

## FITASC Updated Categories effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

At the recent meeting of the FITASC General Assembly the following rule changes were made.

The new FITASC Categories as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Present: Junior	<b>12 to 21 years</b>
Present: Lady	<b>No age limit</b>
Present: Senior	<b>New Man - 21 to 55 years</b>
Present: Veteran	<b>New Senior - 56 to 65 years</b>
Present: Super-Veteran	<b>New Veteran - 66 years to 73 years</b>
<u>New Category</u>	<u>Master</u> 74 at the 1 <sup>st</sup> January each year.

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New rule change on **WIND AFFECTED** targets: -

Past at the Ordinary General Assembly in (Budapest Hungary)

Rule 15.6.5

**Current Rule:**

**After** the trajectories are agreed there will be No '**No Target**' calls by the referee for **Wind / Weather** affected targets during the competition with the following exceptions:

**A. The target fails to appear:**

**B. The target trajectory is considered dangerous by the referee.**

Hugh Smith, the President FITASC Referees Commission, was asked to amend this rule due to the weather conditions experienced at Lulworth and have left the door slightly open for example, if a target is released, **not** dangerous, but the trajectory keeps behind a line of trees where it cannot be reasonably expected to be shot at, then this is a good reason, to adjust the target to get it back along the intended flight line.

**However**, if the target is in clear air where it can be shot at and then dips behind cover then an adjustment is not supported.

**For Compak:**

There are no '**No Target**' calls due to weather,

**Compak:**

The only rule change here is to do with rule 2.3 concerns Sonopull (voice release) systems: it requires the trap release signal to be sent within 0.5 sec (no changes there). However, the reaction time of the trap must be within (one) second i.e. once the release pulse has been set, the trap must release the target 1 (one) second. It is to ensure that the slowest of the 6 traps on a layout will release within 1 (one) second of the release pulse. It is further recommended that on a Compak layout **All** six (6) machines have the same characteristics, in other words, their target release times will be near identical.

There is **No** change to the acceptable manually released targets timing of (3) seconds.