



Rules for AR and AR-style rifles in IBS competition

Effective March 1, 2010, International Benchrest Shooters (IBS) creates an AR rifle class on a one-year trial basis to allow these rifles to compete at an IBS sanctioned tournament.

Specific rules for participation by these rifles are:

GENERAL

The class is named "AR". This class does not compete against any other recognized rifle class defined in the IBS rule book. The AR class would be officially "non-registered", but would be held under the aegis of the IBS.

Rules specific to the AR class:

- 1) Any AR rifle (*a direct derivative of the original Armalite Model 15*) may be shot (e.g. AR-15, AR-10)
- 2) Any trigger
- 3) Scopes are required and must be greater than 5X
- 4) Any stock and forearm
- 5) Minimum barrel length of 16 inches
- 6) Muzzle must extend beyond front of bench
- 7) No muzzle brakes, compensators, flash hiders or any other device that may influence expelled gas, except in 600 and 1000 yard matches.
- 8) No full-auto firing
- 9) Rifle must be capable of semi-auto firing
- 10) 30 Caliber maximum
- 11) Maximum 20 round capacity magazine, only one magazine may be brought to the bench.
- 12) An IBS approved tuner is the only allowed muzzle attachment; 600 and 1000 yard matches are exempt.
- 13) No off hand shooting, gun must be shot from Sand bags, rests or bi-pods
- 14) Spent brass must not leave the competitors own bench while firing.
- 15) Use of chamber flag is required.
- 16) No magazine is allowed in the gun until the range officer issues the command, "commence fire".

Clubs with a scheduled group, long-range or score tournament (except Nationals) may offer the AR class.

AR class may be shot on the same relay as BR class rifles, but should be squaded together if possible.

AR class cannot be shot at any 2010 Nationals.

SAFETY

- IBS accepts NRA approved chamber flag indicators to verify a safe rifle. The chamber flag must be inserted at all times except when the command to fire has been given by the Range Officer. The chamber flag must be inserted at the end of the relay before leaving the bench.
- All competitors in AR class must attend a mandatory safety briefing to be held 15 minutes before the day's competition.
- Unsafe or reckless shooting behavior or non-adherence to IBS rules (general rule book and AR-specific rules) will result in a disqualification from the tournament.

The reasons for IBS support of AR Benchrest matches are:

- It furthers IBS mission of fostering extreme rifle accuracy.*
- Introduces new shooters to bench rest shooting and adds new IBS members.*
- IBS may become the primary vehicle to showcase the ultimate accuracy of "black rifles".*
- The AR rifle community is an extraordinarily large and active group that should not be ignored.*
- New shooters at the matches may gravitate to traditional BR rifles.*
- Infuse the IBS and IBS-matches with new enthusiasm.*
- Raise the profile of benchrest shooting amongst other serious riflemen.*

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