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Removal of standing requirement for rapid fire

The following should answer questions we have been receiving from tournament sponsors.

10.1.7 Rapid Fire Loading Procedure - After the announcement "YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD HAS ENDED" or "FOR YOUR SECOND STRING OF RAPID FIRE" has been made, and before the targets appear, the rifle must be kept out of the shoulder, and the ammunition must remain either on the ground or shooting stool. When the targets appear shooters will retrieve their ammunition, load either 2 or 5 rounds and commence fire. (Note: the rifle need not be in the shoulder before the bolt is closed.) After firing 2 or 5 rounds, competitors will reload 8 or 5 rounds as appropriate. Reloading before firing the 2nd or 5th round (hot reload) will result in the shooter receiving a total score of "0" for that entire 10 round string of fire

Provisional Note: Competitors who wish to stand prior to a string of rapidfire may do so after the command "Standby" is given (provided it is not contrary to local range procedures). Those choosing to stand may not load while standing and all ammunition must remain either on the ground or shooting stool until the targets appear and they have assumed a firing position.

Competitors firing the M1 choosing to stand for rapid fire must comply with all procedures outlined above. Competitors firing the M1 who choose to remain in position may insert a clip and two rounds immediately after the command "Standby" is given (bolt remains open).

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