

METROPOLITAN REVOLVER LEAGUE OF HARTFORD INC.

LEAGUE RULES

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The National Rifle Association (NRA) current rules will govern all shooting except the Alibi rule, tie breaking, firing on the wrong target, certain scoped pistol rules and the Handicap Shooters Rule which are explained herein. All teams should keep a copy of these rules and the NRA rule book handy. Any and all questions concerning these rules may be resolved by contacting the Chief Range Officer of the league.

It is well to remember that these rules have been written not only as a legal document, but also as a guide to relaxed and enjoyable shooting pleasure. Interpretation of them is done with diplomacy, friendliness and good sportsmanship. Safety with guns is the most important part of our shooting with others. It is well to refer to these rules from time to time in order that we may conduct better matches.

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REVISION HISTORY

<u>Change Description</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Change of " Sub Junior age and Qualifications	8/28/1997
Add Year End Statistics Submittal Deadline 15 days prior to banquet	4/27/2000
Add Junior and Women Trophy requirements	8/24/2000
Updated Range Commands to remove 5 round Slow Fire Loading requirement and Re-Fire terminology.	1/24/02
Changed classification system to NRA classification ranges.	1/24/02
Clarification of End of Season Team Tie Breaker Rule.	8/22/02
Updated Range Commands to specify re-fire and 2 nd string instructions.	4/29/05
Modified qualifications and selection criteria for Most Improved Shooter from each team to require 2 consecutive years of 2/3rds participation and Percent Improvement formula.	1/26/06
Modified team awards changing Last Place award to First Place, Second Division. Added definition of the Second Division. Added Percent Improvement formula for selection of Most Improved team.	1/26/06
Change 7 day notification to 3rd match fired for new shooters to qualify for team score.	1/22/09

GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

1. Notice of postponements due to adverse weather conditions must be made within a reasonable period of time prior to a scheduled match. In time for all participants to be notified by both clubs. It is the responsibility of the Visiting Team Contact Person to make the initial phone call to the Home Team Contact Person regarding a possible postponement.
2. Postponements are allowed only in cases of inclement weather conditions, natural disasters or unsuitable range conditions, due to unforeseen and uncontrollable factors resulting in a range being rendered uninhabitable. Postponements must be made up by May First of each year's firing schedule.
3. Only scores fired in shoulder to shoulder competition between two clubs, scheduled to fire, will be accepted by the Chief Statistical officer as bonafide scores for any competitor of those clubs so engaged in a match. No competitor will be allowed to fire the match before or after the Scheduled date of any particular match. If a competitor requests to fire the match earlier or later than the starting or finishing time on the same day of the match, it must be agreed to by both clubs so engaged. Firing must be accomplished on the home range of the scheduled match. The firing must be under the direction of a Range officer and the Range Officer must score and initial the fired target. If any target is challenged under the above conditions, the target together with \$1.00 is sent to the League Chief Range Officer for evaluation.
4. There shall be NO INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM POSTAL MATCHES.
5. Each team shall handle its own expenses. The Home Team will furnish the match targets and refreshments. The standard NRA B-2 slow fire and B-3 timed and rapid fire targets will be used. All targets will be marked on the back by number (Not By Name). All fired targets must remain intact until the score is recorded on the score sheet and the winning team has been established.

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6. All members must be present at the range by 10:00 PM unless mutually agreed to by opposing teams before the start of the match. A mix of both participating teams on the firing line is most desirable. If a competitor arrives after the 10:00 PM deadline and there has been no conversation with the competitor regarding his eligibility to fire the match by any official of the opposing team prior to his firing on a relay, then his or her score will be posted to the score sheet and may be used for the team score for that match.

- 6A. All League matches will start at the official time of 8:00 PM. However, optional starting times may be made between competing teams by mutual agreement. Those teams which fire at the Hartford Gun Club have an official start time of 7:00 PM, with the last relay going on the line no later than 9:30 PM. For those clubs that do not make starting time agreements, it is desirable that the Home Team wait a reasonable amount of time from the 8:00 PM official start time before commencing the match. (i.e.) 15 to 20 minutes. All match scores fired between the official start time, or mutual agreed time, to the conclusion of the match will count for team scores.

7. No member shall change teams for the purposes of firing league matches, 30 days after the matches have been started, except if a team disbands or unless a new team is formed to join the league, subject to the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors.

8. Each team shall send a list of its active and inactive members with home addresses and telephone numbers to the League Statistical Officer prior to the start of the current season.

SPECIAL NOTE: To insure the mailing of complete up to date, membership lists to the League Statistical Officer, the following penalty will be invoked if the lists are not received by October First:

NO SCORES OF THE DELINQUENT TEAM'S
MATCHES WILL BE PRINTED IN THE NEWSPAPER.

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- 8A. In the event that a new member joins a League team after the first match of the year, scores for the new member shall not be eligible for inclusion in the team score until the third match fired. If the new member joins and shoots with the team starting with the first match of the year, this rule shall not be applied and the new member's scores are immediately eligible for inclusion in the team score. A team member shall be considered a "new member" if that shooter did not meet the team eligibility requirements in the previous year, i.e. was not listed on the team roster provided to the League Stat Officer the previous year or did not meet the financial obligations to the team or league the previous year. Shooting in a league match the previous year is not required. The intent of this rule is to prevent a team from bringing in a "ringer" for the purposes of winning any particular match.
9. NO GUNS WILL BE HANDLED IN BACK OF THE FIRING LINE WITH THE ACTION CLOSED AT ANY TIME.
10. The league standing will be based on matches won and lost, and not on total points scored. Matches that cannot be shot on time scheduled must be arranged for by the two teams affected. Also the League Statistical officer should be notified of the change. Each team will submit two lists of averages for its team members, at the end of the season, as follows:
- a. One list of the shooters who have participated in two thirds (2/3) of the matches in order of the highest average to the lowest average on statistical material provided by the League Statistical officer. One card or one line for each shooting member. All shooters over 60 years of age will be identified.
 - b. The second list will contain the names of shooters, who haven't shot the required two thirds (2/3) matches, in the same order as described in a. above. Use only statistical material provided by the League Statistical officer.
- These lists shall be submitted at least 15 days prior to the date of the League Award Banquet. Scores not received prior to this deadline shall be omitted from the bulletin and not eligible for awards.
11. Junior pistol competitors, who become seventeen years of age during the calendar year January 1st and through his/her twentieth birthday, that can satisfy the range officer at any League Team Range as to Safety with Firearms and Range Safety Procedures, will be allowed to compete in League Match Competition.

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12. A junior may compete as a sub-junior, beginning anytime through December 31st of the calendar year in which his/her twelfth birthday occurs, if said competitor can satisfy the Range officer at any team range as to his/her Safety with Firearms, knowledge of range safety, match procedures and range etiquette.
13. Handicap Shooters; All Handicap shooters must furnish to their team Captain a Doctors letter or sufficient proof that they are unable to physically shoot in the normal N.R.A. fashion. They must also prove to their team that they can shoot safely and present no danger to others. Such proof should be sent to the League Statistical Officer so they can be entered as a qualified Handicap team shooter.

When shooting in a League Match the opposing team should be made aware of a Handicap shooters way of competing.

All match shooting must be conducted in the one free, off hand position. The shooters hand or clothing can not touch any part of the shooting structure. If a wheel chair is used then no part of the shooters body should touch the sides or back while shooting. If a regular chair is used then it should be of the stool type with no back or sides to rest on. Also a chair, cane, crutches or any approved medical device may not touch any part of the shooting structure. If any infraction of the above rules occurs, the shooter must first be warned. If the shooter continues with the infraction, he or she is subject to immediate disqualification by the Range officer on duty. Score will be zero.

Two handed shooting in any safe manner or form, may be conducted at a League match for practice however, scores shooting in this manner, will not be considered at a League level.

Keep in mind that the most important factors are safety. Also that the Handicap individual can perform equally, with no advantages or disadvantages, to participate in the sport of match shooting.

If any Handicap shooter desires an exception to the rules, such request must be made in writing to the Leagues Chief Range Officer.

GENERAL MATCH PROCEDURES

1. All ranges should be lighted on the firing line and on the range proper.
2. All noise in back of the firing line should be held to a minimum.
3. All teams should make a concerted effort to have at least two Certified Range officers (CRO). The Home Team shall supply a range officer to run each relay (preferably a CRO). The visiting team shall supply a block officer for each relay whenever possible. Each team may also elect a Chief Range officer if it so chooses.
4. If any command from a range officer is disobeyed or if an unsafe act is committed, the competitor in question shall be given a warning; upon a second subsequent offense the person shall be asked to leave, his/her match score shall be disqualified and the incident shall be reported in detail, as to the circumstances, to the League President and to the League Chief Range Officer by the Home Team Range Officer. This report shall be made in writing no later than three days following the match where the incident occurred. A hearing may be held, if deemed necessary, by the Executive Board of the League.
5. No practice shall be allowed during the match unless mutually agreed to by opposing teams.
6. There shall be no coaching on the line after the match begins.
7. There shall be no sighting in of firearms after the match begins.
8. No visitors shall be allowed on the firing line after the match begins except by permission of the Home Range officer.
9. Any competitor who fires a slow fire string(s) on a timed /rapid fire target or a timed/rapid fire string(s) on a slow fire target will discard said target and shoot the string(s) over on the correct target, at such time and relay as decided by the Home Range officer.

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10. The breaking of league team ties shall be as Follows:
 - a. First: The top five team member's aggregate rapid fire score shall be used to break the tie;
 - b. Second: If the tie is not broken by (a) above, the decision shall revert to the top five team member's aggregate time fire score;
 - c. Third: If still tied, the top five scores of that match from each team, shall refire the match at a mutually agreed time, on the same range as the first match was fired.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Home Team Captain to notify the League Statistical Officer when a tie has been broken and how it was accomplished, in order that he may keep accurate records of the event.

Range Commands

SLOW FIRE:

“Shooters to the line, please.”

“This will be slow fire: ten rounds in ten minutes”

“Clear your own re-fires. Load your second string without command.”

“On the Line, Load!” {Pause while shooters load}

“Is the line ready?” {Pause for three seconds}

“The line is (is not) ready!” {Pause for three seconds}

“Ready on the right?” {Pause for three seconds}

“Ready on the left?” {Pause for three seconds}

“Ready on the firing line?” {Pause for three seconds}

{Press buzzer, bell or whistle for ONE FULL SECOND!}

If the line has completed firing before ten minutes has elapsed ...

“Does anyone need more time? If not ...”

After ten minutes or when line has completed firing....

“Cease Fire! Slides back, magazines out, cylinders open, make your guns safe! Reel In your targets and prepare for Timed fire”

Range Commands

TIMED FIRE:

“Shooters to the line, please.”

“This will be timed fire: two strings of five shots, each in twenty seconds.”

“Raise your hand if you have a re-fire.”

“On the Line, with 5 rounds, Load!” {Pause while shooters load}

“Is the line ready?” {Pause for three seconds}

“The line is (is not) ready!” {Pause for three Seconds}

“Ready on the right?” {Pause for three Seconds}

“Ready on the left?” {Pause for three seconds}

“Ready on the firing line?” {Pause for three seconds}

{Press buzzer, bell or whistle for ONE FULL SECOND!}

“Cease Fire, are there any re-fires?”

If there are no re-fires...

“I see no re-fires”

If there are re-fires ...

“Stand easy, we have a re-fire.”

{Clear the re-fire, and proceed as required...}

“The re-fire is (is not) allowed and will be fired after this string (now).”

After the second or re-fire string ...

“Slides back, magazines out, cylinders open, make your guns safe!

Reel in your targets and prepare for Rapid fire”

Range Commands

RAPID FIRE:

“Shooters to the line, please.”

“This will be rapid fire: two strings of five shots, each in ten seconds.”

“Raise your hand if you have a re-fire.”

“On the Line, with 5 rounds, Load!” {Pause while shooters load}

“Is the line ready?” {Pause for three seconds}

“The line is (is not) ready!” {Pause for three Seconds}

“Ready on the right?” {Pause for three Seconds}

“Ready on the left?” {Pause for three seconds}

“Ready on the firing line?” {Pause for three seconds}

{Press buzzer, bell or whistle for ONE FULL SECOND!}

“Cease Fire, are there any re-fires?”

If there are no re-fires...

“I see no re-fires”

If there are re-fires ...

“Stand easy, we have a re-fire.”

{Clear the re-fire, and proceed as required...}

“The re-fire is (is not) allowed and will be fired after this string (now).”

After the second or re-fire string ...

“Slides back, magazines out, cylinders open, make your guns safe. Put them in the boxes, and reel in your targets.”

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING ALIBIS

DEFINITION OF AN ALIBI:

- a. An alibi is acceptable when due to faulty ammunition or malfunction of a gun.
 - b. An unloaded gun cannot constitute an alibi.
1. A competitor having an alibi must stand quietly until the line has completed firing the course (Timed or Rapid). There are no alibis in slow fire except a malfunctioning firearm. Extra time can be allotted in such cases. (see NRA rule current rules)
 2. A competitor must not try to clear his gun until he is given an order to do so by the Range officer. Penalty if he does is that he will lose his alibi and all unfired rounds left in the gun.
 3. The Range Officer or Block officer shall go to the competitor and give the order to have the competitor drop the clip and clear the chamber of the gun. The Range officer is responsible that the firearm is SAFELY handled and cleared while being pointed down range.
 4. The Range Officer shall rule on whether or not the alibi shall be allowed. If allowed, the number of shots shall be determined by the Range officer and announced to the Line.
 5. If the alibi took place in the first string of the course, the Range officer shall proceed with the firing of the second string. All competitors including the competitor(s) with an alibi, will fire.
 6. After completing the course all competitors not having an alibi will be asked by the Range Officer to make all guns safe, bench them, step back from the line and stand quietly until all alibis have been fired.
 7. The Range officer will now order the alibi shooter to load the CORRECT number of rounds. The number shall be determined by the number of rounds needed to give the competitor a total of 10 shots for the course. If 5 rounds will not be enough, a second string shall be fired. This procedure shall be carried out until the competitor has completed his 10 shots for the course the alibi occurred. A shooter may have an alibi in both Timed and Rapid courses of fire. If more than one shooter on the line has an alibi, each shooter must be given the correct time allowed him to complete the course of fire.

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8. The Range officer shall at all times, make certain that the shooter having an alibi **SHALL HANDLE HIS/HER GUN SAFELY**. If in the opinion of the Range officer, the gun is not operating correctly or safely, he shall ask the shooter to change guns or leave the line. If the shooter can correct the problem he/she shall be allowed to finish his/her course at later time, when the Range officer can fit the shooter in without upsetting the other competitors. All shots fired by the competitor before said action shall be used in determining the shooters score.
9. **SCOPED PISTOL OR REVOLVERS:**

In the event of a shooter who uses a scope either the black dot, cross-hair type or lighted dot type, calling an alibi relative to said scope, only an actual scope malfunction will be allowed. Loose mounts of any kind will not be allowed as an alibi.

On a cross-hair type scope, only a broken cross-hair (reticle) or lens (front and/or rear) will be considered an alibi. Then a refire with another scope or a substitute pistol or revolver will be allowed. The substitute handgun may have a scope or open sights.

On a battery operated scope, if the lighted dot (or pip) goes out temporarily an alibi will be allowed. The light must be out at the time the Range officer or the Block Officer checks out the alibi. If the light is on at the time of the inspection the alibi **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED!**

SCORING OF TARGETS

NOTICE: It is the responsibility of each club to teach all its members to score targets in accordance with the NRA Rule on "Scoring and Marking".

1. No shooter is allowed to tamper with his/her target in any way before it reaches the scorer's table. If a target is tampered with on the line or anywhere between the line and the scorer's desk, that target is to be disallowed for score and the remaining targets will be counted for score without exception.

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2. All targets will be scored by a member of the HOME Team and will be checked by a member of the VISITING Team at the scoring desk or statistical office (as the case may be). However, when a checker is asked for by the home team captain and one fails to respond within a reasonable time (Approximately five minutes), the scored targets can be entered unchecked on the scoring sheet and held valid for score for that match and cannot be challenged by the visiting team captain. An individual may challenge his own unchecked score and then the scorers from both teams MUST officiate to accommodate the individual's challenge. If the scorers disagree, the target shall be presented to the Home Range officer for evaluation (Preferably the Home Team Chief Range officer, if available), or the Range officer for that particular relay. See NRA current rules. All clubs should have a current NRA Rule Book on hand at all times during matches.
3. A scoring plug WILL be used to determine close shots and shots of questionable value. The scoring plug can be purchased and used legally with or without the magnification disk. An overlay MAY be used to assist (see NRA rule). Scorers must agree or the target is submitted to the Home Team Range officer for a decision.
4. Only authorized personnel may use authorized scoring devices. No other person is allowed to use any authorized scoring devices on League Match fired targets that are being challenged, or may possibly be challenged before the end of the match.
5. A target may be handled and visually evaluated, by a shooter, only after the target has been recorded on the score sheet. Any target(s) handled before recording on the score sheet will be held invalid and cannot be challenged. No challenge can be made after the score sheet has been signed by both Teams.

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6. Only the competitor who fired the target in question can challenge any shot thereon. The shot or shots are then reevaluated by the scorers NOW ON DUTY. If the scorers disagree, the target shall be presented to the Home Range officer for evaluation (Preferably the Home Team Chief Range officer, if available), or the Range officer for that particular relay. If the shooter disagrees with the reevaluation of the target, he may have the target with the \$1.00 challenge fee sent to the League Chief Range officer for final evaluation and disposition. If the challenge is won, the \$1.00 fee will be returned to the shooter. If the challenge is lost, the \$1.00 fee goes to the League Treasury. The shooters name shall not be written on the challenged target, only a competitor number. Also the person submitting the target should include their name, address and telephone number.

7. HOW TO SCORE A POSSIBLE DOUBLE SHOT
 - a. Drop the scoring gauge into the hole by holding the scoring plug just above the hole.
 - b. If the plug drops in easily and demonstrates to both scorer and checker that the shot is without question a DOUBLE SHOT then it is scored a double shot.
 - c. If the plug does not drop in easily then the gauge is given a little persuasion to fit the hole snugly, and if the plug will hold the paper without slipping away from the plug, the shot can and must be consider a single shot.
 - d. Procedure a, b, and c above must be followed in that order to be legal.
 - e. If the shot is then challenged by the shooter after scoring in this manner, the target is handled as outlined in paragraph 6 above.

MET/LGE. PROTEST COMMITTEE

CREATION OF THE MET/LGE. PROTEST COMMITTEE:
as voted at the Annual Meeting of the "League" on Thursday April 5, 1990.

The Protest Committee comprises one Prime Contact person from each club to sit in judgment on any complaint(s) furnished to it by any club in good standing in the league. Such complaints will be in the form of a letter and sent to the Chief Range officer; who will, in turn, call a meeting of the Protest Committee. Two thirds of the full committee is a legal body to make binding judgments on any complaints brought before it. The Committee has full power to hand down judgments such as: (a) Sentencing a Club to a forfeiture; (b) A monetary fine; (c) A score point fine; (d) A loss of a match; (e) A must fire the match; etc. All judgments become final and no appeals will be allowed and the Chief Range officer will render the Committee's verdict in writing to the Club(s) involved in the complaint(s).

This Committee will become a body-active following the fall 1990 meeting of the "League".

At that time the rule relative to a "Forfeiture" was rescinded in the Met/Lge rules.

END OF SEASON TEAM - TIE BREAKER RULE

In the event that more than three teams share the three highest win/loss ratios, i.e. two or more teams are tied for first, second, and/or third place, then one or more shoot-off's are required to resolve the tie(s). A separate shoot-off is required for each tied win/loss ratio which places the tied teams in first, second, or third place. It is always possible to determine the number of separate shoot-off's required before any have taken place, i.e. they are independent and the order in which they take place is not important. The required shoot-off's may be determined as follows:

1. If more than one team shares the highest win/loss ratio, these teams shall shoot-off in a single match for the top places.
2. If more than one team shares the second highest win/loss ratio, and second or third place teams have not been assigned as a result (1) above, then a separate shoot-off of these teams shall be performed for the remaining places.

END OF SEASON TEAM TIE BREAKER RULE

3. If more than one team shares the third highest win/loss ratio, and a third place team has not been assigned as a result of (1) or (2) above, then a separate shoot-off of these teams shall be performed for third place.

Places lower than third resulting from any shoot-off are not used as tie breakers. Instead, ties in fourth through last place shall be resolved by team average. No shoot-off scores affect team averages.

For each shoot-off, the Captains of the involved teams should make contact, either by phone or in person and decide in a sportsman like manner on the following matters:

- a. The date of the match should be set for no later than April 30th.
- b. An available "neutral" Metropolitan League range and match date agreeable to both parties should be chosen. If all teams involved in the shoot-off share a single home range, that home range is an acceptable "neutral" range. If the teams do not share a common home range, a range other than the home range of any involved team shall be utilized.
- c. Arrangement to be made with selected neutral range officers to have a reliable member familiar with the range operation, available at the range on set date.
- d. Each team captain should furnish one neutral scorer and neutral checker for the match from any one of the Met. League non-participating teams.
- e. The Met League Chief Range officer (CRO) should, if available, attend and be the Chief Range for said match. If CRO is not available he should find a worthy individual, agreed to by both Captains, to be acting Met League CRO for said match only.
- f. A toss of a coin would decide who is team A and who is team B to fulfill the following responsibilities:

TEAM A

Responsible for purchasing and setting up of match refreshments and utensils.

TEAM B

Responsible for furnishing all necessary numbers and lettered targets, score sheet, match clock, pens and a scoring plug. This team must also get the final completed score sheet to the Met/League stat Officer as soon as possible or within 48 hours of said match.

- g. Individual shooters' scores for said match will not be considered in their seasons' average. This match is for tie breaker purpose only.
- h. Both teams are to furnish necessary clean up crew. The range should be left in satisfactory condition and approved by the neutral team representative.

LEAGUE PRIZES

- 1. A person must shoot in two thirds of the League Matches to be eligible for a prize, unless waived by the Board of Directors.
- 2. The League will furnish to each club, two suitable awards to be given to each team as follows:
 - a. An award to the person who has the highest season average.
 - b. An award to the person showing the most improvement. To qualify for the most improved award, the shooter must meet the requirements of paragraph 1 of this section for 2 consecutive years. The improvement will be measured using the current year's average score compared to last year's average score as follows. The winner is the team member with the highest Percent Improvement:

$$\text{Percent Improvement} = \frac{((\text{This Year's Avg}) - (\text{Last Year's Avg}))}{(300 - (\text{Last Year's Avg}))}$$

- 3. An award will be given to the person with the highest average of all League Shooters.

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4. Team awards for first place, second place, third place, first place second division and to the Team showing the most improvement will be measured as follows:
 - a. First place, second place, third place and first place second division are based on League standings. The second division shall be the lower half of the teams for an even number of teams and the middle and lower teams for an odd number of teams.
 - b. Most improved is measured using the current season's average compared to last season's average as follows. For new Teams, the increase in the Team's second half average will be compared to the first half average as follows. The winner is the team with the highest Percent Improvement:

$$\text{Percent Improvement} = \frac{((\text{This Year's Avg}) - (\text{Last Year's Avg}))}{(1500 - (\text{Last Year's Avg}))}$$

5. Individual awards are given to the first place, second place and third place in each shooter classification, based on League standings. The classifications are as follows:

Master	285.00	-	300.00
Expert	270.00	-	284.99
Sharpshooter	255.00	-	269.99
Marksman	000.00	-	254.99

6. Individual awards are given to the first place, second place, and third place Women shooters in each shooter classification, based on League standings. Classifications are per paragraph 5 if this section, and qualifying Women must comply with paragraph 1 of this section.
7. Individual awards are given to the first place, second place, and third place Junior shooters in each shooter classification, based on League standings. Classifications are per paragraph 5 if this section, and qualifying Juniors must comply with paragraph 1 of this section.