

NZCTA Rule Book Errata

April 2019

- Rule 2.69 g amended to read: Membership of the New Zealand open team, which is open to New Zealand citizens only who have been a citizen of NZ for at least the twelve months prior to competition, shall be established by selection of the top twenty five shooters with the highest aggregate scores in the New Zealand Single Rise, Single Barrel and Points Score championships.
- Rule 2.110 b3 amended to: Teams with tied scores to be established on a countback
- Rule 2.110 d4 amended to: Teams with tied scores to be established on a countback
- Rule 2.110 b2 amended to: First to third places shall be awarded, plus first Girls team
- Rule 2.110d3 amended to: First to third places shall be awarded, plus first Girls team
- Rule 2.111 f 1 amended to read 25 targets, Rule 2.111 h1 amended to read 25 targets, Rule 2.111J1 amended to read 15 targets.
- Rule 1.49 h (last point) amended to read: School competition shooting on the grounds will not be permitted -
- Rule 2.70c, Note 1 Amended to read: Qualifying scores to be taken over the targets of National Skeet Championship and the 50 Tgt Skeet Handicap Championship (off the gun scores). Team ties to shoot off.
- Rule 4.11 (l) added: Gun slips are approved at Sporting and Compak events only, where approved by shoot management. The onus is on the shooter to ensure the gun is unloaded and safe.

November 2018

- High Gun at Provincial, Island and NZ DTL Championships is compulsory if all High Gun events are entered.
- Super Veterans DTL North/South event created. This will start at the 2018 SI Champs for South Island shooters and the 2019 NI Champs for North Island shooters. If a shooter is aged 70 years of age at the beginning of the qualifying period they will classed as a Super Veteran. If they turn 70 during a qualifying period then they will remain a Veteran until the start of the next qualifying period. i.e. what they the start the qualifying period as, they will remain in that category until the start of the next qualifying period.
- From 1 January 2019 all Double Trap Championships will be removed from the NZCTA calendar. There has been a steady decrease in the number of participants and it is not financially viable for many clubs to host this discipline. Clubs are able to run club Double Trap events.
- An additional fee for entering NZCTA events may be imposed by clubs for entry on the day (this would mean every time a shooter goes to the office on each and every successive days to enter they pay the fee). This fee to be \$10 and to be at the host club's discretion and is effective from 1 January 2019 for all NZCTA Championships where a postal entry is available. This additional charge reflects the additional time and costs to the host clubs. Pre entry to tournaments is preferred as this gives the host clubs time to adequately prepare for the event.
- FITASC Universal Trench discipline adopted for a trial period of three years. The percentages for Universal Trench be
A Grade 89% and over, B Grade 82 – below 89%, C Grade under 82%. Starting grade be ISSF Trap grade or if no rule off, then Rule 3.24 applies. There will be no NZCTA Championship status for events during trial period.
- South Island North/South Skeet qualifying event to begin and end at the Canterbury Provincials.
- The eligibility for shooting Skeet at the School Championships has changed to be exactly the same as the DTL eligibility; competitors must have a minimum of 3 scores recorded in their handicap book, which have been shot at three separate competitions.
- Increased the National DTL targets to 35c
- 2. Sporting North/South Rules amended: 1. Amend rule 2-76 to include the Waikato Mid-Winter Sporting Event as it is a regular annual event in the North Island. Amend rule 2-76 to correct

the selection period to be a calendar qualifying year (1 Jan to 31 Dec) . Amend wording in paragraph i) to refer to “reserves”, not “emergencies”. Amend wording in paragraph l) to refer to the event organisers rather than Council for the time of the event .

- Sporting and Compak grades be changed to AA Grade 83% and above, A Grade 74% - less than 83%, B Grade 63% to less than 74%, C Grade less than 63%. Effective from 1 January 2019
- North/South Sporting mixed team created.
- Rule 2.72 Glenn Trophy team to be selected over a 12 month period ending three months prior to the competition.

October 2018

New Rule Added:

1-47 The Executive may from time to time and by notice in writing to all Clubs issue written “Codes of Practice” or “Policy Statements” containing information, codes or policies that record how Clubs should comply with or adhere to certain standards and obligations expected by the NZCTA.

1-48 Clubs and members shall do all things reasonably necessary to comply with and adhere to any Code of Practice or Policy Statement issued by the Executive.

1-49 Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, the Executive may (in its sole discretion) grant consent in writing for a Club to use steel shot on its grounds (“the Consent”) but subject always to the following:

- a) A Club must make written application to the Executive detailing the Club’s request to use steel shot on its grounds (“the Request”);
- b) The Request will include evidence that the Club has used all reasonable steps and methods to comply with any existing NZCTA, rule, Code of Practice or Policy Statement in respect of use of lead shot on its grounds;
- c) The Request will provide adequate detail to the Executive that despite using all reasonable steps, the Club is unable to comply with the relevant NZCTA Code of Practice or Policy Statement for the use of lead shot on its grounds;
- d) Granting the Consent will be at the sole discretion of the Executive;
- e) While the Consent is in place, the Club is prohibited from allowing lead shot to be used on its grounds until further written notice of the NZCTA.
- f) Where Steel shot is used on the grounds of Clubs with a Consent, the shot sizes of steel shot to be used shall remain the same shot size of these rules as if lead shot were being used on the grounds of the Club;
- g) The Consent will include any condition or conditions that the Executive in its sole discretion considers necessary;
- h) The Consent Conditions may include (but shall not be limited to) any of the following items:
 - That the Club will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all shooters on that Club’s grounds must only use steel shot on its grounds– it will not be permissible for lead shot to be used on the grounds of the Club after the Executive has issued a Consent;
 - The Club must post adequate signage on its grounds that the Club grounds are for steel shot only and that each individual shooter must ensure that their firearm is suitable for the use of steel shot;
 - The Club must take all reasonable steps to mitigate the risk of steel shot ricochet;
 - The Club will require all shooters, referees, markers and those individuals involved with the operation of the Club’s events on the shooting range to wear protective eye wear or safety glasses;
 - The Club will ensure that an adequate supply of safety glasses are available for use;
 - If advertising in Gunshot for any event, the Club must ensure that the advertisement includes a reference that its events are “steel shot events only”;
 - School shooting on the grounds will not be permitted - and the Executive may include any other condition or conditions of consent as it sees fit in its sole discretion.
- i) The Club will do all things necessary to ensure that the Club, its members and guests shooting on the Club grounds comply with the Consent;
- j) The Executive may by notice in writing to the Club add to, alter, amend or revoke all or any part of the Consent from time to time.

- k) The Executive will give notice in writing to all Clubs of any Consent issued, altered, amended or revoked from time to time.
 - l) The Consent will remain in place until further written notice of the Executive.
- (exiting rules 1-47 and 1-48, will now be renumbered to be 1-50 and 1-51 respectively)

JUNE 2018

Rule 2.75 (b) Amended to read: Each Open and Veterans team shall be selected by the Association selectors from scores submitted from a minimum of four 100 Target qualifying tournaments. Clubs may only hold one such 100 target qualifying event per calendar year. Clubs are permitted to run another club's allocated 100 target qualifying event provided that the clubs are within 200km by road. The 100 target NZ 12g Championship and the 100 target Commonwealth Championships shall also be qualifying events. Each Ladies and Juniors team shall be selected by the Association selectors from scores submitted from a minimum of three qualifying 25 target tournaments shot at Island, Provincials, Districts and the first 25 targets of any 100 target North/South qualifying competition. Each prospective team member may attend as many qualifying events as they wish in either Island. Gunshot is the preferred place to advertise qualifying events, however if the events are advertised on the NZCTA website a minimum of 14 days prior, then scores will be accepted.

Rule 2.75 (w) deleted

Rule 2-100 e (6) amended to read: To shoot in the DTL event, competitors must have a minimum of 3 scores recorded in their handicap book, which have been shot at three separate competitions. To shoot in the skeet event, competitors must have completed a minimum of 3 competition rounds of skeet which have been recorded in their handicap book.

Rule 2.144 c deleted (The targets must be shot at a school shooting competition that has been advertised in Gunshot and scores recorded in the shooter's handicap book.)

April 2018

Added: 2.66 c) The selectors shall be the NZCTA President and the two Vice Presidents, or their delegated representative

Rule 2.72 Glenn Trophy team selection change (sections renumbered):

- a) The New Zealand team shall comprise those New Zealand citizen shooters scoring the highest four scores from any 100 Target North/South qualifying events, shot in either Island.
- (b) The qualifying period shall run for a 12 month period, ending three months prior to the Glenn Trophy match.
- (c) Where there is a tie in team selection, places shall be determined by count back on the shooters next highest score

Rule 2.39 Skeet High Gun for B and C Grades amended to: The New Zealand Skeet High Gun, is that shooter who attains the highest aggregate score on a targets broken basis over all New Zealand National Skeet Championships, namely Skeet, Handicap Skeet, Skeet Doubles, plus all other events conducted at this competition which hold National Championship status: i.e. all smaller gauge championship events. The exception is for the Skeet High Gun for B and C Grades which shall be awarded to the total scores from only the 12 gauge and handicap Championships

November 2017

2-64 McGowan Compak Trans Tasman Trophy and SSA Trophy

The rules below shall apply when the McGowan and SSA Trophy events are competed for in New Zealand.

- a. These are annual events shot between Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) and New Zealand Clay Target Association (NZCTA).

- b. No other countries or Associations are permitted to enter teams without the consent of both Associations.
- c. There shall be one Open Compak Team and one Graded Compak Team from each country.
- d. A shooter may only shoot in one team.
- e. Only bona fide New Zealand citizens will be eligible to represent the New Zealand Clay Target Association.
- f. Any disputes regarding the eligibility or qualification of prospective team members are to be identified to, and resolved by, the NZ Sporting Clays Committee.
- g. Grievances regarding the selection of any team members are to be addressed with the NZCTA Executive through the established complaints procedure of the NZCTA.

Selection Criteria for the New Zealand (NZ) Open Compak Team shooting for the McGowan Trophy

- h. The five person team shall be selected by the Association selectors from the scores submitted from a minimum of three qualifying events during a calendar shooting year which include:
 - i. The first one hundred targets from the NZ Compak Championships (compulsory).
 - ii. One Island Compak Championship (compulsory), and
 - iii. One other Zone Compak Championship (in which an Island Championship may substitute).
- i. In the event of a tie, the next highest score will be added until the tie is broken. If this does not break a tie then all tied will shoot off on a field picked at random, on a stand by stand basis.
- j. Each prospective team member may attend as many events as they wish.
- k. Each score from a qualifying event shall form a ranking, whereby the top five qualifiers will attain selection for the team.
- l. The Qualifying events for the NZCTA Compak Open team are:
 - i. North Island North Zone Compak Championship
 - ii. North Island South Zone Compak Championship
 - iii. South Island North Zone Compak Championship
 - iv. South Island South Zone Compak Championship
 - v. North Island Compak Championship
 - vi. South Island Compak Championship
 - vii. The New Zealand Compak Championship (first one hundred targets only).
- m. If any shooter is unable or unwilling to compete they shall be substituted by the shooter in that particular category who has shot the next highest score until a team is formed.

Selection Criteria for the NZCTA Graded Team-shooting for the SSAA Trophy

- n. The five person team shall be selected by the Association selectors from scores submitted from a minimum of two qualifying events including:
 - i. The first one hundred targets from the NZ Compak Championships (compulsory).
 - ii. One Island Compak Championship (compulsory).
- o. The team will be constituted from the highest Island Championship score, added to the score from the first one hundred targets from the NZ Compak Championships.
- p. The team is to include the following representation:
 - i. The top scoring AA/A grade shooter (that is not in the McGowan Trophy)
 - ii. The top scoring B grade shooter.
 - iii. The top scoring C grade shooter.
 - iv. The top scoring Super Veteran or Veteran shooter.
 - v. The top scoring Lady shooter.
- q. If any shooter is unable or unwilling to compete they shall be substituted by the shooter in that particular category who has shot the next highest score until a team is formed.

Conduct of the shoots

- r. The club which hosts the New Zealand (NZ) Compak Championship is to hold the relevant Island event the day prior to the National Championship (constituting 300 targets over 3 days).
- s. The McGowan and SSAA Trophy events shall be competed for after the conclusion of the first one hundred targets for the NZ Compak Championship (the Saturday).
- t. The McGowan Trophy shall be competed for first, followed immediately by the competition for the SSAA Trophy.
- u. The challengers for the trophy shall decide which Team shoots first and which team shoots second.
- v. Both trophy shoots will consist of a full round of 25 targets per shooter.

- w. In the event of a tie in either trophy event, the top scoring shooters from each team shall shoot from Stand 1 in rotation, (5 targets). If the top scorers are tied, the second top scorers from each team will shoot the same stand in the same rotation. This sequence will continue down through each team shooter until a winning team is found. In the event of a tie for the top scoring position the trophy score will be added to the qualification score to determine the shooters order.

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