

# Shooting Competitions - Military Sling Rules

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## **CMP:**

### **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – Small bore Rifle Competition Rules**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Edition**

##### **1. Section 5.4 Slings**

a. **Rule 5.4.6** – Sling: A shooting sling with a maximum width of 40mm is allowed in the kneeling and prone positions. The sling must be worn only over the upper part of the left arm (right arm for a left-handed competitor) and from there connected to the fore end of the rifle stock. The sling must pass along one side of the hand and wrist only. No part of the rifle may touch the sling or any of its attachments except at the sling swivel and hand stop. A sling is not allowed in the standing position.

### **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – HighPower Rifle Competition Rules**

#### **24<sup>th</sup> Edition**

##### **1. Section 4.4 Rifle Slings**

a. **Rule 4.4.2** – Sling Configuration: Military issue or commercial M1907 and M1 slings must conform to the original pattern with no modifications or additional hooks, claws, clips or clamps. Leather or web slings may be no wider than 1 3/8 inches and no thicker than 3/16 inch. Leather slings may have no more than two keepers no wider than 7/8 inch each.

### **Civilian Marksmanship Program – GAMES RIFLE AND PISTOL COMPETITION RULES**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Edition**

##### **1. Section 3.6 Rifle Slings**

- a. **Rule 3.6.1** Standard U. S. Military Slings: Slings used on all as-issued military rifles, except M1 Carbines or as-issued foreign military rifles, must be standard U. S. military issue M1907 leather, M1923 leather or M1 web slings or identical slings of commercial manufacture made of leather, web or synthetic material. M1907 or M1 slings may be configured with arm loops and used for support in the prone and sitting or kneeling positions. In the standing position, slings may be detached or remain attached at both the buttstock and handguard/fore-end of the rifle. If the sling is attached in the standing position, it may not be drawn so tight as to support the back of the hand or wrist. The sling may be included within the grip.
- b. **Rule 3.6.2** – Sling Configuration Military issue or commercial M1907, M1923 and M1 slings must conform to the original pattern with no modifications or additional hooks, claws, clips or clamps. Leather or web slings may be no wider than 1 3/8" and no thicker than 3/16". Leather slings may have no more than two keepers no wider than 7/8" each.

## **NRA:**

### **NRA BLACK POWDER TARGET RIFLE RULES:**

#### **1. Section 3.1 Rifle:**

b. The rifle, including all attachments such as, but not limited to slings and sights, shall not weigh more than 15 pounds unloaded.

#### **2. Section 3.13 Slings, Rests and Other Equipment:**

Slings may be used, at the shooter's option only in the "Any" position. A sling may be used in conjunction with a wrist rest in the "Any" position competition over 600 yards. A rest in the form of approved crossed sticks, or a forward hand support rest, such as sandbags, or other rests built for that purpose may be used in the "Any" position, but may not be affixed to the rifle in any manner, and with the exception of the crossed sticks, they may not contact the rifle in any manner. Gloves, shooting jackets, shooting mats, spotting scopes, sunshades and rain covers of reasonable size are permitted. Individual wind flags of a non-electric nature may be used, provided they are not placed ahead of the firing line. Equipment must be placed behind the firing line and must be placed so that it does not interfere with other shooters.

### **NRA HIGH POWER RIFLE RULES:**

#### **1. 3.13 Slings:**

A sling may be a strap or straps made of leather, webbing, or synthetic material, and hooks, buckles, and keepers as necessary for attachment to the rifle and adjustment to the shooter. Unless otherwise specified in match conditions or position descriptions **\*(Rule 5.12)**, the sling may be used in connection with one arm to steady the rifle. A button, hook or strap may be placed on the sleeve of the shooting coat to support the sling loop that is placed on the upper arm.

(a) The sling need not be attached to the buttstock sling swivel in the prone, sitting, or kneeling positions. (See Rule 5.12 for standing requirements)

(b) Service Rifle Slings - On service rifle slings, metallic wraps and other type reinforcements to the sling keepers are not authorized. Standard issue type leather or web slings may be no wider than 1.250" and no thicker than .190". Leather slings may have no more than two keepers no wider than .860" each. Keeper ends may be joined by metallic devices. The overlap at the joining area may be no more than 1.10" and must be on the flat, i.e., may not go around the curved edge of the keeper. Placement of cartridge cases, spindles, and so forth, to tighten or lock the sling are not authorized. A button, hook or strap may not be used on the sleeve of the shooting coat to support the sling loop that is placed on the upper arm.

**\*Rule 5.12 Standing:** (a) If attached to an NRA Match Rifle, the sling must be attached to both the forearm and buttstock sling swivels and may or may not be included in the grasp. (b) Service Rifles are required to have a sling attached to the rifle (See Rule (3.1)). The sling must be attached to both the forearm and buttstock sling swivels and may or may not be included in the grasp. The position of the sling on M-14 and M-16 series rifles is to the bottom, left or right of the magazine.

### **NRA HIGH POWER SPORTING RIFLE RULES:**

#### **1. 3.13 Slings:**

A sling may be a strap or straps made of leather, webbing, or synthetic material, and hooks, buckles, and keepers as necessary for attachment to the rifle and adjustment to the shooter. Unless otherwise specified in match conditions or position descriptions **\*(Rule 5.12)**, the sling may be used in connection with one arm to steady the rifle. **\*Rule 5.12 Standing**—Erect on both feet (Picture #3 - Page 13)