

NZCTA Rule Book Errata

September 2017

4. Rules for Handling Shotguns modified

- 4.18 The rules contained herein at 4.19 to 4.29 (inclusive) shall apply to the handling and use of any firearm at any event conducted on the grounds of any Club affiliated to the New Zealand Clay Target Association including (but not limited to) club competitions, open shoots and any championship event.
- 4.19 All individuals (regardless of whether or not they are a competitor in an event) must comply with the following principles of safe firearms handling:
- (a) All firearms, even when unloaded, empty, or thought to be safe, must be handled with the greatest care and in a safe manner as if the firearm were otherwise ready to be fired.
 - (b) Conventional double barrel firearms must be carried with the breech open and empty of ammunition.
 - (c) Semi-automatic and pump action firearms must be carried with the breech-bolt open, empty of ammunition and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
 - (d) It is forbidden for any individual to touch or handle another shooter's gun without first obtaining the owner's express permission to do so.
 - (e) It is the shooter's responsibility to be aware of their obligations for gun handling, security and storage as required by the Arms Act and to adhere to those obligations at all times.
- 4.20 All individuals (regardless of whether or not they are a competitor in an event) must comply with the following principles of shooting, test firing and sighting or patterning of firearms:
- (a) Sighting (the closing of a firearm and shouldering the firearm to test the firearm's fit and "sighting" for the shooter) a firearm is permitted only on the shooting station or in an area designated by shoot management for that purpose but sighting a firearm shall not occur during any competition without the express permission of the referee.
 - (b) Patterning (the discharge of a firearm against a pattern board or a designated wall to assess the firearm's shot pattern) may only be conducted in an area designated by shoot management for that particular purpose and upon the express permission of shoot management..
 - (c) Shots may be fired by a competitor only when it is the shooter's turn and the target for that competitor has been thrown.
 - (d) The test firing of guns may be conducted only with the permission of the referee as follows:
 - (i) on the range prior to the beginning of a round; or
 - (ii) after the malfunction of a firearm; or
 - (e) The sighting of or shooting at another competitor's target by any other individual is prohibited.
 - (f) Deliberately sighting or shooting at live birds or other animals at any time is prohibited.
 - (g) The deliberate shooting by any individual of any hat or any other item of clothing at any time whatsoever is expressly prohibited. For the sake of clarity, individuals are expressly prohibited from discharging their firearm in a celebratory manner whatsoever and there shall be no discretion reserved in favour of shoot management in respect of any such conduct.
- 4.21 Ammunition must not be placed in any part of the gun until the shooter is standing on the shooting station, facing the live shooting or firing zone with the gun facing the target flight area, and after the referee has given permission to load.
- 4.22 In addition to rule 4.21 shooters using a semi-automatic shotgun shall not put ammunition in any part of the gun until it is their turn to shoot.
- 4.23 The shooter must not move or turn from the shooting station or the live firing or shooting zone before their gun is opened and ammunition or spent shells have been removed from the breech.
- 4.24 During any competition when shooting is interrupted:
- (a) every competitor's gun must be opened and ammunition removed; and
 - (b) no gun may be loaded with ammunition and closed until the order to continue shooting has been given by the referee.

- 4.25 Whilst a competitor is preparing to call for his/her target and while that individual is completing his/her shooting, all other shooters must remain silent and must not cause any interruption of the shooting other than those instances permitted in these rules. During competition, squad members must restrict their conversations to calling for their targets, reporting 'READY' to the referee, making a protest, or answering the questions of the referee.
- 4.26 Shooters must not close their guns before it is their turn to shoot, and in handicap by distance matches, the gun must not be closed until all other shooters have retired to a mark at least equal to the shooter's distance mark.
- 4.27 The shooter must always close the action of their gun in a safe manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 4.28 In DTL events, all guns must be carried open when moving between stations 1 and 5, and must be carried open and unloaded without ammunition when moving from station 5 to station 1.
- 4.29 In skeet, sporting and five-stand events, the shooter's firearm shall only be loaded with ammunition and closed when the shooter is standing within the shooting station and it is that shooter's turn to shoot, otherwise all guns must be carried open and unloaded when moving between stations.

June 2017

- From 2018 stand alone North and South Island Skeet Tournaments. Day 1 50 of each of the 3 sub gauges, day 2 100 12 gauge (including a handicap event over the same 100 Tgts) then 50 Doubles but the 100 12 gauge event will not have Island status but the handicap event will have Island status This tournament to run for a 3 year term. Clubs invited to host this event. Must have 4 skeet fields. 20 Gauge event to be North (or South Commonwealth Championships).

September 2016

- Targets shot in gauge restricted (sub gauge) events are not counted for the Skeet Long Run Award. Rule 2.147.
- Rule 3.02f change to read: a shooter shooting in a higher grade in any event than the grade determined by their grading percentage will compete in the high gun competition for their elected grade. Once their grading percentage changes so will their high gun pool if their grading goes up or down.
- The South Island North/South skeet team qualifying will close the weekend prior to the South Island Champs, with shoot offs being held at the Island Championships.

April 2016

- Rule 3.02 e amended: A shooter may elect to shoot in a higher grade in any event than the grade determined by the grading percentage recorded on the shooter's book. A shooter shall remain on the higher elected grade until a further rule off is done. The minimum percentage for the higher grade shall be marked in the handicap book.
- Rule 7.03c changed from 1 June 2016 to read the top of the roof shall be at ground level.

October 2015

- Jim McKenzie Jack (Calrossie) Sutherland Trophy event to be selected from NZ Juniors. \$1000 each to be funded from the consolidated fund when the event is held in Australia.
- Double Trap Zones, (from 2016) will be a stand-alone one day event.
- New Rule re Maximum Shell Length: prohibition of shells longer than 70mm relates to all gauges including .410 shells. Rule 4.12
- a rule changed to introduce long run from the front instead of countback, counting forward from the first target of the round, until a zero is found. Rule 2.33 e.
- rule 4-12c specifying a minimum size of shot of 2mm.
- From 2016 an additional Skeet High Gun Championship at NZ Skeet Nationals to be introduced. This to be known as the NZ Skeet All Gauges High Gun.
- From 2016 the 25tgt Island Skeet championship be a North/South qualifying event.

- Glenn Trophy and Cup teams required to wear their No 1 uniforms for presentations and opening ceremony (for Glenn Cup)
- North Island North/South skeet team selection for Ladies and Juniors to be over highest of 3 x 25 Tgt events. (To align with South Island selection for same teams).

April 2015

- Secondary School Shooting, effective immediately:

2.111 (f) (1) NZ Points Score Championship decreased to 20 targets

2.111 (h) (1) NZ Single Rise Championship decreased to 20 targets

2.111 (j) (1) NZ Single Barrel Championship decreased to 10 targets

- Long Runs Rule 2.144 Student and Junior Long Runs. Not restricted to DTL discipline. Now available in all disciplines for their first 25.
- The minimum for all sporting clay teams shall be B Grade shooters or better
- Island Skeet and Ball Trap events be 25 targets, commencing 2016.
- DTL Island Championships be held on Friday - Monday

December 2014

Jim McKenzie Jack (Calrossie) Sutherland Trophy event discontinued

Effective 1 January 2015, a 50 Tgt 12g Skeet Championship shall be held on the Ball Trap day of the DTL Island Tournament. This Championship shall not form part of the High Gun.

The Island 20g Skeet Championships and Island Skeet Doubles Championships will not be shot until further notice.

September 2014

Rule 1.37 (c) Te Kuiti Added to Waikato Provincial grounds.

Rule 1-01 (d) Amended to read: A "shooter" or a "member" both mean a clay target shooter registered through an affiliated club with the New Zealand Clay Target Association Incorporated and where applicable, shall include any individual or clay target shooter whom is a member of any similar or like national association from outside of New Zealand and is or has been entered as a competitor in or otherwise involved with an Association clay target event in New Zealand.

Rule 4.17 introduction added and (a) and (b) amended:

General- Shooters competing in, and clubs staging clay target shooting matches under the auspices of the NZCTA, (including international competitors from outside New Zealand) render themselves liable for disqualification from any match or suspension from any Association matches and events, should any of the following rules not be faithfully observed:

- a) Shooters will comply with:
 - i) These regulations in their entirety;
 - ii) Any applicable Code of Conduct issued by the Association or any Club; and
 - iii) Any reasonable direction or instruction of the Council, any host Club or Shoot Management.
- b) Shooters should be courteous to field personnel and conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

Rule 1-01 (o) Removed

May 2014

Rule 2.125 (a) 2 remove Clause

Section 1.01 (o) Add:

That for the purposes of entry in any "Open" event, open entry defines any current individual currently registered with the NZCTA or recognized international body (recognized by NZCTA).

Rule 2.75 (b) (*typo correction*) Clubs may only hold one such District **and** 100 target qualifying event per calendar year.

Rule 2.75 (f) Amended to read: Each competitor shall pay an entry fee of \$5.00 **per score** for the Open team....

2.75 (o) 1 North Island North/South Skeet team qualifying shall run from the Waikato Provincials in September and the North Island Skeet Championships will be the venue for any team ties.

2.75 (o) 2 South Island North/South Skeet Team qualifying shall end on 1 September. The South Island Skeet Championship will be the venue for any shoot offs for team ties.

2.76 (b) North/South Sporting qualifying; The Province of Southland, the Alexandra Sporting event and the Rotorua Presidents Cup will be qualifying events for this event.

Secondary School Shooting:

2.111 (f) (1) NZ Points Score Championship increased to 25 targets

2.111 (h) (1) NZ Single Rise Championship increased to 25 targets

2.111 (j) (1) NZ Single Barrel Championship increased to 15 targets

Section 4.09 Correction typo should read: A mini target shall be 73mm (plus or minus 4mm) diameter and shall not be more than **57** grams in weight