



## **The Constitution of the International Gallery Rifle Federation**

### **1.0 IGRF Objectives**

**1.1** Promote the development of Gallery Rifle shooting worldwide.

**1.2** Encourage contact and collaboration between shooting sport organisations of countries responsible for Gallery Rifle.

**1.3** Develop international competition worldwide, supervise international matches and support a common set of worldwide rules.

### **2.0 IGRF Council**

**2.1** The IGRF council is comprised of three representatives from each National Governing Body (NGB), plus a President, a Chairman and a General Secretary / Treasurer. The President and Chairman may also be a NGB representative.

**2.2** IGRF council issues are decided by majority vote.

**2.3** IGRF Council issues can be voted on during council meetings or by postal council vote if required between council meetings.

### **3.0 National Governing Body Representatives**

**3.1** Each NGB decides on their how their council representatives are assigned and the term served.

**3.2** Each NGB representative has as an equal vote on the council.

**3.3** A NGB representative may assign their proxy vote on any council affair to another council representative from the same NGB.

**3.4** Proxy votes must be declared prior to a council meeting or council vote.

#### **4.0 President**

**4.1** Elected by council for a term of five years.

**4.2** At the end of this term, the incumbent may be re-elected by council vote.

**4.3** The President represents the IGRF in its official functions and has the casting vote at all council meetings or council votes. The President may serve on the council as a representative of a NGB and therefore retains the right to vote on IGRF affairs as one of three NGB representatives.

#### **5.0 Chairman**

**5.1** Elected by council for a term of three years.

**5.2** At the end of this term, a replacement candidate will be sought through consultation with each NGB and elected by council.

**5.3** Serves on the council as a representative of a NGB and therefore the Chairman retains the right to vote on IGRF affairs as one of three NGB representatives.

**5.4** Chairs IGRF meetings, sets agendas and promotes the objectives of the IGRF through development strategies.

#### **6.0 General Secretary / Treasurer**

**6.1** Elected by council for a term of three years.

**6.2** At the end of this term a replacement candidate will be sought through consultation with each NGB and is elected by the council.

**6.3** Does not vote on council affairs.

**6.3** Supports the Chairman and the council, keeps records and minutes, prepares and responds to requests for statements, information and general enquiries.

## **7.0 National Governing Body**

**7.1** IGRF membership is open to one NGB that is recognised by the government of its home country as a legitimate organisation supporting the interests of national Gallery Rifle competitors and developing target shooting sports in that country.

**7.2** The NGB will have a defined process for recognition of competitor nationality, national squad selection, national squad development and national team selection.

**7.3** The NGB will document how international competition is supported.

**7.4** The NGB of any nation may apply for membership of the IGRF subject to the conditions of the IGRF constitution.

**7.5** Advice will be provided by the IGRF council to any enquiring nation to assist them in meeting the minimum requirements of a NGB as defined in the IGRF constitution.

**7.6** Acceptance of a NGB into the IGRF will be by unanimous agreement of member NGB's at the time of application.

**7.7** The IGRF council's role is to collaborate with the recognised NGB's of all member states.

**7.8** The IGRF council will not comment on internal issues of a NGB member state.

**7.9** The IGRF acknowledges the rights of each NGB to control Gallery Rifle shooting within its own country.

**7.10** It is the sole responsibility of each NGB to ensure compliance with all relevant legislative requirements in connection with the sport.

**7.11** NGB affiliation fee to the IGRF will be agreed at the Annual IGRF Council Meeting.

## **8.0 Annual IGRF Council Meeting**

**8.1** The Secretary provides notice to the council members of the date and location of the annual council meeting. This meeting will normally take place during an international Gallery Rifle meeting.

**8.2** Each NGB should provide agenda items to the Chairman and Secretary in sufficient time prior to the annual council meeting to allow preparation of documents for review by the council.

**8.3** The annual council meeting is open to IGRF council members and invited guests only.

## **9.0 The IGRF World Championship**

**9.1** The IGRF World Championship takes place every two years.

**9.2** The location and date for the IGRF World Championship is decided at least two years prior to the event at the annual council meeting.

**9.3** NGB's are required to have successfully managed an international open event before hosting an IGRF World Championship.

## **10.0 International Open Matches**

**10.1** IGRF approved Annual International Open Matches will be managed by the recognised NGB of the host nation.

**10.2** The Annual International Open Match venue, date and competition structure will be declared by the NGB to the IGRF council at the annual council meeting, or by communication prior to that meeting, one year prior to the event.

## **11.0 IGRF Development Strategy**

**11.1** The Chairman will publish an update on progress of the development strategy for consideration by the council prior to the annual council meeting.

## **12.0 International Gallery Rifle Rules**

**12.1** The IGRF requires the use of the current edition of The Gallery Rifle and Pistol Handbook as published by the National Rifle Association of the United Kingdom for all international competition core rules. Long Barrel Revolver / Pistol are noted in the Handbook, however, are unique to UK legislation and as such are not included in the remit of the IGRF.

**12.2** To encourage greater participation in competition and further development in all member countries, the use of nationally recognised GRCF firearms and ammunition are further defined in term 13.3.2 below.

## **13.0 Definition of Gallery Rifle Firearms and Ammunition**

**13.1** Firearms fall into the categories described and will compete in separate events.

**13.2** To promote international participation in Gallery Rifle the following definitions will be used.

### **13.3 GRCF – Gallery Rifle Centrefire**

Gallery Rifles in a centrefire calibre are divided into the following types:-

**13.3.1 GRCF Standard:** a lever action rifle with an integral tube magazine. Any sight may be used, with the exception of lasers which project onto the target itself.

**13.3.2 GRCF Open:** any other rifle of different design that complies with the relevant legislation of the hosting country. Any sight may be used, with the exception of lasers which project onto the target itself.

**13.3.3 GRCF Classic:** a lever action rifle with an integral tube magazine and “In the Spirit of the Original”

#### **13.3.3.1 GRCF Classic at IGRF Sanctioned Matches.**

National matches not sanctioned by IGRF may use local criteria as defined by the NGB. For example, German local events allow only buckhorn rear sights; in the UK and ROI closed sights, including Williams Peep, Ladder or Marbles Tang sights are allowed.

This clause overrides any local criteria for IGRF sanctioned Gallery Rifle Classic matches. The following requirements maintains the overarching principle of Gallery Rifle Classic which is “In the Spirit of the Original”.

#### **13.3.3.2 Front Sight**

The front sight must be of traditional construction and be of post or circular design.

There should be no element of magnification.

The sight must be black and may contain a single brass bead or a single white bead.

The front sight must not contain any other coloured insert or light collecting fibre.

#### **13.3.3.3 Rear Sight**

The rear sight may be of open buckhorn or closed design, mounted on the upper of the receiver or tang of the rifle.

There should be no element of magnification.

If of closed design, the sight must be black and should have a single peep hole.

The rear sight must not contain any coloured insert or light collecting fibre.

#### **13.3.3.4 Butt plate**

The rifle butt should not allow for a variable adjustment for elevation at the butt plate.

Therefore if a variable butt plate is fitted, it must be secured in the neutral position, in line with the upper and lower contours of the stock.

There should be no butt plate hook attached to the rifle stock.

#### **13.3.3.5 Stock**

Raised stock cheek-piece. No synthetic materials such as plastic, carbon fibre or other modern materials are allowed in either a fixed or variable element of a raised stock cheek piece.

No element of a variable stock such as a wooden cheek-piece should be in a raised position and it must be secured in the lower neutral position.

A wooden, non-variable cheek-piece of traditional design may be used only if it is fixed to the rifle and must remain on the rifle for all elements of a competition.

#### **13.3.3.6 Fore-end**

The fore-end should be of original design, with no attachments or replacement that allows added elevation, improved grip of the rifle, or any other modification.

#### **13.3.3.7 Compliance**

Any uncertainty regarding whether or not a rifle complies with the above requirements shall be decided by the Match Director or delegate and their decision is final.

**13.4 All GRCF firearms must comply with the following:-**

**13.4.1 Calibre.** Any centrefire calibre rifle that complies with range limitations at ranges where the event is to be hosted (see also section 13.7 below).

**13.4.2 Trigger Weight.** No minimum permitted trigger weight, but the trigger must be safe in the judgement of the Chief Range Officer (CRO).

**13.4.3 Slings.** The use of slings is prohibited.

**13.4.4 Sights.** Any sight may be used, with the exception of lasers which project onto the target itself. GRCF Classic is excluded from this clause.

**13.5 GRSB – Gallery Rifle Smallbore**

**13.5.1.** The standard for GRSB is a .22” LR rimfire self-loading rifle with a detachable magazine.

**13.5.2.** Any other designs in .22” LR rimfire are permitted, but may not be suited to all event types.

**13.6 All GRSB must comply with the following:-**

**13.6.1 Calibre.** .22” LR rimfire only.

**13.6.2 Trigger Weight.** No minimum permitted trigger weight, but the trigger must be safe in the judgement of the CRO.

**13.6.3 Slings.** The use of slings is prohibited.

**13.6.4 Sights.** Any sight may be used, with the exception of lasers which project onto the target itself.

## **13.7 Ammunition**

**13.7.1** All ammunition must have sufficient energy to pass through paper/card targets and their backing boards.

**13.7.2** Shots which do not pass through such targets will be scored as misses.

**13.7.3** All ammunition must comply to the range limitations at ranges where the event is to be hosted and be compliant with any other relevant legislation of the hosting country.

## **14.0 IGRF Contact**

**14.1** The IGRF Council can be contacted at [council@igrf.org](mailto:council@igrf.org)

**14.2** The IGRF website is located at <http://igrf.org>





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