

ICFRA Under-25 and Under-21 Target Rifle World Championship

Match Conditions

Editors note: Cross references preceded with a 'W' refer to the ICFRA Rules for the management of World Championships.

U1. Preamble

- U1.1. Following a successful trial event at Bisley in 2003, ICFRA Council determined to conduct World Championships for young marksmen. They are designated "Age-Group" Matches in the Match Conditions which follow, which apply equally to any and all such matches conducted at the meeting.
- U1.2. By decision of the World Championship Committee in 2007, the Age-Group Matches will be offered for Under-21 and Under-25 age groups. Matches for Under-19s may be offered in addition or as an alternative to either of the foregoing at host nation discretion, subject to demand and subject to World Championship Committee approval in the case of substitution. Such Matches will be shot under the same rules.

U2. Governance

- U2.1. The governance of these championships is vested in the Council of the International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (ICFRA), which delegates to its World Championships Committee (WCC - "The Committee") full responsibility for the rules and conduct of these World Championships.
- U2.2. The Referee designated for the Veterans Team World Championship under Rule V2.2 will act for the Age Group Team Championships also. The designated Referee will also officiate a separate Age Group Team Championship held on a day not in conjunction with the Veterans Team World Championships, if held, as defined in rule U3.6. Host Nation management and disciplinary procedures will be used in respect of the Individual Match.
- U2.3. The Match Committee designated for the Palma Match will act as Match Committee for the Team Match.
- U2.4. Except as may be laid out in these Match Conditions, ICFRA TR Technical Rules and World Championship Management Rules will apply.

U3. Age-Groups Target Rifle World Team Championships

- U3.1. The team match will only be designated as a World Championship if at least four countries/approved regional groups participate in any specific age-group.
- U3.2. A World Championship team will consist of a maximum of 8 members, consisting of:-
 - U3.2.1. 1 Team Captain,
 - U3.2.2. 5 Shooters,
 - U3.2.3. 1 Reserve,
 - U3.2.4. 1 Coach
- U3.3. It is permissible, by application of rule W8.5 for a Team to consist of 5 members, or any other greater number up to 8.
- U3.4. For the Team Match an accredited 'adult' Manager over the age qualifications may be in attendance. He may provide no advice or assistance on the firing point, but he may represent the team's interests with the Match and Host Nation Officials and at the pre match team captains meeting. He will be eligible for a Team Prize Medal (Rule U9.4).
- U3.5. The course of fire for each shooter, consists of two convertible sighting shots and ten shots to count at each distance 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards. For metric ranges, the course of fire will be the same, at distances of 300, 600, 800 and 900 metres. A combination of

yards/metric distances is permissible if the range layout so dictates. All five shooters will be squadded to a single target and the team time allowance will be 77 minutes at short range, and 82 minutes at long.

- U3.6. The Team Match will take place on the day allocated for the Veterans World Championship Team Match and should follow completion of any domestic International Matches conducted as part of any associated National Prize Meeting. The Matches will be shot 'alongside' the VWC Match under the same timings. If the host nation offers a suitable domestic International Team Match the day before or after the Veterans Team Championship but using the same distances, then it may be used to facilitate the conduct of Age Group Team Matches of different groups (e.g U-25 Day 1, U-21 day 2).
- U3.7. If Team Championships for the two age-groups are shot on the same day, an Under-21 shooter may count his score for the Under-25 match, but must shoot with the Under-21 Team and under the Under-21 Coach(es). This concession is subject to the proviso that all the shooters in the Under-25 team may **not** comprise 'nominated' scores from the concurrent Under-21 Match (thereby merely duplicating the Under-21 team's shooters as being the Under-25 team's shooters as well). (Should a concurrent Under-19 Match also be fired in terms of these conditions' rule U1.2, the same concession applies, provided that an Under-19 shooter's score may be counted for either the Under-21 Match **or** the Under-25 Match – if both are offered – but **not** for both.)
- U3.8. The Targets will be the ICFRA International Match Targets for the distances being shot. If approved by WCC for the relevant senior Match(es), Electronic Targets may be used.

U4. Age-Groups Target Rifle World Individual Championship

- U4.1. This event(s) will be conducted concurrent with events shot at the associated National Prize Meeting as agreed between the Host Nation Organising Committee and the Chairman of the ICFRA Veterans Committee no later than one year before the event; and should consist of not less than 4 shoots at short range and 4 shoots at long range.
- U4.2. When both U-21 *and* U-25 Individual Championships are shot they will be separate events with separate prizelists, even if (an) Under-21 shooter(s) would have taken a prize in the senior class. An Under-21 shooter may enter for one or the other, but not both: in the absence of a declaration he will be assumed to be competing in the U-21 Match. In either category, there must be at least 10 individual competitors for the event to be designated "World Championship".

U5. Eligibility

- U5.1. A Competitor will be deemed to qualify if his 19th, 21st or 25th birthday (as the case may be) falls after the day of the relevant World Championship Team Match.

U6. Rifles and Equipment

- U6.1. Rifles and other equipment must conform to ICFRA TR specifications: 5.56mm rifles may be used for the Team Match; and for Individual Championship provided host Nation rules permit them in their National Prize Meeting.
- U6.2. All questions of admissibility of rifles or equipment will be dealt with under the equipment control procedures Section W10 of the Rules for Management of World Championships.

U7. Ammunition

- U7.1. Any handloaded or factory ammunition as allowed under TR Rules.

U8. Awards - Trophies

- U8.1. For the Under-25 Team Match the winning Team will be awarded the Under-25 LVA Trophy; and the winning Under-21 Team will be awarded the Under-21 LVA Trophy. Both trophies were donated by Mr Ian Cheeseman, President of LVA Communications in 1997. These trophies are the property of the National Rifle Association of America.
- U8.2. The winner of the Under-25 World Championship will be awarded the Ian Cheeseman Memorial trophy presented by the friends and family of Ian Cheeseman in memory of the founder of the USA Young Eagles Program. This trophy is the property of the National Rifle Association of America.

- U8.3. The winner of the Under-21 World Championship will be awarded the USA ‘Young Eagles’ Trophy presented by Mr D Flaharty US Palma Team Commandant 2011 and 2015. This trophy is the property of the National Rifle Association of America.
- U8.4. In all cases the relevant trophy will be substituted by a photographic plaque for permanent retention by the winner.
- U8.5. The awarding, handling and management of ICFRA’s Trophies is addressed in detail in the World Championship Management Rules document at the (new) Section W.13.
- U9. Awards - Medals And Badges**
- U9.1. The host nation must provide all the under-mentioned awards, but their form and design must either emanate from, or be approved by, the WCC. The host nation may provide additional awards under conditions made known to the Committee in advance of each match as per Rule W6.9
- U9.2. Each participant in an Age Groups Team Match will be awarded a commemorative badge of a design which has been approved by the Secretary General and the President.
- U9.3. For each Age Groups Team Match, medals of the approved design, will be awarded as follows:-
- U9.3.1. First place team - Gold,
- U9.3.2. Second place team - Silver,
- U9.3.3. Third place team - Bronze.
- U9.4. 9 of each medal must be provided, one for each team member. Should a team have less than 9 members (which for this purposes includes the manager), each must receive a medal, but the remaining medals are not to be issued.
- U9.5. First, second and third place awards will be made even if only the minimum number of four teams compete.
- U9.6. For the Individual Match(es), the host nation will provide the following medals, of approved design:-
- U9.6.1. Aggregate prizes: One set of 3 medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) for each of the Short Range and Long Range aggregates,
- U9.6.2. Championship prizes: A special ICFRA-design gold medal for the Champion, a similar silver medal for the runner-up and eight similar bronze medals. The bronze medals must be engraved with the relative finishing positions (3rd to 10th).

Note: The colour of the medals relates to the colour only and not to their metal content.