# **Agenda Item Summary - continued**

from the Office of the WBSF Vice President

Items to be brought before the WBSF Delegates in 2013

Much time and effort has been applied to this to help make our meeting go smoothly.

This collection of documents will help speed up the meeting process. Also this effort will help in the records of the minutes. Each item contains a written motion, this will also aid in the record keeping process and better help track changes.

Agenda Item

Summary

WBSF Rule Book Agenda Items

- 22 Change C.15 Emergency commands as was addressed in the agenda in 2005
- 23 Remove "Protest Committee" from C.11.d and replace with "Days Referees".
- 24 new Section for Referee's and protest committee, split repsonibilitys
- Add list of Country Abbreviations to rule book or Championship manual for and aid to tournament hosts.
- 26 Rewording of last sentence of E.13 Required number of shots. The measurement "will be changed" if.....
- 27 Formalize WBSF Logo, have a couple of suggestions....
- 28 Correct errors in conversion of 10.5 and 13.5 pounds to grams/kg, reorganize B.6
- 29 Help clarify what competitor needs to do when crossfired upon. (finish own group in time).

## Reword C.15 Emergency Commands......

No change in the rule, changes to wording of C.15 to help clarify the intent of what to do after a cease fire for any reason.

#### C.13 Standard Range commands - First Match General Instructions:

Prior to each relay of the first 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

"Emergency - cease fire - unlock your bolts"

This will permit all rifles to be in a safe condition without extracting the case from the chamber. This command will only be given in cases of such emergency that we cannot permit you to clear your rifle by firing.

If a condition should arise which requires temporary suspension of firing, I shall command "Hold your fire – clear your rifle by firing or by removing your bolt"

Do not place any ammunition in the action until the command 'Commence Firing"

#### C.15 Emergency Commands:

In the event of an emergency, the Range Officer will issue a "cease fire" command per C.13. 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.

Motion: Reword C.15 as below, this also removes cross reference.

Time left in relay when cease fire was called.

### C.15 Restart after any Emergency Commands:

In the event of an emergency, the Range Officer will issue a "cease fire" or "Hold your fire – clear your rifle be firing or by removing your bolt" command described in the rules.

The Range Officer will determine, by whatever means necessary, how much time remained when the "Cease Fire" was called. The Range Officer can consult competitors (many use timers to keep track of the time left), after the determination is made of about how much time was left in the relay, then any time lost by such interruption of shooting shall not be charged against your allotted time, and 2 minutes will be added to the remaining time, but not to exceed the original starting time of the match(relay).

Add 2 minutes to above time. Total	+ 2.00
	If less than original start - Use this total of time. If more than original start time - use original start time.

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Remove "Protest Committee" from C.11.c section c and replace with "Days Referee's".

Motion: Remove "Protest Committee" from C.11.d section c and replace with "Days Referee's".

#### C.11 Moving Backers:

- **C.11.a Backer Card:** A moving backer strip or card is required for all matches conducted at the World Championships. Such Card or strip should be sufficient in size to ensure all shots fired on the target will be recorded.
- **C.11.b Card Identification:** All Backer Cards shall carry a suitable identification such as Competitor Number, Relay and Match to ensure same can be related to the competitor's target.
- **C.11.c Backer Card Security:** All backer cards will accompany the targets to the Scoring Office, and be retained for the length of the Championship for resolution of disputes or new records
- **C.11.d Backer Procedures:** Such systems must be suitable for all weather conditions to ensure fair competition. Should the system fail, the following procedures are to be implemented:
  - a) Targets and backer cards are not to be removed or disturbed.
  - b) Targets (including moving and stationary backers) on which all required shots cannot be counted must be inspected by the Championship Director or appointed official prior to removal with each target individually marked as to the visual outcome.
  - c) Targets and backer cards will then be delivered to Chief Scoring Officer for inspection under magnification. If correct number of shots can be identified, the matter proceeds as normal. If doubt still exists, the matter will be referred to the **Protest Committee Days Referee's** for a judgement to be made on acceptability of targets for the purposes of inclusion in the championship.
  - d) Targets determined as indecisive but acceptable, will count for all matters related to the Championship, however will not be acceptable for inclusion in World Championship Records.

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## Referee's and Protest Committee, Add "Day Referee's", split responsibilites.

First comment, Past tournaments have been ran fairly smooth. No issue has inspired this change request.

I recommend another group of experienced competitors "that are familiar with the rules (or can read and interoperate them)" be tasked to provide the "Formal Protest Committee". In my past experience, with the NBRSA from the USA, I don't believe the results of any decision have ever been reversed, but this does give the party who files the protest more confidence that the decision or resolution was appropriate.

I would suggest the "Official Protest Committee" be assembled with 1 – WBSF Officer, 2 Experienced Competitors with a reasonable understanding of the rules (maybe experience running tournaments). The official protest committee should be a backup to the referee's.

## Section C.16 Referee's and Protest Committee;

#### C.16.a Selection of Referee's:

The championship director or qualified person shall appoint from among the registered competitors, 3 referee's and an alternate for each day of the formal competition (4 days). New referee's should be appointed for each day if possible. The appointed referee's shall appoint a Chairman referee.

#### C.16.b Referee's Duties;

The Referee's are to help in the decision making process's of enforcing the rules when the normal tournament operations break down. Referee's are not to be involved in the running of the normal tournament duties. Normal problem resolution principles apply.

#### Example of normal operations;

Backer appears to have less than the required number of shots by target crew.

Backer is brought to attention of target crew chief for evaluation, backer still in question. \\

Bring problem to attention of scorer, target can be examined for required number of shots.

If target shows all shots, backer is not needed (this is true most times).

If target shows all bullets, no backer is needed.

If target is small and not conclusive, then closer examination of backer is required.

If backer is determined to be missing shots, then the target is penalized as described in the rules.

#### C.16.c Protest Committee:

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

#### C.17 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 Organizing Committee may appoint a Technical Committee of experienced individuals to act as the Protest Committee, who are not competitors and who have the ability to act independently of competing teams.

#### C.18 Lodging Protest:

All protests are to be lodged on the prescribed form (see Appendix Form C) 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 Organizing Committee. All Protests must be submitted within 30 minutes of the alleged grievance, or posting of the result of the aggregate so disputed.

#### C.19 Decisions of Protest Committee:

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

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## Add list of Country Abbreviations.....

This will aid tournament hosts. This information was taken from the international Olympic standard abbreviations, New Caledonia was also added as FNC.

Motion: Insert the following list of Country's and their abbreviations into the

championship manual before index.

Argentina **ARG** Australia **AUS** Austria AUT Belgium BEL Colombia COL CZE Czech Republic Finland FIN France FRA Germany **GER** Greece **GRE** India IND Indonesia INA IRI Iran Ireland IRL Italy ITA JPN Japan Luxembourg LUX Monaco MON Namibia NAM Netherlands NED New Zealand NZL NOR Norway Philippines PHI Russian Federation RUS South Africa **RSA** Spain ESP Sweden **SWE** Switzerland SUI UKR Ukraine United Kingdom (Great Britain) GBR United States USA Zimbabwe ZIM

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Change "measurement can be" to "measurement will be" in last sentence of E.A.
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The reason the target was protested to start with is to have the measurement amended smaller. If the
competitor is required to fill out the form and pay the protest fee, then the target will be corrected if
outside of the error described in the rules of .010inches/.25mm. It should not be optional to make
the correction, it should be required.

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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. The measurement can be changed if there is a difference of .010inches/.25mm from the original measurement.

Motion: Change word in last sentence of E.11 from "can" to "will" in last sentence as below.

#### **E.11** *Re-measurement of Group:*

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. The measurement will be changed if there is a difference of .010inches/.25mm from the original measurement.

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## Formal WBSF logos.....

I would like to give more of a formal look to our logo, here are a couple examples for consideration.

Example A



Example B



Motion: Approve ExampleA, ExampleB or both as the formal WBSF logos for use in all applicable situations where the WBSF brand logo should be imprinted, such as rule book, championship manual, web sites, etc. The logos are in color, but printed here in black and white to indicate how they would look when a normal black and white printer is used to print materials.

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## Fix conversion of pounds to kg in B.6 and reorganize section, add ½ ounce variance.....

(This is not more restrictive does not need wait time)

There is an error in the conversion of 10.5 pounds to kg. 10.5 pounds is equal to 4762.72 grams or 4.76272kg, not the 4.7638kg as in the rule book. 13.5 pounds is equal to 6123.497 grams or 6.1235kg. There is also to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce allowed for any scale errors. .5 ounces is equal to 14.175 grams. The following is section B.6

#### B.6 Rifle Specifications

#### B.6.1 Light Varmint:

Any centre fire rifle with a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism, weighing not more than 10.5 lbs / 4.7638 kg's inclusive of sights with a stock having a flat or convex forearm, with a total stock width of not more than three (3) inches / 76.2mm and a barrel not less than eighteen (18)

inches / 457mm long. All other specifications are to be in accordance with Class Rifle Diagram; see Appendix A.

#### B.6.2 Heavy Varmint

Any Centrefire rifle not more than thirteen and half (13.5) pounds / 6.1236kg's in weight inclusive of sights and otherwise meeting the requirements of the Light Class rifle.

Motion: Change B.6 as follows to correct errors in conversion and include ½ variance.

## **B.6** Rifle Specifications:

#### **B.6.1** Light and Heavy Varmint:

Any center fire rifle with a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism. All other barrel and stock dimensions and/or specifications are to be in accordance with Rifle Diagram in Appendix A.

#### **B.6.2** Light Varmint:

Any Center fire rifle not more than 10.5 pounds (plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce) inclusive of sights with a stock having a flat or convex forearm, with a total stock width of not more than three (3) inches / 76.2mm and a barrel not less than eighteen (18) inches / 457mm long.

## **B.6.3** Heavy Varmint:

Any Center fire rifle not more than 13.5 pounds (plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce) inclusive of sights and otherwise meeting the requirements of the Light Varmint Class rifle.

#### **B.6.4** Weight limit conversions:

	Pounds/Ounces	Pounds	Ounces	Kilograms	grams
Light Varmint	10lb's 8.5 oz	10.53125	168.5	4.77689	4776.9
Heavy Varmint	13lb's 8.5 oz	13.53125	216.5	6.13767	6137.7

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## Expand E.16.3 "Innocent Party" responsibilities when someone shoots on your target.....

No rule change here, just give more information of what shooters need to do when another shooter cross fires onto your target. President requested to add further information about the innocent party's responsibility when a crossfire happens on your target.

#### E16.3 Innocent Party:

The competitor, on whose target a cross fire has been placed, is obliged to advise the Range Officer of such a happening.

Motion: Change E16.3 to read as follows;

#### E16.3 Innocent Party:

The competitor, on whose target a cross fire has been placed, is obliged to advise the Range Officer immediately of such a happening. It is customary for the range officer to announce the crossfire and to check your target number. This is in an attempt to minimize the total number of crossfires if possible.

The "Innocent party" must complete his/her target in accordance with all the rules of the competition.

*Note: Innocent party needs to complete their target within the allotted time.* 

Note: If you have not started your record group, it might be helpful to shoot your target in a different spot on the target. This will make it easier for the referee's to determine proper shot ownership.

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