guard and trigger or secured in a gun cart with flag/ECI or Magazine Well ECI device holding the bolt action open.

- It is at the discretion of the competitor to use an ECI / flag when stored in a case or scabbard.
- If the rifle is secured in a gun cart muzzle up or down it does not need to be in a case.

#### 5.0.12

Added A 3-gun style cart may be used for transporting rifles. Rifles must be flagged at all times. The rifle must be carried in a safe manner being muzzle up or down. A wagon is not a gun cart and the rifle must be cased when in a wagon.

#### 12.1a Changed

The competitor may step out of the shooting box while uncasing a firearm or removing a rifle from a 3 gun style cart, to safely do so with the direction of the RSO. Once the rifle is removed from the 3 gun style cart, it must remain pointed down range or vertical (up or down).

#### 12.7 Changed

##### Rifle

- Show clear by pulling the bolt back and inspect no ammunition is in the chamber and firearm is unloaded.
- RSO will double check with competitor to verify the firearm is clear and ready to be stored in a case, scabbard or secured in a gun cart.. (Trigger need not be pulled.)
- It is at the discretion of the competitor to use an ECI/flag or Magazine Well ECI device, when stored in a case or scabbard.

15.2.12 Added Any violation of section 2.2 RCOSA Match Safety Rules is a match disqualification

16.3.1 Changed A restart of a string is allowed when the competitor:

- Fails to load.
  - Fails to Disengage safety
  - Fails to fire a round.
- However, if the competitor fires a round, a restart cannot be granted.

17.2 Added to current rule, last sentence - "The protest period may be waived with a majority vote of the competitors present"

Date: June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

Edited 7.9 If the competitor must set a loaded firearm down while loading, reloading, unloading, or performing a remedial action, guidance must be obtained from the RSO. Failure to do so is a match disqualification. (15.2.11)

Edited 15.2.11 Setting a loaded firearm down without the guidance of the RSO

**Date: June 1st 2024**

1.0 Changed Level I Matches - Competitors will compete with a rifle and pistol chambered in .22 Long Rifle. Awards, if any, are at the discretion of the range holding the match. (14.1.3) If a competitor only has either a rifle or pistol, they may still complete the match.

9.4.3 Changed Assistance in a Level II, III, IV match will result in:  
A warning for first offense  
Will result in a 3 second Procedural penalty, per string for each occurrence for the competitor. The procedural penalty for the person coaching will be applied to the fastest string on down of the same stage

11.0 Delete ~~No person is permitted to enter or move through a COF stage without the prior approval of the MD, RM or RSO assigned to that specific COF stage.~~

12.7 Changed If the competitor realizes that the cartridge fails to extract:

12.7 Changed. If the gun does not prove to be clear, the RSO will resume the command, "Stop" followed by "Unload and show clear." Once the firearm has proven to be clear, the competitor will be disqualified.

14.1.15 Changed A competitor who brings one gun will shoot the stages designated for that firearm. The remaining stages will be scored as a DNF.

15.1.4 Added EXCEPTION: Any accidental discharge strictly due to mechanical failure will result in A DQ for that DIVISION. If the competitor is shooting 2 divisions, the competitor will be allowed to continue the match in the other division

Glossary Added Shot fired - Occurs when the trigger of the firearm is deliberately pulled

**Date: March 2024**

3.2 Added Unloading Table / Area

3.2.1 Added -It is a best practice to have a unloading table /area designated.  
-Unloading table is to be used for malfunctions that cannot be cleared on the shooting line.  
-The competitor will be escorted to the unloading table / area by a MD or RM.  
-Use of the unloading table /area will be under the supervision of the MD or RM.

2.2.5 Changed All rifles must be unloaded, magazine well empty and stored in a closed case or have a scabbard that covers the trigger guard and trigger. It is at the discretion of the competitor to use an ECI / flag.

3.1.5 Changed NO AMMO is allowed to be handled in the Safety Area. This includes inert rounds, loaded magazines, speed loading devices, spent cases or live rounds.

4.1 Changed OPEN – All legal 22LR firearms are allowed. Firearms equipped with Red Dot, electronic or reflex sights are allowed. All other legal modifications are allowed.

4.2.2 Deleted If shooting both divisions, the competitor will complete the match with his/her Open division firearms first and then complete the match with the Limited division firearms. The competitor may complete a portion of the match with their Open division firearms and the same portion with his/her Limited division firearms; this may be the method in the case of a two-day match. The participant would then complete the match on the second day starting with his/her Open division firearms and finishing with his/ her Limited division firearms.

4.2.3 Changed Becomes 4.2.2

4.4.6 Changed Distinguished Senior - Competitors ages 70 and over 4.4.6 becomes 4.4.7 and 4.4.7 becomes 4.4.8

4.4.8 Changed Military/Veteran – Military personnel on current active-duty orders or any veteran.

5.0.8 Added Binary triggers are not allowed to be used in Rimfire Challenge Competition. The binary trigger can be installed but not activated.

5.0.9 -5.0.10 Moved 5.0.8 becomes 5.0.9 and 5.0.9 becomes 5.0.10

7.7 & 7.8 Deleted 7.9 and 7.10 become 7.7 and 7.8

7.9 Added If the competitor must set a loaded firearm down while loading, reloading, unloading, or performing a remedial action the firearm must have the safety engaged. Failure to do so is a match disqualification.

11.1.1a Changed Prior to the start signal, competitors will start standing in shooting box in low ready position

11.1.1b Deleted 11.1.1c becomes 11.1.1b

11.1.3 Changed Semi-automatic Pistol: Chamber loaded, hammer cocked

12.1a Added The competitor may step out of the shooting box while uncasing a firearm to safely do so but may not move farther than 2 feet from shooting box under RSO supervision.

12.7 Changed If Clear, Bag Firearm

12.8 Changed "Range Is Clear" This declaration signifies the end of the course of fire. This declaration is made by the RSO once the firearm is safely cased, and case is closed by latching or zipping the case. A firearm in a scabbard must be fully inserted into scabbard covering the trigger guard. Once the declaration is made, officials and competitors may move forward to score, paint, reset targets, etc.

13.1.3 Added to The MD or RM will take whatever steps he or she deems necessary to return the competitor and range to a safe condition. This can include escorting the competitor to an Unloading table / area.

14.1.5 Added A procedural will incur a 3-second penalty.

Remaining rules shift down 1 number in 14.1

14.1.15 Added Shooting the incorrect firearm on a stage at a level 1 match will result in a 3 second procedural for the stage, not for each string. For example: Shooting a rifle on the pistol stages. Shooting a pistol on the rifle stages.

Remaining rule shift down 1 number in 14.1

15.2.7 Changed Failure to keep the finger outside the trigger guard during loading, reloading or unloading or at any time prior to the start signal performing a remedial