

The America Match

The America Match (TR and F Class) will be next fired at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa, 22 August 2010.

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF THE AMERICA MATCH

CONDITIONS

The America Match in which National Teams compete for the America Trophy may only be conducted when authorized by the National Rifle Association (NRA) of the United States of America and when an official team endorsed by the NRA Highpower Committee or the NRA Competitions Division is present and competing.

FREQUENCY

The Match will normally be held every second year, with the venue alternating between Canada and the United States of America. The Match will not be held in a year in which the International Palma Match is being held. Other countries may, on application to and approval by the National Rifle Association of the United States of America, be invited to conduct the match. The schedule will be determined by the National Rifle Association of the United States of America, with the date and venue of the match being announced to all potential competing nations not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the match. Teams must declare their intention to participate not less than twelve (12) months prior to the Match.

ENTRY FEE

The Host Country may charge an entry fee to defray the costs of conducting the Match. The fee shall be announced to all teams that have declared an intention to participate not less than six (6) months prior to the Match.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams shall consist of a (1) Captain, a (1) Vice-Captain, one (1) main Coach, two (2) sub-Coaches, eight (8) firers and two (2) reserves, a total of fifteen (15) team members. Only team members may take part in firing point activities. If one of the firers falls ill and is unable to continue, another member of the team may take his/her place.

DISTANCES

300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards, or 300, 600, 800 and 900 metres, as appropriate to the venue.

NUMBER OF SHOTS

Each firing member of the team shall fire two (2) sighting shots (convertible) and fifteen (15) shots on score at each distance.

SIGHTING SHOTS

Two sighting shots shall be fired at each distance, of which the second or both may be converted. If shooting is interrupted for any team or teams by any external cause for more than three (3) minutes, the firer or firers so interrupted shall, on resuming, be allowed one sighting shot which is not-convertible. In the event of a rifle being changed, a sighting shot is not permitted.

TIME LIMITS

1 hour 20 minutes 300 yds/300m and 600yds/600m
1 hour 45 minutes 900yds/800m and 1000yds/900m

If firing is interrupted by any external cause for more than three (3) minutes, Team Captains may request an extension of time. The Chief Range Officer will ensure that any extension is properly allowed.

CONDUCT OF THE MATCH

The Council of the National Rifle Association hosting the Match shall appoint a Match Executive Officer and a Chief Range Officer who shall be responsible for the overall arrangements for and conduct of the Match in accordance with the Rules.

MEETING

Not less than the day prior to the Match, the Match Executive Officer shall chair a meeting of all Team Captains, Vice-Captains and the Chief Range Officer to resolve any issues or questions pertaining to the conduct of the Match.

DISPUTES

Disputes (if any) shall be heard by a Match Committee of three (3) persons, consisting of the Match Executive Officer, Chief Range Officer and one other person from a/the non-host country appointed by those present at the pre-match meeting.

RIFLES

Rifles must conform to the currently approved Rules for the International Palma Match, except that the Host Country may specify the maximum rifle weight and minimum trigger weight. Rifles must be chambered for standard 308 Winchester. A rifle may be changed at any time for any reason (see sighting shots above). Team members may use the same rifle.

RIFLE CHECKING

All rifles to be used by teams in the Match shall be checked by the Match Executive Officer and Chief Range Officer for conformation with the Rules prior to the commencement of firing the first range. Rifles which have been checked and which conform to the rules shall have a distinguishing sticker attached. Random checks of rifles may be carried out by the Match Executive Officer or the Chief Range Officer at any time during the course of the Match.

AMMUNITION

308 Winchester ammunition is to be provided by each team or team member. The maximum bullet weight shall be 156 grains. The Host Country is not required to provide ammunition. Random checks of ammunition may be carried out by the Match Executive Officer or the Chief Range Officer at any time during the course of the Match.

SHOOTING POSITION

Prone, as defined the Rules of the Host Country.

TARGETS

Two targets shall be available to each team and shall conform to those of the Host Country for each distance shot. Draws for targets will be held by the Chief Range Officer prior to the 300y/m and 900y/800m distances. The Chief Range Officer may require teams to shift targets between ranges.

BUTTS OBSERVER

Each team may, at its discretion, send one observer to the butts. Observers must be in the butts before the draws for targets are held.

SCORE CARDS

Score cards shall be provided by the Host Country. Copies of the scores cards for all teams in the Match shall be forwarded to the National Rifle Association of the United States of America no later than two

months after the firing of the Match. The National Rifle Association of the United States of America shall maintain records of all scores made and of all team members, including coaches and reserves, for each America Match.

SCORING

Each team shall provide two (2) scorers, who will score for another team as directed by the Chief Range Officer. Team members, including reserves, or other volunteers may act as scorers.

TIES

Team scores are tied when the points and V(X)-bulls are equal. Ties shall be resolved by the highest team scores at the longest range fired.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The "America Match" Trophy and fifteen (15) special DCRA medals will be presented to the winning team. The Trophy was purchased from a special fund established by Precision Shooting Magazine. The Trophy may, at the sole discretion of the NRA, be held by the Association of the winning team, or remain in the custody of the NRA. If the former, the Association will accept the responsibility for safe storage of the trophy, for having it properly engraved and for ensuring that it is transported to the next venue at the appropriate time.

GENERAL

- (1) Any matter not provided for in these Rules and Conditions shall be decided on at the Meeting of the Match Executive Officer, Chief Range Officer, Team Captains and Vice-Captains prior to the Match.
- (2) All matters arising during the Match shall be resolved by the Match Committee.
- (3) As far as is practicable, no other firing will take place on the same rifle range on the day that the America Match is held.
- (4) Unless otherwise specified, the Rules of the International Palma Match and of the Host Country shall be those governing the America Match.

VARIATIONS TO RULES/CONDITIONS

Variations to these Rules and Conditions may only be made by the National Rifle Association of the United States and shall be circulated to all participating teams not less than twelve months prior to the next firing of the Match.

The America Match Alongside F Class

The same team composition as America Match, up to 15 team members, from a single country or DCRA approved group of countries. Only one team from a country or group may enter. At least four of the firers must fire F/TR rifles, the rest may fire F/Open rifles.

DCRA F Class Rules will apply. DCRA F-Class targets will be used, and will be scored 5-V.

All other conditions and timings will be as those for the America Match.

PRIZES

The US F Class Challenge Trophy and 15 special DCRA Medals will be awarded to the winning team.