

**WORLD
BENCHREST SHOOTING
FEDERATION**



OFFICIAL RULE BOOK
RIMFIRE COMPETITION

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SECTION A Administration

A.1 Authority:

The World Rimfire Benchrest Shooting Championships are conducted on the authority of the World Benchrest Shooting Federation and approved by the Delegates Committee.

A.2 Recognition of Member Countries:

There is no restriction on the number of countries that may join the World Benchrest Shooting Federation, subject to them meeting the admission criteria established within these rules, fulfilling financial obligations and meeting the appropriate standards of behaviour and sportsmanship.

A country may be expelled and membership cancelled by the delegates attending a meeting duly called and constituted by these rules. Such expulsion will be by a 2/3rd majority ballot of those country delegates present.

A.3 Recognised Body:

It is for each member country, to establish the body within its jurisdiction that will be recognised for participation at any rimfire championship conducted under the auspices of the World Benchrest Shooting Federation. This may be a joint body representing the interests of both Rimfire and Centrefire, however they equally may be separate bodies. However only one national body per country can be represented at the WBSF Delegates Meetings per A4.

A.4 Types of Membership

A4.1 Full Membership

Each country accepted for membership is entitled to appoint a representative to care for their interests and attend any meetings of the WBSF Delegates Committee. A full member will represent the interests of both Rimfire and Centrefire disciplines.

A4.2 Associate Membership

Associate membership will be granted to a member who represents Rimfire only within a country and will be required to act in co-ordination with the Full member from that country to ensure any matters requiring attention of the Federation is placed on the Delegates Meeting agenda.

A4.2 Affiliate Membership

Membership is available per **A13 Territory or Protectorate** and subject to all other Rules and requirements of these rules.

A4.3 Interim Membership

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On the authority of the President of the Federation, Interim Membership may be granted to a new country seeking membership, subject to such action being placed before the next Delegates Meeting for ratification of Full (or Associate) membership or declinature in accordance with these rules.

A.5 Multiple Representations:

Where more than one organisation pursues the interests of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting within a country, it is for that country to determine representation. However, the WBSF Delegates Committee will only recognise one such body in any one country. Where an Association / Federation accept such responsibility, it is required to ensure all competitors from that country who wish to represent their country, are provided with the opportunity to qualify for such teams.

A.6 International Affiliation:

It is expected that any country / association recognition, should be capable of/or recognised by the controlling body of sports shooting in that country, to ensure full international status can be conveyed on the countries representatives.

A.7 Advisory Committee Meetings:

An Advisory Committee Meeting will be held at each World Rimfire Championship to discuss matters relative to the conduct of the Rimfire Championship. Matters that impinge on the activities of both sectors of the sport shall be by recommendation to the Bi-Annual Delegates meeting held at the Centrefire Championship.

The Advisory Committee meeting will be conducted by the President of the WBSF or his nominee if unavailable to attend. Representation will be by a Delegate, accredited in writing by the member association prior to the meeting, from each approved country. The Delegate may be accompanied by an official observer. Each delegate present at the meeting will hold one vote. The President may hold his countries vote or a casting vote, but not both.

A.8 Membership Fees:

Member countries will be responsible for the payment of any membership fees or levies determined from time to time by the WBSF Delegates Meeting. Failure to meet deadlines set for the payment of such fees will result in the non-acceptance of shooters from that country in any events conducted by the World Benchrest Shooting Federation. A Full member shall pay 100% of the Fee, an Associate member 50% of the fee.

A.9 Conduct of Events:

A World Rimfire Championship shall be conducted every two years. All events at such Championships will be conducted in accordance with these Rules. Should the host country traditionally conduct events in metric distances, same will be allowed, however all events for that Championship will be conducted in the metric distances.

A.10 Changes to Rules to be used at World Rimfire Championship:

Should changes be required to these rules, these should be advised to the Advisory Committee members at least one year prior to competition, and confirmation of such changes approved by the next Advisory meeting. Such changes will then need approval of the Delegates Meeting prior to implementation. Should no such changes be advised, then the competition will proceed based on the published information. A temporary change for a specific Championship can be approved by the President or nominee, in consultation with the Organising Committee, subject to all competing countries approving in writing that such change has their agreement.

A.11 New Competition Events:

These Rules contain all events that are currently approved by the Delegates Committee for competition. Should a member wish to provide an alternative competition or include an additional event on the programme, such detail must be submitted to the Advisory Committee meeting two years prior to competition. Such application must be accompanied by the Rules of Competition under which the event will be conducted and confirmation that all administrative matters (medals, teams etc) as provided in these Rules will prevail. Such recommendations need approval from the next Delegates meeting.

A.12 Competitor Accreditation:

Only competitors nominated by their affiliated country/association who have met their financial obligations and who hold that countries citizenship or residency qualification will be accepted. In the event of doubt, the shooters primary place of residency will determine eligibility.

Where a competitor has previously competed for another country, that shooter cannot compete for a new country without a formal clearance from the originating country and a stand-down period of two years since the date of last competing at a WBSF sanctioned event.

A.13 Territory or Protectorate:

The recognised National Shooting Association of such territories or protectorates may seek Full or Associate membership of WBSF. For entry to be accepted into a championship, all competitors must have been resident in that territory or protectorate for a minimum of two years.

A.14 Minimum Number of Individual Competitors:

For a World Rimfire Championship to be conducted there must be fifteen (15) competitors representing a minimum of five countries.
The minimum number of competitors from each country shall be one competitor.

A.15 Maximum Number of Individual Competitors:

Each participating country may enter a maximum number of six (6) competitors in each event of the championship.

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A.16 Extension of entry numbers:

The numbers of competitors from each country may be extended to nine (9) if sufficient range space is available. In determining which countries are granted such extension, the Team Grand Aggregate from the immediate past World Rimfire Championship will determine the order of acceptance. (For clarity, the winning country would be offered the first opportunity. Offers will first be made to countries that are able to enter a full team.)

A.17 Team Competition - Minimum Number of Teams:

One team from each of four participating countries.

A.18 Size of Teams:

Each country is entitled to enter two teams of three shooters in each event which may be extended per A.16.

A.19 Reserves:

It is recognised that countries may wish to have reserves available in the event of difficulties within a group. Reserves will be able to shoot during official and unofficial practise days, but will not be permitted to participate during the Teams Competition. However, a country will be entitled to enter one (1) reserve in the individual championship. An entry fee of 75% of full fee will be charged for the Reserves entry into the Individual match commensurate with costs of involvement, including functions etc.

A.20 Use of Reserves:

Until a competitor fires the first shot in an event, they may be replaced by a reserve. Following such first shot in a warm-up match or competition, replacement is not permitted.

A.21 Teams Competition participants:

For a Team score to be recorded, all team members must complete the Benchrest for Score competition.

A.22 World Championship Records:

World Rimfire Championship records can be established and are recorded in the WBSF Championship Manual.

A.22.a Un-confirmed Records:

The results as published at each championship can be used to indicate that an unconfirmed new World Rimfire Championship Record has been established.

A.22.b Confirmed Record:

The Advisory Committee shall appoint a Technical Group for the final scoring of proposed new records. Such group can meet in person or by correspondence.

All targets that constitute the record shall be made available to the Technical Group by the shooters Team Leader via the WBSF President or nominee, accompanied by appropriate application form.

The Group shall personally inspect and independently re-score each target, providing to the President or nominee the results of their efforts.

The President (or nominee) shall co-ordinate all results, and determines the average of everyone's re-score. It will be for the President to announce any new records so obtained. There shall be no appeal rights available as a result of Technical Group or the Presidents deliberations in this matter.

A.22.c Recording of Records:

Score Records: Recorded as shot and published (i.e. separate Metric & Imperial records)

SECTION B Rules of Competition

B.1 DEFINITIONS

B.2 Championship:

The Championship shall be defined as the conduct of the total tournament.

B.3 Event:

The Event will be those events separately listed in Section D.

B.4.1 Aggregate:

An Aggregate will be the sum of all targets shot by a competitor or team and scored, each day

B.4.2 Grand Aggregate:

A Grand Aggregate will be the sum of all matches shot by a competitor or team in a Championship.

B.5 Match:

A *Match* (an event) will consist in shooting three (3) targets as part of a Championship.

B.6 Rifle Specifications

The Championship will be completed under one rifle class, this to be any rifle chambered in 22LR with a maximum weight of 14lbs (6.35kg) without restriction on trigger weight or scope power. The trigger must be manually operated and it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure its safe operation. The stock shall not exceed 3 inches in width at the for-end and be of conventional design. A barrel tuner, or muzzle attachment used as a tuning device, may be added to a rifle barrel. Such a device may not be adjusted during the shooting of a target. The rifle, including any attachments fixed to the rifle to be used during the shooting of a target, must meet the weight specifications as set out in these rules.

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B.7 Ammunition

Ammunition must be of lead projectile type in .22LR and commercially produced and available from regular outlets.

B.8 Rests:

A front rest shall only support the front portion of the rifle. The rear rest shall only support the rear portion of the rifle. Neither rest may be attached to the bench, the rifle or each other i.e.: Both parts shall be moveable independently of each other.

B. 8.1 Front Rest:

The front rest must incorporate a pliable bag or series of bags containing mineral sand. The front portion of the rifle shall contact no portion of the rest, other than the bag, or bags, containing the mineral sand, apart from a stop, at the front of the rest that can be used to locate the distance that the rifle is moved towards the target.

The bottom of the fore end of the stock must form a 100% contact with the top of any sand bag underneath. The rest can incorporate vertical and horizontal adjustments. See Appendix J for clarification.

B.8.2 Rear Rest:

To be a bag or series of bags containing mineral sand. The rear bag can incorporate a vertical spacer as long as it does not contain horizontal or vertical adjustments.

The vertical spacer shall not contain any protrusions which can be inserted into the bench top or the sand bag. The rear bag/s shall not be contained in any way.

B.9 Sand Bag:

The front and rear sand bags will be without additions, containing mineral sand only and at least ½ inch / 12.7mm thick over their entire surface. No metallic materials may be used in the construction of the sandbag. Tape on the sandbags is legal.

B.10 Restraint of Rifles:

Rifles shall be fired from rests which may be supported on a pedestal, which shall not co-act with the sandbag/s to restrain recoil or form a guiding means; and a rear rest, comprising a sandbag supporting the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the butt stock. The rifle must be able to be lifted freely from the sandbag/s in a vertical direction with all attachments in place. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

B.11 Guiding means:

Any device, addition, contour or dimension on a rifle, designed to co-act with any equipment to guide its return to the firing position, without the necessity to re-aim the rifle optically for each shot shall be deemed illegal.

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B.12 Firing Line:

The firing line shall preferably be coincident with the forward edge of the bench. If not, the line must be clearly marked on the bench.

B.13 Bench:

A bench shall be a rigidly constructed table approximately 32 inches / 812mm in height at which a shooter may sit. The shooter should be able to adjust personal height by the provision of a seat or stool which is adjustable. Benches should be constructed to allow firing by either right or left-handed competitors.

B.14 Position on the bench:

The rifle shall be so placed that the muzzle extends forward of the bench and the entire receiver of the rifle is behind the firing line.

B.15 Unused Benches:

No competitor or Team Official shall occupy any bench in any match in which they personally are not competing.

B.16 Coaching:

No Coaching of competitors on the firing line will be permitted. The penalty for coaching will be disqualification of both the coach and the coached shooter from the whole tournament.

SECTION C Conduct of Championships

C.1 Targets:

Targets to be used in the Championship, shall be the Official WBSF International Rimfire Target for Score (25 Scoring faces) Should a local print be used, this will require prior approval from the Officials of the Federation.

C.2 Official Set of Targets:

Three targets per match shall be provided per competitor, these to be clearly marked with a "Competitor Number".

C3 Target Dislodged:

Should a Target be dislodged during the firing, the firing will continue uninterrupted. At the completion of the firing, the Range Officer will assess and award extra time to the competitor to enable the match to be completed prior to proceeding with further competition.

C.4 Lost Targets:

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If a target is lost (the fault of the range or weather) and the shooter has all other completed targets, the score for the lost target will be the average of the best and worst of those remaining targets. It is the responsibility of the Target Staff to ensure adequate protection of the targets against weather etc by stapling if necessary.

C.5 Posting of Targets:

All completed targets are to be posted in a common area (Wailing Wall) and displayed for all competitors to view. No competitor shall remove from the display area, any targets until the aggregate for that day has been completed, and the protest time for that aggregate has expired. (see C16)

Should a Team or individual wish to lodge a protest regarding target scoring etc, refer to Section E.9 or 10 Target Re-Scoring Procedures

Should an issue arise in regarding Aggregates, the Protest Committee may require the targets to be produced. However, it should be noted that re-scoring of targets cannot be undertaken after expiration of the protest time.

C.6 Removal of Targets:

Early removal of targets by a competitor prior to the expiry of the notified protest time for each aggregate automatically negates all protest rights. The Organising Committee shall provide adequate storage for targets during a championship for those competitors who do not wish to remove their targets until completion of the Championship.

C.7 Target marking facilities:

The availability of a separate target marking facility is necessary, with restricted access to competitors and the public. All target marking should be conducted by two delegated Technical Officials, one to undertake primary scoring using approved equipment, the other to act as check scorer and recorder. Target score to be displayed on the face of the target.

C8 Score Target Marking Procedures:

C8a Best Edge:

Best edge scoring will be used throughout all score matches. (if the hole touches the border of the next highest ring with no gap, the higher score will be awarded). A bullet hole touching the inner ring will be awarded an x score. The score is to be written in the box provided. A shot in the scoring face, but missing the largest ring will be scored as zero (0) points. Tears or distortions on the target will not be counted.

C8b Missing Scoring box (face).

All shots that do not enter or touch the scoring face will be awarded a zero.

C8c Scoring Plugs

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All shots which cannot be scored by visual scoring, will be checked by a certified .220 plug (+/- 0.0005) or slide and marked on the scoring face with a "P" to indicate that a scoring face cannot be re-plugged as part of a protest or score query.

C8d Overloaded Targets:

Should more than one shot appear on a scoring face, only the lowest score will be counted less one point penalty for each additional shot.

C8e Shots between target blocks (scoring faces):

Should a shot appear between scoring faces, the shot will be plugged and assessed for within which scoring face appears most of the bullet hole. The scoring face with most of the bullet hole will be recorded as having been shot.

C8F First Shot error.

If the first shot on paper unintentionally hits a scoring face, the Range Officer must be informed before the second shot is fired. The Range Officer must visually check the target and make a note on target when same is recovered. No penalty will be incurred.

C9 Score Match Tie:

The X count will be the primary method of tie breaking. Should two or more competitors still have equal scores, a Tie will be recorded.

C9a Score Aggregate Tie

If no awards are to be made for daily aggregates, then C9 shall apply. If awards are to be made then C9b will apply.

C9b Grand Aggregate Tie:

Should a tie exist, such ties will be broken by count back from the final target shot, by each competitor, based on first X miss, on those cards, beginning with scoring face 1, counting up to scoring face 25. Should no difference still be apparent, the next to last card shot by each competitor, will be considered in the same way and so on, until a difference is found. In the case of a team competition the count back will start with the last targets of the last team members to shoot and continue in the same fashion.

Tie breaking procedures will only be applied to aggregates for which Medals are provided. Non-medal awards will remain as ties and recognised accordingly.

C.10 Stationary Backers:

Stationary Backers are to be located behind the target frames for all matches. These are required to be placed as follows;- 3 feet/1m behind target frame.

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In the case of cross-fires or indecisive targets, these shall not be removed from the frames until the matter is resolved by the Technical Staff.

C.11 Standard Range commands – First Match General Instructions:

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Prior to each relay of the match of the day, general instructions shall be announced by the Range Officer. They should be the same or similar to the following, acknowledging local requirements:-

“During the match, should an emergency arise which requires an immediate ceasefire, I shall command:-

“STOP, STOP, STOP - Stand and move away from the bench”

The clock shall be stopped on this command.

Once the emergency has been assessed and it is safe to do so, the Range Officer shall instruct the competitors to approach their respective benches and make their rifles safe, **by removing their bolts and then, stand away from the bench again.**

Once the emergency has been dealt with, the competition will be restarted, in accordance with rule C13, using the standard range commands 4-7 as set out in C12, stating the remaining time left on the clock, plus 2 minutes.

Do not place any ammunition in the action until the command ‘Commence Firing’

C.12 Standard Range Commands – Each Match:

To ensure the championship is conducted without confusion, the following range commands are to be used.

- 1) This is Match (1-2-3-4)
- 2) This is Relay (1-2-3-4)
- 3) This is Target (1-2-3)
- 4) Are all shooters ready
- 5) You have 20 minutes to complete this Target.
- 6) Place bolts in your rifle
- 7) Commence Fire
- 8) Half Time
- 9) You have two minutes to complete your firing.
- 10) You have one minute to complete your firing
- 11) You have 30 seconds to complete your firing.
- 12) five seconds
- 13) “Sound of whistle” - Cease Fire
- 14) Remove bolts from rifles.
- 15) Target Crew can go forward

Interpretations

- a) No live ammunition may be placed in the rifle until the Commence Fire command is given.

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- b) Timing commences at the beginning of the word “commence”.
- c) Timing ceases at the end of the blowing of the whistle.
- d) Any shots fired before the command “Commence Fire” or after the “Blowing of the whistle” for cease fire, will result in the shooter being disqualified from, and not taking part in the rest of the days shooting.

C.13 Emergency Commands:

In the event of an emergency, the Range Officer will issue a “cease fire” command per C.11. Such command must be obeyed immediately and no further shots fired. Prior to recommencement of firing, the Range Officer will allow 2 minutes additional time and advise the shooters accordingly, however this allowance cannot exceed the original time for the match.

C.14 Protest Committee:

It is the responsibility of the Organising Committee to arrange a Protest Committee to hear any grievances raised by competitors regarding any matters associated with the conduct of the championship.

C.15 Composition of Protest Committee:

The Protest Committee shall consist of the Championship Director, and two experienced Competitors (not from the host country) appointed from those entered. It is preferred that competitor appointees are changed daily for the period of the championship. Alternatively, the Organising Committee may appoint a Technical Committee of experienced individuals to act as the Protest Committee, who are not competitors and who can act independently of competing teams.

C.16 Lodging Protest:

All protests are to be lodged on the prescribed form (see Appendix Form A) together with a Protest Fee of USD25 or equivalent local currency. In the event of a successful protest, the fee will be refunded in full; otherwise all fees will be retained by the Organising Committee. All Protests must be submitted within 30 minutes of the alleged grievance, or posting of the results of the daily aggregate or final result so disputed.

C.17 Decisions of Protest Committee:

The decisions of the Protest Committee are final and binding and there is no provision for appeal of such decisions.

SECTION D Approved Events and Time Limits

D.1 Approved Events:

The approved events for conduct at the World Rimfire Benchrest Shooting Championship are as detailed:

D.2 Mandatory Events:

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Day One	Match 1	50 yards/m - 3 Targets	Teams Championship
Day Two	Match 2	50 yards/m - 3 Targets	Teams Championship
Day Three	Match 3	50 yards/m - 3 Targets	Individual Championship
Day Four	Match 4	50 yards/m - 3 Targets	Individual Championship

D.2.1 Metric Alternative:

See Section A.9

D.2.2 Warm-up Match:

A warm-up match may be conducted on the first day of competition, or on any preceding practice day.

D.3 Time Limits:

Target - the time limit to shoot a target will be 20 minutes. There shall be no exception to the requirement for all competitors to complete their string of fire within the time allowed.

D.4 Subsequent Target:

Not less than 20 minutes shall be allowed to a competitor between the end of shooting a target and the start of their next Target.

Section E Technical Provisions:

E.1 Range Officers:

In the selection of technical and volunteer staff, special consideration must be given to the competence of Range Officers. It is preferable to seek well experienced individuals who have a known ability to conduct the matches in a manner compatible with the event. Emphasis should be placed on the ability to administer issues such as crossfire's, target system failures etc.

E.2 Squadding Procedures:

Allocation of positions on the firing line for the championship will be drawn by ballot, immediately following the Closing Date for final entries on the following basis:

Ballot will be for Teams spread evenly amongst available benches.

It will be for each Team Leader, at the time of final entry, to advise allocation of their team's individual shooting order. If no such advice is forthcoming, the Organising Committee will undertake allocation at their discretion.

In the event of competitors being nominated without involvement in a Team, each will be allocated any available benches or positions at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

E.3 Bench Rotation:

Bench rotation shall be mandatory. The rotation system to be used is to be advised to all countries at the time of seeking entries. Should a country wish to

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adopt a system not previously used at the WBC, consultation with the WBSF President must be undertaken so a consensus view can be sought.

It is preferred that the rotation over the four days of competition be consecutive i.e.: over the period of the championship shooters move across the full width of the range.

E.4 Relay:

Four (4) Relays should be the maximum programmed to allow for orderly competition.

E.5 Unfinished Aggregates:

If any aggregate is uncompleted on the scheduled day, the aggregate will continue the next morning where it was left off.

E.6 Results Service:

There is a need to provide a timely and accurate results service to the competitors. It is preferable that a computerised score programme be used to process the results to ensure an adequate style of presentation and accuracy. However, a hard copy of all results is to be maintained in the event of computer failure

E.7 Results Posting:

Adequate notice boards are required to post results progressively during the competition. Such should be easily accessible both to competitors and the public.

It should be clearly stated in the Championship instructions, where Official Results will be posted to ensure no confusion over protest requirements.

Aggregate results so posted shall have included on the results the exact time of posting and the time of the expiry of protest rights (30 minutes)

E.8 Inspection Area:

It will be necessary to establish a facility for the implementation of inspection procedures to ensure firearms are following these rules.

The equipment to be used for inspection should be available at least two days prior to competition, to ensure individuals have an opportunity to test their equipment to ensure compliance with these rules.

E.8.1 Manpower Requirements:

Inspections should be carried out by staff that is fully familiar with the rules.

E.8.2 Documentation:

It is desirable that a standardised inspection form be used to provide consistency and be recognisable to range staff if further inquiry is required. See Appendix E for suggested form.

E.8.3 Certification Sticker/s:

An Inspection / approved sticker, which are suitable for attachment to the rifle, are to be available.

These should be unique to each championship and retained under security.

E.8.4 Certification Equipment:

The following list is recommended.

Certified Weighing Scales (preferably electronic) with a rated capacity of at least 15kgs.

Rule (Tape Measure.)

Gauge to measure stock width. The stock must not be more than 3 inches wide regardless of where measured.

E.8.5 Inspection Mandatory:

All competitors must present at the subscribed time, all rifles intended to be used in the Championship for inspection. Failure to do so will mean disqualification from that event.

E.8.6 Inspection Failure:

Rifles that fail inspection may be re-submitted for re-inspection following any adjustments, but prior to commencement of competition.

E.8.7 Weight Allowance:

At the time of weighing, an additional allowance of ½ ounce/15g will be granted

E.8.8 Random Inspection:

At the discretion of the Championship Director, shooters may be required to resubmit their rifle/s for re-inspection at any time during the Championship. The Director is not required to give notice of such inspections.

E.9 Scoring error.

Where a competitor considers an obvious error has been made, a request can be made of the Target Marking Officials to view the target and have the matter resolved. Where there is doubt, the competitor can submit a formal protest in accordance with the Protest Procedures.

E.10 Target re-score Procedure:

The Official Scorer will re-score the disputed target in the presence of the second Official and the Team Leader of the Competitor concerned using the same equipment as originally used.

E.11 Removal of Bolts:

All rifle bolts must be kept out of all rifles, except on the command of the Range Officer. Rifle that are unable / do not have bolts to be removed, must have inserted into the chamber a device that visibly shows that the chamber is empty.

This provision includes behind the firing line and in all other range areas including Competitor Facilities, Parking areas etc. Breach of this rule could lead to disqualification from the championship at the discretion of the Championship Director.

E.12 Cross fire procedures:

It is the responsibility of the shooter who cross-fires to immediately advise the Range Officer of such event, and then fire the balance of their shots on their own target. A competitor who cross fires and who does notify the Range Officer, but then goes on to shoot **the remainder** of his scoring faces on his own target of record, will be deemed to have inadvertently cross-fired, but shall be penalised as per E.12.2.

E12.1 Cross-fire transfer:

Notified cross-fire(s) will be transferred to the correct target and included in the match score.

E12.2 Cross-fire Penalty:

The target of the shooter who, cross-fired, will be penalised, the lowest score -1 points, for each cross-shot scoring face.

E12.3 Innocent Party:

The competitor, on whose target a cross fire has been placed, is obliged to advise the Range Officer of such a happening. He will continue to complete his target, shooting all scoring faces and will be awarded the highest score from each scoring face, which has been cross shot. If the innocent party has yet to shoot, at the cross shot scoring face, he shall make all efforts to shoot it for score, in a sportsmanlike manner.

E12.4 Failure to Notify:

Any shooter found to have cross-fired, and not notified the Range Officer, and whose target shows more than the required number of shots, including cross-fires, shall have the lowest scores, -2, from the cross shot scoring faces, substituted for their scores on same scoring faces, on their own target.

E12.5 No additional time:

No additional time will be awarded to a shooter who cross-fires.

E.13 Wind flags:

Competitors may place wind flags and wind indicators on the range as desired, however all flags and indicators on the range must be no higher than a straight

line drawn between the bench tops and the bottom of the target card, and retained within the competitors shooting lane.

The number of flag poles set out, in each lane shall be limited to a maximum of nine. Competitors sharing a lane during the shooting of a target, shall share this maximum number and should agree before shooting on the placement and number each will set out, up to this maximum..

Flags may not be moved during the shooting of a target, but may be moved, up righted or unblocked, during target changes.

Range Officer has the discretion to remove or drop any wind flag that is interfering with any shooter.

For clarity, wherever possible flags or indicators must be returned to their original location. If this is not practical, they may be 'moved, in the Range Officers judgement, only as far as necessary to secure them again. "Move" does not imply a substitution. Moving, up righting or unblocking of flags or indicators is under the control of the Range Officer, *whose permission must be sought*, and may not interfere with the orderly conduct of the match.

Once a target has been completed by all competitors then competitors will be allowed to transfer their flags to the lane on which they will be shooting their next target. Organisers should incorporate a period of 15-20 minutes, in the timetable, to allow for the orderly transfer of flags between lanes, before the commencement of the shooting of the next target, by the first relay.

SECTION F Range and Facilities

F.1 Minimum Range facilities for conducting a World Rimfire Championship Tournament:

The firing line shall consist of not less than Twenty (20) benches/tables.

There shall be sturdy target frames at 50 yds./m.

There shall be adequate covered area for all competitors.

There shall be enclosed facilities for statistical personnel.

There shall be adequate covered area for display of completed targets.

There shall be adequate sanitary facilities for competitors, technical staff and spectators.

F.2 Range Inspection and Certification:

It will be the responsibility of the host association to ensure that the range and facilities are of a standard suitable for the conduct of the Championship.

It will be for the host country's International Delegate to provide assurance to the Delegates Committee that these requirements have been met.

In the event of doubt or concern, it will be for the Delegates Committee and / or President to appoint a suitable person to undertake a pre-championship inspection to ensure all standards are being met.

F.3 Range – Benches:

The range must be equipped with adequate benches to cope with the numbers expected at the Championship. No international standards have been developed on size, spacing etc however the Delegates Committee needs to be satisfied fair and equal competition will be offered. Benches must be covered by roofing to protect the competitors from direct sun and rainfall.

F.4 Range – Target Frames:

It is recommended that backing card / material be placed immediately behind the target, to reduce light penetration onto the target from behind.

F.5 Toilet Facilities:

The provision of both male and female toilets is required at all sites within reasonable walking distances of the range facilities with provision for disabled athletes.

SECTION G Ceremony, Meetings, Medal Distribution

G.1 Medal Ceremonies.

It is for the organising committee to arrange the style and venue for medal ceremonies to suit their own occasion. This would normally be held as part of an overall closing / social function.

G.2 Opening Ceremony.

An opening ceremony is an excellent opportunity to promote the sport in front of invited guests, and equally sets the stage for competition. It is suggested that early consideration be given to a list of guest speakers who are important to the sport. Politicians, City Officials etc. often need to be booked several months in advance.

It is normal practise, that such an event would be staged on the opening morning of the competition however alternative options could be explored. The style and content of the ceremony is at the discretion of the host association.

G.3 Closing Ceremony.

The style and format of a closing ceremony / function should also be considered. It is generally recognised that a semi-formal function should be arranged.

It is recommended that during this function, the teams from each country should be presented to the function as an acknowledgment of their participation.

G.4 Other Functions

Any additional functions are at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

G.5 Meetings

Meetings are required as follows:

Technical Meeting: This to be held at the range, if a suitable venue is available, at least 24 hours before the commencement of competition.

The purpose of the meeting is to ensure critical staff and Team Officials are briefed on final arrangements for the Championship, and to deal with any concerns.

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The following are required to attend:

All Delegation Leaders and Interpreters as required.

All Technical Staff.

Other Team Officials/Coaches – optional.

See Appendix F for Agenda.

(Note: This meeting is not designed for competitors.)

WBSF Advisory Conference:

This meeting is usually held about midway through the Championship. This should be planned to be away from the range at an easily accessible venue.

(Team Accommodation or similar).

This should not be planned to commence before 7.30pm.

G.6 Medal Distribution:

The following list of medals/Awards is to be presented at each Championship

Team Championship	Grand Aggregate	9 Medals
Individual Champion	Grand Aggregate	3 medals
Individual Junior Championship	Grand Aggregate	Up to 3 medals

Juniors up to 18 years of age, whose 18th birthday is after the start date of the tournament, may enter the competition and shall be eligible for both Junior and Senior placings and awards. The issuance of Gold, Silver and Bronze Junior medals shall be subject to a minimum of 4 Junior entrants. If there are only 3 Junior entrants, then only Gold and silver Junior medals shall be issued. If there are only 2 Junior entrants, then only a gold medal shall be issued. If there is only 1 Junior entrant then no Junior medal shall be issued.

G.7 Awards:

Top Score - Single Card for each day. 4

G.8 Discretionary Awards

At the discretion of the Organising Committee, the provision of Top 20 Patches is suggested for the Grand Aggregate Individual Championship.

G9 Participation Award

The Organising Committee should provide a suitable medal or patch to all registered competitors as an acknowledgment of participation

Section H Entry Fees

H.1 Entry Fees:

It is the responsibility of the Organising Committee to publish at least 12 months in advance the level of entry fees to be charged.

H.2 Responsibility for Payment of Entry Fees:

It is the responsibility of the recognised organisations to make entry fee payment in full before the due date on behalf of all shooters from that Organisation. Payment will not be accepted from individuals.

H.3 Practice Fees:

Costs for Official Practice Days are to be included in the entry fees for each championship event. Unofficial practice costs can be charged separately at the discretion of the Organising Committee. All practise fee arrangements are to be advised in the entry information.

H.4 Late Entries:

The acceptance of late entries is at the discretion of the Organising Committee. The acceptance of same must not disadvantage those countries that have met the entry deadlines. The Organising Committee is authorised to charge a penalty rate for late entries.

Section I Range Safety and Procedures

Safety of Competitors, Officials and Spectators is considered paramount. It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that all safety standards are complied with, and breaches will not be tolerated.

I.1 Range Officer:

It is the responsibility of the Range Officer/s to supervise all matches and enforce all safety rules. Refusal to comply with an order of the Range Officer shall be grounds for barring a competitor from the range.

I.2 Standard set of commands:

Range Rules at each facility may vary from country to country. It is the responsibility of the Organising Committee of each Championship to ensure any individual requirements that may apply are advised to participants. However, as a minimum, a standard set of commands are provided (see C11 and C12).

I.3 Public Areas:

It is the responsibility of each individual shooter to ensure movement around public areas with firearms, is conducted in a safe and appropriate manner. Team Leaders have a responsibility to ensure all participants comply with this requirement.

J Competitor Requirements:

J.1 Official Language:

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The official language of the Championship shall be English, and all commands and instructions shall be provided in that language.

J.2 Competitor Number:

Each competitor shall be provided with an individual competitor number and country identification, suitable for attachment to competition clothing. Such Identification must be worn and visible at all times the competitor is at the firing line.

J.3 Name Tag:

Each competitor should be provided with a name tag including Name and Country and can be used for identification purpose on the range and at functions.

J.4 Official Notice Board:

The Organising Committee will establish an official notice Board and its location advised to competitors and officials. All official communications must be posted on this board to ensure all participants are equally informed.

J.5 Disabled Competitors:

The WBSF supports the participation of disabled shooters in this Championship. No specific limitations are mandated; organising committees must be mindful of access and toilet requirements. Should a participant require special dispensations due to physical disabilities, application should be made in writing to the President or nominee in sufficient time for a determination to be made.

APPENDIX A PROTEST FORM

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PROTEST FORM

PROTEST INFORMATION (To be completed by Competitor or Team Official)

Date and time of action or decision being protested:

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Reason for protest: list Rule concerned

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Protest submitted by:

Name: Country:

Signature:

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To be completed by Organising Committee

Protest received (date and time)

Amount of Fee paid:

Signature of Official receiving protest:

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Date and Time of meeting:

The Protest was	Upheld	Denied	
Reason for decision:		
		
		
		
		

.....Signature of Chairperson:

Appendix B

APPLICATION

TO HOST

WORLD RIMFIRE BENCHREST SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Section A

Country of Application:

Proposed Venue:

Proposed dates of competition:

Practise facilities available from:

Section B

Proposed draft programme of events:

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Section C

The following restrictions apply to range use / hours:

The following accommodation arrangements are proposed:

This application is lodged on behalf of (Association).....

Authorised SignatoryDate.....Position.....

Appendix C

APPLICATION

TO JOIN

WORLD BENCHREST SHOOTING FEDERATION

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Section A

Country of Application:

Name of National Association or Organisation:

Postal address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Email address:

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Section B

Application is made on behalf of (country) to join the World Benchrest Shooting Federation. It is understood that interim membership can be granted, subject to the final approval of the Delegates Committee at their next meeting. I acknowledge that we have read and understood the rules of the Federation and understand the obligations and liabilities of such membership

Signed on behalf of applicant:

Date:

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Section C

The rules of the WBSF require the appointment of a delegate, who will act in the interests of the country, and act as the primary contact between the country and the Federation. In addition, the delegate will be entitled to represent that country at the bi-annual Delegates meeting held at the World Championships and will carry those countries voting rights.

Country Delegate Name:

Postal address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Email address:

Appendix D

APPLICATION

for

Confirmation of World Rimfire Benchrest Record

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Section A

Country of Application:

Competitor Name: Competitor Number:

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Section B

Application is made for the following target/s to be recorded as a new WBSF Record.

Target Information:

Event:

Distance

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Section C

This application is lodged on behalf of (Association).....

Authorised Signatory

.....Date.....Position.....

Appendix E

**WORLD BENCHREST SHOOTING FEDERATION
Rifle Inspection Form
And
Technical Data**

Section A

Name of Competitor:

Name of National Association or Organisation:

Postal address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Email address:

Section B

Technical Information:

Rifle Make :

Rifle Model:

Gunsmith:

Barrel Maker

Ammunition Maker:

Type:

Scope Maker

Power:

Signed as correct:

Date:

Section C

Rifle Inspection:

Rifle Weight:

Stock width:

Appendix F

AGENDA

TECHNICAL MEETING

OFFICIAL WELCOME

- Item 1 Welcome to delegates
- Item 2 Introduction of senior operating personnel.
- Item 3 Introduction any new countries

CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY

- Item 1 Advice on Operations Office and hours attended.
- Item 2 Confirmation of official Information Board of Organising Committee for posting of notices, results etc.
- Item 3 Marketing souvenirs etc.
- Item 4 Photographer arrangements.
- Item 5 Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Item 6 Medal Ceremonies and Medal Distribution
- Item 7 Official / informal functions,
- Item 8 Practise arrangements and fees.

CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER

- Item 1 Advise on Equipment Control arrangements and times.
- Item 2 Confirmation of programme of events
- Item 3 Confirmation on start times.
- Item 4 Confirmation of bench allocation and rotation.
- Item 5 Confirmation of target posting and result distribution.
- Item 6 Confirmation of protest procedures and fees.
- Item 7 Confirmation of Protest Committee
- Item 8 Reminder – Crossfire Procedures
- Item 9 Armoury arrangements and/or range security.
- Item 10 Range parking.
- Item 9 Other range information.

GENERAL ITEMS

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Appendix G

Delegates Committee Meeting

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Business arising from previous meeting.

President Bi-Annual report to Delegates.

Presentation - New Country Memberships

Confirmation – Country Delegates and Contact Information

Discussion Papers

Presentations

Progress report next Championship

Bids for Championship 4 years in advance

Notification Bids 6 years in advance

General Business

APPENDIX H - WBSF RECORDS

Score Records

Teams Championship Grand Aggregate Score	2011 (unofficial)	Australia	4413.208
	2014	Australia A	4467.249
	2018	France A	4477.285
	2022	Portugal C	4493.326
Individual Grand Aggregate Score	2014 J Radford	Australia	1500.114
Single Day (3 Targets) Score record – Individual	2014 J Radford	Australia	750.59
	2022 W Botta	Italy	750.64
Single Day (9 Targets) Score Record – Team	2011 (unofficial)	Australia	2210.109
	2014	Australia B	2241.130
	2018	France A	2242.144
	2022	Portugal C	2248.162

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

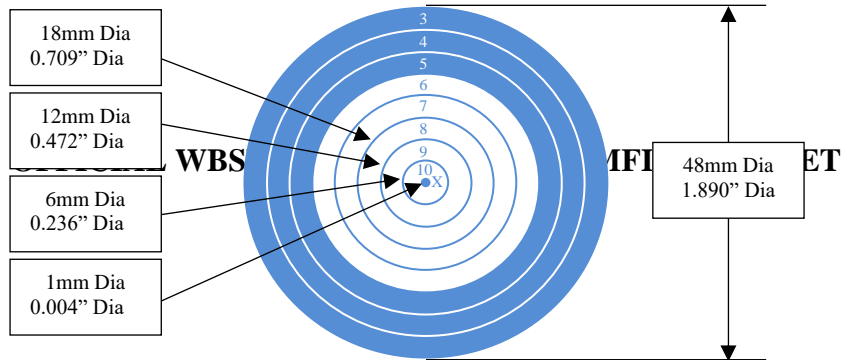
2014	France	Countries	10	Entries	63
2016	Portugal	Countries	16	Entries	59
2018	Spain	Countries	13	Entries	71
2022	Luxembourg	Countries	15	Entries	110

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Appendix I



NOTE: The scoring numbers are only shown on the top left and bottom right of the practice or sighter targets



OFFICIAL WBSF INTERNATIONAL RIMFIRE TARGET

COMPETITOR :
TARGET :
DETAIL :
BENCH :
SCORE : Xs :

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15
16 17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24 25

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Appendix J

While rests incorporating a single pliable bag are preferred, rest of adjustable design, incorporating additional sandbags, intended to contact the rifle fore end are not forbidden. The bag or series of bags may be of a design adjustable for width of stock fore end, but may only be used in compliance with Rules B9 and B10.

Such rests include those manufactured by Farley, Caldwell, Bald Eagle, Seb, Fud, Randolph Engineering, Ciccognani, Sinclair International and others. This list is not exhaustive and competitors are responsible for ensuring they abide by the rules as set out in this document.

