



## MEMORANDUM

February 13, 2018

### VIA EMAIL

TO: Head Coaches and Sports Information Directors of Institutions Sponsoring National Collegiate Men's and Women's Rifle.

FROM: Newt Engle  
Secretary-Rules Interpreter.

SUBJECT: Standard Match Format for NCAA Rifle Qualifier Competitions.

Please review the following information from the 2017-18 NCAA Rifle Rules Modifications document regarding the match format for NCAA Qualifier matches taking place this weekend:

3. **Standard Match Format.** The standard match format shall consist of the USA Shooting 60-shot 3x20 small bore and 60-shot air rifle with no more than one hour between disciplines. If possible, the order of each relay shall be small bore first, followed by air rifle.

The intent of this rule modification is for teams to compete in true, shoulder-to-shoulder matches. Exceptions are permissible to accommodate range space, but match organizers will strive to maintain the integrity of shoulder-to-shoulder competition, ensuring equal representation/participation from both or multiple teams at all phases of the match.

- b. **NCAA Qualifier Matches.** All designated NCAA Qualifier matches shall use the standard match format. Additionally, the following protocols will be required for all NCAA Qualifier matches:

The range facility and the number of firing points used for the NCAA qualifier shall be divided equally for the institutions that are participating. If two teams are competing, the number of firing points shall be divided equally 50%-50% (i.e. Range has a total of 12 firing points, each institution shall be designated 6 points per team). If more than two teams are participating, then each team would have an equal number of firing points per relay (i.e. Range has a total of 12 firing points and three teams competing, each team would have 4 points per team).

- (1) The host institution retains the discretion to allocate more firing points to the visiting institution if the facility has additional firing points and a sufficient representation of "counter" student-athletes are squadded on each relay.
- (2) "Counter" student-athletes will compete prior to "non-counter" student-athletes. If more than one relay is required to complete the contest, each relay shall have "counter" student-athletes from each institution competing shoulder-to-shoulder in each relay. Exception: If the match requires more than one relay for "counter"

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student-athletes to compete shoulder-to-shoulder, “non-counter” student-athletes may use firing points not being used in a relay.

Please note the intentional use of the word “shall” in the first line of Section 3.b. stating the standard match format shall be used. In short, smallbore first, then air rifle, with teams equally sharing the range space. Please read and comply with the complete section of the 2017-18 NCAA Rifle Rules Modifications.

The entire NCAA Rules modification document can be found [here](#).

Lastly, please remember that all competitors at all NCAA Qualifier matches should have their shooting jacket closure checked for proper and legal tightness. A how-to video is available [here](#) for your review. Please review the “Button Checker” calibration document attached for more information.

Please reach out to me directly with any questions.

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Attachment

cc: NCAA Rifle Committee