

2016 NRA Mid-Range (Prone) Tactical Rifle (AR)

Note: Most rules necessary for the integration of this rifle into existing competition are already in existence and remain the same.

Section 23.

This probationary program will be placed in Section 23 of the Rule Book.

MID-RANGE COMPETITION FOR TACTICAL RIFLES ON THE “AR-PLATFORM”

Conceptually, this new NRA Mid-Range (Prone) Tactical Rifle (AR) program will be designed to provide civilian, military, and police shooters with an opportunity to shoot NRA Mid-Range Prone competition along-side of other Mid-Range Prone shooters in matches using semi-automatic rifles built on an “AR Platform” and equipment generally thought of as being “tactical” in design and use. These rifles will be configured so as to replicate as closely as possible the tactical rifles (semi-automatic) and equipment used by the United States Military and America’s Law Enforcement Community in “mid-range” tactical applications. These semi-automatic rifles will be more “off the rack” or “stock” than “competition” in nature. They will be more of a “tactical design” than “match design” and therefore less expensive than the vast majority of mid-range prone rifles currently in use.

These rifles will be of the “AR-Platform” variety, semi-automatic, **chambered in any caliber from .223 cal./5.56mm up to and including .308 cal./7.62mm**. The courses of fire will be the same courses of fire currently used for other NRA Mid-Range (Prone) High Power Competition (300, 500 & 600 yards) and are designed to be fired concurrently with other forms of Mid-Range competition. The targets will be the same targets that are used for Service Rifle, Match Rifle and Palma Rifle Mid-Range Prone competition. Mid-range telescopic sights will be allowed, but not required. Because this is prone competition, shooters may use tactical front rests such as Harris-type bipods and limited rear rests of the type one might find used in military or police tactical situations.

This new style of competition is designed to be more “tactical” in spirit and for that reason equipment normally found in other types of High Power Rifle Competition such as Match Rifle, Palma Rifle and F-Class Rifle will not be permitted. **In order to understand the spirit of this new sport one might think of this sport as “prone Service Rifle with a bipod and a scope”. This IS NOT designed as another version of F-Class competition.**

As a practical matter, Match Directors wishing to provide this competitive shooting opportunity within their programs will simply integrate this rifle with others already provided for within their standard Mid-Range program. In other words, this will simply be another category of rifle to be added to those already in existence.

These Rules should be “Provisional” to be revisited after three (3) years of operation; i.e., January of 2020 – if approved.

3.3.3 NRA Mid-Range (Prone) Tactical Rifle (AR) (PROVISIONAL) Any semi-automatic rifle constructed on an “AR-Style Platform” chambered in any caliber from .233/5.56mm caliber up to and including .308 caliber/7.62mm similar in outward appearance to the “Service Rifle” described in 3.1(c), above, equipped with the standard 10-, 20-, or 30-round box magazine, having not less than 4 ½ pound trigger pull, with standard type “tactical” stock (Military or Police); barrel length not to exceed 20 inches; total weight of the rifle including one empty magazine, bipod and/or sling, if any, and sighting system (scope) may not exceed 14 pounds.

a. Stock – Must be of the type and design commonly issued to and/or used by U.S. Military or U.S. Police; may be straight (solid), folding, or collapsible; competitive style stocks such as those commonly found on Match Rifles, Palma Rifles, and F-Class Rifles are prohibited. Tactical stocks with an adjustable cheek piece and/or an adjustable butt plate are permitted. Tactical rail and/. or equipment attachment system are permitted. Tactical adjustable stocks fitted with rear monopods are permitted but the rear monopod may not be used for support. See below and see Rule 5.2.

- b. Sights – Telescopic sights, either fixed or variable, **not to exceed 12x magnification**. Standard metallic, holographic and other tactical sighting systems are also permitted. Laser sighting systems are prohibited.
- c. Tactical Front Rest – **detachable and collapsible (folding) tactical-style front bipod of the “Harris-type”**; or, **separate soft roll or soft front bag** of the type and design commonly used in military/police “field-expedient applications” are permitted. Mechanical/machine front rests and non-collapsible and/or mechanically adjustable bipods of the types(s) otherwise legal in F-Class competition are prohibited. A field-expedient front rest consisting of a back pack or range bag may be substituted, but only one such item may be used. **The front rest, bipod or otherwise, must be in direct contact with the ground.** No boards, mats, rugs, clothing, towels, or other devices may be used to level the firing point under the front rest or to support the front rest.
- d. **Tactical Rear Rest – Use of a soft roll or soft rear bag without “ears” is permitted** but not required. Field-expedient rear rests consisting of one back pack or one or more items of clothing may be used. Solid, adjustable and/or rigid rests of all kinds are prohibited. F-Class-style rear bags with “ears” are prohibited. Neither the butt of the rifle nor any attachments thereto (such as monopod) may touch the ground while firing or during recoil. **Rear rest may be placed on the shooter’s mat/ground cloth**, but no board or other device may be placed under the rear bag/rest or used to solidify support for the rear bag/rest, if any. See Rule 5.2.
- e. Sling – Shooter may choose to use a sling permitted by Rule 3.13(b). Competition-style slings and sling systems of the types commonly used in Match Rifle and Palma Rifle competition are prohibited. Tactical slings and sling systems specifically designed for tactical field applications with “AR Platform” tactical rifles may be used. Slings are not required.
- f. Shooting Mats – See Rule 3.10
- g. Magazine – Standard 10-, 20-, or 30-round magazines must be used. Reduced capacity magazines and “sleds” are prohibited. Magazine may not be used for support and may not touch the ground during firing or recoil. See Rule 5.2.
- h. Barrel Accoutrements/Devices – Standard, factory installed “flash hiders” are permitted. Competition-style muzzle brakes, compensators, and barrel tuners are prohibited. Suppressors are prohibited.
- i. Ammunition – See Rule 3.17
- j. Spotting Scope – See Rule 3.8
- k. Interpretive Intent – It is the intent of this rule that this semi-automatic rifle and the equipment used therewith most closely resemble the semi-automatic tactical rifles and equipment issued to and sometimes used by U.S. Military and U.S. Law Enforcement in tactical situations at the distances utilized in standard NRA Mid-Range Prone competition. **This is not meant to be another form of F-Class competition.** Rifles and equipment designed specifically for competitive shooting applications are generally outside the spirit and intent of this rule. See Rule 3.18.

NOTE: See Rule 7.20 for Mid-Range Courses of Fire

See Rules 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6 for applicable Mid-Range Targets

See Rule 9.15, Table No. III, for Individual Mid-Range Prone Classifications

See Rules 19.1, 19.2, and 19.6, pertaining to “Classified Competitors”, “Unclassified Competitors”, and “Assigned Classifications”, respectively.

See current NRA High Power Rifle Rules, generally.