

Step-by-Step Guide for: NSA National In-House Postal Hunting Rifle Target Shooting Events



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1. **PURPOSE**

To offer all NSA members equal opportunity to participate and compete in Nationally presented In-House Postal Hunting Rifle Target Shooting Events, conforming with international standards. The focus is on the ***FUN*** of participating. This participation is over and above the NSA's Annual National Postal Hunting Rifle Target Shooting Competition presented over the last three weekends of September every year.

2. **PARTICIPATION**

- a. Members' participation in the In-House Events are ***free of charge***.
- b. The In-House Target Shooting Event is conducted by way of members posting shot targets for purposes of updating participation record purposes to the NSA office at PO Box 11461, Hatfield, 0028, where their scores are ratified, and where scores are placed on a database. The scores are annually also placed in a national order of position in an "in-house Events Scores List", which is also logged on the Website – www.natshoot.co.za. Members can send as many shot targets for logging on the database as they would want to.
- b. It is suggested that NSA members try and participate in as many In-House Postal Target Shooting Events as is possible. The events are meant to establish a record of annual participation for members in an official target shooting event. These records of members are important when members would have to renew firearm licences in following rounds of SAPS renewals (every 5 or 10 years).

3. **SHOOTING RANGES AND RANGE OFFICERS**

- a. Members' participation in In-House Shooting Events are conducted at any shooting range of the member's choice. The shooting range must have a .22 rifle range of at least 25 metres, and / or a centre-fire rifle range of at least 100 meters.
- b. Members are required to pay the necessary shooting range fees as specified per 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>. Members can, however, shoot at any range of their choice (no targets will be accepted if such were not shot at a shooting range)
- d. Ranges are not responsible to hand members the respective shooting tables, which are included below.
- e. Ranges are not responsible to furnish members with targets or to post shot targets to the NSA.
- f. Members are requested to please ask the Ranges where they shoot to register with the NSA as other NSA members in the vicinity of the range would also want to make use of the specific facility (registration of a range is FREE of charge).
- g. Range Officer = a person from the shooting range staff or an accompanying NSA member.

4. **IN-HOUSE POSTAL SHOOTING TABLES**

- a. NSA members can participate in any one or in all three categories of In-House Hunting Rifle Target Shooting Events; (i) rimfire rifle (.22 calibre); (ii) medium-bore centre-fire hunting rifle (all centre-fire calibres below 9,3mm and .375); (iii) large-bore centre-fire hunting rifle (all centre-fire calibres from 9,3mm and .375 and larger).
- b. The rimfire, the medium-bore centre-fire, and the large-bore centre-fire rifle In-House Target Shooting Events are separate Events that may be completed at the same time (same day) by a member.
- c. In-House Postal Hunting Rifle Events shoots are shot under the auspices of a Range Officer or an accompanying NSA member at any shooting range which has a rifle range of at least 25m for rimfire rifles (.22 calibre) and 100m for centre-fire medium-bore and large-bore hunting rifles. Only official A4 NSA targets may be used – available on the Web at: <http://www.natshoot.co.za/postCompRifles.phpd>.
- d. After completion of the shooting session for IN-HOUSE participation, members post their targets which have been counter signed by the Range Officer or the accompanying NSA member, to the NSA Office for scoring and annual In-House ranking.
Targets of which all fields have not been filled out (i.e. name, id-number, range name, calibre of handgun, etc.) will not be logged in the database.
- e. **Only the correct and official A4 size NSA target will be accepted.**
See <http://www.natshoot.co.za/postCompGuns.php>
- f. Members use the rifles they legally own, "as is" in standard retail format (with either open iron sights or with hunting telescope).

5. TARGET SUBMISSION DATES

- a. Targets can be sent to the office at any time and scores will be entered into the database. However, only the scores and participation detail of members before their respective renewal date will be included in the annual report sent to members. Targets sent after renewal dates will be scored for the following year's participation.

6. TARGETS

- a. Only the official A4, NSA Rimfire Rifle Target or the NSA Centre-Fire Rifle Target may be used for NSA In-House Shooting Events. The previous, or "old" RFHR and CFHR or A and B Targets are no longer accepted and only those that are marked "**in use from 1-1-2008**" will be accepted. See <http://www.natshoot.co.za/postCompGuns.php>
- b. Members must provide their own targets. Shooting ranges are not responsible to furnish members with targets.
- c. Members may make good quality copies of the official NSA Handgun Target

7. COURSES OF FIRE (Rimfire & Centre-fire Hunting Rifles)

a. Rimfire Hunting Rifle (.22 calibre)

10 shots at 25m shot on one target in your own time scored out of 100 points.

b. Medium-bore Centre-fire Hunting Rifle (all centre-fire calibres < 9,3mm and .375)

5 shots at 100m on your own time, shot on one target and scored out of 50 points.

c. Large-bore Centre-fire Hunting Rifle (all centre-fire calibres from 9,3mm and .375 and larger)

5 shots at 100m on your own time, shot on one target and scored out of 50 points.

8. FIRING POSITION

- a. It is NSA policy that competitors use **full support** for all In-House rifle shoots (any shooting position is valid), with the exception that the **butt-stock may not** be rested or supported on anything else than the shoulder. NSA deems it ill advised to shoot at live game animals in freehand stance, and would like to get members to practice field shooting with support on the shooting range.
- b. Persons with disabilities for who it is difficult to accommodate in the above can negotiate best positions with Range Officers – please let the NSA office know of such situations so that we can also keep record of it.

9. CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATION (Rimfire & Centre-Fire Rifles)

- a. Categories for participation in so-called peer groups, are indicated as follows:
Seniors - participants 60 years of age and older (ladies included)
Men's Open - all male participants in the age group between 21 and 59
Ladies' Open - all lady participants in the age group between 21 and 59
Juniors - all members younger than 21 years (young men and young ladies)

10. PARTICIPATION IN IN-HOUSE SHOOTING EVENTS (Rimfire & Centre-Fire Rifles)

- a. Members can enter as many targets as often as they like – the highest score per calibre for the year will be taken for the annual in-house ranking.
- c. Mark targets clearly for calibre of rifle used (rimfire, or centre-fire) for certification purposes.
- d. **Targets on which all fields that have to be filled out are not completed will not be accepted and will not be entered in the database.**
- e. Make sure you and the Range Officer (or accompanying NSA member) have signed the shot targets and that your scores have been indicated correctly on each target – targets that have no score written on them will not be accepted by the office.
- f. Send shot targets to the NSA at PO Box 11461, Hatfield, 0028 to be entered into the competition.

- g. Members will, upon receipt of the correct documentation by the office, once per annum at renewal be issued with a certificate indicating their highest status in the In-House Events according to the following criteria:

High Master	97% >
Master	95% - 96%
Expert	90% - 94%
Sharpshooter	80% - 89%
Marksman	60% - 79%
Certificate of Participation	< 60%

- h. **All NSA-members are requested to shoot at least ONE course of fire for In-House shoots per annum and to have a target(s) entered for this purpose**, with either their handguns or hunting rifles – as they would wish (also see NSA National In-House Postal Handgun Target Shooting Events on website - <http://www.natshoot.co.za/postCompGuns.php>).
- i. Dates for NSA In-House Target Shooting Events will be set for a specific year – obviously members are not bound to shoot on these dates only. But it will be FUN to participate on these dates in your area as members will meet new friends and other NSA members in their area.

11. SCORING

- a. Scoring will be done by Members themselves, and these will be counter signed by either the Range Officer 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.
- 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, except 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 side it will be scored as a miss.
- h. Hits on outside of all the scoring rings are scored as misses.

12. ANNUAL CERTIFICATION:

- a. Members who enter targets for the In-House Target Shooting Events will once per annum at renewal of their subscriptions, receive a certificate on which their peer group, all their scores and the highest category of shooting status they have achieved, will be indicated.
- b. For licensing purposes members may request the office to issue them with a certificate outside of the annual issuing of said certificates – this will be issued free of charge, but will **only** be sent via email in PDF-format.