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Black Powder Target Rifle Year-End Update as of December 8, 2009:

As of the first week of December and after the conclusion of the NRA Competition Rules Committee, I am authorized to alert you to some changes in NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Competition for the upcoming year, 2010.

The NRA has agreed to review hosting an NRA International Creedmoor Championships. If the decision is made to move forward, the NRA will allocate the necessary funds needed for the match. This means the NRA will be using our own "International" rules already found in the current NRA Black Powder Target Rifle Rulebook as well as providing our own trophy for the match awarded to the highest-scoring individual on the US International Long Range BPTR Team.

The Black Powder Committee has authorized two new categories for BPTR Creedmoor and Mid-Range competition for the 2010 shooting year. The "International" category will utilize the "International" rules already found in the NRA BPTR Rulebook. The Black Powder Committee hopes that this new category will increase participation in the Nationals by allowing current US BPTR Team members as well as foreign competitors to compete using rules and time limits in which they are more familiar competing. The Black Powder Committee also hopes this will encourage more foreign competitors to come compete in the US at Whittington Center during "Black Powder Week" as they have the option to shoot in many events. International Category competitors will shoot shoulder-to-shoulder with the competitors using the standard NRA rules with crossed sticks, etc. This category **WILL NOT** be eligible for National Records until participation numbers are analyzed this time next year.

Also, new for 2010, the Black Powder Committee has established a heavy-gun category (16-25 LBS/scoped or non-scoped rifles) named after Jefferson Tollofson who shot a perfect score with a 21 LBS factory Sharps in the 1870s Creedmoor matches. These shooters would shoot in their own "Tollofson" category; however, they **WOULD NOT** be eligible for the NRA BPTR Creedmoor and Mid-Range National Championship titles or any National Records until participation numbers are analyzed in the future by the Black Powder Committee. This category will be similar to Muzzleloader, Black Powder Military Rifle, etc. minus the National Record options. It will also be awarded based on the number of competitors competing in this new category.

The last major change to our program has been implemented this year by the NRA Whittington Center. This new policy **IS NOT** open to debate or change. The Fullbore Prone Scoring System will be the scoring system used for **ALL** NRA BPTR events at NRAWC as well as anyone else, in any discipline, using the 1,000 yard range at NRAWC. This is for safety reasons and should reduce shooters exposing hands while scoring in the Pits when the line is "Hot". The scoring system diagram will be included in next year's program as well as an additional instructional handout contained in next year's competitor packets issued at the Check-In/Chronograph Station. The NRA understands that most competitors are strictly familiar with the Lodi Scoring System and the NRA apologizes for the inconvenience and the forced change. NRA BPTR Staff will also brief all competitors in the proper use of the new scoring system to insure every competitor is on the same "page" at next year's Championship.

For more information regarding the 2010 NRA BPTR Creedmoor and Mid-Range Championships, the 2012 NRA International BPTR Championships, or any other NRA BPTR information, please feel free to contact the NRA Silhouette/Black Powder Department at:

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