

**Summary of Incident #1 :** At the Kahles K&M PRC PRS Pro Series match on May 22-24<sup>th</sup>, Patrick Proctor was suspected of cheating by altering his scores in the Practiscore App via the scoring ipad that was being used to score his squad. Patrick was both shooting the match and was the volunteer roaming RO for the squad under PRS RO Option 3. RO option 3 has been used successfully in the SE/other regions and is standard practice during the majority of 1-day regional series matches. The option was used for the first time in a two-day match due to COVID-19 concerns. The suspected activity was reported to the MD/PRS director by another shooter/squad first thing in the morning prior to day 2. The reporting shooter/squad witnessed the competitor score an 8 on a stage and noticed a 10 on practiscore after it was posted the evening of day 1.

**Actions Taken at the Match:** The scores/time stamps in question were immediately reviewed by the MD and Patrick was pulled from the firing line for questioning. The shooters squad mates were also interviewed. After reviewing Practiscore score logs it was determined that he had altered more than one of his scores after the completion of multiple stages without any arbitration, knowledge/approval of the MD, or the knowledge of any other shooters on the same squad. This secretive editing took place several minutes after the completion of a stage and was clearly documented in Practiscore, as all score edits are recorded and time stamped. The MD/PRS director took immediate action and Patrick was DQ'd, removed from the property, and suspended from the PRS for one year within one hour of the start of day 2 (IAW PRS Rule 3.1.14.4 **RO Option 3** ).

*3.1.14.4 Competitors are encouraged to assist the Lead RO under this option and additional validation of spotting is permissible by members of the squad. Anyone found cheating for another shooter by the RO/MD will receive an immediate one-year suspension from the PRS.*

#### **Further Investigation of the Shooter After the Match:**

This is a serious incident that threatens the integrity of the sport and it warranted a thorough review of this particular shooter's score logs at the other matches he had competed in this year and in 2019. Multiple PRS MD's worked together over the last few days to thoroughly comb through score logs and examine edits recorded in Practiscore that took place at their matches for this shooter and for any others with edits. It has been determined that Patrick has been cheating at 1 day matches throughout this season, last season and that this was not an isolated or first-time offense. Screen shots of some of the score logs are included below. The shooter in question didn't not cheat in all matches but did in numerous matches and differing venues across the SE.

#### **Further Actions Taken By the PRS Regarding This Shooter:**

For the 2019 Season -

Patrick's scores for 2019 have been/will be vacated from all 2019 match results. It has not been proven that cheating took place during all these 2019 events. For this reason, his scores have been/will be removed, but the 2019 standings will not be adjusted with the exception of the 2019 SE Regional Finale, the shooter will not be allowed to retain the SE Championship title and it will be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finisher of the season.

For the 2020 Season -

All of Patrick's one day regional match scores will be removed and the PRS regional standings will be recalculated. He served as a shooting RO for many of these matches and numerous score edits were found after review of the logs. For the PRS Pro Series 2020 Accuracy International Long Range Classic, he did not have access to scoring devices at the match so the standings will not be recalculated, however his score will be vacated from the match results and from the entire PRS website. The second-place shooter will remain the second-place shooter. All Sponsors in coordination with the PRS immediately revoked their sponsorships and cut ties with the shooter.

#### **Actions required by PRS MDs Regarding This Shooter:**

IAW rule 3.1.14.4 PRS MDs must not permit the shooter to participate in any PRS event for one year in any capacity. At the conclusion of the 12 months the SE MDs where the shooter frequented will form a board to determine the shooters status for the next year. If the shooter desires to participate after the one year suspension, MDs from TN, AL, LA, GA and FL will ensure the shooter has reformed, conducted restitution to fellow PRS shooters and to the community as a whole (this should include any monies, prizes, trophies fraudulently awarded returned or re-awarded appropriately). The vote must be unanimous and will include the SE Regional & PRS Director.

STAGE 11:  
8:07 AM 8 POINTS  
9:20 AM 10 POINTS

Stage 11 Bus Trip	
RO Sign	SH Sign
Sat 23 May 2020 at 9:20AM	
Total Points	10.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
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Device: K&M #4cfd5dd952f114e1b3b842a93ebb2e1e	
Score History (1 edit)	
Reassign/Restore	
RO Sign	SH Sign
Sat 23 May 2020 at 8:07AM	
Total Points	8.00
Target Points	0.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	0.00

STAGE 14:  
9:43 AM 9 POINTS  
2:21 PM 10 POINTS

Stage 14 Roof Top Field Fire	
RO Sign	SH Sign
Sat 23 May 2020 at 2:21PM	
Total Points	10.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
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Target Points	1.00
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Score History (1 edit)	
Reassign/Restore	
RO Sign	SH Sign
Sat 23 May 2020 at 9:43AM	
Total Points	9.00
Target Points	0.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00

STAGE 15:  
10:13 AM 10 POINTS  
10:48 PM 11 POINTS

Stage 15 Shoot House Shift	
Sat 23 May 2020 at 10:48AM	
Total Points	11.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	0.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
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Score History (1 edit)	
Reassign/Restore	
RO Sign	SH Sign
Sat 23 May 2020 at 10:13AM	
Total Points	10.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	1.00
Target Points	0.00

**Further Actions Taken To Address/Prevent Any Future Incidences of Cheating:**  
 We have investigated not only what happened at the Kahles K&M PRC but have worked through past match score logs to examine the possibility that this instance is not isolated to any one person. A few additional people were investigated at the request of other shooters. One additional shooter has been found to be cheating in a similar manner to Patrick Proctor, while serving as an RO under RO option 3 and editing his scores. This incident will be outlined below. Thankfully we haven't found anything tangible and we have reviewed every lead to date, over 2 dozen shooters and hundreds of scores. While we are working on making the needed changes to help prevent issues like this in the future, it is important to keep in mind that overall, the PRS does not have a systemic cheating problem. This season and last season the PRS has tracked over 10,000 scores and 2 shooters have been brought to light thus far. The issue is not even close to a 1% problem, more like a 0.2% problem. As shooters become more aware of the score logs and how to check them – the complete transparency of the scores and edits should go a long way in preventing this avenue for cheating if using RO option 3. MDs and shooters will assist in maintaining the integrity of the sport and we have worked with the MD board and the Practiscore team to implement rules changes to prevent/discourage future cheating via practiscore.

**Summary of Incident #2 :** After Patrick Proctor was suspected of cheating by altering his scores, it was brought to our attention that a second shooter – Bryan Buechler had also potentially altered his scores in the Practiscore App via the scoring ipad that was being used to score his squad while serving as a RO under RO Option 3. Upon our examination of several edits recorded in Practiscore, Bryan was then interviewed by the PRS Director regarding his scores.

**Results of the Interview:** Bryan immediately admitted that he had changed his scores on multiple stages at multiple matches during the 2019 season and in one 2020 match while acting as the squad RO under RO option 3. He then self reported the matches in which he had made unapproved edits by emailing the dates and matches in which he had made these changes.

#### **Further Investigation of the Shooter:**

Multiple PRS MD's worked together over the last few days to thoroughly comb through his score logs and examine edits recorded in Practiscore that took place at their matches for this shooter and for any others with edits. It has been determined that Bryan Buechler had cheated in more than one 1 day match throughout last season and once during the 2020 season. Upon recognition of his own problem, Bryan decided not to continue to RO prior to this investigation taking place. Bryan didn't not cheat in all matches in the 2019/2020 season, but did in numerous matches and differing venues across the SE.

#### **Actions Taken by the PRS Regarding This Shooter:**

For the 2019/2020 Season -

Bryan's scores for 2019 and 2020 have been/will be vacated from all 2019/2020 match results. It has not been proven that cheating took place during all these events. For this reason, his scores have been/will be removed, but the 2019/2020 standings will not be adjusted. All Sponsors in coordination with the PRS immediately revoked their sponsorship and ties with the shooter. Bryan Buechler has been suspended from the PRS for one year. (IAW PRS Rule 3.1.14.4 RO Option 3 ).

*3.1.14.4 Competitors are encouraged to assist the Lead RO under this option and additional validation of spotting is permissible by members of the squad. Anyone found cheating for another shooter by the RO/MD will receive an immediate one-year suspension from the PRS.*

#### **Actions required by PRS MDs Regarding This Shooter:**

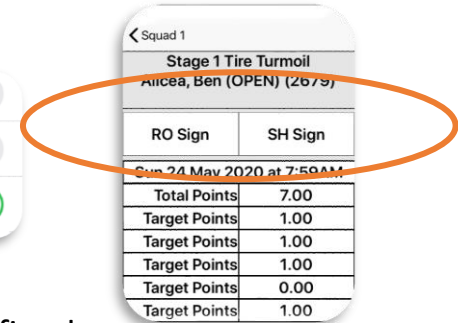
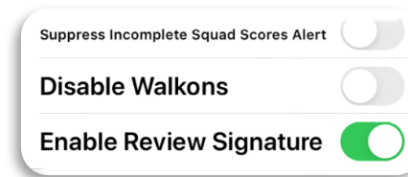
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## 1. WHEN USING RO OPTION 3 MD'S WILL NOW TURN ON "ENABLE REVIEW SIGNATURE" DURING MATCH CREATION.

1. If using RO option 3, an MD can turn on enable review signature and require another shooter within a squad plus the RO to sign for an RO's score and any edits that take place.

## 2. What this looks like in Practiscore:



## 3. 3.1.14 RO Option 3 (Current Rules)

3.1.14.1 MDs may employ "Lead Roaming RO's". Lead Roaming RO's are defined as experienced shooters that shoot the match as well as serve as a RO in the same match. They must be fully briefed on all stages by the MD to ensure consistent stage execution. A Roaming RO shall not serve as a RO for his or her own stage run.

3.1.14.2 Score Keepers/timers and Stage Safety Officers may be competitors within that squad, but do not have the authority to rule procedurally under any circumstances.

3.1.14.3 Competitors may be used as additional spotting ROs to assist the Lead RO in spotting impacts and to spot for the Lead RO during their stage run.

3.1.14.4 Competitors are encouraged to assist the Lead RO under this option and additional validation of spotting is permissible by members of the squad. Anyone found cheating for another shooter by the RO/MD will receive an immediate one-year suspension from the PRS.

### (ADD)

### 3.1.14.5

When using RO option 3, "Enable Review Signature" in Practiscore must be selected during the creation of the match. After the lead/shooting RO has shot a stage, before the score is entered, both the **RO and one additional shooter in the squad** will be required to sign the scoring device. The 2nd signature must come from a shooter that is not on the same shooting team of the shooter receiving the score. After signatures are completed and the RO's score is entered, no edits may be made to the score without MD approval.

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## 2. 24 HOUR ARBITRATION IF USING RO OPTION 3 FOR MD TO REVIEW AND EXPLORE EDITS:

1. This addition allows the MD 24 hours to look at all edits before “finalizing the results” and posting them on the PRS website for points.

### 2. What this looks like in Practiscore:

**Score Edit Records** are automatically recorded within the scoring devices and can be viewed in the regular PS App by going to “Enter Scores”, then to the stage in question, the squad in question, and then to the shooter in question. The shooters score history for that stage will be visible with time stamps. This is a somewhat lengthy process and the time that it takes to review an entire match is not practical the day of the match, but will be reviewed by the MD within the 24 hours before posting the results on the PRS website for points.

SHOOTER NAME		
Edit	Reset/Edit	Reassign
Sat 09 May 2020 at 11:22AM		
Total Points	6.00	
Target Points	0.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	0.00	
Target Points	1.00	
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Score History (2 edits)		
Reassign/Restore		
Sat 09 May 2020 at 11:13AM		
Total Points	5.00	
Target Points	0.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	0.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	1.00	
Target Points	0.00	

## 3. (Current Rules)

### 2. 3.1 Match Director’s Responsibilities

- 3.1.1 The MD is overall in charge of the PRS event and must have a full understanding of the official PRS Rules.
- 3.1.2 MD’s must provide a Match Book which accurately describes each COF.
- 3.1.3 MD’s must use the approved scoring system of one ‘Impact’ for one point.
- 3.1.4 MD’s will ensure targets are in good working order. Any target past 600 yards must be reactive and should have two spotters observing the target if possible. Additionally, any target past 800 yards must have a supplemental hit indicator such as a flash or a camera system. Regional Series MD’s are encouraged to use supplemental hit indicators on targets past 800 yards, but it is not required.

### **3. 3.1 Match Director's Responsibilities (Current Rules Continued)**

3.1.5 MD's will use a primary and secondary method of scoring. Shooters must have an opportunity to see the score they received on all stages prior to departing the stage.

3.1.6 MD's must be PRS members in the Series in which they host matches for.

3.1.7 MD's will provide stage and a match 15 minute arbitration period(s) once scores have been provided/posted to settle any scoring disputes. If an issue arises after the squad leaves the stage or 15 minutes after the match, it will not be entertained.

3.1.8 The MD is the ultimate authority of Match Rules, Safety, and Enforcement. Any and all violations, penalties and enforcement should be dealt with thoroughly and in an expeditious manner. MDs may use of statements from RO's, shooters, and spectators. Once the stage/match arbitration period has ended, the rulings made by the MD are final.

3.1.9 MD's are completely responsible for RO conduct, recruitment and management. MDs have 3 options in Range officer execution for PRS matches.

3.1.10 All MDs are required to submit correct and completed scores through the PRS website no later than 12 hours after match conclusion.

3.1.11 MDs are authorized to compete in their own Regional Series (1 day) matches with approval of the regional director and are expected to adhere to section 4.2.2 of this rule book as practically as possible and within the consensus of their shooters.

#### **ADD 3.1.12**

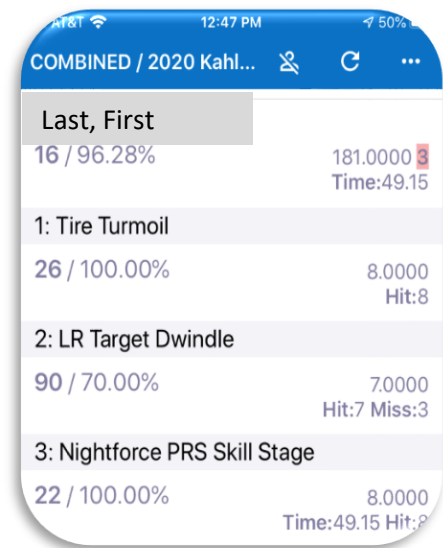
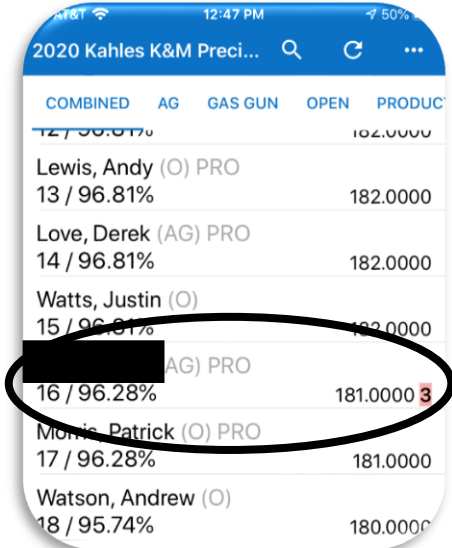
If using PRS RO Option 3, the MD will (within the 24 hours after the conclusion of a match) be required to examine/investigate all score edits documented in Practiscore before submitting the final results to the PRS for publication.

### **3. DURING THE REVIEW/INVESTIGATION A WORDING DISCREPANCY IN THE RULES WAS DISCOVERED & CLARIFICATION WAS VOTED ON BY THE COMMITTEE.**

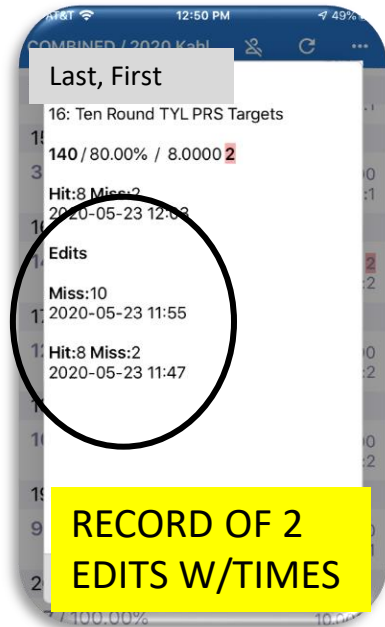
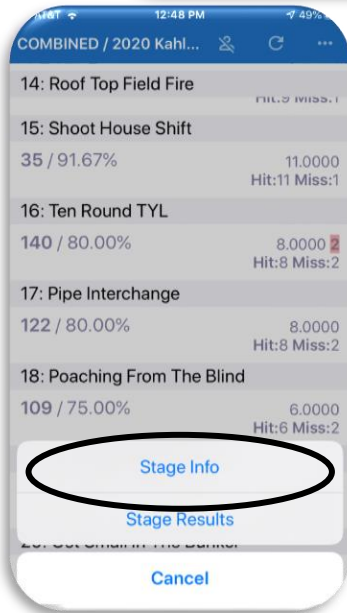
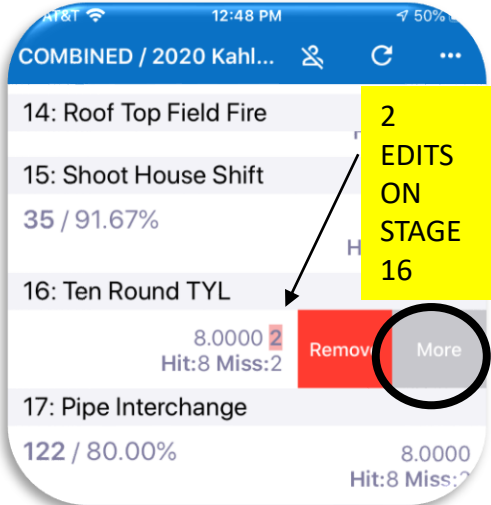
1. Rule 4.2.3 Any person discovered cheating will receive an immediate Match DQ. A second offense or a severe first offense will result in an expulsion from the PRS **for the remaining season** and will not be permitted to participate in any PRS event.
2. Versus Under RO Option 3 Rules: 3.1.14.4 Competitors are encouraged to assist the Lead RO under this option and additional validation of spotting is permissible by members of the squad. Anyone found cheating for another shooter by the RO/MD will receive an immediate **one-year suspension** from the PRS.
3. MD's voted to update Rule 4.2.3 to "one-year suspension" , same as rule 3.1.14.4.



**What Shooters Can Do:** A great option offered by the Practiscore team for all shooters and MD's is to download the Practiscore Competitor App. Any match results that are posted to the Practiscore website can be pulled up with in this app. Shooters with score edits are flagged with a red number of edits and easily located in a long list of shooters. Edit details with time stamps are easy to view. Use of this app by PRS members would go along way in promoting transparency and self-policing in regards to unapproved score edits.



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EDITS  
DURING  
THE MATCH



Despite the initial outrage, embarrassment, and deep disappointment that was felt by the PRS community and especially by me personally - there have been multiple positive outcomes that will transpire because of this discovery. First, as we looked through hundreds of score logs for multiple matches in multiple locations it became clear that the brazen actions of two individuals are not representative of our community as a whole. We have not yet found another competitor who has engaged in something as blatantly wrong as score editing. In fact out of over 10,000 scores that have been tracked during the 2019/2020 season, approximately 0.2% have been found to have been edited in order to cheat. A small number of shooters have been investigated for additional/different claims brought forth by fellow shooters during the course of this process. Each of these claims was thoroughly examined via scores, interviews of shooters, and interviews of MDs. We cannot say with certainty that these shooters did or did not cheat as there was either not been enough evidence or too much time had past to make an accurate determination based on shooter and MD recollections. We encourage shooters going forward to communicate any concerns to MD's immediately so that any potential allegations of cheating can be swiftly investigated and addressed by the MD.

Our community, although composed of many highly competitive individuals, is also a close-knit family. We all understand that hard earned personal achievements and the recognition that follows should never be stolen from those who truly deserve them. The time spent away from family, the money invested, and the heart and soul poured into competing as a PRS shooter is to be respected and never undermined by the dishonesty of a fellow competitor.

Second, it has helped us to reiterate that cheating in any form will not be tolerated within the Precision Rifle Series and there will be swift consequences for anyone that is found to be doing so. We are working diligently with the Practiscore team, MD's, sponsors, and shooters to better our systems and check points as we move forward.

Third, the PRS has seen tremendous growth over the past 2 years and that is a great thing – an accomplishment that we all should be proud of. With this growth comes new competitors, some of whom may not fully grasp the deeply engrained values and character that is at the heart of our community. It is up to us all to lead by example and to be the type of people that we expect others to be. It is always better to promote what we love, especially on social media, rather than stooping to the level of those we have removed from our organization. Although we will not accept or ever excuse the actions that were discovered over the past week, we hope and encourage the shooters to reform, reconcile and conduct restitution. We know that every weakness we have is an opportunity for God to show his strength in our life.

*Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lords purpose that prevails.*

*Proverbs 19:21*