



Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

CCF Schools' Rifle Meeting

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Part 1 – CCF Schools’ Meeting General Rules – L81A2 (CTR)

Reference:

- A. Cadet Training – Ranges. Regulations for Training with Cadet Weapon Systems and Pyrotechnics (2018)
- B. Army Code 71847 – The L81A2 Cadet Target Rifle
- C. The NRA Handbook – Rules of Shooting

Rules

- G1. These rules are to be observed in the spirit as well as the letter and are intended to be supplementary to Reference A.
- G2. The Exercise Director, Senior Planning Officer (SPO), or Range Conducting Officer (RCO) is empowered to stop shooting at any time during the meeting should he consider that circumstances including the weather conditions warrant it. CCRS is empowered to alter the programme, including the cancellation of matches, should circumstances make it necessary. The following personnel are recognised as permanent range staff, who may fulfil any range duties they are qualified for:
 - a. A Range Conducting Officer (RCO) who will be in overall charge of the range.
 - b. A senior Safety Supervisor, who will be the RCOs deputy.
 - c. Safety supervisors, who, along with safety supervisors within teams, are responsible for the safe running of a group of up to twelve targets and communicating with the NRA butt supervisor for the passing and receipt of messages. Each group of targets will have one or two safety supervisors who will also collect completed register cards and empty cases.
 - d. A qualified first aid CFAV for the range, who will not be assigned to any other duty.
 - e. An Ammunition CFAV for each CCF team who will be responsible for managing the ammunition, issuing to firers and collecting unfired sighters.
- G3. The butts will be wholly operated by NRA staff and markers, and no CFAV or cadet is to enter the butts at any time. The written authority for employing the NRA in the butts is from OC Training and Advisory Group, a copy of which is held by CCRS.
- G4. A Match Director will be appointed for the meeting, who will generally be the CCRS Shooting Manager. Any dispute which cannot be resolved by the RCO or the Match Director will be settled by a meeting on the range of a Protest Committee, who will be briefed by the Match Director. The Protest Committee shall consist of:
 - a. Chairman Schools’ Committee and,
 - b. A minimum of two members of the Schools’ Committee and,
 - c. One of:
 - (1) CCRS’ General Secretary, or

(2) CCRS' Competitions Officer

Safety

G5. L81A2 drills are to be followed at all times in accordance with Reference B. A cadet or CFAV who has an unintentional discharge through an error of drill will render their WHT void and must receive instruction and a retest before they may fire again, and their score in the match in which the incident took place will be void.

G6. As part of the unload drill at the end of a shoot, the firer must:

- a. Unload in accordance with Reference B.
- b. Remove the bolt.
- c. Ensure that the rifle is cleared by the coach, who must first attract the attention of the Safety Supervisor, who will assist if necessary. The rifle is cleared by looking down the barrel from the breech end and ensuring there is nothing in the barrel.
- d. Insert a breech flag and reinsert the bolt.

Eligibility

G7. Firing teams are to consist of the following, all of whom must hold a valid WHT:

- a. A named team manager, who must be a CFAV but does not need to be the coach. The team manager may cover for more than one team.
- b. A coach, who may be any CFAV or cadet with suitable experience.
- c. Any number of cadet firers of any age from a UK or Channel Island contingent of the CCF, or from a UK or Channel Island unit of the SCC, ACF or ATC providing such unit is open only to members of the school from which the cadets are drawn. Each firer must be, or have been during the summer term of the current year:
 - (1) A pupil at the school, and
 - (2) On the strength of the cadet contingent.
- e. One or more supernumeraries to assist on the range (eg team adjutant, plotters) who may be CFAV, adults or cadets.

Rifles and Ammunition

G8. The L81A2 with no modifications must be used in accordance with Reference B. Approved Lynx, AE Clarke or DSG sights that have been serviced and carry a serial no may be used instead of the issued sights. Corrective or coloured lenses may not be fitted to sights. A bar towel or equivalent may be taped to the stock, but it must not interfere with the removal of the bolt.

G8. Only ammunition issued at the meeting may be used; it will be issued immediately before the start of the practice. Unused rounds are to be returned to the team's ammunition CFAV at the end of the shoot. Snap caps are not to be taken onto the range.

Dress and Equipment

G9. The following dress standards are to be observed:

a. Firers when on the firing point:

- (1) Uniform is to be of service pattern, as issued, and worn as intended. A DPM jacket may be worn over MTP. Badges of rank must be worn. Service pattern boots are to be worn unless there is a medical reason, which must be brought to the attention of the Match Director prior to shooting.
- (2) Belts need not be worn.
- (3) Waterproof over trousers of a non-service pattern are permitted in the event of inclement weather.
- (4) Improvised padding (eg hose tops) may be worn underneath uniform but must not be visible.
- (5) An eye patch or blinder may be used.
- (6) A shooting glove and strap on elbow pads may be worn.
- (7) A sling not exceeding 50mm in width or 6mm in thickness may be used, and a device may be fitted to the upper sleeve to prevent the sling slipping down the arm or rotating about the upper arm.
- (8) A peaked cap or sunhat type cap may be worn. Side flaps, if fitted, may not be used, nor may the peak or sides be used in such a way that it acts as a side flap or blinder. Soft peaked caps are permitted.
- (9) Spectacles, eyeglasses (including shooting glasses), or contact lenses may be used. Corrective or coloured lenses may not be attached to the rifle.

b. CFAV and Cadets on the range, including range staff, should dress according to the conditions, but basic uniform standards must be maintained. The welfare of cadets and CFAV must take precedence over the requirement to maintain strict uniform standards. As such, hats designed to shield the face and eyes from the sun are permitted, though they should be of a drab colour. Waterproofs of any colour are permitted. Mixed dress, with the exception of hats and waterproofs, is not acceptable.

c. When off, or transiting to and from the range, CFAV and Cadets should wear uniform appropriate to their service, including berets.

d. Non uniformed CFAV and other personnel with teams are to be appropriately dressed; the decision of the RCO, Match Director, or Chairman of the Schools' Committee will be final in this respect.

G10. All firers, the coach, and plotter if used, must set up between the pegs marking the target space and must not intentionally provide shelter to the firer from the elements. The following equipment is allowed:

- a. Shooting mats.
- b. Telescopes.
- c. Shooting boxes, which may be up to 12" in height.
- d. Chairs.

Hearing Protection

G11. The use of issued ear defenders on the firing point and when forward of a line marked by the rear edge of the range tables or ditch, whichever is the furthest, is compulsory. Where ear defenders are required to be worn, berets are to be removed. Ear defenders or issued foam plugs are to be worn in the butts when firing is in progress.

G12. A wired or wireless intercom system between coaches and supernumeraries of the same team may be used, but it must be possible for the RCO, his deputy, or the Match Director to listen in if required. They must not be worn by firers or register keepers.

Ties and Targets

G13. Ties for first place in individual competitions will, unless otherwise stated in the match conditions, be determined by a tie shoot in accordance with para 510 (a) of Reference C. Ties for second and subsequent places, or for individual prizes within a team match, shall be decided in accordance with para 507 (a) of Reference C. Ties for all places in any team shoot shall be decided in accordance with para 507 (b) of Reference C.

G14. Targets are as detailed for each match in the match conditions, and may be substituted with as close an equivalent as possible should they not be available.

Challenges and Protests

G15. The signalled value of a shot (Message 5), or a challenge for a hit if a miss is given (Message 7) may only be challenged on non electronic targets, and may only be challenged once. A register keeper may not challenge the value of a shot unless it is clearly different from the signalled value (Message 3); in this instance he is to inform the coach (who is to stop their firer from firing another shot until the matter is resolved), and attract the attention of the Safety Supervisor.

G16. Protests on the procedure of a shoot (eg timings, frame breakages, target moving as the shot is fired etc) must be made to a safety supervisor by the coach or team captain, preferably before the score is known. If upheld, the score made will be annulled and another round will be issued with the score from the issued round replacing that of the protested shot. If the protest is not upheld the score made will be taken; the competitor may subsequently challenge the shot for value.

G17. The RCO, his deputy or, if immediately available, the Match Director may take steps to resolve a protest by any appropriate action which, if it affects the score, must then be referred to the Protest Committee who will then either confirm or reject the action and adjust the score accordingly.

- G18. The following procedure must be followed in order for a protest to be considered:
- a. The coach must request the presence of the RCO or his deputy, who will make an initial decision.
 - b. If the decision of the RCO or his deputy is not accepted, a written protest must be lodged with the RCO within 20 minutes of the end of the detail, with contact details and a basic summary of the protest.
 - c. The RCO, on receipt of a written protest, will call a Protest Committee who will hear the protest without undue delay and make a decision, which will be final.
- G19. The RCO or a safety supervisor may allow an extra sighting shot for the following reasons:
- a. Delays of over five minutes outside the firer's control.
 - b. Where the firer has had to change targets after commencing their shoot for reasons outside the team or firer's control.
 - c. Where another team fires onto a firer's target during their sighting shots.
 - d. Where it is considered by the RCO or safety supervisor that an extra sighting shot is appropriate.

Extra sighting shots for (a), (b) and (d) are not convertible and are not recorded on the register card. For (c) the extra sighting shot is convertible and replaces the other shot on the register card.

Part 2 – CCF Schools’ Meeting Competition Procedures – L81A2 (CTR)

- P1. **General.** Each competition in the CCF Schools’ Meeting will consist of two convertible sighters followed by either seven or ten shots to count.
- P2. **Firing point set up.** When allowed by the RCO, teams are to set up to the left of the numbered peg for their allocated target. All members of the team, the register keeper and their equipment must be wholly within an area bounded by a line perpendicular to the pegs either side extending down to the edge of the firing point.
- P3. **Firing Order.** Team coaches may squad their firers to shoot in any order and up to two firers may shoot shot for shot, but the register keeper must be advised, prior to the first shot, of the name of the firer. A firer may retire at any time during the shoot, and shall be allowed to complete the shoot later provided that the time limit for the team is not exceeded. In this instance extra sighting shots are not permitted.
- P4. **Timings.** Timings are as detailed in Reference C and teams must stop firing when the end of the time period is announced by the RCO or safety supervisor. For team matches a ten minute warning shall be given prior to the end of the time period. A firer may complete their shoot in the next detail if it is at the same distance but will not be allowed any extra sighting shots. For the Reserve and Spencer Mellish matches the warning shall be two minutes prior to the end of the time period.
- P5. The RCO at his discretion may allow extra time for events outside a team’s control. Any shots fired after the time limit, where the RCO has not allowed extra time, shall be annulled.
- P6. **Register Keeping.** In all shoots a resister keeper from another team or service must complete the register card with the score for each firer. They must ensure that they are marking the register card of the correct firer and must call out the score for each shot.
- P7. **Scoring.** The standard NRA targets and scoring shall be used, with scoring rings as follows:
- V Bull, scoring 5 (marked as ‘V’ on the register card)
 - Bull, scoring 5
 - Inner, scoring 4
 - Magpie, scoring 3
 - Outer scoring 2
 - Hit, scoring 1
 - Miss, scoring zero (marked as ‘M’ on the register card)
- P8. A V Bull scores 5 and is used to place competitors with the same score, eg a 31 with 5 V bulls will beat a 31 with 1 V bull, will beat a 30 with 6 V bulls. The total score is marked on the register card as the score followed by the number of V bulls, eg a firer who gets ten V bulls will have their card marked 50 – 10V.
- P9. **Converting Sighters.** Where sighters are convertible, the coach may convert neither, the second, or both. The register keeper must then cross through the converted sighter or sighters with a single diagonal line and copy the score into shot 1, or 1 and 2.

No sighting shots converted

3	4							28-0V
5	4	4	3	4	5	3		

Second sighting shot converted

3	5							29-2V
5	4	V	3	4	V	3		

Both sighting shots converted

V	5							29-1V
V	5	4	3	4	5	3		

Radio Messages

1. Firing about to commence.
2. No spotting disc visible.
3. Spotting disc unmistakably disagrees with signalled value. Check that the spotting disc shows the last shot and that the panel signals its correct value* The Range Officer is to view the target before passing the message.
4. A shot has been fired but no signal has been made. Examine target carefully and signal the shot, if found, or a miss*
5. Firer has challenged for a higher value for his shot. Examine the whole target and signal the correct value*
6. It is suspected that there is a second shot on the target. Inspect the target for a second shot. If found mark and signal both shots. If not leave the spotting disc in the original hole*
7. A miss has been signalled but firer has challenged for a scoring shot. Re-examine the target carefully and signal the shot, if found, or a miss*
8. The spotting disc appears not to have moved. Butt Officer is to consult marker and confirm that the spotting disc is in the latest shot hole. If successive shots have been very close to each other the RO to be advised accordingly*
9. Marking/shooting appears to be unduly slow. Butt Officer/Range Officer to check and correct where necessary.
10. Stand easy. Half-mast target.
11. Not used
12. Stand easy. Lower target, patch out and put target back up.

* The result must also be confirmed by radio.