

## WSRA Benchrest League - General Information - Rules and Regulations



The WSRA Benchrest League shall be run following NSRA rules and regulations on shooting and scoring.

### Cards/Targets

1. Targets used must be the current approved NSRA Pattern for each distance. Only original NSRA targets to be used in this league.
2. Correct stickers must be placed on each card prior to being shot. If individual and team competitions are to be shot concurrently, **and this must be decided before starting the competitions**, then both relevant stickers must be placed on the cards. Any amendments required to sticker information must be discussed with the Organiser. Amended cards that have not been approved could be subject to disqualification.
3. The Organiser will be checking shot cards on a regular, though random, basis. Please send cards directly to them should they be requested. Clubs that are unable to supply their shot cards when requested could be subject to disqualification from the league. Any discrepancies in scores found by the Organiser will be adjusted in the scoresheet accordingly. The Organiser's decision on scores is final.
4. ALL shot cards must be held by the Club Captain/Scorer for a month after the last round in any season in case of a query over scoring.

### Extensions and Substitutions

1. The Scorer is responsible for sending shooters' scores before the Round End date for each round. If they have shooters' card scores that have been shot in time, but the Scorer fails to enter the scores in time those scores will only be accepted at the Organiser's discretion.
2. If an extension is required for any shooter, then this must be requested before the Round End date for the round/s in question. After the Round has closed, retrospective extensions may be granted at the Organiser's discretion. **Time extensions and substitutions, including the substitute's name and average, will only be valid if requested and confirmed by email, before the relevant round closing date.**
3. If an extension is requested, then a date for completion of the round/s must be agreed between Scorer/shooter and the Organiser. If a date cannot be agreed, then the statutory 10 days will be granted. After that date, or the agreed date, no scores will be accepted.
4. Substitutions are **only** permitted for team competitions. We do not allow substitutions for individual competitions.
5. Should a shooter be unable to shoot, and a substitute is required, please discuss this immediately with the Organiser. Substitutes are permitted at any time through any league season, **for the team competition**, subject to average score and scoring rules set out in NSRA Rules, Section 2, Chapter 7, Paragraph 7.9.7.

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### Benchrest Leagues. Additional Information - General Rules above will still apply.

1. The competitions are for Individual shooters and teams of 3 with appropriate NSRA benchrest targets for the distance shot (20yd or 25yd).
2. Rifles of .22 calibre or less, rimfire cartridge or air, may be used.
3. The course of fire for both competitions: one card, ex 100, per round, to be shot unless individual and team competitions are shot concurrently.
4. NSRA Benchrest Rules apply. **Check the NSRA website for the up-to-date version.**
5. **Please note an update to NSRA benchrest rules commencing 1st April 2021: these changes clarify on how the non-firing hand may support the rifle (Rule 8.16.3.3) and on the permitted material on the top of the shooting bench as an aid to comfort (Rule 8.16.4.2). Other changes deal with permitted and prohibited additions to the stock and rest (Rules 8.16.3.4, 8.16.5.3 and 8.16.5.5). There are also widespread alterations to rule numbers in Section 7.4, which deals with the conduct of shooting in postal competitions in relation to ETS (electronic target systems). Please be sure to update yourselves on all these new rules.**

### Scoring

1. The league is **self-scoring**. All shot cards are to be signed by the shooter, witnessed and dated (by the witness only), and then scored by an NSRA-certified Scorer. Scores are the responsibility of the Scorer and should be sent directly by the official responsible. It is also the responsibility of the Scorer to ensure that the targets have been signed and dated correctly and all is in order with the target.
2. Scoring to be with .22 gauges, with oversize gauges to be used as specified by the NSRA.
3. All shot cards should be gauged and scoring should, in all cases, be carried out in accordance with NSRA Rules, Section 6, Chapter 8 (Scoring) using the correct scoring plan for the type of shooting taking place. Cards must be scored outwardly with .22 gauge whatever calibre is used.
4. Scorers must send scores to the Organiser, Dave Love, at [wsra22@yahoo.com](mailto:wsra22@yahoo.com) by the Round End dates shown.
5. Scoring for this competition shall be points scored and Xs.
6. Cards can be shot, and scores can be entered, in advance of each round. You do not need to wait until a round has been completed before subsequent rounds are shot or scores entered.
7. Scores not notified to the Organiser by midnight of the round end date will be marked as NSR (no score received/recorded).
8. Should incorrect scores have been entered for previous rounds please notify the Organiser. Shot cards relating to the score discrepancy may be required for checking before any editing is carried out.

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### Scoring Short-range Benchrest Targets (20 and 25 yards)

These cards are outward gauging, including the X ring. To determine the value of any shot, 10, 9 or 8, etc, an NSRA oversize .22 gauge should be used. To determine if a central bull is a 10 or a 10X, a 20 BRX/25BRX oversize gauge should be used. The very central ring should be ignored as this is not the X ring. The second ring out is the X ring and is outward gauging. After inserting the 20 BRX/25BRX oversize gauge for the shot to be a 10X some of the black 10 ring must still be visible.

If the appropriate 20BRX/25BRX gauge cannot be obtained from the NSRA, a .22 plug gauge may be used. After inserting the .22 plug gauge for the shot to be a 10X some of the black X ring must still be visible.

### How the league is scored

The **individual league competition** shall be sorted into divisions of five/six shooters. For each shot round, the winner in each division will be awarded 6 ranking points (if there are 6 shooters in the division); 5 points will be awarded to the next best shooter and so on to the last shooter, who will be awarded 1 point. The ranking points columns are shown after the gun score columns. If a shooter doesn't provide a score for any particular round, NSR (no score recorded) will be displayed in their score field and they will receive 0 ranking points.

In the case of two shooters entering the same gun score, the shooter with the higher number of Xs shall rank higher. If the scores and Xs are equal, they will both receive the same number of ranking points. Subsequent shooters will then be pushed down to third in the rankings. For example, three shooters enter a gun score of 99 and 3 Xs in a division of 6 and they are awarded 6 ranking points each. The next best shooter enters a gun score of 97 but because they are, in effect, the fourth in the division their ranking score will be 3, the same score they would have received had the first three shooters entered three different gun scores better than theirs (100,99,98, for example).

At the end of the competition, after the final round, the shooter with the highest-ranking points wins that division. Winners of each division of the individual competition shall be awarded engraved gold medals.

In the case of a draw in ranking points, the gun score will determine the winner. In the case of a draw in total gun score, the total number of Xs will be counted. If there is still a tie, winners' medals will be awarded on count back, with the first highest gun score + Xs in the last round (and further back if necessary) used as the decider.

The **team league competition** shall be scored using the MacRae Handicap (unless there are sufficient teams with close enough averages to use gun scores). The same ranking system used in the individual competition will then be applied to the MacRae scores. At the end of the competition, after the final round, the team with the highest-ranking points wins. Each member of the winning team for each division shall be awarded engraved silver medals.