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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Doug Edney

Hello IHMSA members, I hope this message finds you well. I am Doug Edney, IHMSA President. Some of you may have never heard of or met me. I am from Western PA. April, my wife, and I are both teachers at Mercer Area School District. My brother is Dave Edney, and we run a smallbore and field pistol match at Western Reserve Fish & Game. We did not get involved with IHMSA until 2014. Our father passed away in 2013. As we looked through his old copies of IHMSA News and remembered his stories of Jackson Center, we decided that we had to try this. The crew at Tusco Rifle Club has been the single biggest influence in my silhouette shooting. I owe much of my success and drive to them. Even though I only shot a 4x40 in my first match at Tusco, I was hooked. I love this sport. Hearing the clang and watching the targets fall is way better than punching paper. Watching people's faces when they hear we shoot handguns at 200 meters is great. The looks get even stranger when I mention 500 meters. I even enjoy getting my butt kicked by those white mustached buckeyes who have taught me so much. I do not know if they realize how much I look up to them. Some of the things that I have enjoyed most about IHMSA have not even happened to me. Watching Dan Meserve at the 2019 WC win Big Bore Standing while shooting isosceles stance was awesome. Celebrating with April after firing her first 40x40 is something I will never forget.

Within this IHMSA News issue, you will see Bylaws change proposal. I drafted this proposal and have tweaked a few things based on input I have received. My main concerns are the inconsistencies of the timeframes aligning between the Bylaws and IHMSA News and the Secretary/Treasurer position. We don't have paid headquarter positions anymore. This position is incredibly time consuming. I suggest we split in the position into two officers, Secretary and Treasurer. Also, I suggest that we create a Membership Director. I know what you're thinking. How in the heck are we going to fill three positions when we currently don't have a Secretary/Treasurer? My hope is by spreading and delegating duties that these jobs will not be as time consuming. Hopefully, members would be more willing to take on a volunteer role in one of these capacities.

I have been working with members, directors, and officers with some Rule Book Changes and Proposals. Rules Proposals have been submitted and are in this issue for you to review.

The financial reports in this issue will reflect the restitution from Cindy Smith. She has been making monthly payments and has repaid over \$16,000 to IHMSA to date. We as IHMSA members owe a thousand thank yous to Tina Cullison for doing an incredible amount of work to get this money back.

With the change in leadership roles, many changes must take place. I need to thank Rich Hawkins for stepping up as Vice-President. We are still in the process of getting our names on accounts and such. Please be patient as this transition continues. Both of us will be in Oklahoma City for the World Championships. The match will look different this year. As always, we will be safe and have fun. Thank you to Jim Fields and the OKCGC for hosting the match. While in OKC, Rich and I will be taking care of some paperwork and bank accounts.

Finally, please contact me if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions. I am here to help because I truly want to help. I hope everyone has a great shooting season. Be safe and take care.

Respectfully submitted,

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BIG BORE RECORDS PROGRAM (BBRP)

By Joe Cullison

As can be imagined, this year has been very slow for the BBRP. Not much shooting going on out there. But there are some good scores coming in.

Dan Meserve (WY) shot at Pringle in May and did very well. Dan shot a S-26, R-40, U-40 and a P-39 for a 2-gun 106 and a 4-gun 145. Great scores on a beautiful range.

Rich Hawkins (IN) shot an outstanding 37 in Big Bore US. He said he got 10-C, 10-P, 8-T and 9-R. Well done Rich.

State totals for 2019 are: OR-3, WY-2, IN-1

Please bring at least one friend or acquaintance to every match. Together, we can keep IHMSA growing.

Please forgive me if I have left anyone out or made any other errors. Send me the information and I will make it right as soon as I can.

Thank you for your support of the BBRP.

Send entries to:

Joe Cullison, 28988 Berlin Road, Sweet Home, OR 97386 or to bbrecords@ihmsa.org or 541-408-6140

Thank you.

Standing 30+

Joe Cullison (OR) 32

Unlimited Standing 35+

Rich Hawkins (IN) 37

Presidents 100 Club (3-gun)

Joe Cullison (OR) 110

Dan Meserve (WY) 106

Presidents 140 Club (4-Gun)

Joe Cullison (OR) 149

Dan Meserve (WY) 145

HALF SCALE RECORDS PROGRAM

By Joe Cullison

Rich Baird (KY) shot his first match of the year in Ohio and scored a perfect 40 in UASHS. Well done Rich.

Please send 1/2 scale records program entries to:

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1/2 scale UAS (any sight)

40 round match
Rich Baird (KY) 1

SMALL BORE RECORDS PROGRAM

By Dan Hagerty

I finally Have an entry to report!

Paul Habig of NV shot a 3-gun agg of 107 and 4-gun agg of 146 (P:40,R:39,U:40,S:27)

100 Club (40 Rd)

Paul Habig NV 107

140 Club (40rd)

Paul Habig NV 146

The records program entry forms for all the programs are available at www.ihmsa.org.

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**REQUEST FOR NOMINATION
CALIFORNIA STATE DIRECTOR**

Accordingly, nominations are now sought for the position of California State Director. Nominations are to be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer on the nomination form provided no later than July 31, 2020. Reason for nomination is present California State director is no longer a resident of the state of California.

Any member in good standing, who is a bona-fide resident of the state for which they nominate, is eligible to contest the election. A bona-fide resident is someone who has resided in the particular state for a period of not less than six months immediately prior to the election.

**REQUEST FOR NOMINATION
FOR THE POSITION OF CALIFORNIA STATE DIRECTOR**

In accordance with the Bylaws of IHMSA, Inc., an election has been called for the position of California State Director.

I _____ do hereby declare my intention to stand as a candidate for election to the office of California State Director and authorize my name to be placed in nomination for said office as a member in good standing of IHMSA, Inc.

Signed: _____

We, the undersigned members in good standing of IHMSA, Inc. do hereby endorse the above candidate's nomination:

Signed: _____ IHMSA # _____

Signed: _____ IHMSA # _____

The bylaws of IHMSA, Inc. require nomination for this office be submitted on this form to the Secretary/Treasurer.

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INTERNATIONALS - 1977
Courtesy of Steve Bishop



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**MESSAGE FROM
THE DIRECTOR**

It has been an outstanding year for IHMSA. From our humble beginning at El Paso just over a year ago we are now 1300 strong and still growing. We have members in every state in the union and several foreign countries. As mentioned in the editorial on page two, we have sanctioned nearly 100 matches. Altogether, it is an achievement to be proud of, thanks to the outstanding efforts of all those dedicated people who have made it possible.

A few months ago it seemed that the International Championships would mark the end of the shooting season, but with interest in handgun silhouette shooting booming at an unparalleled rate, shooter demand has caused even more matches to be scheduled including four more State championships. Colorado on November 26, Oklahoma and Maine on December 3-4 and Arizona on December 18.

Two more clubs at opposite ends of the country are holding their first matches: Bill Kramer, a staunch IHMSA competitor and supporter has scheduled a match on November 19-20 at the Ojai Valley Gun Club in California. John Towle, master gunsmith from Conway, New Hampshire is hosting his first match in the Ossipee Valley. From William C. Herring comes a report of the first IHMSA match in Indiana at the Sycamore Valley Gun Club on October 15-16. Complete details will be

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RAY CAUSTON, left, and Frank Garfield hailed all the way from Alaska to compete in the INTERNATIONALS. Having promoted handgun silhouette shooting in Alaska they had little time to practice before the big match. Both were unclassified and had to shoot in AA with the big guns. Ray's 9th place overall against the best shooters in the country is a forewarning of things to come. Kathy Causton, our Alaska columnist, was home awaiting a new silhouette shooter, a baby girl, that arrived during the second day of the tournament. Ray rose to the occasion and happily passed out cigars.

INTERNATIONALS

We have requested several of our regular columnists to record their impression of the sights and sounds of the Internationals as follows: See center spread pages for photos and full results.

FRESNO REPORT

By Janice Stringfellow

Well, fellas, the Fresno crew went to the Internationals with high hopes and only had them dampened a bit.

Jim Davis, Glen Goerzen and their families arrived on Saturday to watch the action at the score boards; only to discover that the longer they watched the more up-tight they became. As we all know, you never want to see what the top score is. However, after a busy day and night, Sunday was sure to come, and sure enough Sunday brought in some hot shooters, including our own. Jim Davis in B Class went through and shot a 39, Glen Goerzen in A Class and Don Stoops shot a 34 standing.

Monday everyone was nervous; will their scores hold out, or will someone shoot a better score and take their win away? We all had to sweat it out for the remainder of the day. To take their minds off of the toils of the day Jim Davis

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SEVEN FROM TEXAS

By Edd Page

Just like the Magnificent Seven, the IHMSA championships had seven from Texas invade the land of the steel silhouettes. Kent Volmer, Jim McGinnis, Terry Prentice, Dennis O'Keefe, Clyde Howard, Jesse Lotspeich, and myself wish to thank all the fine folks who put on such a great event.

Any national or international event will draw the finest competitors to its course, and all of the Texans will agree with me when I say it draws the finest personalities too.

Beyond the match itself, were three days of contact with sportsmen and industry reps that alone was well worth the trip. Just listening to the enthusiasm of the Thompson-Center Execs. was an education for me. As a firearms salesman, getting the straight talk on future products was a kick.

The team efforts of the various

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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

by Diane Zufie

The thrill of being a part of something new and vital is hard to describe adequately and this is especially true of the 1977 International Championships. No one at the first national match in Tucson or even the 57 of us at El Paso last year dreamed of what would happen in one short year. The difference between those days and Los Angeles was astonishing and no one was more aware of it than I as I looked around the first day at the range.

El Paso was my first silhouette match but most of the small group there could say the same. At the Angeles range — just 12 months later — steel shooters were everywhere and few novice competitors were among us.

The course of fire was a real test of shooting ability and stamina. (In fact, if the match is ever again held at the Angeles range, I'd like to have the

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EDITORIAL IHMSA AND NRA

IHMSA was founded just over one year ago in response to the need and desire of big bore handgunners to have a standard set of rules for metallic silhouette shooting and an association to administer them.

From that beginning we have grown to an organization of nearly 1300 members in every state in the union and a few foreign countries. Virtually all of them are active handgunners. We have sanctioned just under 100 handgun silhouette matches including state, regional and International championships during 1977. It is an accomplishment of which we are justly proud.

In 1973, NRA recognized metallic silhouette shooting for High power rifle competition and by 1976 had 1400 classified shooters with 74 sanctioned tournaments being held during that year. Interest and competition has increased to the point where the range capacity of 500 shooters was filled for the 1977 NRA National Championships held at Black Canyon range in Phoenix over the Labor Day weekend.

After the Cincinnati meetings, NRA President Mustin appointed more members to the NRA silhouette committee and issued instructions to explore and develop other forms of metallic silhouette shooting in addition to high power rifle. Foremost were smallbore rifle and pistol.

The NRA committee developed rules

for smallbore rifle and for two divisions of handgun competition, Long range pistol and Short range pistol.

As IHMSA is involved only in Long range big bore competition the discussion hereafter will be limited only to this division of shooting as regards IHMSA and NRA.

In short, recognizing IHMSA's experience in this field, NRA followed the lead of IHMSA in several areas. In turn, IHMSA, at their Executive meeting a week after the NRA silhouette committee meeting, followed NRA's lead in other areas, the net result being rules that are compatible to the point where any competitor can shoot his same equipment in an NRA match one weekend and in an IHMSA match the next weekend without any changes, and in a variety of divisions and classes from production and modified guns to Unlimited gun, and in standing and freestyle positions.

IHMSA sees no conflict with NRA, and we are sure there will be occasions when a sponsoring club can and will host IHMSA matches, championship and otherwise one month, and similar NRA tournaments another month.

The entire approach by both organizations has been for the overall good of the sport and the best interests of the shooters. As we see it, there is a spirit of friendly cooperation on all sides, and at a time when the fraternity of sport-shooting handgunners needs all the togetherness it can get. Let's keep it that way!

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The first main order of business at the Executive meeting on the evening of October 22 was the election of the International Executive Director. John Adams and Elgin Gates were nominated. Adams declined on the basis of family and business obligations and Gates was then elected by unanimous vote to a term of two years.

Recognition of Adams' long dedicated service and personal sacrifices for IHMSA were discussed and properly acknowledged by all present. Elgin Gates asked for a show of hands to appoint Adams as the first Life Member of IHMSA and Director Emeritus. The response was unanimous.

At Gates request, Bob Zwirz will continue as the Eastern Executive Director and Coordinator of the Advisory Committee. Gates then appointed Bert Stringfellow as the Western Executive Director and asked all State directors present to continue in their capacity. He then announced that other State Directors would be appointed as needed and committee assignments made. The regular order of business continued and carried over to the evening of October 23.



SPECIAL NOTE: AS WE GO TO PRESS THE 1978 RULE CHANGES ARE BEING FINALIZED. VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE CHANGES ARE PRINTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE, AND WILL OFFICIALLY GO INTO EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 1978, AND WILL BE PUBLISHED COMPLETE IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE SILHOUETTE.

Stringfellow appointed

Bert Stringfellow of Fresno, California, current State Director, has been appointed as Western Executive Director for IHMSA, effective as of the October 22 Executive meeting held during the International Championships.

Long experienced as a Match Director for handgun tournaments, Bert brings to IHMSA a solid background of sponsoring well run silhouette matches.

As a long time member of the Southwest pistol league, he served as editor of the league publication Combat, and has written technical articles on pistol shooting, reloading and various other handgun subjects for nationally circulated magazines.

In this area we are very pleased to publish a column by Bert in THE SILHOUETTE. In the still young sport of handgun metallic silhouette shooting there is a great shortage of solid ballistic information.

As Match Director of the Sierra pistol club of Fresno, Bert is ably assisted by his wife, Shirley, secretary-treasurer of the club (and it was Shirley who served as IHMSA secretary at our executive meeting) and daughter, Janice, 1975 Women's champion of the Southwest combat league. Janice also is IHMSA California Class B champion as well as our Fresno report columnist.

Known in the west as the Shooting Stringfellows, all three of them can be found at any silhouette match working in one capacity or another from Match Director to setting targets as well as competing in the match itself. In a phrase, IHMSA is fortunate to have the Stringfellows aboard.

RULE CHANGES

NOTE: All new rules will go into effect as of January 1, 1978. For the balance of the year, the 1977 rules will apply although match sponsors, at their option, may include competition for any of the new classes.

At the IHMSA Executive meetings of October 22-23, the following proposals and rule changes were voted in for 1978:

1. In addition to our present categories of Production and Unlimited, IHMSA has added a third category to be called MODIFIED PRODUCTION as follows:

MODIFIED PRODUCTION being a gun with the original barrel, caliber, frame and sight radius as manufactured. Allowable modifications to include any metallic sight combination, target triggers and trigger shoes, recoil reducing modifications such as Mag-na-porting or other gas venting, accessory ribs and any internal modifications. Custom grips will be allowed so long as they do not support the wrist or arm. OVERALL WEIGHT not to exceed 3 3/4 pounds, unloaded, barrel length not to exceed 15-inches.

The Modified Production category will be shot OPEN CLASS, FREESTYLE position.

During 1978, should enough competition develop in this category to so warrant, then IHMSA, upon approval of the Directors, will recognize modified production classes by averages.

2. An OPEN STANDING class has officially been added to the production category. Any standing position will be allowed with the gun being supported only by one or both hands. During 1978, should enough competition develop in this class to so warrant, then IHMSA, upon approval of the Directors, will add additional Standing classes by averages.

3. IHMSA HAS adopted a weight limit of 3 3/4 pounds, unloaded, for the Modified production category, and a weight of 4 1/4 pounds for the Production and Unlimited categories, and a barrel length of 15-inches for all categories and classes, Production, Modified production and Unlimited.

4. Note: No proposals or motions for any type of scoped handgun competition were passed due to the lack of interest throughout IHMSA's membership.

5. IHMSA has adopted a new production gun class to be known as AAA. At the same time, all averages in the production gun category have been revised as follows:

- AAA 30 to 40
- AA 24 to 29
- A 18 to 23
- B 9 to 17

6. The Unlimited category has been divided into two classes as follows:

- AAA 35 to 40
- AA 34 and under

7. A motion was passed that any match sponsor could schedule any or all categories and classes at his option to meet whatever competition is available in his area.

8. Classification cards will be developed, probably on the back of the membership card, and must be presented at any match, properly filled in with the shooter's previous scores.

9. A mandatory rule was passed providing for the placement of the rams on their stands. "The rams shall be placed so that the center of gravity is no more than one inch in front of the topple point."

As a simple explanation, the official width of the ram's feet is 4-inches. The rams should be moved carefully backward on their stands with the feet overhanging to the backside until the topple point is achieved. From that point they may be moved forward to achieve stability but, as the rule calls for, not more than one inch forward of this topple point. It is suggested that this final resting place be marked by spraying around the feet with black target paint or otherwise so that the rams may be replaced in the same place each time they are reset.

Special Note: The Stillwater Firearms Association of Fallon, Nevada has designed what we consider to be the best stand possible for the rams. A self-addressed envelope will bring a copy of the diagram from Tom Lammel, 1225 Gummow Dr., Fallon, Nevada 89406.

10. Trigger pull. A motion carried that any safe trigger not subject to accidental discharge would be allowed.

Should any round be discharged before the command to load, the shooter would be disqualified for that day. Should any round be fired after the command to load, but before the command to fire it will be judged a lost shot.

11. A unanimous vote that no alcohol or drugs be on or near the firing line of any range hosting an IHMSA match.

12. Motion passed that when a shooter fires his last unclassified score and becomes classified, he may re-fire in his class for record only on that day, not for trophy.

13. Step-ups: A step-up rule was passed that if a competitor wishes to shoot his production gun in the modified class and/or the Unlimited class, he must first shoot his production gun in his production class for record, and then in the Modified class and finally in the Unlimited class in that order.

14. There was a unanimous vote to include a sportsmanship rule to deal with unsportsmanlike conduct and behavior with authority for disciplinary action to be taken by the board of Directors.

15. International Championships: Motion passed that any club, group or organization desiring to bid for the Internationals should submit a bid by April 1, 1978, at which time the Championships committee would consider all bids with the primary consideration being the best interests of the shooters and IHMSA, and then submit said bids to the full Board of Directors for final decision.

16. Several items, while not made part of the official rules, were suggested as recommendations to sponsoring clubs or were left to the option of said clubs.

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RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

May 11, 2020

I am submitting this proposed rule change per Section 1-G, paragraph 2-A, reading "...the board may act on rule change proposals at any time during the year."

Current wording would be replaced with proposed wording.

Current wording, from Section IV: Competitor Classification, Section A, Paragraph 7-B, regarding conversion of 60 & 80 round scores to 40 rounds:

"For the purpose of converting 60 and 80 round aggregate scores, each category score shall be converted to the 40 round equivalent and then added together."

Proposed wording:

"For the purpose of converting 60 and 80 round aggregate scores, each category will be added together and then calculated by multiplying a 60 round aggregate score by $\frac{2}{3}$ and an 80 round aggregate score by $\frac{1}{2}$. Any remaining fraction will then be dropped."

Supporting argument:

This rule applies to making consistent the scores submitted to the various Presidents Club aggregate scores, and entry into those categories. The example below should make it obvious as to why this rule should be changed.

Submitted by Jim Fields– Region IV Director – 405-203-1268 –
Date – 2-23-20

As most board members know my proposal for red dot sights, which I submitted in 2017, was allowed to expire w/o being voted on allowing red dot sights on revolvers & production guns.

Reason for this proposal was to level the playing field for older shooters, who can no longer compete against much younger shooters with an iron sight set-up & also increasing entries in both categories. Most all shooting disciplines across the world have adopted red dot sights over the past several years.

There's an old saying, "If you don't change with the times you are going to die on the vine"

My reasoning behind this again, was to bring back some older shooters who have quit our fantastic sport over the past few years, plus several of us who are now struggling with eye problems & increase the entries in both production & revolver classes, which have steadily declined over the past several years, & most all of us will agree with that.

Example: Shooter "A" fires 80 round scores of P-78, R-78, U-78, S-46, totaling 280x320. Under current rule, his score converts to 39, 39, 39, 23, and totals 140 for 4-gun agg.

Shooter "B" fires scores of P-79, R-79, U-79, S-45, totaling 282x320. But when converted, his scores become 39, 39, 39, 22, and only totals 139 and is denied entry to the Presidents Club.

It is irrational that a shooter with a 280 to be credited with shooting a 140 agg but a score of 282 can be reduced to 139. Shooter A should be credited with a 140, Shooter B should be credited with 141.

The proposed rule change addresses and corrects this anomaly. I thought we corrected this several years ago, but the problematic wording is still in the 2016 Rules Book.

Respectfully,

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So, here is my proposal, I know, & I'm well aware I will catch some flack about increasing a couple more classes, but here is.

Add Two Practical Hunter revolver classes - PH .22 & PH Long Range BB, allowing red dot sights in both classes. (1) Weight limits not to exceed four pounds six ounces. (2) Overall length same as production, 18 inches. (3) Red dot sights, with a power limit not to exceed 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ power, which is what most manufacturers use. Iron sight shooters may compete in these two new classes if they so desire.

Some of you may or may not be aware of this, but the Practical Hunter category was a direct result of a proposal I made several years ago & it is one of the main reasons that Oklahoma City Gun Club is averaging over 60 entries per monthly matches & that number will only increase at our club as well as other clubs across the country with the addition of these two new revolver classes, no doubt in my mind whatsoever. The PH category has literally exploded at OKC over the past two years.

Proposed Rule Changes 2020

Section I General

C. Membership

(2016)A) Individual Member: membership is US \$35 per year and is open to any person 18 years or older. This include the online edition of the IHMSA news. A Printed edition of the IHMSA News is available for an additional \$20 per year.

(2020)A) Individual Member: membership is US \$35 per year and is open to any person 18 years or older. This includes the online edition of the IHMSA news.

(2020)Section III: Competition (location of items changed to move into the Competition section)

I. PRACTICAL HUNTER RULES

1. Class Descriptions:

The purpose of the class is to provide a course of fire that simulates the conditions and distances a handgun hunter would encounter in the field. The intent of the class is to have handguns on the firing line that are representative of what would be commonly used for hunting. All three classes will be shot from any SAFE freestyle shooting position including prone, kneeling, sitting, or standing.

A).Practical Hunter Long Course will be shot on the 200 Big Bore range with the standard full size targets at their normal ranges.

B).Practical Hunter Short Course will be shot on the 100 meter Field Pistol range with the standard targets at their normal ranges, using standard field pistol cartridges only.

C).Practical Hunter .22LR Course will be shot on the 100 yard Small Bore targets at their normal ranges.

2. Class Rules:

1. Any hunting style handgun with a maximum length of 21 inches.
2. Optics are allowed up to a maximum of 6X power. The use of higher variable power scopes will be allowed, But they must not be used over 6x during the course of fire. The use of fixed power scopes over 6x is not allowed.
3. Guns must be as manufactured with only cosmetic modifications.
4. Ported barrels are allowed as long as they are shot from a SAFE position.
5. A rest such as a bipod or a sandbag supporting the barrel in the prone position may be used by an unclassified shooter and by shooters in classes A and AA. Allow Artificial support in practical hunter for shooters up to 12th birthday at non-championship matches.

J. ULTRA 500 RULES

1.IHMSA rules for Ultra 500 meter shooting shall be identical to those for Big Bore 200 meter shooting except as follows.

2.Two categories will be added: Ultra 500 Unlimited and Ultra 500

RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

Current Rule SECTION IX Match Procedures

J. Protests

2. All official protests must be submitted to the Match Director in writing, accompanied by a fee of US \$10.00, within one hour of any alleged violation. The \$10.00 fee shall be awarded to the party found in favor of by the jury.

Proposed rule change to read:

2. All official protests must be submitted to the Match Director in writing, accompanied by a fee of \$10.00 local currency, within **24 hours** of any alleged violation **and/or one hour after** the completion of the competition, including shoot off,s whichever occurs first.

The \$10.00 fee shall be awarded to the party found in favor of by the jury.

The request for the rule change comes from incidents at the 2019 SSAA IHMSA Australian National Championship, Little River, Victoria. Allegations of incorrect scoring were made to the same competitor following 2 incidents; however, this did not become apparent until the following day when the scores were posted, hence later than the 1 hour of opportunity to submit the complaint.

Current rule SECTION IX Match Procedures

E. Scoring

5. When wind conditions prevent one or more targets in a bank from being set and remaining in position without artificial support in accordance with section VIII-H, the target(s) shall be fastened - clamped/fixed - to the stand(s), and all shots striking such target(s) anywhere shall be scored as hits.

Proposed rule change to read:

E. Scoring

5. When wind conditions prevent one or more targets in a bank from being set and remaining in position without artificial support in accordance with section VIII-H, the target(s) shall be fastened - clamped/fixed - to the stand(s), all shots striking such target(s) anywhere shall be scored as hits ***provided the shot was from the competitors firearm in the correct sequence of fire, was not dirt spray from a missed shot causing paint to be removed from the target. During Championship matches when targets are clamped during such wind conditions ALL hits must be verified by a suitably experienced range officer or match director.***

This rule change is requested due to an incident at the 2019 Australian SSAA IHMSA National



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