

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
GALLERY RIFLE & PISTOL COMMITTEE

We have received several questions about the new definition of Gallery Rifle Centre Fire and think it will be useful to give a brief explanation of what the rule means in practice when you are filling in an entry form.

A2.2.1 Gallery Rifles in a centrefire calibre are divided into three types as follows:

GRCF Standard:	a lever action rifle with an integral tube magazine.
GRCF Open:	any other Gallery Rifle of different design.
GRCF Classic:	any Gallery Rifle which complies with the Classics Discipline definitions of eligibility for the Imperial Historic Arms and Trafalgar Meetings.

#### GRCF Standard

This type covers what the majority of us already use. There are no limitations on calibres other than the usual ones. That is, you must comply with the limits on velocity and energy in the Range Safety Certificate and downloaded full bore rifle ammunition is not allowed.

#### GRCF Open

This gun type covers a variety of designs and includes bolt actions, straight pull actions, rifles with detachable magazines, handle cocking actions and more. Lever action rifles with integral tube magazines are not included - the rule says "Gallery Rifle of different design" – as this is to provide competition for a different type of gun. The same restrictions on calibres apply as for GRCF Standard.

#### GRCF Classic

The key words here are "spirit of the original". This applies not only to the gun but also the sights which should be metallic and contemporary. (The two time periods usually referred to are up to 1914 and from 1914 to 1946.)

Types covered include lever action, "rook and rabbit", "low power sporting" and other rifles.

Calibres can include .357mag and .44mag but they must be downloaded to .38sp and .44sp. Downloaded full bore rifle ammunition is not allowed but calibre reducing adapters are.

If you have any other questions please get in touch via [gallery@nra.org.uk](mailto:gallery@nra.org.uk) and we will do our best to answer them.

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