



QUICK
GUIDE FOR SAPRF MATCH DIRECTORS
AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR
COMPETITORS

OVERVIEW

The following document outlines the basic steps to standardize the planning, setup, preparation, and presentation of all SAPRF sanctioned National matches. Provincial matches do not need to follow all these requirements but must strive to support the basics guidelines.

The following topics will be guidelines for minimum requirements to be met:

- Match Director
- Stage planning
- Squading and rotation
- Scoring / results
- Prize giving
- Match organization
- COF / Match books
- Scrutineering
- Zeroing
- Rang Officers and scoring/time keeping.

Note: All points in this document are supplementary to the SAPRF RULES AND REGULATIONS. Familiarize yourself with all rules and regulations.

Match Directors

- SAPRF will not dictate to Match Directors the entry cost for a match, but MD's must consider that the higher the entry fee(s) the more the shooter must receive in return.
- Match advertisement must be published 30 days before the match.
- Ensure all emergency details are published in the match booklet with regards to medical facilities, and emergency telephone numbers.
- Confirm with SAPRF that the insurance for the venue and competitors is current.
- All match entries and payments must be done via the SAPRF webpage: www.precisionrifle.co.za .
- Match Directors must ensure that the correct venue, divisions, and entry fees for the match are updated by the web host.
- Practiscore link must only be available to registered shooters once entries have been closed on the SAPRF website.
- The appointed Head Match Director must approve all COF's. (Appointed by the EXCO)
- No MD that is hosting a national centrefire match is allowed to shoot the match for points on the logs.
- Pre-match shooting the day before are allowed but not encouraged. No scores accumulated on pre-shoots will count towards any logs. (Ro's & MD's)
- MD's hosting rimfire matches are allowed to shoot the match for score on log's but must be shot with the rest of the field on the day of the match.

STAGE PLANNING

- Stages should be planned to avoid any congestion with squads.
- No stage should be closer than 10m from another stage. Exceptions to this rule should be pre applied for and approval should be based on location. This will be managed as the exception rather than the rule.
- Props should at all-time be stable unless the intention is to evaluate a shooters ability to shoot unstable props.
- Should a prop not be stable, that prop may not be altered at any time by the MD or shooters during the shoot, to gain an unfair advantage on other competitors.
- Hit indicators must be planned and incorporated into the match on gongs further than 500 meters. SAPRF has indicators available to lend to MDs who do not have sufficient indicators available to meet the requirements.

SQUADING AND ROTATION

- Squads are to remain in their shooting order throughout the day. No squad(s) will be allowed to roam freely between stages to change their shooting order. They are to wait their turn for their next stage, keeping to their given sequence.
- Stage waiting areas should be planned where confined stage areas occur. Squads arriving at the stage where a squad is still busy, should await their turn. This is to respect the shooter(s) on the line and for safety reasons.
- Match Directors are advised to have even numbers of shooters per squad, to ensure both the above points can be supported during a match.

SCORING AND RESULTS

- Results / Scores should be made available after each day(s) shooting and be supplied for scrutiny 15 minutes before any prize giving. This is to ensure scores have been captured correctly by the organizers. Even though shooters have signed off stage results, there is still the possibility of human error when those scores are captured onto the database.

PRIZE GIVING

- Recognition should be awarded to all divisions for the top 3 competitors in each division.
- Overall top 3 also to be rewarded.
- Medals or trophies.
- Overall results are important as they are used to invite competitors to attend the PRS finale in the USA.

MATCH ORGANIZATION

- Toilets – Quality toilets should be mandatory. We need to consider spectators and make this an enjoyable day for everyone.
- Water should be available – either sponsored or bought at the venue close to the allocated stages.
- Food / Lunch – not essential. Pre-ordered food for shooters account.
- Gongs need to be clearly marked with a number close to the gong, or colour coded.
- Dinner at venues is a brilliant way of hosting competitions, creating comradery, and making the weekends shooting a pleasurable event. Match fees to account for this, even if charged additional per head via a booking system.
- Prize giving – Meals not mandatory at prize giving's, as these events may take place at venues in the veld/range.

COF / MATCH BOOKS

- COF'S must be submitted to the Head Match Director (Appointed by EXCO) at least one week prior to the match for approval.
- Video briefings should become part of the match information and be posted on the social media pages once the COF is made available. Matchbooks must only be available from Friday afternoon. Posted on the groups link and hard copies made available at registration on match day.

SCRUTINEERING

- Match Directors (**or a SAPRF Representative with the necessary skill and knowledge**) should make available a dedicated area to inspect and evaluate rifles to ensure compliance with the specifications as required per division. Suitable equipment must be available to execute these tests. We need to start implementing the rules required at World Championships per class / division as published on the SAPRF website.
- Lab Radars or similar equipment should be in place to evaluate where necessary.
- Limited class
 - Maximum bullet speed
 - 308 - 2800 ft/s
 - 223 – (Not part of IPRF) Shooters should take note that this caliber is not part of IPRF. Competitors should take note of this. 223 – may be used but could hamper qualifications.
 - Bullet max weight
- Factory class
 - Trigger pull weight. (At this time, it is 1.5lbs) To be updated.
 - Rifle approval
 - Maximum speeds of 3200 ft/s

ZEROING

- Friday zero range is mandatory with long-range dope check gong(s). 500 meters is adequate, more is a nice to have.
- On Saturday, the same zero range must be available with enough time given for 50 + competitors.
- The area needs to accommodate as many competitors as possible at any one time.
- Competitors should be limited to zero times decided by the Match Director and anyone not complying should be removed from the line.
- Zero range 100m should be available all weekend long. If not, MDs should advise competitors what the procedure will be to re-check zero during the match.
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RANG OFFICERS – SCORING/TIME KEEPING

- At National level, NO squads should have the responsibility of scoring and managing their own squads.
- Ro's MUST be provided by the club / MD hosting the event. External Ro's can be used and needs pre-approval by the Head March Director. (Appointed by the EXCO)
- At Provincial levels, exceptions might be made, although the above is recommended.
- A qualified RO should be available at each national match. SAPRF should undertake to qualify as many Ro's as possible and make available such training / qualification classes.
- Shot Timers must preferably be used.
- Reference for Ro's in the RO Guidelines.