



2011

NSA NATIONAL POSTAL TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITION

(Participation, Rules, and Courses of fire)

1. PURPOSE

To offer all NSA members equal opportunity to participate and compete in an Annually presented National Postal Target Shooting Competition for Air Rifles, Handguns and Hunting Rifles. The focus is on **COMPETITION SHOOTING**. This competition is in addition to the NSA's National In-House Postal Handgun and Hunting Rifle Target Shooting Events in which members can participate (enter targets for record purposes), free of charge, throughout the year.

2. PARTICIPATION

- a. A fee of R40 per NSA Junior younger than 18 years of age who may compete in full, and also for Junior non-NSA members (younger than 18 years of age) who may only participate in the Air Rifle Competition, and R80 per NSA member 19 years and older, who wants to participate, is charged for entry into the annual postal target shooting competition.
- b. The Annual Postal Target Shooting Competition for Air Rifles, Handguns and for Hunting Rifles is conducted by way of members downloading the ordinary postal targets from the website (www.natshoot.co.za) (see postal handguns and postal rifles on left side of webpage – the target for Air Rifles can be found at postal hunting rifles). Participants then shoot the different tables as are described in paragraphs 6 and 10 below, and then post the shot targets, the enrolment form (see website – Competition 2011 on left side website home page), and proof of payment to the office at; NSA, PO Box 11461, Hatfield, 0028.
- c. Scores will be ratified by a panel of 3 members of the NSA's Management Committee.
- d. Competitors have to download and complete the competition enrolment form which is available on the website at www.natshoot.co.za - click on [2011 Postal Competition](#) (left side of home page).
- f. The account into which deposits for enrolment for the annual postal competition must be made is:
 - Name of account: National Shooting Association (cheque account);
 - Bank: Standard Bank, Hatfield Branch (branch code – 011545);
 - Account number: 01-259-429-6. Please use your ID as reference

3. COMPETITION DATES 2011

- a. The NSA 2011 Postal Target Shooting Competition for Air Rifles, Handguns and for Hunting Rifles is presented between **15 October and 16 November 2011** (any time of day or night) on any **formal and recognised shooting range** of a competitor's choice.

4. FINAL TARGET SUBMISSION DATE

- a. Correctly scored and completed as well as counter signed shot targets for the 2011 National Postal Competition, to be posted to the office, **may not be post marked later than 14 November 2011**. Results will be made available not later than 15 January 2012 (to ascertain that we have received all targets – the post is not always as reliable as we would want it to be).

5. SHOOTING RANGES AND RANGE OFFICERS

- a. Competitors' in the NSA 2011 Postal Target Shooting Competition (Air Rifles, Handguns and/or Rifles) may shoot at any **formal and recognised shooting range** of the competitor's choice. The shooting range must have a air rifle and / or handgun range of at least 20 metres, and / or a rifle range of at least 100 metres.
- b. Competitors are required to pay the necessary shooting range fees as specified by the specific shooting range, or as specified by the range for each course of fire.
- c. A list of preferred NSA Participating Shooting Ranges is available on the NSA-website <http://www.natshoot.co.za/partShootRange.php>
- d. However, no targets will be accepted if such were not shot at a shooting range and **the name and telephone number of the Range** is not included on the shot target (a rubber stamp with the name of the range indicated, is even better).
- e. Ranges may not and cannot furnish competitors with the targets, and may not post shot targets to the NSA.
- f. Range Officer = a person from the shooting range staff or an accompanying NSA member.

6. ANNUAL POSTAL TARGET COMPETITION CATEGORIES

- a. Competitors' entry fee of R40 (juniors <18) or R80 (>18) entitle them to participate in all of the following calibre categories, which are to be so indicated on competitor's enrolment forms:
 - i. **Air rifles** – one course of fire – all competitors any form of sight (non-NSA Juniors <18 may only participate in this category)
 - ii. **.22 rimfire handgun** – one course of fire – one target needed
 - iii. **.22 rimfire hunting rifle** (open sights) – one course of fire – two targets needed
 - iv. **.22 rimfire hunting rifle** (scope) – one course of fire – two targets needed
 - v. **Centre-fire handgun – revolvers** – maximum of 3 different calibres per competitor – one course of fire for each calibre – one target needed for each calibre.
 - vi. **Centre-fire handgun – semi-auto pistols** – maximum of 3 different calibres per competitor – one course of fire for each calibre – one target per calibre needed.
 - vii. **Centre-fire medium-bore hunting rifle** (<.375 or 9.3x62) maximum 3 different calibres per competitor – one course of fire for each calibre – one target needed.
 - viii. **Centre-fire large-bore hunting rifle** (>.375 or 9.3 x 62) maximum of 2 different calibres per competitor – one course of fire for each calibre – one target needed
- b. Competitors must indicate on their enrolment forms for which competition categories they would want to enter the targets they include in the package they post to the office (see 9g below).
- c. Competitors will only be enrolled for those competition categories mentioned under 6a above, as these are indicated on their enrolment forms.

7. COMPETITION FORMAT

- a. Irrespective of how many competition categories a competitor chooses to participate in for the handgun competition (rimfire and / or centre-fire handgun), the competitor **must shoot his/her chosen competition categories for handguns on one day at one occasion on one range of his/her choice.**
- b. Irrespective of how many competition categories a competitor chooses to participate in for the hunting rifle competition (rimfire and / or centre-fire hunting rifles), the competitor **must shoot his/her chosen**

competition categories for hunting rifles on one day at one occasion on one range of his/her choice
(including Air Rifle course of fire).

- c. After completion of the shooting session(s) for competition purposes, competitors post their targets which have been counter signed by the Range Officer, or by the person in charge at the specific range, or by an accompanying NSA member (ID number MUST be included), to the NSA for scoring and ranking per competition category (see 6 above). ***Competitors are welcome to rather post targets per registered mail to ascertain they reach the office and that the package is traceable if it might get lost in the post.***

8. COMPETITION FIREARMS

- a. Members use the air rifles, handgun(s) (pistol or revolver) or the hunting rifle(s) they legally own, "as is" in standard retail format (e.g. low profile iron sights or with scopes).

9. COMPETITION TARGETS

- a. Participants use the ordinary targets used for the In-House Postal Target Shooting Competition per the type of firearm they want to compete with.
- b. All targets to be used in the 2011 competition is on the same page of the website where the 2011 competition rules and the enrolment forms are – see 2d above.
 - i. **Air Rifles:** one target needed (see link - Target for NSA Air Rifle Postal Target Shooting Competition).
 - ii. **Handguns** (.22 rimfire and centre-fire): two targets needed (see link - Target for NSA Handgun Postal Target Shooting Competition).
 - iii. **Hunting rifles** (.22 rimfire): two targets needed (see link – Target for Rimfire Hunting Rifle).
 - iv. **Hunting rifles** (all centre-fire calibres): one target needed (see link – Target for Centre-Fire Hunting Rifles).
- c. Only the targets market with; "**Only official target from 01-11-2010**" are acceptable. No other target will be accepted. Using older NSA targets or the wrong target will lead to automatic disqualification.
- d. The targets to be downloaded are all in PDF format and are all A4 in size (the target is to be printed in A4 format – no other size target will be accepted).
- e. Only Targets printed in black & white or in colour will be accepted and NO photocopies of targets will be accepted for the competition (photocopies do not always print clear and precise). Thus competitors MUST use an **originally printed copy of a specific target**.
- f. **Targets which have not been scored, or on which ALL fields of inscription have not been completed will not be accepted and such a competitor will be disqualified automatically without the office calling to enquire about any missing information.**
- g. **Shot targets must be posted accompanied by the competitor's enrolment form and with proof of payment included in the same package (please do not post these documents separately).**

10. COURSES OF FIRE (Shooting exercises)

(course of fire = the whole of a shooting exercise as described below, per category of firearm used)

- a. **Air Rifles - Exercise:** A total of 10 shots per target, shot on the correctly downloaded A4 Air Rifle target (target printed in landscape – the target has 2 side by side target rings on it) – **10 shots on the left target at 10 metres, and 10 shots on the right target at 20 metres** - shot on your own time, and scored out of 200 points total.
- b. **Handguns (rimfire and centre-fire) - Exercise:** A total of 10 shots per calibre, shot on the correctly downloaded A4 Handgun Target, shot at 10 metres – shot on your own time, and scored out of 100 points.

- b. **Hunting rifle (rimfire - .22LR) - Exercise:** A total of 10 shots on each of the two correctly downloaded A4 Rimfire Hunting Rifle Targets – [the first 10 shots at 25 metres on one target, and the second 10 shots at 50 metres on the other target](#) - shot on your own time, and each target for each distance scored out of 100 points (indicate open sights or scoped sights on each rimfire hunting rifle target shot for the competition) **(Be sure to indicate which target was shot at 25 metres and which target was shot at 50 metres – if this is not indicated the targets may be wrongly scored and entered into our score sheets)**.
- c. **Hunting rifle (All centre-fire calibres) - Exercise:** A total of 5 shots per calibre on one correctly downloaded A4 Centre-Fire Hunting Rifle Target shot at 100 metres - shot on your own time, and scored out of 50 points per calibre (per target).

11. FIRING POSITION(s)

Competitors **MAY NOT** shoot from shooting tables when participating in the 2011 NSA National Target Shooting Competition.

- a. **Air rifles:** Any position without support other than elbows in the prone position or knees in the sitting position
- b. **Handguns (All calibres):** Standing position, handgun held in one or both hands, with all portions of the shooter's clothing, body and firearm clear of any form of support (you may not steady yourself against a counter or table).
- c. **Hunting Rifles (All calibres):** Competitors may shoot from the prone position, from the sitting position or from the kneeling position as per personal preference (persons with disabilities or who cannot sit on the ground, may use a camp stool or dry box to sit on while completing the exercise). Competitors may use support under the front-end of the rifle's stock (i.e. Harris bi-pod or shooting stick) for all calibres of hunting rifle courses of fire, however the butt of the stock may not be supported other than it being held firmly against (in) the shoulder pocket (you **MAY NOT** put your hand or an object under the butt of the stock in any of the firing positions).
- c. Competitors with disabilities for who it is still too difficult to be accommodated in the above mentioned shooting positions, may shoot as they can do best. Please inform the NSA office of such an issue when sending your targets and enrolment forms, so that we can also keep record of the situation.

12. CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATION

Categories for participation in so-called peer groups, are indicated as follows:

- a. Seniors Men: male participants 60 years of age and older
 - b. Seniors Ladies: lady participants 60 years of age and older
 - c. Men's Open: male participants in the age group between 19 and 59
 - d. Ladies' Open: lady participants in the age group between 19 and 59
 - e. Juniors men: all male participants 18 years and younger
 - f. Juniors ladies: all young lady participants 18 years and younger
- (60 years and older means that on the day of the shoot the participant is 60 years of age or older)
 (18 years and younger means that the participant is 18 years or younger on the day of the shoot)
 (19-59 years means that the participant is aged from 19 years to 59 years of age on the day of the shoot)

13. SCORING

- a. Scoring will be done by Members themselves, and these will be counter signed by either the Range Officer (person on duty at the range) or by an accompanying NSA member strictly in accordance with the rules below. Disputes will refer to the NSA office.

- b. The target is defined as the entire A4 card or paper on which the scoring rings are printed but shall not include the backing against which the target is pasted (see paragraphs 9c, 9d, 9e, and 9f above).
- c. When the original point of bullet contact is on the target card, but outside the scoring rings, and the leaded edge of the bullet touches a scoring ring, it will be given the value of the higher scoring ring.
- d. A shot hole, the leaded edge of which comes in contact with the outside of the bull's-eye or scoring rings of a target, is given the highest value.
- e. In case of keyholed or tipped shots, the higher value is awarded if the leaded edge of the bullet hole touches the scoring ring of higher value, even though the hole is elongated to the bullet's length rather than being a circle of the bullet's diameter.
- f. In case of skid shots, the higher value is awarded if the leaded edge of the bullet hole touches the scoring ring of higher value, however, the value of a skid shot may not be more than one ring higher than the original point of bullet contact with the target.
- g. When a bullet enters a target from the back it will be scored as a miss.
- h. Hits outside of all the scoring rings are scored as misses.

14. AWARDS & CERTIFICATES:

- a. All participants receive a cloth badge indicating that they participated in the 2011 NSA National Target Shooting Competition.
- b. The first three competitors in each Category of Participation (12 above) and in each of the 8 Competition Categories (6 above) will receive a high quality embossed gold, silver, or bronze certificate, while all other competitors receive a letter indicating their participation.
- c. In addition, the ten Top Scores per Competition Category (air rifles excluded), irrespective of Category of Participation (12 above) and irrespective of category of competition with exception of Air Rifles (6a above), will receive a cloth badge indicating that s/he is one of the NSA's top 10 shots for 2011 in Handguns, Hunting Rifles and Rimfire Rifles.

Be sure to be a safe and responsible shot at all times !!

Good shooting !!