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## **Rules amendment as per AGM 2014 & 2015**

During the 2014/2015 Annual General Meetings (AGMs) some of the rules were under discussion and the following changes/additions were approved and has been included in the rules of the SAHRSA and will be applicable and enforced with immediate effect.

The official rules are also available for downloading on the SAHRSA website at:

[www.sahuntingrifle.co.za/documents/rules-amp-constitution/11](http://www.sahuntingrifle.co.za/documents/rules-amp-constitution/11)

### **Rule change back(AGM 2014)**

*Discontinued Rule 3.8. ~~On command of the range officer, in an effort to promote safety, competitors will be allowed to take up the prescribed shooting position before the official start command is given. Competitors may not close their rifle bolts nor may they aim through the telescope at the targets before the official start command is given.~~*

*Current Rule 3.8. Competitor are NOT allowed to take up the prescribed shooting position before the official start command has not been given for any event. **Taking up the shooting position must be done in the time allowed for the event. PLEASE NOTE THAT SAFETY WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED AND ANY COMPETITOR TAKING UP THE SHOOTING POSITION WITH A LOADED RIFLE OR CLOSED BOLT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.***

Note: Rule 3.8 was changed to give permission to take up position during the AGM of 2013 but this created more problems than what it resolved and it was decided to go back to the original rule.

## **New addition to the rules (AGM 2015)**

Rules 5.12 and 5.13 refers to shooting positions and the use of rests/shooting aids:

***Rule 5.12. Basic Shooting Positions: 1 - Prone (lying down), 2 - Sitting, 3 - Kneeling, 4 - Standing (in increasing difficulty). At any event, the competitor must comply and shoot in the basic shooting position/s as determined by the organizer for that specific event. Although the basic position may be prescribed, the event organizer is not allowed limit the competitor and outlaw variations of the basic shooting positions as long as the competitor still falls in the basic position. However, the organizer is allowed to build the range in such a way that the competitor is forced into a specific basic position. E.g. where the organizer want to simulate grass fields but still want the competitor to shoot in the prone position, but not flat on the ground but slightly higher over the elbows, the organizer is allowed to place hay bales or something similar in front of the shooting position to simulate the taller grass. This will then force the competitor to, while still in the prone position, lie a little higher over his/her elbows. Where the competitor cannot, or does not feel comfortable to shoot in the prescribed basic position, the competitor may use a position with a higher number (more difficult), however this does not entitle the competitor to any additional time or rests/shooting aids other than that supplied by the organiser for that specific event.***

***Rule 5.13. Rests, Supports and Shooting Aids – Where the organizer supplies rests, supports or shooting aids like shooting rests, shooting sticks, tri-pods, bi-pods, etc. the organizer may specify that the competitor must shoot over the top or the side of the rest/support/shooting aid but the organizer is not allowed to prescribe a specific way the rest/shooting/support aid must be used. E.g. If a tripod is supplied the organizer is allowed to prescribe that the competitor must use the top of the tripod, but it will be the competitor's decision if he/she uses the tripod on the front or rear of the rifle or to support a body part like an arm, etc. If the competitor feels that the rest/support/shooting aid supplied does not serve as an advantage/improvement, the competitor may, at his/her own discretion choose not to use it, however this does not entitle the competitor to use an alternative rest or shooting aid, other than that supplied, and the competitor will then complete the event in the basic shooting position prescribed without any rest/shooting aids.***