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BENCHREST

Supplementary
Hand Book

(includes Factory Class)

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Rules for SSAA (Qld.) Inc. Benchrest Competitions

(Suitable for both Centrefire and .22LR Rimfire Rifles)

The following Handbook has been formulated by a Queensland Disciplines Committee headed by the Queensland Benchrest Chairman with the aim of introducing more Queensland shooters to the Benchrest Discipline. It will aid in the development and overseeing of all Matches involving Zone, State and Australian Championships shot under State or National Rules. In these Events the Host Captain and Branch are accountable to the Queensland Benchrest Chairman for the venue and organisational details and the proper conduct of competitive Benchrest shooting. All disputes or inquiries arising within the precincts of the State of Queensland involving Benchrest shooting should be brought to the attention of the current Queensland Benchrest Chairman.

This Handbook incorporates the 'Factory Class' Rules, which are currently only shot in Queensland and must be used in conjunction with the current National SSAA Benchrest Rule Book .

A) RIFLE SPECIFICATIONS & CLASSES

A-1 Refer to the current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book under Section 3 for the following information about :-

- 1.2 Experimental/Unlimited
- 3.3 Heavy Benchrest
- 3.4 Light Benchrest
- 3.5 Sporter
- 3.6 22 LR Light Rimfire
- 3.7 22 LR Heavy Rimfire
- 3.8 Rifles out of Class
- 3.9 Rifles in heavier Class
- 3.10 Changing rifles during competition

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A-2 Factory Class (QLD only)

The class is essentially a promotional class intended to support and encourage Benchrest shooting for entry level and junior competitors. It is not officially recognised as a class for registered events as defined by the National Benchrest Rule Book.

Matches may be held in conjunction with registered tournaments and be eligible for separate awards and trophies at the discretion of the SSAA (Qld.) Inc. Executive.

- A2-1 Rifle must be from original manufacturer.
- A2-2 Stock is to be of hunting style configuration and must not be altered externally from original manufacture. The fore end must not exceed 2 ¼ “ in width and have no external attachments.
- A2-3 Replacement barrels are to be from original manufacturer.
- A2-4 Tight neck and special match chambers are not permitted.
- A2-5 Trigger must be of original manufacture and may be adjusted but not modified or replaced by competition or custom style trigger.
- A2-6 Telescopic sights shall be restricted to 6 magnifications. Variable magnification telescopes shall be set at 6 magnifications or less and taped.
- A2-7 The rifle must have an operable magazine that will hold 2 (two) or more loaded rounds of ammunition and once placed in magazine, be capable of being chambered, made ready for firing and extracted solely by the normal operation of the bolt.
- A2-8 The rifle must be fired from restricted rests only, as described in Section 5.2 of the National Benchrest Rule Book.
- A2-9 Any centrefire rifle that does not have a total

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weight in excess of 10lbs (4.536kg) including telescopic sight and accessories. Stock is to be of hunting style configuration and the fore end must not exceed 2 ¼ inches in width.

A2-10 Any rimfire rifle chambered for .22LR cartridge only, that does not have a total weight in excess of 7lb 12 oz (3.515kg) including telescopic sights and accessories but otherwise meets the specifications of the Factory Centrefire rifle.

A2-11 Factory Class can be shot at Branch, Zone and State level but cannot be registered. Records cannot be recognised . State medals will only be awarded at State Championships.

B) RESTS

Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book – Section 5

C) COURSE OF FIRE AND TIME LIMITS

Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 6

D) RANGE REQUIREMENTS

Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 7

E) CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS

Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 8

F) PROCEDURAL COMMANDS

Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 9

G) COMPETITORS

Refer to current S.S.A.A Benchrest Rule Book - Section 2

1.3 Stuck live round - If a malfunction results in a stuck live

round that cannot be simply removed from the breach end of the barrel, the firearm must be removed from the

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range for repair by a competent person. Under no circumstances is an attempt to be made to remove the round by insertion of a cleaning rod, or similar from the muzzle.

- H) **TARGET SPECIFICATIONS**
Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 11
- I) **SCORING PROCEDURES**
Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book – Section 12
- J) **CROSSFIRES**
Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 13
- K) **SCORING OF AGGREGATES**
Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 14
- L) **BREAKING OF TIED SCORES**
Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 15
- M) **GROUP AND AGGREGATE RECORDS**
Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 16
- N) **PROTEST AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**
Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book – Section 2
- O) **HUNTER CLASS**
Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book - Section 17
for a more detailed description of the following classes.
 - 1.1.1 Light Centrefire Hunter Class (formerly Centrefire Hunter Class)
 - 1.1.2 Heavy Centrefire Hunter Class (formerly Custom Centrefire Hunter Class)
 - 1.1.3 Light .22LR Rimfire Hunter Class (formerly Rimfire Hunter Class)

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- 1.1.4 Heavy .22LR Rimfire Hunter Class (formerly Custom Rimfire Hunter Class)
- 1.1.5 Factory Centrefire Hunter Class (Qld only)
Refer also to Section A2 at beginning of this Hand Book
- 1.1.6 Factory .22LR Rimfire Hunter Class (Qld only)
Refer also to Section A2 at beginning of this Hand Book
- 1.2 Courses of Fire and Time Limits
- 1.3 Range Requirements
- 1.4 Target Specifications
- 1.5 Scoring Procedures
- 1.6 Crossfires
- 1.7 Scoring of Aggregates (Hunter Class Targets)
- 1.8 Breaking Tied Scores
- 1.9 Distance Records

P) POSTAL SHOOTS

- a) Postal competitions may be conducted in the following :-
 - 1) Rimfire Hunter Factory Class
 - 2) Rimfire Hunter Light Class
 - 3) Rimfire Hunter Heavy Class
 - 4) Centrefire Hunter Factory Class
 - 5) Centrefire Hunter Light Class
 - 6) Centrefire Hunter Heavy Class
 - 7) Rimfire Benchrest Factory Class
 - 8) Rimfire Benchrest Light Class
 - 9) Rimfire Benchrest Heavy Class
 - 10) Centrefire Benchrest Factory Class
 - 11) Centrefire Benchrest Light Varmint Class
 - 12) Centrefire Benchrest Heavy Varmint Class
- b) The competition should be conducted over a 3 month period from June to August.

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- c) If postal scores are to be taken from the State Championships, the competitor must notify the Match Director prior to the commencement of the Championships. Targets A, B & C will be the ones used.
- d) Postal targets shot at the competitor's range will not be plugged or scores written on them.
- e) All targets submitted must be signed by a Range Officer and shall have the following information on the back if equipment list is not provided.:
 - 1) Competitor's name
 - 2) Branch
 - 3) SSAA Membership number
 - 4) Calibre (CF only)
 - 5) Juniors to supply date of birth

NB. There are 2 classes for Juniors

Under 15yrs and
Juniors 15-18yrs

 - 6) Veterans (60+) to supply date of birth
- f) Targets must be sent to the designated scorer no later than 21 days after close of competition.

Q) MEDALS AND AWARDS

Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book – Section 18

R) BY - LAWS

Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book – Section 19

S) TOLERANCES

Refer to current S.S.A.A. Benchrest Rule Book – Section 20