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NSA NATIONAL POSTAL SHOOTING COMPETITIONS

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ALL RULE CHANGES ARE IN FORCE AS FROM 1 MARCH 2007

PURPOSE

To offer all NSA members equal opportunity to participate and compete in a standardised National Handgun or Hunting Rifle Target Shooting Competition, conforming with international standards.

...It's GREAT FUN to participate....

NEW POSTAL SHOOTING COMPETITION RULES

The NSA's National Postal Target Shooting Competitions would have been going for 18 months at the end of February 2007. During this time a large number of our members participated in the classification shoots, but unfortunately only a small percentage participated in the national postal target shooting competition.

As members are aware, we are currently in a process of being evaluated as a sport-shooting association to be accredited as such with the SAPS (Central Firearms Registry). If we all hold thumbs we should have an answer on the outcome by the end of March (if we are lucky).

In discussions with the SAPS (CFR) re our accreditation as sport-shooting association, one of the things which was held to be important with the SAPS was the criteria for activities a dedicated sport-shooter with the NSA would have to do (once we are so lucky as to be accredited as such), in order to prove and maintain dedicated sport-shooters status, and the same for occasional sport-shooter status.

This was thus paramount in our discussions on what we should change (if any), and what we should include (if any), as well as how we had to re-direct our postal shoot formulae which are linked to the National Rifle Shooting Association (NRA – USA) for handguns, to Target Shooting New Zealand for rimfire rifles, and to the National Rifle Shooting Association of New Zealand for centre-fire rifles, in order to fulfil the requirements set by the SAPS.

Because we had a sound system for our postal shoots, we could adhere to the requirements of the SAPS by making a few small changes, which would not only benefit our members, but which would also satisfy the SAPS (CFR) of our system.

Below follows the changes we have had to make to our national postal target shooting competitions (handguns & rifles), to adhere to our own standards without having a negative effect on our members' participation in events, and to also satisfy the SAPS (CFR).

**You must at all times consult at least the
Step-by-Step guide dated 01-03-2007 for
either Handguns or Rifles before you
participate in any postal shoot**

Download it from the NSA Web Site www.natshoot.co.za

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ALL SHOOTS WILL BE COMPETITION SHOOTS

Where in the past members had to shoot classification shoots to be ordered into a category before participating in the competition, from 1 March 2007, **all shoots will be for competition purposes**. Thus every score will be entered into the database as targets shot for competition purposes.

Members will still be classified into classes of **shot status** as in the past, but these have been simplified to the original, and will be indicated as such on the competition certificate a member will receive after every shoot for which targets have been posted to the office.

Participants will be able to achieve a specific **Shooting Class Status** when they shoot the following scores:

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

Participants will participate in the following **Peer Group Categories**:

Seniors	- participants 60 years of age and older (men & ladies)
Men 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 ladies)

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If more than 10 ladies participate in the seniors and the junior peer group categories in a specific year, they will be formed into an own gender group in that category, and they will compete in that sub-category for that specific year.

At this stage, all our members can only acquire and maintain **occasional sport-shooters status** as we are not yet accredited as sport-shooting association with the CFR.

Members who want to **acquire or maintain occasional sport-shooting status** must shoot **at least two full courses of fire per handgun or rifle per annum**, and submit shot targets to the office (PO Box 11461, Hatfield, 0028). The office will log the scores onto the database, and furnish the participant with a certificate indicating peer group category, score, and shooting class status.

We seriously suggest that members who have acquired licences for a specific firearm under the auspices of sport-shooting, must ascertain that they shoot at least one full course of fire with each such firearm per annum to maintain occasional sport-shooter status with that firearm – send in the shot targets to the office as that becomes your proof of participation in sport-shooting with that firearm. Protect your right to legally own a firearm by doing the right thing !!

Participants can obviously shoot as many full courses of fire as they wish, and submit as many full courses of fire sets of shot targets as they wish, in order to better their position in the competition, as long as they comply with the minimum standard of two sets of full courses of fire per annum.

The criteria for Dedicated Sport-shooter will be finalised once accreditation as sport-shooting association has been granted by the SAPS (CFR).

Participants' scores will be updated bi-monthly on the NSA web site – www.natshoot.co.za

Shot targets must still be scored and **counter signed** by either the Range Officer or an accompanying NSA member (please make sure all fields are filled in on each target before sending it to the office).

Cost for first round entrance into the competition is R50 for the first set of full course shot targets per annum (for administrative and trophy costs).

Thereafter every submitted full course of fire set of shot targets will be entered into the competition at a cost of R25 per set. For very set of shot targets you enter into the competition you will receive a certificate indicating **peer group category, score, and shooting class status**. We were thus able to cut costs for a classification round and a competition round from R132 to R75 for two competition rounds, because our administration in keeping competition shooting data has been reduced substantially as we now only have one set of data to work with and to maintain.

Thus if you would want to shoot with a rimfire handgun (.22) and with a rimfire rifle (.22), and with your .243 hunting rifle, and with your 9mm Star, you will enter the set of full course of fire shot targets for the rimfire handgun for R50 (first set of targets for the year). Then you will submit one set of full course of fire shot targets for each of the other firearms at a cost of R25 per set of shot targets ($R50 + R25 + R25 + R25 = R125$ for the four sets of shot targets)

The office will log the scores onto the database, and furnish the participant with a certificate indicating peer group category, score, and shooting class status.

All scores of a specific participant with a specific calibre handgun or rifle will be entered into the competition – thus a participant could achieve fourth, seventh and thirteenth positions in the competition with the same calibre handgun or rifle.

Closing date for the annual postal competitions (handgun & rifle) still remains the 30th November annually with at the least the postage package post marked 30 November.

NEW HANDGUN POSTAL COMPETITION SHOOTING TABLES

Members use the handgun they legally own (pistol or revolver), “as is” in standard retail format (e.g. low profile iron sights or scopes – no infrared beam scopes or devices allowed)

FIRING POSITION

Standing position, handgun held in one or both hands, with all portions of the shooter's clothing, body and firearm clear of artificial support (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).

TARGETS

Only the official NSA B2, and NSA B3, targets may be used for postal handgun competition shoots.

Members are responsible to furnish the correct number of targets for competition shoots (Shooting ranges are not responsible to furnish members with targets).

Members may make good quality copies of B2 & B3 targets downloaded from the NSA website - <http://www.natshoot.co.za/postCompGuns.php>

Targets for Rimfire & for Centre-fire Handgun competition shoots are:

Timed Fire: 1 x B2 target (when completed there will be 10 shots on this target)

Rapid Fire: 1 x B3 target (when completed there will be 10 shots on this target)

COURSES OF FIRE (Competition - Rimfire & Centre-fire Handgun)

Total of 20 shots (4 strings of 5 shots each) at 10m – scored out of a possible 200 points:

Timed fire: B2 - 2 strings of 5 shots/string @ 45 seconds/string - 2 strings/target (100 pnts).

Rapid fire: B3 - 2 strings of 5 shots/string @ 20 seconds/string - 2 strings/target (100 pnts)

NEW RIFLE POSTAL COMPETITION SHOOTING TABLES

Members can use the rifles they legally own, “as is” in standard retail format (with either open iron sights or with hunting telescope - no infrared beam scopes or devices allowed)

FIRING POSITION

It is NSA policy that competitors use support for all rifle postal 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 un-ethical hunting 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. For the absolute majority of us freehand shooting is a gamble which ends in wounding the quarry. Rather be sure and eat the biltong !

TARGETS

Only the official NSA RIMFIRE target and CFR-6 and CFR-7 Centre-fire rifle targets may be used for competition shoots – download from web site

<http://www.natshoot.co.za/postCompRifles.php>

Members are responsible to furnish the correct targets, as well as the correct number of targets for competition shoots themselves (examples included in document package at enrolment) (Shooting ranges are not responsible to furnish members with targets). Members may make good quality copies of the specified targets.

ONE Target format is used for the Rimfire Rifle (.22 calibre) competition. The Target is named, Rimfire Target and is used for Timed Fire and Rapid Fire courses.

TWO Target formats are used for the Centre-fire Medium-bore and Large-bore Hunting Rifle competitions. The targets are named CFR-6 for Timed Courses of Fire and CFR-7 – for Slow Courses of Fire.

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FULL COURSE OF FIRE (Rifle Competition)

Full Course of Fire – Rimfire Rifle (.22 calibre)

Rapid Fire @ 25 meters – 2 strings of 5 shots per string x 60 seconds per string - thus 10 shots per 1 x Rimfire target – scored out of 100 points – 2 strings per target maximum

Timed Fire @ 50 meters – 2 strings of 5 shots per string x 120 seconds per string – thus 10 shots per 1 x Rimfire target – scored out of 100 points – 2 strings per target maximum

Full Course of fire – Medium-bore Centre-fire Hunting Rifle (all centre-fire calibres < .375)

Timed Fire @ 50 meters - 2 strings of 3 shots x 50 seconds per string – thus 6 shots on 1 x CFR-6 target – scored out of 60 points.

Slow Fire @ 100 meters – 2 strings of 3 shots x 2 minutes per string – thus 6 shots on 1 x CFR-7 target – scored out of 60 points.

Full Course of fire – Large-bore Centre-fire Hunting Rifle (all centre-fire calibres > .375)

Timed Fire @ 50 meters – 1 string of 4 shots x 75 seconds per string – thus 4 shots on 1 x CFR-6 target – scored out of 40 points.

Slow Fire @ 100 meters – 1 string of 4 shots x 3 minutes per string – thus 4 shots on 1 x CFR-7 target – scored out of 40 points.

DATES FOR OFFICIAL NSA POSTAL COMPETITION SHOOTS

The following dates have been set aside to be official NSA Postal Target Shooting Days

24 March 2007

23 June 2007

22 September 2007

All registered NSA shooting ranges will be ready to receive NSA members on those days.

Costs for shooting at the range must be settled with the range.

Please take your own targets along – enough for if you make a boo-boo or you would want to shoot more courses of fire – after all it is meant to be enjoyable – compete against yourself !!

Take enough rounds with you – not all ranges have ammo at hand to sell

Make-up a group of friends and go and enjoy the morning or the afternoon (or whole day!)

It is not the Range Officer's responsibility to teach you the courses of fire – take your step-by-step guides with you

Ranges do not send shot targets to the office.

HAVE FUN – THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

Use the day to teach the kids how to use firearms safely

NSA Fun Day !

21 April 2007

(NSA Postal Target Shoots at Rashoop – 10km north of Brits)

You will be informed of all details regarding this NSA FUN DAY very shortly

Members who live in a 120km radius from Brits must please chalk in this day in their calendars already

You don't want to miss this one !!!

Come and win an Impala with your handgun skills – or with your rimfire rifle – or even with your shotgun – leave everything and come !!

Keep very safe !!!!!



Dr Herman Els
Executive chair

FIREARM SAFETY IS NOT A NEGOTIABLE, IT'S A PREREQUISITE

Remember !

If you have to say you're sorry, it's already to late !