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*Conditions applying to each match, and General Rules and Regulations governing the conduct of the meeting and competitors, are contained in the Official Programme. Competitors are advised to study these Rules.*

### SECTION A - GENERAL

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### GENERAL

#### 1 RESPONSIBILITY

- 1.1 These rules are applicable to the NРАНZ National Championships and may be used in part or in full by Associations and Clubs.
- 1.2 Competitors are required to acquaint themselves with the Regulations and conditions of each match. No pleas of ignorance will be accepted.
- 1.3 Where conflict may occur, rules as stated in the NРАНZ Constitution are to take precedence.

#### 2 SAFETY

- 2.1 The Chief Range Officer is responsible to the Council, through the Chairman of the Council, for all aspects of safety for the duration of the Championship.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure their rifles, ammunition and equipment, in use or for use, are safe and will not endanger anybody.

2.2.1 To ensure rifle safety, the trigger weight is to be not less than 0.5 KG, and the rifle action must pass the following function test:

### **Test Procedure:**

- 1 Ascertain the chamber is empty.
  - 2 Insert the bolt and close it normally, and re-open.
  - 3 Close the bolt **smartly**; with more force than you would if you were feeding a cartridge from a magazine fed rifle.
  - 4 Open the bolt partially by lifting the bolt handle half way, and close with a snap, and test fire the trigger which should have a positive pressure.
  - 5 Remove the bolt.
- 2.3 The Range Officer may summarily prohibit the use of any rifle, ammunition or equipment which in his/her opinion is unsafe or is being used in an unsafe combination.
- 2.4 The Range Officer may order the immediate cessation of any shooting procedure which he/she considers may endanger anybody.
- 2.5 Any decision made by the Range Officer under Rules 2.2 or 2.3 of this Section, may be appealed to the Council of the NRANZ. The Council's decision will be final.
- 2.6 Any decision by the Range Officer or Council made for reasons of safety takes precedence over any other Clause in these Rules with which it conflicts.
- 2.7 The Council may impose any penalty it thinks fit on any person who knowingly, deliberately or negligently endangers themselves or others.

### **3 CLASSES OF COMPETITION**

- 3.1 Competitors will be eligible to enter one of the following classes of competition in accordance with Section C of these rules:
- 3.1.1 Target Rifle Class.
- 3.1.2 Free Rifle Class.

### **4 BALLINGER BELT COMPETITION**

- 4.1 Only competitors who enter the Target Rifle Class of competition will be eligible for the Ballinger Belt National Championship.

### **5 ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 Entries will be accepted from members of Rifle Clubs who are affiliated to the National Rifle Association of New Zealand(NRANZ) and who are currently financial.
- 5.2 Entries will also be accepted from shooters of other countries who are affiliated to their national association.
- 5.3 Entries will also be accepted from any member of the worlds Defence Forces, Cadets and the Police, unless prohibited by the conditions of a particular match or competition.
- 5.4 All overseas entrants are required to be affiliated to the NRANZ by payment of the affiliation fees as set from time to time.

*Note: This Rule shall not apply to entrants from any country which does not require affiliation of New Zealand entrants.*

- 5.5 All eligible entrants, including members of the Defence Forces, Cadets or Police, not affiliated through a club or not a member of a registered Kindred Organisation, are required to affiliate to the NRANZ before shooting in the annual National Championship.
- 5.6 At all open rifle meetings held by or under the control of the NRANZ and in all matches at such meetings, with exceptions set out in Section 'A' 5.7, competitors must nominate, shoot for or represent only the club on whose nominal roll their names appear.
- 5.7 Resident New Zealand personnel as defined in Section 'A' 5.3 who are also bona fide members of a rifle club shall have the right, prior to the commencement of any open meeting as set out in Section 'A' 5.6 to declare whether they represent their particular service, etc., or represent the club by which they are affiliated, in which case they can represent only the service or club for which the declaration is made.
- 5.7.1 Life members of clubs other than that of which they are affiliated members and whose names appear as a life member on the master roll of the club of which they are life members, shall have a similar choice and be subject to the same restrictions.

### **6.3 Method**

- 6.3.1 A list of Association Rifle Championships will be designated annually to provide information to the computer grading system.
- 6.3.2 All individual aggregate scores from these meetings are to be used in determining individual grading assessments.
- 6.3.3 Aggregates A3, A8 and A9 from the National Championship are to count and be used as separate aggregates.
- 6.3.4 All overseas competitors aggregate scores are to be discarded.

#### **6.4 Ungraded Competitors**

- 6.4.1 Members of an official representative visiting team are to be graded 'A'.
- 6.4.2 Other overseas competitors are to be graded 'A'. However, competitors may enter in accordance with their own National Body rules provided proof of grading and its comparative standard is produced.
- 6.4.3 Ungraded New Zealand Club Members must be graded by their Club Secretary by comparison with graded Club Members. The Club Secretary is to certify this in writing.

#### **6.5 Grading Lists**

- 6.5.1 An updated grading list shall be produced twice yearly; (A) Immediately after the NRANZ Championships and (B) Immediately after the last computer grading meeting on the NRANZ meetings list.
- 6.5.2 Each new grading list will be circulated to Clubs and Associations.
- 6.5.3 Competitor gradings become effective on publication of a grading list. This grading list automatically supersedes all previous lists.

#### **6.6 Appeals**

- 6.6.1 Any appeals against the grading list are to be considered by the Grading Committee. The decision of the Grading Committee shall be final.

### **7 SQUADDING**

- 7.1 All aspects of squadding shall be determined by the Championship Planning Committee.
- 7.2 Competitors are to shoot from within the space on the firing point between the peg indicating the number of the target allocated to their squad and the peg to the left.

### **8 PUNCTUALITY**

- 8.1 Competitors must be ready to fire when their turn comes. Additional time will not be allocated to a firer who is late to shoot.
- 8.2 Any competitor who is absent when it is his/her turn to fire, may be required by the Range Officer to forfeit his/her right to shoot in that particular match. Such competitor shall have no claim for a return of his/her entrance fee.

### **9 PRACTICE SHOOTING**

- 9.1 The Trentham Range may be open for practice on days prior to the meeting at times specified by the Executive Committee.
- 9.2 Competitors will not be permitted to practice with or 'try' any rifle on the competition range during the shooting day. Such practice will only be permitted on the Zero Range.

### **10 ZEROING**

- 10.1 The zero range will be available for zeroing purposes at times specified in the programme by the Championship Planning Committee. The rules for the use of the zero range, as issued by the Commander Trentham Military Camp, must be fully observed.
- 10.2 No shooter may use the zero range unless accompanied by at least one other person.

### **11 RULES NOT SPECIFIED**

- 11.1 Issues not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Judicial Committee for decision.