

## **CFAO 50-11 -- RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS**

### **PURPOSE**

1. This order is based on Order in Council 5454 of 26 Nov 48 and outlines

the conditions governing:

a. the formation of military rifle associations; and

b. the provision of assistance to

(1) the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association,

(2) provincial rifle associations, and

(3) the NDHQ Rifle Association.

### **SECTION 1 -- MILITARY RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS**

#### **ORGANIZATION**

2. The commanding officer of a unit of the Regular Force or Primary Reserve may, with the approval of the commander of the command or such officer as he may designate in writing, establish a military rifle association as a unit activity provided there is a minimum membership of

30. However, where there are several units in one location, none of which

has a minimum membership of 30, the unit memberships may be amalgamated to

form an association under the sponsorship of one of the units provided they

have a combined membership of at least 30.

3. Military rifle associations may have honorary members selected from:

a. members of the Regular Force or Primary Reserve posted to a unit

that has no rifle association;

b. members of the Supplementary List;

c. members of the Cadet Instructors List;

d. specially selected bona-fide cadets who are over 14 years of age

and

(1) have passed an examination or test in weapon handling, conducted by an officer of the military rifle association,

and

(2) have the written consent of their parent or guardian;

e. members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and

f. former members of the armed forces of Canada and other  
Commonwealth countries.

4. A military rifle association, whose membership is less than 30,  
shall

be disbanded by the commander of the command or an officer designated  
by

him pursuant to para 2. An association may be disbanded at any time,  
for

grave irregularities or for mismanagement, at the discretion of the  
commander of the command.

#### **SPECIAL CRIMINAL CODE PROVISION**

5. Pursuant to Section 100 of the Criminal Code of Canada, a member  
of

the Canadian Forces or of the armed forces of a state other than Canada  
that are lawfully present in Canada, is not guilty of an offence under  
the

Criminal Code by reason only that he has in his possession a weapon for  
the

purposes of his duties or employment.

6. A cadet, not holding a valid firearms acquisition certificate, may only be in possession of a firearm when in the company of and under the guidance or supervision of an instructor authorized to be in possession of the firearm.

7. A cadet, not holding a valid restricted weapon registration certificate, may only be in possession of a restricted weapon when under the immediate supervision of a member of the Canadian Forces.

8. A cadet shall not be permitted to be in possession of a prohibited weapon.

NOTE -Restricted and prohibited weapons are defined in Section 82 of the Criminal Code.

## **WEAPONS**

9. Military rifle associations shall use the service rifle issued to units of the Canadian Forces. Pistols may also be used subject to the conditions and instructions for their use prescribed at Annex A. Units not

normally provided with weapons may obtain an issue for use by members of

their military rifle association in accordance with A-LM-182-001/IS-001,

Supplementary Supply Instructions. Security procedures governing the storage, issue and transportation of these weapons are specified in A-SI-100-001/AS-000, Security Orders for Department of National Defence,

Chapter 30.

## **AMMUNITION**

10. Ammunition will be issued to military rifle associations upon application to command headquarters. Ammunition will be issued on a basis

of 200 rounds per member per year and may be drawn in the following natures: 7.62mm, 9mm, or .22in depending on the weapon used. This

allotment will cover all requirements; no additional ammunition shall be

issued to units for participation in centralized or decentralized shoots.

Ammunition shall be handled and stowed in accordance with current service

orders and instructions. The responsible unit accounting officer is

responsible for the indenting and accounting for ammunition whether he is a

member of the unit military rifle association or not.

## **APPLICATIONS**

11. An application for formation of a military rifle association, accompanied by the commanding officer's recommendation, shall be forwarded

to command headquarters for approval.

## **ANNUAL RETURNS**

12. Commanding officers of units that have a military rifle association

shall submit returns (RCS V4203) annually by 15 Nov to command

headquarters. Consolidated command returns shall be submitted to NDHQ/D Res

(Director Reserves) by 1 Dec. These returns shall include the following

information:

a. name of military rifle association;

b. supporting base;

c. military rifle association strength as of 1 Nov; and

d. requirement for ammunition by nature (see para 10).

## **UNIT BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

13. Military rifle associations shall elect their officers and lay down

constitutions and by-laws governing the conduct of meetings, subscription

fees and other necessary regulations, as decided by the association, but

such constitutions and by-laws shall not be valid until approved by the commanding officer of the unit.

14. The commanding officer of the unit shall ensure that the provisions of

this order are followed in all respects.

## **SECTION 2 -- DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION, PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS'**

### **AND NDHQ RIFLE ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

15. If DND assistance is required during the next fiscal year, the

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, provincial rifle associations and the

NDHQ Rifle Association shall submit, not later than 15 Nov, an annual

report in duplicate, showing:

- a. the dates of meetings and matches held;
- b. the number of competitors at each meeting and match, showing separately the members of the Canadian Forces and cadets;
- c. the number of affiliated military rifle associations by unit;
- d. an outline of assistance rendered to Regular Force and Primary Reserve units and cadet corps; and
- e. an estimate of the ammunition required for the next fiscal year for the purpose of conducting military and annual competitions.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

16. The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, provincial rifle associations and the NDHQ Rifle Association shall submit annually, not later than 15 Jan, a financial statement showing the Regular Force, Primary



Reserve, cadet and civilian membership, dues received, the entry fees from

competitors and all other revenues received during the year. Annual DND

grants will not be paid until the financial statement is received.

## **DND SUPPORT**

17. Other DND support, as itemized in para 18, may be provided to the

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, provincial rifle associations and the

NDHQ Rifle Association. However, the support provided must not conflict

with military needs and must be arranged without disruption of military activities.

18. The additional support referred to in para 17 is as follows:

a. Use, without charge, of DND weapon ranges and associated facilities subject to the execution of an agreement form and applicable conditions contained therein, in the format shown at

Annex C to [29-1](#) (Temporary Use of Works and Buildings for Other Than Military Purposes), notwithstanding that the provisions of [29-1](#) do not apply ([CFAO 29-1](#), para 2c refers).

b. Services, without charge, of DND armourers, when available, to maintain and repair military pattern small arms and equipment used at the competitions of such associations.

c. Provisions, without charge, of ammunition as authorized by NDHQ for the purpose of conducting the annual competitions of these associations.

d. Loan of military pattern rifles and spare parts, subject to availability from DND holdings and to recovery of the cost of replacing lost or damaged equipment to the Crown plus 10%.

Loans shall be strictly controlled in accordance with [36-30](#) (Loans of Materiel By and To DND) and shall be made to the association and not to individual members. Borrowed rifles shall not be modified, altered or changed in any way (eg, silver soldering to changing sight units) and shall be returned to the issuing unit on demand, and at least annually, for inspection and, if applicable, loan renewal. Borrowed rifles shall not be used for any purpose other than rifle marksmanship training at an approved

range and competitions related to provincial rifle association

membership.

e. Provision of such other facilities or materiel required to assist

the associations in the promotion of military rifle shooting and

which may be provided without contravention of QR&O, CFAOs,

DND instructions or Governmental regulations.

### **SECURITY OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION**

19. While security of weapons and ammunition held by the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, provincial rifle associations and their members

is the responsibility of these organizations, the possible theft and use of

these items by subversive or criminal elements is of concern to DND. The

use, therefore, of secure military, or similar standard police or other,

storage facilities should be encouraged.

### **SECTION 3 -- CONDUCT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

20. All official correspondence shall be conducted:

- a. direct between the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association and  
NDHQ/D Res;
  
- b. between provincial rifle associations and region  
headquarters;
  
- c. between the NDHQ Rifle Association and NDHQ/AU  
(Administrative  
Unit); and
  
- d. between military rifle associations and command headquarters  
through normal staff channels.

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## **ANNEX A -- USE OF PISTOLS -MILITARY RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS**

1. Pistols issued for use by military rifle associations shall:

a. be taken on charge, by serial number, make and calibre, by the unit sponsoring the rifle association; and

b. remain in the custody and control of the sponsoring unit and be

(1) safeguarded in accordance with A-SI-100-001/AS-000, Security Orders for Department of National Defence -General; and

(2) registered and transported in the name of the association in accordance with Section 106 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

2. When pistols are required for target practice, a military member of

the association shall be designated (see para 3) to take the pistols to the

firing range and return them to unit stores on completion of firing practice.

3. The member designated in accordance with para 2 must:

a. if he is a member of the Regular Force, be of the rank of corporal or above; or

b. if he is a member of the Reserve Force, be of the rank of warrant

officer or above and be at least 21 years of age.

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