

2020 NRA F-Class National Championship

MATCH DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN #1

Pertaining to the surface upon which F-T/R bipods may rest:

Unlike F-Open rifles where the combination of a front rest and a rear bag make it possible for the rifle to “track” upon recoil and then “return to battery”, F-T/R rifles with bipods are not designed or intended to either “track” or “return to battery” the same as an Open rifle – that’s one of the things that is specifically intended to differentiate between the operation of the two rifles. Mats and other equipment that allow the rifle to “track” and/or “return to battery” violate the spirit of Rule 3.4.1.b.2 (F-Class) and Rule 3.18 that prohibits anything that is not consistent with the spirit of the Rules.

Therefore, the underlined language shown below has been adopted to govern these 2020 NRA F-Class National Championships. Please note that during these 2020 NRA F-Class National Championships, F-T/R shooters whose equipment is found to be in violation of the underlined language below and/or the spirit of the Rule will be moved into the F-Open Rifle category.

Rule 3.4.1.b.2 (F-Class) – *The use of “tables” i.e. a single flat surface extending under both front rest and rear bag is prohibited. Carpet or similarly flexible matting may be placed under the front rest and rear bag. Separate flat boards and or plates not exceeding the dimensions of the individual rests by two inches on a given side may also be placed under the front rest or rear bag. In the case of a bipod, the board or plate may be as wide as necessary to accommodate the bipod at its widest point, but not be more than 12” front to rear. It is not permitted to provide tracks for the guidance of bipod feet, nor may the combination of bipod feet and/or pad materials create a track. The pad surface should be smooth enough to allow the bipod to be moved in any direction without having to lift the rifle or move the pad that the bipod is on. No leveling screws or protrusions are allowed on these board plates. They must be flat on the top and bottom.*

Finally, please note that this issue was addressed during an informal F-T/R competitors meeting at the base of the tower during the 2020 Southwest Nationals.

The underlined language shown above has been submitted to the NRA for formal adoption and eventual inclusion in future rule books. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Virus, this matter has not yet been formally addressed by NRA but will be addressed in due course.

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