

CANADIAN MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

THE following are the rules and regulations for the Canadian Military Rifle League matches for 1896. All prizes are sterling silver and a gold badge goes to every team entering the League for 1896. While entries closed April 15, yet post entries will be received up to date of first match. The early date was fixed upon by the Council in order that arrangements could be made for the supply of ammunition in ample time for the first match on May 16th. At the same time teams making a late entry will be themselves responsible if the supply of ammunition is delayed.

TEAMS.

The teams for 1896 to be composed of ten bona-fide members of any Battalion or Rifle Association.

There will be three series of prizes: 1st Series, Martini, Martini-Metford or Lee-Metford; 2nd Series, Snider; 3rd or Cavalry Series, 1st Section, Lee-Metford and Martini-Metford Carbines; 2nd Section, Snider and Winchester Carbines.

In the first series all the members of a team must use the same description of rifle.

Each Regiment or Association may enter any number of teams in each series, and it is not necessary to have the same men on a team in each match, or to send the names of those to compose the team to the Secretary previous to the match. Hand them to the Range Officer before commencing to fire.

No one will be permitted to fire in more than one series in the same match.

TELEGRAPHING SCORES.

Arrangements have been made with the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co. for telegraphing the results of matches, and the charge for such service will be paid by the League.

Immediately after a match, the team number, (if more than one team is competing) rifle and team total must be telegraphed to the Secretary of the League (via C. P. Tel. Co.) (for example—"90th Battalion, 1st team, Martini 946."), and a complete list will at once be transmitted by telegraph to all morning newspapers at the following points: Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.; Winnipeg, Man.; London, Toronto and Ottawa, Ont.; Montreal and Quebec, Que.; St. John, N. B.; and Halifax, N. S., and official score will be published in THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE, a copy of which will be sent to each captain of team.

RANGES.

1st series, 200, 500 and 600 yards.

2nd series, 200, 400 and 500 yards.

3rd series, 1st section, 200, 500 and 600 yards; 2nd section, 200, 300 and 400 yards.

DATES OF MATCHES.

First Match, Saturday, 16th May.

Second Match, Saturday, 30th May.

Third Match, Saturday, 13th June.

Fourth Match, Saturday, 27th June.

Seven rounds at each range. The ranges may be shot in whatever order is best suited to local convenience.

POSITIONS

200 yards, kneeling or standing; 300, 400 and 500 yards, prone; 600 yards, any.

SIGHTING SHOTS AND OTHER FIRING.

Only one sighting shot at each range.

Positively no other firing allowed by any one with the rifle to be used in the match, before commencement of his score.

SCORE SHEETS.

The Score Sheet must be properly filled out, and contain the shot for shot detail, and weather detail, etc., and must be certified to and signed by the Register Keeper, Captain of Team and Range Officer. It must be sent by mail immediately after the match to the Secretary of the League. The Score Sheets provided must be used in all cases.

RANGE OFFICERS.

The Range Officers should not allow more men to fire at one time than they can personally oversee, and must appoint Register Keepers from other Corps or Associations. It will be their duty to see that all rules, etc., are properly observed, and that the conditions of the competition are strictly enforced. It will also be their duty to measure the Bullseyes and Rings of Target, to see that they are of the proper size.

Persons who are to check the markers in the butts must be subject to their approval. The names of those to compose a team must be handed to the Range Officer before the commencement of firing. After first shot is fired no change is to be made in the personnel of a team, but if requisite number of men have not arrived at the time of starting, leave the space for their names blank, and fill in on their arrival.

In a competition extending over the whole Dominion, and in which each competing team naturally expects the utmost accuracy and good faith on the part of all other teams, a great responsibility devolves on the Range Officers. They should understand the signalling, and the rules of scoring shots, where practicable they shall be selected from outside Corps or Association for which they are to act.

CAPTAINS OF TEAMS.

It will be the duty of Captain of team to assist the Range Officer in his duties, as well as to look after the interests of his team. He will send team's score as soon as possible after completion of match. He may arrange the order for firing for his men to suit himself, and will be personally responsible for the correctness of the score sheet.

ENTRANCE FEES.

The entrance fees are \$10.00 for one team, and \$5.00 for each additional team from the same Battalion or Association. All fees must be sent to the Treasurer on or before the 15th April.

When making entries care must be taken to state for which series they are intended, and if for more than one series, the number in each.

DISQUALIFICATION.

The penalty for non-observance of all rules is disqualification of team in which offender may be.

The Executive Committee will strictly enforce all rules and regulations to the proper and honorable carrying out of these matches, and in order to do so must rely upon information being at once given by competitors of any infraction of rules, which may come under their notice. Attention is particularly called to this point, as complaints made without names of offenders cannot possibly be entertained. The Executive further consider that any member of this League not furnishing information of infraction of regulations which come under his notice can only be considered a party to these offences.

D. R. A. RULES.

Where not especially covered by League Rules the Dominion Rifle Association will govern.

AMMUNITION.

The Department of Militia and Defence will supply all teams taking part with ammunition free. But all ammunition not expended must be returned, or paid for, to that Department.

CHECKING MARKERS.

Where two or more teams are competing at the same place, an officer or non-commissioned officer from each Corps or Association competing should be supplied, whose duty it will be to superintend the markers in the butts. Where only one team is firing it will be necessary to have one practical, responsible rifleman, not connected with the Corps or Association, whose duty it will be to superintend the markers in the butts, and from whom, if necessary, a declaration may be obtained as to the correctness of the marking.

TARGETS—DIMENSIONS, ETC.

	AT 200 YARDS.	AT 300, 400, 500 AND 600 YARDS.
BULLSEYE.....	8 inches.	2 feet.
INNER.....	24 inches.	3 feet.
MAGPIE.....	36 inches.	4 feet.
OUTER.....	Remainder of Target 4 feet square.	Remainder of Target 6 feet square.

PRIZES.

Sterling Silver Salvers (suitably engraved with Dominion Coat of Arms, etc.) will be given in each series, proportionate to the number of entries received in each. Similar prizes for Civilian Association teams will be given.

BADGES.

The "League Championship" badge will be given to the three highest aggregate individual scorers in each series.

Each team entering will receive a gold badge. No badge will be given where a team has fired less than eight men in any one match.

SPECIAL.

Any Battalion having a team in League 1896, and bringing five new men to the Dominion Rifle Association Meeting, 1896, who shot through it, have free entry into the League of 1897, for one team, and for each additional five new men, an additional team free. By new men is meant, men who have never attended and shot through the Dominion Rifle Association matches in any previous year.

MINISTER OF MILITIA'S PRIZE.

Presented by the Hon. Senator Desjardins, Minister of Militia and Defence.

This prize is open only to members of a Battalion or Association which has a team entered in the League of 1896, and is to be competed for at the Dominion Rifle Association Matches, 1896. It will be awarded to the highest individual scorer in the All Comers Matches in the Grand Aggregate.

PRESIDENT'S PRIZE.

Presented by Lt.-Col. F. Massey, President C. M. R. League.

Open to teams of eight men from any Battalion or Association having a team entered in the League, 1896. To be won by the team having the highest aggregate in the All Comers Matches in the Grand Aggregate of the D. R. A., 1896. It will be necessary to name five of the men before commencement of the competition.

The expressions of Canada's loyalty and patriotism to the Mother Country, which evoke the admiration and pride of the whole of our Empire, are something beyond a mere string of empty words. She was the first colony to raise a regiment for the Imperial Army in the momentous times of 1858, and now she is fully determined to re-establish that old link which once united her people by the ties of kinship to our army. It is England's duty to advance and meet her, and thus show by deeds that she appreciates such devotion and loyalty by restoring the "Old Hundredth" to the land of its birth, and by this means opening up a channel by which Canada's sons of all ranks may be able to make a name and fame for

themselves as soldiers of the British Army and the Empire. We are firmly of opinion that the Dominion would do well to petition that their own old corps be given back to them, and in this they have our heartiest support.—United Service Gazette.

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