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**RULES OF CONDUCT  
AIR RIFLE COMPETITION**

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## SECTION 4 - RULES OF CONDUCT - AIR RIFLE COMPETITION

These Rules cover the conduct and management of Air Rifle competition at National and local level and shall be read in conjunction with current ISSF Rules. Any matter not covered shall be determined in compliance with the current ISSF Rules. All athletes wishing for International representation must comply with ISSF rules in all aspects.

### 4.1 GENERAL

- 4.1.1 These Rules shall apply to all TSNZ sanctioned events, TSNZ Postal Championships, and Open Championship or Open Sweepstake events conducted by Associations and Directly Affiliated Clubs.
- 4.1.2 Competitors shall make themselves conversant with these rules and with the conditions of the competitions. Failure to comply with the rules, or engaging in any dishonest, discreditable or dangerous conduct at any competition sanctioned by TSNZ, shall render the competitor liable to such penalty as the Range Committee may decide. Subject to the discretion of the Range Committee, such conduct may also be reported to the TSNZ Executive, which may impose such other disciplinary action as it sees fit. Any competitor collaborating in such conduct may be liable to the same penalties. (See Rule 4.1.8 for appeals to TSNZ Executive)
- 4.1.3 Any competitor entering any competition under an assumed name or supplying incorrect information on the entry form shall be guilty of dishonest conduct and shall be dealt with by the Range Committee under the provisions of Rule 4.1.2. (See Rule 4.1.8 for appeals to TSNZ Executive)
- 4.1.4 Any system, practice, device or accessory which may give a competitor an advantage over others and which is not mentioned in these Rules, or which is contrary to the spirit of good sportsmanship, is prohibited.
- 4.1.5 Any order exhibited by the Range Committee at the point where entries are taken at any event shall be binding on all competitors. (See Rule 4.9.1.4)
- 4.1.6 Competitors must comply with the orders of the Range Officer but no competitor shall be disadvantaged through following any order given by a Range Officer.
- 4.1.7 All these Rules, and any orders issued in accordance with Rule 4.1.5, shall be subject to, and comply with, current NZ firearms legislation.
- 4.1.8 Any Member of TSNZ has the right to refer any matter, or appeal any local ruling, to the TSNZ Executive that shall be the final arbiter on disputes and matters of interest. These referrals or appeals will be allowed by reasons of natural justice and interpretation of the intent of the TSNZ Air Rifle Rules, and must be received by the TSNZ Executive within 28 days of the matter occurring or receipt of the local ruling.

### 4.1.9 DEFINITIONS OF COMPETITORS

**First year competitor** - one who has not been a shooting member of any rifle club of any calibre.

**Junior** - A competitor who is under the age of twenty-one years on the 31st December in the year of competition. Proof of age may be required.

**Veteran** - A competitor who is sixty years of age or over on the first day of the particular competition. Proof of age may be required.

### 4.1.10 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 4.1.10.1 Subject to the special conditions of any competition, the following are eligible to compete in TSNZ sanctioned events:

In **Individual competitions** - any financial member of TSNZ;

In **Team competitions** - financial members of any rifle club affiliated to TSNZ. A competitor may represent more than one club during any year, but only in different competitions in that year;

In **Association competitions** - financial members of any Association affiliated to TSNZ. A competitor may represent more than one Association during any year, but only in different competitions in that year;

**Overseas shooters** may compete in any competition provided they are affiliated members of their National Association.

- 4.1.10.2 No shooter, Club, or Association not affiliated to TSNZ shall take part in any competition run by any affiliated body.

- 4.1.10.3 Unless otherwise specified in the conditions a Club or Association may enter any number of teams and take any number of prizes.

### 4.2 SAFETY

- 4.2.1 The safety of competitors, range officials and spectators requires continued attention to safe firearms handling. Self-discipline is necessary on the part of all concerned. Where such discipline is lacking, it is the duty of range officials to

enforce discipline, and the duty of all members of TSNZ to assist and encourage such enforcement.

- 4.2.2 The Range Committee is responsible for overall safety. The Range Committee may establish further safety rules considered necessary for any particular venue.
- 4.2.3 The Chief Range Officer is responsible for giving any necessary commands.
- 4.2.4 The Range Officer is responsible for safety on the firing point and must ensure that the commands are obeyed and that all firearms are handled safely.
- 4.2.5 Any competitor who acts in an unsafe manner, or fails to respond to the commands of the Chief Range Officer, shall be required to stop firing immediately and the matter shall be reported to the Range Committee for consideration.
- 4.2.6 Any person who has consumed alcohol or other substance which may render him/her unsafe to handle firearms, shall not participate in any shooting competition while under the influence of the alcohol or other substance.
- 4.2.7 All rifles must be kept unloaded, with actions open, and a safety flag inserted except when on the firing point and the Range Officer has given the instructions to remove or insert safety flags.
- 4.2.8 Rifles must only be loaded on the firing point, with the muzzle pointing forward of the firing line, after the command "SHOOTERS LOAD" or "SHOOTERS START" has been given.
- 4.2.9 An air rifle is considered to be loaded when a pellet is on the loading ramp or in the breech, regardless of whether the action is open or closed.
- 4.2.10 At the end of the detail the Range Officer shall give the command "SHOOTERS, CLEAR ACTIONS, AND INSERT SAFETY FLAGS". Competitors shall respond by closing and opening the action and shall then insert a safety flag. The Range Officer shall verify that all actions are clear and safety flags are in before the rifles are taken from the firing point.
- 4.2.11 When personnel are forward of the firing line all actions shall be in a safe condition and the rifle be placed on the bench or stand, or be held with the muzzle pointed vertically upwards.
- 4.2.12 Dry fire and aiming exercises are permitted only with the permission of the Chief Range Officer, and only on the firing point or in a designated area.
- 4.2.13 During competition a rifle may be put down only after the action has been placed in a safe condition.
- 4.2.14 At the end of the detail the Range Officer shall verify that all actions are clear before the rifles are taken from the firing point.
- 4.2.15 All competitors are urged to wear earplugs, earmuffs, or similar hearing protection.

### **4.3 RANGE AND TARGET STANDARDS** (Ref ISSF 7.3)

- 4.3.1 All ranges must be inspected and certified by a Range Safety Inspector appointed by the TSNZ Executive. Re-inspection shall be required when substantial alterations or modifications are made to the range. It is the responsibility of the affiliated body concerned to make application to TSNZ for any inspection.
- 4.3.2 Any target system may be used, providing it guarantees the necessary degree of safety, and efficient changing of the targets.
- 4.3.3 Where automatic target carriers or changers are used, the competitor may control target changing or may have the Assistant, where they are engaged, change the targets. Responsibility for shooting on the correct target rests solely with the competitor.
- 4.3.4 Refer to **ISSF Rule 7.3 RANGE AND TARGET STANDARDS**.

### **4.4 RIFLES, AMMUNITION, EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING STANDARDS** (Ref ISSF 7.4, 7.5)

- 4.4.1 Refer to **ISSF Rule 7.4 RIFLES AND AMMUNITION** and **7.5 CLOTHING REGULATIONS**.
- 4.4.2 Shooters who want to be included on the NZ Shooting Federation Ranking Lists and be eligible for selection to compete in International events should comply with ISSF Rules.
- 4.4.3 Shooters who want to be included on the NZSF ranking lists should advise the TSNZ Office by 31 December or other such date as the Executive may from time to time determine. Any shooter who fails to nominate before the start of the selection period may apply to TSNZ to have their name included, and TSNZ may approve such applications provided the shooter's equipment and clothing complies with **ISSF Rules 7.4 and 7.5**.

### **4.5 RIFLE EVENTS** (Ref ISSF 7.6)

- 4.5.1 Refer to **ISSF Rule 7.6 SHOOTING EVENT PROCEDURES AND COMPETITION RULES**
- 4.5.2 **PHYSICAL DISABILITY PROVISIONS**

- 4.5.2.1 The Range Officer may authorise another person to act for any competitor, who due to physical disability is unable to adjust the sights.
- 4.5.2.2 The use of a double arm sling, where such is necessary, is permitted.
- 4.5.2.3 The use of an artificial arm is permitted, provided it is being used solely as a substitute for a natural arm.
- 4.5.2.4 Any competitor who, by reason of physical handicap other than an artificial arm, cannot support a rifle in the manner required by these Rules may be granted a dispensation.
- 4.5.2.5 Any competitor suffering from defective eyesight and whose condition the provisions of Rule 4.4.4 cannot rectify may apply for dispensation to use additional optical aids.
- 4.5.2.6 Dispensations granted under this Section shall continue for not more than five years. Applications for renewal of a dispensation shall be made not less than three months prior to the expiry date of the dispensation in accordance with Rule 4.5.2.8.
- 4.5.2.7 Where a surgical procedure or other treatment is undertaken prior to the date of renewal to correct or modify a physical or optical disability for which a dispensation has been granted, the dispensation shall be void and a further application must be made if required.
- 4.5.2.8 Applications for dispensations shall be made to the Executive of TSNZ through the local Association and be accompanied by evidence sufficient to prove the dispensation is necessary to allow the applicant to participate in the sport to the best of his/her ability.  
  
Medical certificates or Optometrist's certificates shall be considered the minimum evidence to be submitted. Photographs of any aids required are recommended.
- 4.5.2.9 Dispensations are not permitted or recognised for ISSF events.

## **4.6 EVENT PROCEDURES AND COMPETITION RULES (Ref ISSF 7.7, 7.9)**

- 4.6.1 Refer to **ISSF Rule 7.7 RIFLE EVENTS** and **7.9 RIFLE EVENT TABLE**
- 4.6.2 Range standards and competition conditions for Designated Matches and other matches which are used for international selection shall be as close as practicable to ISSF Rules.
- 4.6.3 If other Championships are conducted on paper targets and are scored using target marking machines, they should be conducted as close as practicable to ISSF Rules.
- 4.6.4 Where matches are conducted on Electronic Scoring Targets, ISSF Rules pertaining to their use will apply.
- 4.6.5 **AIR RIFLE COMPETITIONS**
- 4.6.5.1 TSNZ will conduct all domestic competitions specified in Rule 4.1.1 in Men's events and Women's events.
- 4.6.5.2 Matches conducted at Air Rifle Championships shall be run as close as practicable to ISSF and IPC Rules.
- 4.6.5.3 TSNZ will maintain a schedule of all competition scores including all Open Championship, Designated Matches, Winter Series, Oceania or other Representative scores (not club scores) and may be either 40 or 60 shot matches.
- 4.6.5.4 An ISSF-style Final may be shot according to competition rules by the top 8 shooters, using the shooters' Qualification Match scores. If the event has Junior Men's and/or Junior Women's matches then Finals may be included for Juniors, which could be run in conjunction with the Men's and Women's Finals.
- 4.6.5.5 Awards for the championship where an elimination final is shot shall be awarded according to the current ISSF Rules.
- 4.6.5.6 Ties at any stage of the competition shall be broken in accordance with ISSF Rules.
- 4.6.5.7 The score recorded for the purpose of a Designated Match or Selection Match will be the Qualification Match score.
- 4.6.6 **SHOOTING AND SQUADDING TIMES**
- 4.6.6.1 Where self squadding applies, all circulars or programmes for competitions shall state the opening and closing times of each day's squadding and/or shooting. Shooting shall be permitted on the range only between those times unless sanctioned by the Range Committee.
- 4.6.6.2 Where prior entry applies, competitors and team officials shall be informed of the exact shooting time schedules and allocation of firing points by 4pm on the day preceding the day of pre-event training, if held, or by 4pm on the day before the competition if there is no provision for pre-event training.
- 4.6.6.3 Upon their names or numbers being called, competitors shall take their places on the firing point.
- 4.6.6.4 Competitors shall fire over the numbers on the firing point that correspond to the allocated target numbers.
- 4.6.6.5 Only competitors actually firing are allowed on the firing point, except in Team events where a coach is specifically permitted by the rules of the event. (See Rule 4.6.9.3)
- 4.6.6.6 Where a competition requires competitors to fire in more than one detail or squad, competitors may fire in consecutive details or squads provided they leave the firing point between details or squads.

- 4.6.6.7 A competitor who withdraws at any time after firing the first sighting shot in any competition shall not be replaced.
- 4.6.6.8 If a competition lasts for more than one day all competitors shall fire an equal number of shots each day.
- 4.6.6.9 The competition will commence on the command "SHOOTERS START", and time will be reckoned from that command. No shot may be fired until that command is given. Every shot fired after that command will be recorded for the competition.
- 4.6.6.10 The competition will end when the command "SHOOTERS STOP" is given and shooters shall stop shooting immediately.
- 4.6.6.11 Any shots fired before the start of the official shooting time, or after the end of the official shooting time, or not fired at all, shall be scored as misses.
- 4.6.6.12 **Competition Times** shall be in accordance with **ISSF Rules**.
- 4.6.6.13 **Sighting Shots** are permitted in accordance with **ISSF Rules**.
- 4.6.6.14 **Interruptions** – if any shooter is interrupted refer to **ISSF Rule 6.11.5 INTERRUPTIONS**.
- 4.6.6.15 **Malfunctions** – refer to **ISSF Rule 6.13 MALFUNCTIONS**.
- 4.6.7 **PRACTICE SHOOTING**
- Practice shooting shall be allowed where circumstances permit, but shall not be allowed before the start of competition on a competition day.
- 4.6.8 **SPOTTING**
- 4.6.8.1 In all competitions other than ISSF events, competitors may either spot for themselves or have their shots spotted by another person from the rear of the firing point.
- 4.6.8.2 Spotting is restricted solely to a description of the shot placement using the 'CLOCK' method. Spotters may not move on to the firing point, for any purpose, without the consent of the Range Officer. A spotter may also act as a coach for a shooter allowed coaching.
- 4.6.9 **COACHING**
- 4.6.9.1 For Coaching in ISSF competitions refer to **ISSF Rule 6.12.5 COACHING DURING ANY EVENT**.
- 4.6.9.2 Coaching, where a competitor receives advice or instructions, during a non-ISSF competition and where permitted by the conditions of those other competitions, may be carried out subject to the following conditions:
- 4.6.9.3 Teams - Where permitted by the rules of the event, coaching is available to all team members and may be carried out on the mound provided other competitors are not disturbed.
- 4.6.9.4 Competitors may leave the firing point at any time, but shall not disturb any other competitor and shall not remove any equipment or firearm until the command "SHOOTERS CLEAR ACTIONS AND INSERT SAFETY FLAGS", has been given and observed (See Rule 4.2.13).
- 4.6.9.5 A competitor wishing to speak to another person must leave the firing point. This must be done without disturbing any other competitor and after unloading and leaving the firearm in a safe condition.
- 4.6.9.6 Team officials must not contact competitors directly or talk with them while they are on the firing point. A team official wishing to speak to a team member on the firing point must first obtain permission of the Range Officer who will arrange for the member to leave the firing point.
- 4.6.10 **PROTEST TIMES**
- 4.6.10.1 For Electronic Targets refer to **ISSF Rule 6.16.6.2 EST SCORE PROTESTS**.
- 4.6.10.2 For Paper Targets refer to **ISSF Rule 6.16.6.3 PAPER TARGET PROTESTS**.
- 4.6.11 **TIE BREAKING**
- 4.6.11.1 For any matches advertised by the organising committee as being conducted under TSNZ or ISSF rules, ties shall be broken by the procedures contained in the current ISSF Rules.
- 4.6.12 **FINALS**
- 4.6.12.1 Finals may be conducted in Air Rifle events.
- 4.6.12.2 If Finals are conducted on Electronic targets they must be conducted to **ISSF Rule 6.17 FINALS IN OLYMPIC RIFLE AND PISTOL EVENTS**.
- 4.6.12.3 If Finals are conducted on paper targets, and are scored using target marking machines, they should be conducted as close as practicable to ISSF Rules. Shooting times should be as in the ISSF Rules but may include extra time to allow for changing targets.

- 4.6.12.4 If Finals are conducted on paper targets, and if it is not possible to hold shoot-offs for ties, then ties shall be broken by the countback rules in **ISSF Rule 6.15.1 INDIVIDUAL TIES IN 300M, 50M, 25M AND 10M EVENTS**
- 4.6.12.5 For Finals conducted on electronic targets, or for matches conducted on paper targets and scored with target marking machines, finalists should be selected according to the ISSF rules for Finals.
- 4.6.12.6 For Finals shot on paper targets with no scoring machine available, the Final may be conducted similar to indoor competitions or to some other format approved by the Match Committee. Finalists may be selected by any method approved by the Match Committee.
- 4.6.12.7 Conditions for Finals, if different from ISSF Rules, must be published before the Qualifying Match begins.

## **4.7 TARGET SCORING (Ref ISSF 6.14)**

- 4.7.1 Refer to **ISSF Rule 6.14 SCORING AND RESULTS PROCEDURES**
- 4.7.2 Paper Targets may be scored with an approved target scoring machine.
- 4.7.3 Target scoring machines or Electronic Scoring Targets (EST) shall be used for all Designated Matches and for any other matches where decimal scoring is required.
- 4.7.4 Scoring shall be carried out by competent people appointed by the local Association for Postal Competitions, or the Range Committee for other competitions. All scoring shall be carried out with two scorers working together.
- 4.7.5 For targets specified in Rule 4.3 the value of the shot shall be decided by the edge of the shot hole closest to the centre of the target. All shots are scored according to the highest value of the target-scoring ring that is hit by that bullet hole.
- 4.7.6 For irregular shots (overloads and crossfires) Refer to **ISSF Rule 6.11.7 IRREGULAR SHOTS IN 10M, 50M AND 300M EVENTS**

## **4.8 COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

### **4.8.1 RANGE COMMITTEE**

- 4.8.1.1 Rifle meetings shall be under the general control of a Range Committee that shall consist of at least three people. The Range Committee shall arbitrate on any matter arising during the meeting and its decisions shall be final but subject to the appeal provisions of Rule 4.1.5.
- 4.8.1.2 At the National Air Rifle Championships the Range Committee's decisions may be appealed to an Appeal Committee, composed of three members, whose decisions shall be binding but subject to the appeal provisions of Rule 4.1.5. No member of the Range Committee who was involved in the original decision may be a member of the Appeal Committee.
- 4.8.1.3 The Range Committee shall verify the competence of the officials under its control to apply these Rules.
- 4.8.1.4 In all matters the Range Committee shall have regard to the ethics of good sportsmanship and the intent of these Rules, which is to provide fair and equitable conditions to all competitors, as far as, is practicable.
- 4.8.1.5 Competitors shall not be present at any Range Committee meeting when matters concerning them are being discussed. A competitor shall have the right, if so desired, to state a case to the Committee at some period during the proceedings before a decision is made. Where teams are concerned the team captains or managers are entitled to state a case prior to the conclusion of the Range Committee's deliberations.

### **4.8.2 CHIEF RANGE OFFICER**

- 4.8.2.1 A Chief Range Officer must be appointed for each range whether other Range Officers are appointed or not. A Chief Range Officer shall hold a current Firearms Licence and be:
  - 4.8.2.2 Responsible to the Range Committee for the conduct of the competition and must co-operate with members of the Range Committee at all times;
  - 4.8.2.3 Responsible for ensuring that unlicensed shooters on the firing point are adequately supervised by the holder of an appropriate Firearms License, as required by the Arms Act 1983 and subsequent amendments;
  - 4.8.2.4 In charge of all range personnel and is responsible for their correct conduct;
  - 4.8.2.5 Responsible for arranging the measures to be taken for the rapid correction of any technical fault which occur (e.g. power failure, mechanical breakdown, etc.), and must have technical experts and necessary back-up services available;
  - 4.8.2.6 Required to take charge when irregularities occur.

### **4.8.3 RANGE OFFICERS**

- 4.8.3.1 Where Range Officers are appointed they shall be responsible to the Chief Range Officer for the following duties. Where no Range Officers are appointed the Chief Range Officer shall be responsible for:

- 4.8.3.2 Ensuring the safe conduct of the shoot and for interrupting shooting in the interests of safety at any time;
- 4.8.3.3 Ordering from the firing point any competitor whose equipment or behaviour constitutes a risk to safety;
- 4.8.3.4 Checking the names and identification numbers of competitors to ensure they correspond with the start list;
- 4.8.3.5 Ensuring any commands are obeyed;
- 4.8.3.6 The accurate recording of shots by Register Keepers, where these are employed;
- 4.8.3.7 Supervising the correct operation of the targets;
- 4.8.3.8 Receiving protests and passing them on to a Range Committee member;
- 4.8.3.9 Recording all disturbances, penalties, cross fires, extra time allowances, repeated shots, and other irregularities, on the report sheet.

#### 4.8.4 **COMPETITION JURY**

- 4.8.4.1 A Jury should be appointed for Matches conducted to ISSF Rules.
- 4.8.4.2 Juries are responsible for advising, assisting and supervising the competition officials appointed by the Organising Committee.
- 4.8.4.3 Jury members must hold a current ISSF Judges' Licence.
- 4.8.4.4 For Jury duties refer to **ISSF Rule 6.8 COMPETITION JURY DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS**.

### 4.9 **DESIGNATED MATCHES**

- 4.9.1 Designated Matches are those matches used by TSNZ as selection matches for various international events. TSNZ in conjunction with NZSF will determine which matches will be Designated Matches. These will be listed on the TSNZ website. There are a limited number of matches which may be held annually.
- 4.9.2 Any shooter wanting to attend international competitions such as World Cups, World Championships, Oceania Championships, Commonwealth Shooting Championships, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games will need to attend some, or all, of these Designated Matches.
- 4.9.3 Designated Matches must be run as close as possible to ISSF Rules.
- 4.9.4 Any Club or Association wanting to hold a Designated Match may apply to TSNZ and will need to demonstrate their ability to hold a championship to ISSF Rules. Allocation of the limited number of Designated Matches will be decided on merit.

### 4.10 **POSTAL COMPETITIONS**

- 4.10.1 Annual Postal Competitions shall be arranged by TSNZ. The relevant advertisements shall be forwarded to affiliated bodies not later than 30 April in each year.
- 4.10.2 The postal competitions shall include an Individual Championship.
- 4.10.3 The postal match format shall be set out in the annual advertisement and may be amended by the TSNZ Annual General Meeting.
- 4.10.4 Entries for Postal Competitions shall be made on the official TSNZ entry form and be accompanied by the required entry fee.
- 4.10.5 Entries for Postal Competitions shall not be accepted unless post marked prior to the advertised closing date.
- 4.10.6 TSNZ shall issue sufficient numbered targets or stickers for each competitor. Where stickers are issued one sticker is to be affixed behind each counting diagram.
- 4.10.7 All targets for each competition shall be shot on the same range subject to the special conditions laid down for the competition.
- 4.10.8 Completed targets shall be returned to the local Association-authorized marker for scoring, not later than the date specified. Directly Affiliated Clubs may either have targets scored by an Association-authorized marker, or return shot and witnessed targets to TSNZ for scoring.
- 4.10.9 Local Association-authorized markers shall score targets in accordance with the rules for scoring. The local Association shall provide certified gauges for scoring.
- 4.10.10 The local Association shall forward the scores to TSNZ and shall hold shot competition targets until the final results are published and circulated.
- 4.10.11 The local Association or Club shall ensure the correct score has been entered on the results form and forward the scores to the Executive Officer by the date specified in the annual advertisement and shall hold shot competition targets and electronic target scoring printouts until the final results are distributed. Shot targets and electronic target scoring printouts shall be forwarded to the Executive Officer on request. Any target received in a damaged condition where the value of the shot cannot be properly determined shall be declared invalid, and any score found to be incorrectly applied shall be amended. Should any target(s) or electronic scoring printout(s) be unavailable for checking by the Executive Officer, or examination of the target(s)/printout(s) reveal that the rules of the competition have not been followed, the

competitor shall be disqualified from the competition.

4.10.12 Results of the Postal Competitions shall be published by TSNZ and shall contain the scores of all competitors. Copies shall be sent to all Associations and competing Clubs.

4.10.13 Postal Competition trophies shall be forwarded to the winners, only if requested in writing. The TSNZ Executive shall require adequate guarantees for the return of all Postal Competition trophies in good order and condition.

4.10.14 **WITNESSES:**

4.10.14.1 A witness drawn from the following qualified people shall supervise the shooting of every Postal Competition target:

A member of the TSNZ Executive;

A person appointed or approved by the TSNZ Executive.

4.10.14.2 **DUTIES OF WITNESSES** - The duties of the witness shall be:

To be conversant with these Rules of Conduct and the conditions of the competition;

To be present on the range during the entire shoot;

To ensure the stickers are correctly affixed to each target before the targets are placed on the target frames and the competitors are shooting the correct targets;

To sign and date the first and last targets of a 60-shot series after it has been shot;

To promptly advise TSNZ of any infringements of the rules.

4.10.14.3 A Witness may not witness his/her own shoot in any competition.

4.10.14.4 TSNZ reserves the right to appoint a special witness.

4.10.14.5 Any Club having difficulty in obtaining a witness may apply to the local Association for assistance, and be prepared to pay reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, if required, to the person appointed.

#### 4.11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

4.11.1 A National Air Rifle Championship shall be conducted annually within the first three months of the calendar year, on a shoulder-to-shoulder basis.

4.11.2 The National Air Rifle Championship programme of events may be determined by the Host Association subject to Rule 4.11.3. Full details of the proposed programme of events must be provided to the TSNZ Executive not later than 30 October in the year prior to the event for their approval.

4.11.3 The National Air Rifle Championship programme of events:

i) **MUST** include:

Air Rifle National Championship	Men- 60 shots plus Final Junior Men – 60 shots
Air Rifle National Championship	Women – 60 shots plus Final Junior Women – 60 shots
Air Rifle National Championship	IPC Standing – 60 shots plus Final

ii) **MAY** include:

Air Rifle TSNZ	Women / Junior – 60 shots
Air Rifle TSNZ	Men / Junior – 60 shots
Air Rifle TSNZ	Open Prone – 60 shots plus Final

4.11.4 TSNZ Medals shall be awarded by TSNZ for the New Zealand Championship events at the National Air Rifle Championships according to the TSNZ Trophy Steward Guidelines.

4.11.5 Certificates shall be awarded by TSNZ to three placings in all TSNZ Graded events, provided each recipient has completed the course of fire.

4.11.6 TSNZ medals and certificates shall not be awarded where the competition is uncontested (i.e. where there is only one entrant).

## **4.12 MERIT BADGES**

4.12.1 TSNZ will issue Merit Badges for competitors who reach the appropriate qualifying standard in any competitions specified in Rule 4.1.1.

The qualifying scores for Merit Badges are:

### **60 shot - Men / Junior Men / Women / Junior Women**

Black	500.0 – 529.9
Orange	530.0 – 549.9
Yellow	550.0 – 569.9
Blue	570.0 – 584.9
Red	585.0 – 599.9
Green	600.0 – 614.9
Gold	615.0 – 654.0

4.12.2 The TSNZ Trophy Steward will issue Merit Badges to competitors supplying proof of attaining the required standard. The first badge issued to any competitor is free but subsequent badges will be issued in exchange for previously issued badge or on payment of a fee set by the TSNZ Executive.