

RULES

OF THE

NORTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1 ENTRIES:

Open to any financial member of the northern Branches of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Incorporated, (Northland, Whangarei, North Auckland, Auckland, South Auckland) plus any new Branch which may start up within the area, who is resident within this defined area.

1.2 DATE OF COMPETITION AND VENUE:

To be shot annually on the Sunday of Auckland Anniversary weekend at a venue to be selected by participating Branches at a meeting following the conclusion of each year's event. Any deviation from the date must also be decided at the meeting. Venue to be alternately in the North hosted by a northern Branch and in the South by one of the southern Branches of the area.

1.3 COMPETITION MATCHES:

The competition will consist of the following Matches:

Five matches, four of 10 (ten) shots each and one of 5 (five) shots, a total of 45 counting shots, e.g.

10 shots prone in fifteen minutes, plus five minutes sighting in time

10 shots sitting in fifteen minutes

10 shots kneeling in fifteen minutes

10 shots standing in fifteen minutes

5 shots in 40 seconds Novelty or 5 shots Moving Target (slow run) with two non scoring sighters.

Final details are at the discretion of the host Branch but all matches must be shot on standard NZDA target facings at distances appropriate to the facings with the exception of the novelty shoot which must use standard facings but the distance shot at may be varied (e.g. 100m target shot at 50m)

1.4 The distance to be standard NZDA measurements (e.g. 50 m, 100 m, 200 m) or as close as possible within the restrictions of the Host Branch's range.

1.5 Timed events to be started and stopped by a whistle.

1.6 Timed events to have a 15 second call.

1.7 Matches must be fired in the order advertised by the Host Branch. Each match must be completed before the next commences.

1.8 All tied placings to be decided by the count back system.

1.9 CHAMPIONSHIP PLACINGS – GRAND AGGREGATE

Placings in the Northern Regional Championship will be decided by the aggregate of scores for the five events listed.

- 1.10 **PLACINGS – TEAMS EVENT:**
Placings in the Northern Regional teams Championship will be determined by the aggregate of the individual scores of the six highest scoring members of any one Branch in the Grand Aggregate.
- 1.11 If a Branch cannot field a full team of six then the Aggregate scores of a lesser number of members will become their Aggregate total for entry into the Team Championships.
- 1.12 **JUNIORS:**
A Junior is defined as a person aged 16 years or under on the date of competition. A Junior may be the son or daughter of a fully paid up member of a Branch within the area described under item 1.1 but does not have to be a fully paid up financial member of that Branch. A female Junior may elect to compete for the Ladies Trophy but will not be eligible for the Junior Trophy if she does so elect to do this.
- Junior shooters may elect to compete with a .22 rimfire rifle. Junior shooters may also elect to shoot from a rest, but they would not be eligible for Trophies, they would only receive a certificate of participation.
- 1.13.1 **TROPHIES:**
Trophies are awarded in the following classes:
Enzler Trophy – Top scoring shooter – Grand Aggregate
Etzio Trophy – Team Trophy – Grand Aggregate
Hodges Trophy – Top scoring Lady – Grand Aggregate
Page-Ockleston Trophy – Top scoring Junior – Grand Aggregate
- 1.13.2 **CERTIFICATES:**
Northern Regional Certificates will be awarded to:
Grand Aggregate 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings
Ladies Championship 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings
Junior Championship 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings
Teams Championship 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings
(Certificate for each team member)
Individual Matches 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings
- 1.13.3 The Aggregate Champion is the shooter with the highest Aggregate score on the day. A Lady or a Junior is eligible for this Trophy.
- 1.13.4 The Ladies Champion is the lady with the highest score on the day.
- 1.13.5 The Junior Champion is the junior with the highest score on the day.
- 1.14 The engraving of the Trophies is the responsibility of the winner of each trophy. They will then bill the Host Branch for reimbursement of costs.
- 1.15 The return of Trophies is the responsibility of the Trophy winners and / or their parent Branch.

1.16 When supplies of Certificates are running low more are ordered and each Branch must pay its equal share of the cost.

1.17 Any costs involved in repair or replacement of Trophies must be equally borne by all Branches.

1.18 If Certificates cannot be issued on the day of competition they must be posted out to Branches within 30 days of the date of competition.

1.19 **AVAILABILITY OF RULES:**
A copy of the rules of Northern Regional Championships must be on display at any Championship venue. This is the responsibility of the Host Branch and the copy of the rules must be available for the competitors to study at any time.

1.20 **COSTS, PROFITS:**
The cost of running the Championship to be held to the minimum cost required to cover costs of targets, postage, stationery, engraving, etc. The running of the Championship is not to be regarded as a fund raising event. This is a Trophy Competition, not a Prize Shoot.

1.21 Charges for meals, teas, etc are at the Host Branches discretion.

1.22 A meeting to be held at the conclusion of the day's events to discuss any changes of rules and any other relevant items, meeting to be open to all competitors and or executive Branch members but Branches are allowed a maximum of two (2) voting delegates only. Any changes made at this meeting to take effect from the following Regional Championship.

1.23 Notification of the date, time, venue and format of the Northern Regional Championship must be circulated to all Branches in the area by December of the preceding year. Adherence to this rule is the responsibility of the Host Branch Secretary and / or Range Convener.

1.24 A copy of the minutes of the meeting, a full list of scores and winners are to be sent to the regions Branches by the Host Branch as soon as possible after the completion of the Championship.

2. **RIFLES, AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT:**
2.1 **RIFLES:**

Any rifle firing a centrefire cartridge. No restriction on weight, stock dimensions or sights. Calibre must not exceed 8 mm.
(NB: See rule 1.12 regarding Junior shooters use of .22 rimfire rifles.)

2.2.1a Competitors are restricted to the use of one rifle for the duration of each competition except in the case of a demonstratable malfunction in which case they may be allowed the use of a substitute rifle for the remainder of the competition, subject to the discretion of the Chief Range Officer.

2.2.1b Where the use of a substitute rifle is allowed, the competitor shall be permitted to fire two sighting shots which cannot be retained.

- 2.3 **AMMUNITION:**
(a) The use of tracer, incendiary and armour piercing ammunition is prohibited.
- (b) See also NSRIM
- 2.4 **TRIGGERS AND TRIGGER TESTING:**
2.4a The trigger and cocking mechanism of any firearm used in competition may be tested at any time at the request of the Range Officer. Firearms failing to pass the test are ineligible for use in competition but after adjustment may be re-submitted for another test.
- 2.4b All triggers must be adjusted so that the firearm will cock (i.e. sear engage the striker) with normal operation of the cocking mechanism and remain safely cocked throughout normal movements of the firearm.
- Cocking test:** The firearm to be cocked with a normal operation of the cocking mechanism. No unusually careful, slow or fast activation of the cocking mechanism to ensure cocking will be permitted. The firearm must cock without the need to place the firearm into any specific position to ensure cocking.
- 2.4c See also NSRIM
- 2.5 **USE OF RESTS AND OTHER AIDS:**
 The use of slings, rests, palm rests, risers and butt hooks are not permitted.
- 2.6 **SPOTTING SCOPES:**
2.6a The use of telescopes mounted off the rifle to locate shots is permitted in all positions.
- 2.6b Signaling of the position of the shot holes during competition is not permitted.
- 2.7 **SHOOTING MATS:**
 As per National Shooting Rules and Instruction Manual
- 2.8 **KNEELING ROLL:**
 As per National Shooting Rules and Instruction Manual
- 2.9 **CLOTHING REGULATIONS:**
 No specialized shooting clothing may be worn, e.g. jackets, pants, boots, gloves.
- 2.10 **GROUNDSHEETS AND OTHER WATERPROOFS:**
 Groundsheets and other forms of waterproof sheeting may be used to protect competitors from rain on the firing point but such protection must not touch the rifle nor provide any support to the competitor whatsoever.

2.11 PLACEMENT OF RIFLE BUTTS:
Under no circumstances shall the butt of a competitor's rifle be permitted to be placed inside a coat or jacket during competition.

2.12 WIND FLAGS:
As per National Shooting Rules and Instruction manual

3. SHOOTING POSITIONS, SHOOTING TIME:
ALL POSITIONS: All parts of the body in contact with the ground must be behind the firing line.

3.1 REGULAR PRONE POSITION:
As per NSRIM

3.2 REGULAR KNEELING POSITION:
As per NSRIM

3.3 REGULAR SITTING POSITION:
As per NSRIM

3.4 REGULAR STANDING POSITION:
As per NSRIM

3.5 USE OF VARIATIONS OF DEFINED POSITIONS:
The legality of any variation from the prone, kneeling, sitting and standing positions as defined in 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 will be decided by the Range Officer, who shall take into consideration the spirit and intent of the regulations.

3.6 TIME LIMITS FOR COMPETITION:
Prone 15 minutes
Sitting 15 minutes
Kneeling 15 minutes
Standing 15 minutes
Novelty 40 seconds
Moving Target No fixed time limit

In the case of the 40 second 5 shot Match no alibi is allowable for competitors not firing all 5 (five) shots or for the Moving Target if that is used instead.

N. B. Time must be taken from the Range Officer's command "Start". In the case of an interruption, the Range Officer must stop timing at the beginning of the interruption and commence again when the interruption has stopped.

3.7 TIME REMAINING (ONE MINUTE) INDICATION:
Competitors must be informed that one minute remains of shooting time by the blast of a whistle and the call "one minute left" by the Range Officer.

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EXTRA TIME FOR COMPETITION:

A competitor who fails to fire the requisite number of shots at the target shall not be allowed extra time to complete the match except when a malfunction of rifle or ammunition which is not caused by the competitor nor could have reasonably been prevented by the competitor, occurs during the progress of the match. In such circumstances, the competitor is allowed the balance of the time remaining after the deduction of time elapsed from the start of the match to the time of notification of the malfunction to the Range Officer to complete the match.

4.

TARGETS, MARKING, GAUGING AND SCORING:

4.1

Targets to be official fifty metre, one hundred metre and two hundred metre targets of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated.

4.2

SCORING:

(a)

A hit is scored to the higher value if the outer side of a line or circle is touched by a bullet or if a small portion of the line is covered by the scoring gauge.

(b)

If more than the required number of shots are found on any target, the marker shall endeavour to establish whether the extra shot or shots were fired by the competitor or by another competitor in the same detail. This may be by the difference in caliber, examination of neighbouring targets, or by questioning the Range Officer and / or other competitors.

(c)

In the case of a competitor firing more shots than required on their own target, the competitor is penalized the highest scoring shots as is applicable. In the case of an extra shot or shots fired on the target by another competitor, the competitor whose target contains the extra shot or shots shall have the lowest scoring shot or shots deducted. This is provided that the other competitor's shot or shots cannot be positively established by difference in caliber.

4.3

GAUGING:

4.3(a)

CENTREFIRE (BIG BORE RIFLE)

All gauging is done to a caliber of 8 mm (0.315")

4.3(b)

Where gauging is necessary, official testing gauges of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated will be used.

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MALFUNCTIONS, MISFIRES AND ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES:

As per Section 4 of NSRIM

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RULES OF CONDUCT:

6.1

COMPETITION PUNCTUALITY:

It is the responsibility of the competitor to be ready with all necessary equipment when his or her detail is called to the firing point. Competitors

arriving late will be allowed no extra time to complete the match.

- 6.2 **LEAVING THE FIRING POINT DURING COMCPETITION:**
If a competitor must leave the firing point during course of competition, the Range Officer must be signaled to by raising the right hand. After informing the range Officer, the competitor may leaving the firing point causing as little disturbance as possible to other competitors.
- 6.3 **OBEDIENCE TO RANGE OFFICER INSTRUCTIONS:**
All competitors on the firing point must comply with the instructions of the Range Officer immediately.
- 6.4 **CARRIAGE AND STORAGE OF FIREARMS:**
All firearms on the range must be carried or stored with breeches open, Loading may only take place at the firing point on the orders of the Range Officer.
- 6.5 **OTHER COMPETITOR'S FIREARMS AND EQUIPMENT:**
No one except an equipment inspector, Range Officer or Jury member may handle another competitor's firearms or equipment without the permission of that competitor.
- 6.6 **COMMUNICATION WITH BYSTANDERS:**
No competitor while on the firing point during course of competition shall communicate with bystanders in the vicinity except through the Range Officer. The same shall apply to communication from bystanders to competitors at the firing point.
- 6.7 **COMPETITORS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL:**
Competitors under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall not be permitted on the point and cannot shoot in competition while so influenced.

Note: "NSRIM" in text is an abbreviation for "National Shooting Rules and Instruction Manual"