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**Rules for the Management of ICFRA Committees and the matches under their  
control**

**“WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGEMENT”**

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# Rules for the Management of ICFRA World Championships

## Preamble

- W1.1. These rules provide at Part 1 for the management of ICFRA's Committees under whose prerogatives the various ICFRA World Championships fall and at Part 2 for the necessary management and conduct of those World Championships.
- W1.2. Separately, each World Championship has associated Match Conditions. They are complementary to the Management Rules: but the Match Conditions have priority over the Management Rules should there be any difference(s).
- W1.3. These rules are drafted in such a way as to be applicable to a Short Range World Championship (whether shot on the same occasion as the Long Range World Championships (LRWC) or to a different time cycle) should the Council of ICFRA decide to introduce such an event.
- W1.4. Technical Rules for the conduct of shooting for Target Rifle and for F-Class Rifle have been promulgated, and World Championship Events will be shot in accordance with the relevant Technical Rules except insofar as may be specifically provided otherwise in the relevant Match Conditions.
- W1.5. World Championships will be conducted in accordance with ICFRA Rules on anti-doping.
- W1.6. These rules provide similarly for any other ICFRA-run events, such as the Australia Match.

## Part 1

### Management of the ICFRA Committees responsible for World Championships and other International Events

#### W2. The Committees

- W2.1. The ICFRA Constitution provides for a number of committees responsible for the management of World Championships and any other International Events run directly by ICFRA. Membership of these Committees will be in accordance with Clauses 17.1, 17.3 and 17.4 of the ICFRA Constitution. In brief, these committees are:
- W2.1.1. The World Championship Committee, with responsibility for the Target Rifle Long Range World championship, a possible future Short Range World Championship, the Australia Match, and any similar future international team events run by ICFRA, and the Age-Group (Under 25, Under 21 and Under 19) World Championships.
- W2.1.2. The F-Class Committee, with responsibility for the F-Class World Championships and associated matches and any other future international F-Class events run by ICFRA.
- W2.1.3. The Veterans Committee, with responsibility for the World Target Rifle Veterans Championships.
- W2.2. Throughout these Rules the term "The Committee" applies equally to any – and hence all – of the three Committees listed in Rules W2.1.1 – W2.1.3, unless qualified to make it clear that it applies to one specific Committee only.

#### W3. Detailed Committee Responsibilities

- W3.1. The World Championship Committee
- W3.1.1. The Constitution of ICFRA provides for a "Palma and World Target Rifle Championships Committee". Without prejudice to pre-eminence of the Palma Match and Long Range World Championships, and in accordance with agreement reached at the 2003 General Assembly, the title reference to the Palma Match is

omitted and this Committee is designated World Championship Committee (“WCC”) hereinafter in recognition of its broader role.

W3.1.2. The prerogatives of this Committee are to schedule and manage all the World Championships and any other ICFRA Matches of the Target Rifle Discipline. As an exception, however, the Conditions of the World Veterans Championship are the prerogative of the ICFRA Veterans Committee.

W3.1.3. Under 21 and Under 25 World Team Championships (when fired) will normally be conducted to the same programme as the Veterans Team Championship and fired concurrently (alongside) at the same Meeting (Rule W6.1 refers). If there is sufficient demand (minimum 4 teams) then an Under 19 World Championship may also be included (or as an alternative to one of the other age-groups). These events will be organised and run by the host country but fall under the overall control of the WCC, and any proposal to substitute U-19 for U-21 or U-25 is subject to specific WCC agreement. These are designated “Age-Group” events hereinafter. The “Age-Group” Individual World Championships will be concurrent with the Individual LRWC, under the direct control of the WCC.

W3.1.4. WCC works closely with the standing discipline Committee for Target Rifle (“Target Rifle Committee”) on all matters relating to proposed changes in TR technical rules or proposed deviations therefrom in specific Match Conditions.

W3.2. The F-Class Committee:

W3.2.1. The F-Class Committee (“FCC”) has been constituted to manage the F-Class discipline and has been charged with both the determination of F-Class Technical Rules *and* the F-Class World Championship Match Conditions.

W3.2.2. This Committee will have direct responsibility for the management of the F-Class World Championships and any associated matches.

W3.3. The Veterans Committee:

W3.3.1. The Veterans Committee (“VC”) is charged with co-ordinating and overseeing the interests of Veteran shooters including the presentation of the World Veterans Championship.

W3.3.2. By agreement between the two Committees, the World Veterans Championships forms part of the World Championship Meeting arranged for the Long Range World Championships, but will not be concurrent with the LRWC. The Veterans World Championship will be organised and run by the host country under the overall control of the VC.

W4. General

W4.1. These management rules may only be altered following a majority vote in an E-mail poll of the Chairmen of the WCC, F-Class Committee, Veterans Committee and Target Rifle Committee and followed by approval by Council.

W4.2. Changes in Conditions of ICFRA Matches and World Championships may only be made within 12 months following the match(es) in question. Representations may be made direct to the relevant Committee at any time, or to the Match Referee during the matches in question. The Match Referee may also initiate his own proposals in the light of his experience. Immediately on completion of the World Championship or Match in question he will forward representations received and his own comments to the host nation Organising Committee. These will be considered in the light of the organisers’ own experience, taking into account also any recommendations made by the relevant match committee. They will then compile a comprehensive report which must be submitted to the relevant World Championship Committee (copy to IRRG) within one month of the close of the event. The WCC (or FCC as appropriate) will then associate this report with any direct representations received, to enable them to take such action as they deem fit within the following 11 months.

**W5. The administration of Committees responsible for World Championships**

- W5.1. The Committee will meet immediately prior to its World Championships, at the Championship venue.
- W5.2. The Committee Chairman will be elected by and from the Committee for a term commencing from immediately after the completion of the impending Championship, until immediately after completion of the next World Championship scheduled under the nominal 4-year cycle as in Rule W6.1.
- W5.2.1. In respect of the WCC and FCC, Members should bear in mind the general desirability that the Chairman should be drawn from the host Country of the next World Championships if that Country is represented on the Committee.
- W5.3. The Committee Chairman will convene and chair all meetings of the Committee. In his unavoidable absence he will delegate the Chair to another member of the Committee at his absolute discretion.
- W5.4. The Committee may meet at other times, on urgent matters, with the agreement of a majority of the committee members. Otherwise business will be conducted by e-mail.
- W5.5. Each Committee will make its own arrangements for secretarial support within the Committee. The Committee will record and submit the minutes of all committee meetings to the ICFRA Council through the Secretary General.
- W5.6. The Secretary General of ICFRA will maintain a file containing copies of all committee minutes and will hold the master record of the latest rules for each discipline.
- W5.7. The Committee Chairman, will be the focal point for the passage of information between member nations. The Secretary General of ICFRA must be consulted from the outset on any policy matter potentially meriting consideration by ICFRA Council.

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## Part 2

### Management and Conduct of World Championship events

#### W6. Match Scheduling and Invitations

- W6.1. The World Championships will be conducted on a regular schedule, with no less than three years and no more than five years between competitions. A TR World Championship Meeting will comprise Long Range Individual and Team Matches together with a World Veterans Individual and Team Championship and any of the Age-Group World individual or team matches as may be decided by the WCC in conjunction with the host country organising committee. It may also include a Short Range World Championship (if later introduced). The Veterans World Championships should always precede the World Long Range matches and may not be fired concurrently with the LRWC. The “Age-Groups” World Team Championships will be fired alongside the Veterans Team World championship. The Individual “Age-Group” World Championships will be shot as part of the ILRWC.
- W6.2. The F-Class World Championship will be a separate event and will not normally be scheduled for the same year as an ICFRA TR Long Range World Championship.
- W6.3. At each committee meeting held at the time of its World Championships, the WCC or F-Class Committee, as appropriate, will:
- W6.3.1. confirm the venue and dates for the next Championships,
  - W6.3.2. confirm the squadding and firing system to be used in the individual match(es) at the next Championships,
  - W6.3.3. decide upon the year and host nation for the next succeeding championships thereafter and the squadding/firing system that will be used for the Individual World Championship (taking into consideration the wishes of the successful applicant),
  - W6.3.4. review the programme of other ICFRA Matches to apply rules W6.3.1 and where applicable W6.3.2 to them; and to determine the bidding dates and processes for the succeeding match(es) after the next.
- W6.4. Applicant(s) under rule W6.3.3. must satisfy the Committee that their association(s) have the infrastructure capable of hosting matches of this magnitude. If applying to host the Long Range World Championship, applicants must accept that this includes the Veterans WC and such Age-group World Championships as may be agreed with the WCC. The applicant(s) must agree to the commitments in Rule W6.13.
- W6.5. Applicants must notify the Committee of the maximum number of individuals and teams that it can accommodate on the designated range. If the proposed range has insufficient targets and the prospective host nation proposes a reduction in team size(s), it must be agreed by the Committee at this stage and then approved by Council. This should be a last resort.
- W6.6. Following confirmation at Rule W6.3.1 the designate host nation will, as soon as practicable, extend invitations to all ICFRA-member National Rifle Associations or Federations, forwarding any Committee guidance as to smaller associations’ options to participate as regional groupings.
- W6.7. Applications to participate must be addressed to the host nation, and the closing date for team entries will be one year before the scheduled date of the Championships. The organisers have the option of accepting late entries providing this is without prejudice to the arrangements made for those teams which have made timely entries. A late entry fee may be charged.
- W6.8. Should a greater number of applications for an individual match be received by the host nation than can be accommodated, the criteria for selection of those individuals to participate will be as in the appropriate Match Conditions.

- W6.9. Not less than eighteen months prior to each championship, the host nation must have agreed with the Committee full details of additional awards and minor changes to targets or rules that fall within the scope of these rules. In the event that national safety, security or technical requirements necessitate a derogation from the ICFRA Technical Rules or the conditions of World Championship Matches, the matter is also to be agreed with the relevant Committee no later than 12 months before the event; and all potential participants are to be notified thereof in writing. Thereafter no changes may be made, provided always that the meeting of team captains (Rule W8.8) may agree a change which responds ONLY to externally imposed imperatives which could not have been foreseen eighteen months earlier.
- W6.10. For each World Championship or other ICFRA Match, the Committee will appoint a Referee, who is not a competitor in the Championship match concerned, to ensure that the match is conducted in accordance with these rules and conditions agreed to by the Committee. This may, but need not, be a different person for different matches. This person will exercise all the prerogatives of the “Match Referee” as described in the relevant ICFRA Technical Rules. The referee to be appointed for the VWC team match will be agreed between the Chairman of the Veterans Committee and the host country organisers.
- W6.11. Unless provided otherwise under Match Conditions, the Committee Chairman will appoint a Match Committee for each World Championship, consisting of himself or his personal nominee, the Match Director, the Match Referee, the Chief Range Officer and three Members of the Committee (failing whom the balance up to three will be visiting shooters of suitable standing). For other ICFRA Matches, the Committee Chairman will liaise with the host country organisers in the appointment of an appropriate Match Committee, which may be the host Nation’s domestic body.
- W6.12. This Match Committee will have the prerogatives of the Match Committee as described in the relevant Technical Rules (including disciplinary matters) and, specifically, will rule on any changes to the duration of a match or its course of fire occasioned by adverse weather or other external circumstances.
- W6.13. The acceptance of appointment as ‘host nation’ carries with it the responsibility for organising the individual and team matches in accordance with these rules and any additional guidelines provided by the Committee. This responsibility includes the following:-
- W6.13.1. confirmation that the event can be conducted under coverage of the insurance policy of the host NRA. A host NRA may impose its own safety requirements where necessary to meet the conditions of insurance.
  - W6.13.2. appointment of a dedicated Match Director, who will be responsible for the running of the matches and liaison with team captains,
  - W6.13.3. appointment of a Chief Range Officer, who will be responsible for safety on the ranges,
  - W6.13.4. organising an appropriate formal opening ceremony,
  - W6.13.5. provision of suitable range facilities, with rest areas for competitors, and catering, which should include the on-range availability of beverages & snacks,
  - W6.13.6. provision of practice and match days as required under the relevant conditions of competition,
  - W6.13.7. provision of register keepers on the scale of 1 per target for the World Championship team match(es). “Spare” team squad members and unengaged competitors from an attached World Individual Championships may be used, but should not keep the register of their national team,
  - W6.13.8. acceptance of the requirements of the ICFRA Anti-doping Rules. The host nation will agree with ICFRA Anti Doping Committee the regime of dope testing to be employed, the costs of which may be recovered from the entry fee,
  - W6.13.9. provision of a results service capable of producing a webpage of each day’s scores within 24 hours of completion of the day’s shooting.

W6.14. Rules W6.13.4 and W6.13.5 (in respect of catering) are not mandatory in respect of ICFRA Matches not of World Championship status.

W6.15. Team and individual entry fees will be set by the host nation but must be cleared with the ICFRA Secretary General (who will consult widely) before publication. The final entry fees must be published well before the closing date for entries.

**W7. General Provisions attaching to World Fullbore Rifle Championships**

W7.1. Except as may be provided otherwise in published Match Conditions, the ICFRA Technical Rules for the specific Fullbore Rifle discipline will apply, and the targets to be used will be the ICFRA International Targets for the discipline and distances in question.

W7.2. Teams will be selected by the National Governing Body (NGB) that regulates Fullbore Target Rifle shooting within each country.

W7.3. Team members must be citizens or permanent residents of the country represented by that team and must not have competed against that country in the previous three years. If United Kingdom home country teams are permitted to compete in a match in place of a combined Great Britain team, the GB NRA's eligibility rules will apply to those Countries' Teams.

W7.4. NGBs will accredit their members who are selected to compete in the World Championship team matches to the host nation. Selection as a member of any of a country's WC teams will give automatic accreditation for the corresponding Individual World Championship and also for the LR and SR World Championships, if fired during the same Meeting and if space allows. Separate accreditation is required under the Match Conditions for individual entrants to the SR and LR World Championships who are not otherwise accredited by virtue of team membership (see Rule W9.1). Host countries will decline any entries not so accredited.

W7.5. NGBs MUST draw their nominees' attention, as part of the accreditation process, to the ICFRA Anti-doping Rules and the need for such Therapeutic Use Exemptions as may be required for those taking prohibited substances for medical reasons.

W7.6. If associated with a national or other open championship, the World Championships will be fired after any and all other host events have been completed (the Veterans Individual WC being an exception). If the aiming mark used for the preceding National or other open Championship is different from that in use for the World Championships, then a period of practice prior to the commencement of the WC events MUST be scheduled at all distances for all competitors

W7.7. An Individual Match will precede its corresponding Team Match. If both Short and Long Range matches are shot at the same World Championship meeting, the Short Range group of matches (including Age-groups individual) will precede the Long Range. Veterans and Age-Group Team Matches will be scheduled on a day prior to the SRWC or LRWC practices and events. However, the Veterans Individual World Championship will not be shot separately, but will comprise the aggregate of scores in selected matches from the preceding host country's championship meeting.

W7.8. Rules W7.1 – W7.3 also apply to ICFRA Matches not of World Championship status.

**W8. World Championship Team Matches**

W8.1. A team match will only be designated as a World Championship if at least four countries/approved regional groups participate.

W8.2. Team size will be as specified in the conditions for the match in question.

W8.3. One target will be provided for every 4 shooters in the team, or every 5 if Match Conditions call for teams of 5, 10 or 15 shooters.

W8.4. When the World Long Range Championships (LRWC) and Short Range Championships (SRWC) are being shot as parts of the same Championship Meeting, the maximum squad from which teams for both matches will be selected, will be *[To be advised]* in total.

W8.5. Any shooter may fulfil any official's role, and any official may shoot (with the exception of the Armourer in a full-complement Palma Team). It is therefore permissible for a team, limited to just the number of shooters required, to duplicate functions and take part in the

match. If the Team Captain delegates his prerogatives to another team member, the Referee must be notified.

- W8.6. Each NGB, or appointed Team Captain on its behalf, will nominate a the members of the team to the maximum number allowed under the Match Conditions. This will be done no later than the close of the first day's shooting of the Grand Aggregate of any associated host-nation competition; or the first day of practice if there is no such preceding event. After this, the only permitted changes to the team will be in cases of illness, or a personal emergency. Any change MUST be approved by the Referee.
- W8.7. Designation of the team members who will actually fire, arrangements of their squadding, and control of their sequence of fire, will be by the respective Team Captains.
- W8.8. Prior to the start of a World Championship Team Match, the Referee will convene and chair a meeting of all the team captains, with the Match Director, the Chief Range Officer and Chairman of the Committee (or his nominee) attending. Each team captain may be accompanied by a maximum of two other team members. Unless another member is invited by the Chairman, only the team captain may speak and make proposals. Each team has one vote. This meeting has no power to change any rules that have been approved by the Committee except as provided in rule W6.9. Without prejudice to the Referee's prerogative to set an agenda, the main purpose this meeting is to:
- W8.8.1. up-date the team captains on rule interpretations and modifications, necessitated by range equipment or safety factors,
  - W8.8.2. confirm the daily starting times and the length of breaks between distances,
  - W8.8.3. Take advance notice of, and clarify, any issues which participating teams may raise.
- In respect of the Veterans and Age-Group Team Matches, and other ICFRA Matches, the above functions may be discharged by a brief meeting of Team Captains, Referee and CRO on the firing point prior to the first distance of the match.
- W8.9. Further such meetings may be called by the Referee, at his absolute discretion.
- W8.10. Before the first distance on each day of competition provision must be made for a period, before the targets are exposed, during which all competitors wishing to do so, may fire blow-off (fouling) shots. Alternatively, there must be a designated area where competitors can safely fire blow-off shots before the start of the day's matches.
- W8.11. In the event of adverse weather conditions resulting in the cancellation of, or delay to, one or more distances or full day's firing in a multi-day event, the match may be shortened. The revised programme will be determined by the Match Committee
- W8.12. No shooter substitutions may be made after the first shot of the match is fired except for emergencies affecting that shooter such as accident or illness and then only if approved by the Referee. Substitution and restitution of the original shooter are covered under Technical Rules.
- W8.13. Shooters may only return scores for one team event even if it would be technically possible to shoot in another concurrently. The election must be declared in advance.

## **W9. World Championship Individual Matches**

- W9.1. Except where the Individual World Championship is determined by counting of scores from a National Championship Meeting, every competitor must be accredited by his National Association as competent to compete in a World Championship, in accordance with Rule W7.4 and the relevant Match Conditions.
- W9.2. The host nation, in consultation with the Committee, may allocate any excess places to local shooters who meet the necessary criteria.
- W9.3. A member of an 'age-group' will enter the ILRWC and will be additionally be eligible for the Championship(s) of those age-group(s) for which he is qualified. If in the top ten of the ILRWC he will then shoot in the final thereof, but his placing in his Age-Group Championship(s) will be determined under the relevant Match Conditions.

- W9.4. Ties for each of the first two championship medals (and for the Bronze medal if there are only three in total), and for the last qualifying place(s) into a final will be shot off. If Match Conditions provide for additional championship medals, ties for these will be counted out according to ICFRA Technical rules..
- W9.5. The decision as to whether the individual match will be shot one, two or three shooters to a target will have been taken by the Committee at its meeting dealing with host nation selection, when proposals by the applicant host nations will have been tabled.

**W10. Equipment Control**

- W10.1. Equipment Controls for all ICFRA Matches will be conducted as follows:-
- W10.1.1. Prior to the start of the Championships there may be a general equipment check with appropriate stickers will be placed on acceptable rifles. This will be at the discretion of the relevant ICFRA Committee.
  - W10.1.2. The referee may, at his absolute discretion, institute a sample test of rifles, equipment, accessories, ammunition or procedures in use, selecting not more than 10% of the participants at random. Such test should be conducted at the end of a (half-day) shooting session, but prior to acceptance of team scorecards. The rifle, equipment, accessories and/or ammunition of a shooter may be tested after he has completed a shoot if either a Range Official has noticed an apparent breach of rules or a protest "for cause" has been received from an official of another team during a team match.
- W10.2. In the event of a question of admissibility to the competition of a rifle or associated equipment, whether at the general check under W10.1.1 or a sample or specific test under W10.1.2, the Referee will rule on its acceptability. A negative decision may be appealed to the Match Committee.
- W10.3. Competitors are liable to testing of their ammunition for conformity with ICFRA standards laid out in Technical Rules, and for penalty prescribed therein for non-conformity.

**W11. Targets**

- W11.1. Targets for all ICFRA Matches will be the ICFRA International Match Targets for the distances and discipline concerned, unless Match Conditions specify otherwise.
- W11.2. Electronic or other remote marking and scoring systems, which have been approved by the host Association or Federation for use in their National Championship competition, may be used. Otherwise, all shots will be manually marked from the butts.
- W11.3. When conventional manually-marked targets are used, new targets or target centres will be furnished for each distance.
- W11.4. For team matches, target allocation will be by a predetermined rotation of range positions following an initial drawing of lots that will ensure, if possible, that no team will shoot more than once on the same bank of targets. Rule T14.1 (individual banks of targets not to be astride a flag line) applies. For each session, allocations will not be divulged until the markers and observers are in the butts.

**W12. World Championship and other Team Matches – Marking and Scoring**

- W12.1. With manual butt marking, each team may have a designated observer in the butts to verify the scoring of the targets. Observers may accompany the butt officer during action on challenges, rectification of errors and the like. These observers must enter the butts before the team target allocations are known. It is essential that no one in the butts is aware of which team will be shooting on which targets.
- W12.2. The Chief Range Officer must brief Range Officers each day not to identify teams in challenges or any other messages passed to the butts.
- W12.3. Each team is required to maintain a scoreboard (blackboard or similar, provided by the host Country), at the back of their team enclosure during the match. Scores of each individual team member must be entered on these boards as soon as the shooter completes his shoot at each distance although it is preferable if the values are entered shot-by-shot at his shoot progresses. Scoreboards may be manned by "volunteers", but outside the team enclosure.