

WIMBLEDON REGULATIONS.

I. There shall be six ranges, viz.:

A. 200 yards.	C. 600 yards.	E. 900 yards.
B. 500 "	D. 800 "	F. 1,000 "

II. The size of the targets shall be as follows: At 200 yards—4 feet by 6; bull's eye, 8 inches; centre 2 feet. At 500 and 600 yards—6 feet by 6; bull's eye, 2 feet; centre, 4 feet. At 800, 900, and 1,000 yards—12 feet by 6; bull's eye, 3 feet; centre, 6 feet. Bull's eyes and centres square.

III. There shall be square bull's eyes and centres at all ranges, bull's eyes counting 4, centres 3, outers 2.

IV. For Volunteers, the shooting at 200 yds. shall be off the shoulder; at the remaining 5 ranges it shall be from the knee, Hythe position, unless off the shoulder.

V. For All Comers, the shooting at 200 yards, as well as at the other ranges, shall, unless otherwise specified, be in any position; but no fixed artificial rests shall be allowed, unless otherwise specified.

VI. Unless otherwise specified, the prizes open to All Comers may be shot for with any description of rifle not exceeding 10 pounds in weight.

VII. Unless otherwise specified, no magnifying sights to be allowed.

VIII. No hair-triggers to be allowed.

IX. No front aperture sights, such as solid discs or bushes pierced in the centre, shall be allowed.

X. In all shooting for prizes, open to Volunteers only, the minimum pull of trigger shall be 6 pounds.

XI. Prizes shall be given for rifles classified as follows:

1. LARGE BORE.

A. Long Enfield.

B. Any rifle of bona fide Government pattern as used by the rank and file of Volunteer corps, and carrying .577 ammunition.

C. Any rifle, maximum weight 10 pounds, which can carry any Government .577 bore ammunition.

2. ANY BORE.

A. Any rifle, maximum weight 10 pounds, with any description of sights, telescope excepted.

B. Any rifle under 9½ pounds, full stocked, with metal ramrods and military sights. Pull of trigger 6 pounds. Mechanically-fitting ramrods will not be allowed.

The following general rules will guide the Council in deciding as to what constitutes military sights:

FORESIGHT.

1. To be fixed to the barrel and incapable of adjustment.

2. All rifles in this class to admit of a bayonet, suited for military purposes, being readily and firmly fixed without injury to the foresight.

3. If knife-edge, transverse section a triangle, of which the height is not more than 1½ times the base, not undercut.

4. No beadsight unless covered by a strong shade, not less than four-tenths of an inch in diameter, inside measurement, firmly fixed to the barrel, and incapable of being removed.

5. The outside form of the barrel may be cylindrical or polygonal.

BACKSIGHT.

1. To be attached to the barrel in front of the lock.

2. No transverse adjustment nor any other moveable adjustment except a hinged flap and a sliding bar, to be moved by hand only, without screws, racks, or any other mechanical appliances.

3. Graduations (on the Vernier principle or otherwise) may be marked on any part of the backsight.

4. The sliding bar to be with or without vertical lines or apertures, and the upper edge either straight or with a V or any angle or a rectangular notch, or a combination of these forms.

5. The outside measurement of the bed on which the flap or leaf rests must not exceed one inch.

C. Any rifle, maximum weight 10 pounds, with telescope affixed, the weight of the telescope not included.

D. Breech-loader.

XII. Ties—

When the firing takes place at more than one distance, ties shall be decided as follows:

1. By the score made at the longest distance in the competition.

2. If still a tie, by the inverse order of shots, counting backwards by twos from the last shot to the first.

3. If still a tie, by firing five shots at the longest distance in the competition.

When the firing takes place at one distance only:

1. By the inverse order of shots, counting backwards by twos from the last shot to the first.

2. If still a tie, by the least number of outers.

3. If still a tie, by firing a single shot at a "carton" target.

4. In all competitions competitors making all bull's eyes shall shoot off the ties at a "carton" target.

N.B.—Ties in Second Stage Queen's will be decided by scores made in First stage, if still a tie, by firing five shots at 1,000 yards.

XIII. Unless otherwise specified, in all competitions for prizes at 200, 500, and 600 yards, restricted to Volunteers or to rifles of bona fide Government pattern used by the rank and file of Volunteer corps, none but Government ammunition, supplied on the ground from the National Rifle Association magazine, shall be used. Any competitor infringing this rule shall be disqualified from competing for any prize during the remainder of the meeting.

XIV. Two sighting shots shall be allowed to each competitor at each distance in every competition, on payment of 1s per shot. These shots shall be fired in order, when the squad is formed, and at the target about to be used in the competition. No sighting shot shall be allowed after the squad has commenced the competition. Ties shall be allowed two sighting shots, at 1s per shot, and at the target at which the tie is about to be shot off.

XV. Sighting shots may be fired in any position.

XVI. Competitors shall, if required, submit their rifles for inspection before, during, or after a match.

XVII. Unless otherwise specified, no competitor shall enter more than once for any prize.

XVIII. All entries shall close on the day and at the hour fixed for the commencement of each competition.

XIX. All competitors for open Volunteer or All Comers' prizes, who enter their names and pay the entrance fees at the Secretary's office, on or before the 17th June, shall be squadded, and due notice shall be given before the meeting of the probable day and hour when their squad will shoot. Subsequent entries shall be squadded on the ground. All who enter on or before the 17th June must at the same time state to what county they belong.

XX. All entries made after the 1st July shall be considered as Post Entries, and an additional charge of 25 per cent. shall be made on such Post Entries.

XXI. In the case of Post Entries, the Council cannot undertake to give competitors timely notice of the hour fixed for the shooting of their squads, and they cannot hold themselves responsible should competitors who enter after

the 1st July find it impossible to shoot before the close of the competition.

XXII. The squadding will be by counties. Competitors must adhere to the same county in every competition throughout the Meeting.

XXIII. Competitors who have paid their entrance fees, but who are unavoidably prevented from attending the prize meeting, shall have such entrance fees returned to them after the conclusion of the Meeting, provided that application has been made by letter to the Secretary of the Association not later than the day previous to that fixed for the competition for which they had entered. This rule does not apply to the Queen's Prize.

XXIV. Each competitor for the Queen's Prize, First Stage, shall be required to bring with him to Wimbledon a certificate stating that he is a bona fide efficient Volunteer, and selected by his corps as one of its representatives in that competition. Name, rank, and corps must be entered in the certificate, which shall be signed by the officer commanding.

XXV. The winners of money prizes shall, as in previous years, have the option of taking them in money or in kind.

XXVI. All winners of money prizes shall, on or before the morning of the 21st July, declare to the Secretary their intention to take their prize in money or in kind.

XXVII. Those who wish to take their Prize in money shall be paid on the ground, on presenting at the Finance Department a certificate signed by the Chief of the Statistical Department, and countersigned by the Secretary.

N.B.—Prize winners are particularly requested to apply for a certificate of the Statistical Department previously to the conclusion of the Meeting.

XXVIII. The extra prizes shall be awarded according to the order in which they are won, and no selection shall be allowed; the winners can, however, make exchanges amongst themselves, after these prizes have been distributed.

XXIX. All members of Volunteer corps competing for prizes restricted to Volunteers, shall be required to appear in the authorized uniform of their corps.

XXX. Any competitor discharging his rifle without having previously obtained permission from the officer or person in charge of the firing point, shall be fined 10s, and in default of payment be disqualified from competing for any prizes during the remainder of the Meeting.

XXXI. No paid Volunteer or Musketry Instructor who has served in the army or militia shall be qualified to shoot for prizes open to Volunteers only.

XXXII. An Umpire shall be appointed by the Council.

XXXIII. All disputed points shall be decided by the Umpire, whose decisions shall be final, and entered in a book kept for that purpose.

By order,

E. ST. JOHN-MILDWAY, Secretary.

FRONT APERTURE SIGHTS.

What are ordinarily known as "front aperture sights"—viz., solid discs or bushes pierced in the centre—are forbidden at the Prize Meetings of the National Rifle Association.

N.B.—What may be called thin skeleton aperture sights, such as were in use before the passing of this rule, will be admitted; but all other description of aperture sights, which, in the opinion of the Council, seem intended to evade the rule, will be disqualified.

By order,

E. ST. JOHN-MILDWAY, Secretary.

—The St. John's (C. E.) News says that on Sunday morning last the wife of Color-Sergeant Armstrong, of the Royal Canadian Rifles, St. Johns, was delivered of three fine healthy daughters. They were baptised the same day in the Roman Catholic Church.