

COMPETITION REGULATIONS GOVERNING CTSASA National & Provincial Championships

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The Clay Target Shooting Association of South Africa

These rules are the overriding rules for Clay Target Shooting competitions.
Where these rules and the specific discipline rulebooks coincide, these rules will take precedence.

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1. Abbreviations

EO	Executive Officer of the CTSASA
Exco	CTSASA Executive Committee
HC	Hosting Club
OC	Organising Committee
SAG	South African Grand
SAIDS	South African Institute for Drug Free Sport
SASSCo	South African Shooting Sports Confederation
SASSCOC	South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee

2. Competition Preparation

In terms of overall management of the CTSASA, “The CTSASA” is the CTSASA Executive Committee which consists of the provincial CTSAs, the President and the Executive Officer.

Responsibility of organising and running CTSASA Championships

The management and organisation of CTSASA championships is vested in the Provincial CTSAs (CTSASA permanent members). The elected CTSASA representatives from each province make up the CTSASA Executive Committee. As such, the Permanent members (Provincial CTSAs) are The CTSASA and are responsible for hosting and organising all the CTSASA provincial and national championships under the rules and regulations as approved by the national CTSASA Executive Committee, with specific reference to selection of the hosting venue in accordance with rule 2.1.5 Venue – range requirements and amenities.

Provincial Championships : All CTSASA provincial championships are allocated to suitable registered CTSASA clubs by their respective provincial CTSA. The provincial CTSA must ensure that the proposed club has the required facilities in order to stage the event allocated to them. The provincial CTSA is responsible for ensuring that the provincial championship is run in accordance with the CTSASA Competition Regulations.

South African National Championships : All CTSASA South African National Championships are allocated to suitable registered CTSASA Clubs on a roster system, provided that certain criteria are met. The provincial CTSA is responsible for ensuring that the South African National championship is run in accordance with the CTSASA Competition Regulations.

Financial Management of CTSASA Championships : the responsibility for the financial management of CTSASA championships rests with the Hosting Club. It is the duty of each Hosting Club to ensure that their event(s) are run using sound financial principles. The CTSASA charges a nominal capitation levy for each event. The fees for capitation levies are agreed upon during the yearly budget discussion at a CTSASA Executive Committee meeting.

Authority of the CTSASA Executive Committee : the CTSASA Executive Committee has the authority to approve or reject the allocation of any CTSASA championship to a CTSASA registered club. The CTSASA Executive Committee also has the authority to approve or reject the allocation of any international championship to a CTSASA registered club or CTSASA approved venue.

2.1 Decisions and details required four months prior to the competition

2.1.1 Provincial Standard Championships - disciplines and number of targets to be shot

The normal mix of events is:-

ATA Trap	200 targets (100 each day)
FITASC Universal Trench	100 or 200 targets (100 each day)

Olympic Trap	100 or 200 targets (100 each day)
Olympic Double-Trap	120 or 150 targets (one day event)
Olympic Skeet	100 targets + 100 targets trial
NSSA Skeet	200 targets (100 each day)
DTL Trap	200 targets (100 each day)

Additional side events may be included, provide the HC has appropriate facilities and time available:

ATA Doubles	100 targets (one day only)
ATA Handicap (yardage)	100 targets (one day only)
Automatic Ball-Trap (ABT)	100 targets (one day only)
NSSA Skeet Doubles	100 targets, (one day only)
- provided there are two ranges at the venue	

The first 100 targets at a **Provincial Standard Championship** are for the relevant championship and national trials (where applicable), the second is trial only (where applicable). National trials are held in most disciplines - please check the rules for [National Trials](#) for the latest information.

Grand Prix optional

If the HC wishes to provide a 'Grand Prix' or to make an additional event out of the second 100 targets, they may do so.

English Sporting

Hosting clubs may also stage the English Sporting discipline alongside standard championships, provided that the HC has the facilities and resources to do so.

2.1.2 South African National Championships (Standards) - number of targets

All standard discipline South African National Championships are 200 targets except for:

Olympic Trap (125 + final)
Olympic Skeet (125 + final)
Olympic Double-Trap (150 + final)

2.1.3 English Sporting and FITASC Sporting championships - ranges to be set

All national and provincial championships consist of 200 targets. 100 targets shot each day. Minimum ranges required are 4 for FITASC Sporting. It is imperative that a basic course design is planned by the HC well in advance of the event.

FITASC Sporting ranges must be set in accordance with the prevailing FITASC rules, particularly in respect of target difficulty.

English Sporting must be shot in accordance with the prevailing CPSA UK rules. Each English Sporting stand can consist of 3, 4 or 5 pairs of targets.

2.1.4 Date of event

The date of the event will be decided upon by the September or October of the preceding year. The CTSASA draws up the following year's calendar and approves it usually at the October Exco meeting.

The EO draws up a draft calendar based upon historical data, rotation of SA Championships, specific requests and ad-hoc events. It is then forwarded to each province in advance of the Exco meeting. Each provincial CTSA should then consult with their clubs and submit requests for amendments (if required) in

advance of the Exco meeting where final approval, subject to any final confirmation of international events or other data, will be given.

It is imperative that each province checks the date(s) for their event(s) to ensure that there are no clashes with other similar events or that similar events are not set too close to one another.

Once the date has been published on the national calendar, it is not acceptable to change the date under any circumstances.

2.1.5 Venue - range requirements and amenities

The HC must be fully paid up to both the CTSASA and its provincial CTSA **prior to** the commencement of the event.

The HC must fulfill the criteria concerning the definition of a club as laid down in the CTSASA rules. Appendix A : Club regulations.

The province will submit their choice of venue to the Exco for their approval and the HC must fulfill the minimum criteria for ranges as detailed below:-

Provincial & National Championships

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>ranges</u>
ATA Trap	2
Skeet	1
Olympic Trap/Universal Trench/ABT	1
FITASC Sporting (provincial)	4
FITASC Sporting (SA Champs)	stand system
English Sporting	10 stands
FITASC TRAP1	1

The HC must also provide the following basic amenities at all events:

1. Adequate parking for estimated number of competitors and guests
2. A clubhouse to provide shelter from the weather
3. Catering facilities on both competition and practice days. Catering must at least provide tea, coffee, sandwiches, fruit and a cooked meal
4. Clean toilet facilities for both men and women
5. Tables and chairs
6. Consideration should be given to the ease with which disabled competitors can negotiate the ranges and facilities

2.1.6 Entry fees and on-line entry forms

The CTSASA may, from time to time, suggest the recommended price for all Provincial and National events. A list of fees charged for the current (and previous year) is available from the CTSASA office. It is advisable that clubs check this schedule as a reference point. Clubs may choose to alter the fees, but must bear in mind that the member will always be entitled to know why an alteration has taken place or why it deviates from fees charged by other clubs.

All competition entry forms are loaded on the CTSASA website and this facility is provided free of charge to all CTSASA registered clubs. The EO will liaise with the HC and request the following details:

1. Fees to be charged for both seniors/ladies/veterans and juniors/colts.
2. Contact name for enquiries
3. Contact email for entries
4. Contact cell number for enquiries
5. Accommodation list
6. Location map

Each entry form will have a 'closing date' attributed to it (usually the Tuesday before the event). On the day following the closing date the list of entries (along with all the relevant details such as class, category etc) will be emailed to the club contact as given in b) and c) above. This will be in a csv format which can be imported into Excel using DATA, FROM TEXT.

All Hosting Clubs may choose to refuse to squad any competitor who has not submitted their entry via the on-line entry system on the CTSASA web site and/or not paid the relevant entry fees for the competition(s).

2.1.7 Prizes and sponsorship

It is also very strongly recommended that all HC organising committees pursue securing additional sponsorship for the CTSASA championships which have been allocated to them.

The following are a selection of options for clubs to consider when seeking sources for sponsorship:-

1. Club members – including assistance with umpiring, catering, snack platters etc
2. Local businesses – any industry
3. Local firearm dealers
4. National companies – any industry
5. National firearm dealers

The following is a broad guide on how a club may offer advertising options for sponsors:

1. **First tier sponsor** : main event sponsor – where the sponsor will receive advertising space on the ranges, stands, in the clubhouse, social media posts etc
2. **Second tier sponsor** : sponsorship fee per **Sporting** stand or range
3. **Second tier sponsor** : Sponsorship fee per **standard** range
4. **Third tier sponsor** : Placement of sponsors' banners around the ranges and clubhouse
5. **Fourth tier sponsor** : Trade stands at the event (e.g. placing a gazebo near the clubhouse with goods for sale)
6. **All sponsorship tiers** : offering advertising on social media platforms and web sites, range score sheets, publicity material for the event etc

CTSASA Advertising for Sponsors : please enquire with the CTSASA (Sarah or Michelle – info@ctsasa.co.za or michelle@ctsasa.co.za) with regard to publishing sponsors' adverts and/or logos and a "thank you" for supporting your event. This service will usually be supplied free of charge to CTSASA registered clubs hosting CTSASA championships. We can publish on Facebook, Instagram, CTSASA newsletter and the CTSASA web site.

Managing Club Sponsors and CTSASA Sponsors : Ideally no restrictions or limitations regarding sponsors or advertising for sponsors should be imposed by the HC or the first tier sponsor. However, the HC may find it more beneficial to negotiate an exclusive agreement with a first tier sponsor whilst accepting sponsorships from non-competing sponsors for the second and lower tiers.

Should the CTSASA obtain potential sponsors for CTSASA provincial and national championships then the CTSASA will work with the HC on how to accommodate all sponsors and to ensure that the sponsorship deal is beneficial to both the HC and the CTSASA.

Advertising Material for CTSASA Championships : all HCs must ensure that all advertising material produced by the HC for CTSASA championships, whether printed or digital, includes the following:-

1. The official CTSASA logo and association title, ensuring the correct colours are used and in a high resolution format
2. The full event name e.g. the CTSASA Northern Cape Standard Championships 2025
3. The CTSASA email and web site address
4. The CTSASA will provide assistance free of charge with all advertising material

CTSASA Event Contracts : this guideline regarding sponsors relates to all CTSASA provincial and national championships. Separate contracts between the CTSASA and a hosting club will apply for international championships, the Chairman's Cup and the South African Grand.

2.1.8 Medals/Trophies

Medals, trophies, or other items which can be suitably engraved (or, a high quality clear printed sticker can be used) must be awarded.

For each discipline, the following regulations have been laid down for both national and provincial championships:-

Individual classes/categories

Gold, silver and bronze medals must be awarded in all classes and categories (Class = Open, AA (only SA Championships for AA), A, B, C. Category = Ladies, Juniors, Colts, Veterans/Senior, Super-Veterans, Master, Lady Veteran). If there is only one competitor in a class or category, a gold medal must still be awarded. If there are only three competitors in a class or category, gold, silver and bronze medals must be awarded.

Provincial teams

Gold, silver and bronze medals for teams, even if only three teams participate. If there is only one team competing, gold medals must still be awarded.

Low number of entries

In the case of low entries (where a discipline has less than 15 entries), then the following schedule applies:-

- 3 to 5 entries – one gold medal
- 6 to 10 entries – plus silver medal
- 10 to 15 entries – plus bronze medal, 4th and 5th medals (bronze)

All competitors must complete the required number of targets in order for numbers in classes/categories to count.

2.1.9 Responsibility for the purchasing of medals

Provincial championships medals

It is the responsibility of the HC to supply the provincial championship medals. The medals must be the **provincial** medal and not the club medal and they should be engraved (or a high quality clear printed sticker can be used) with the event, class/category and the year. Medals must also be of a high quality. Cheap medals reflect badly on the sport, the club and the province.

South African national championship medals

The South African National Championship medals are ordered and paid for by the CTSASA. These medals are sent by registered mail well in advance of the event to the HC Chairperson or event organiser.

Prize-giving ceremony

A competitor who is unable to attend the prize giving may make PRIOR arrangements with the organisers for another competitor to collect his/her medal.

See Appendix C : Medals for provincial and national championships for current medal requirements

2.1.10 Advertising

The CTSASA strongly recommends that the following minimum advertising is carried out in order to attract competitors:-

1. **Advert in the CTSASA Enewsletter** : the EO will publish the event in the Enewsletter at regular intervals leading up to the event. It is strongly recommended that the HC provide the EO with additional promotional material, e.g. sponsorship, promotional article etc. This advert is free of charge to all CTSASA registered clubs.
2. A large notice to be displayed on all club notice boards (HC to send a request to all other CTSASA clubs)
3. A pre-shoot article to be published on the CTSASA Media Platforms informing members that preparations are well underway; that ranges are being serviced; that every effort is being made to produce a well-run, enjoyable shoot. This service is free to all CTSASA registered clubs.
4. **Entry form on the CTSASA web-site**. The EO will load the entry form and request additional information from the HC. This facility is free to all CTSASA registered clubs.
5. It is also strongly recommended that all CTSASA registered clubs consider setting up a Facebook page/group and advertising their event via Facebook.

2.1.11 Catering facilities

It will be the responsibility of the HC to provide adequate catering facilities during practice and competition. A high standard is required, i.e.

- No paper plates, polystyrene containers or plastic cutlery - china plates and metal cutlery to be used.
- Tablecloths to be used with small table decoration (e.g. flowers).
- No smoking in the eating area or anywhere close to the eating area.
- Catering not to be situated near ablutions or too close to the shooting ranges.
- Alcohol only to be served to non-competitors or to competitors who have completed their day's shooting.
- A range of catering to be provided to include:
 - Fresh salads/Fresh fruit
 - Meat and vegetarian dishes
 - Mineral water
 - Dessert
 - Filter coffee/espresso and a variety of teas
- Catering must not be limited to burger/wors rolls, chips, white bread.

2.1.12 Competition entry fee refunds

Where a CTSASA registered club hosts a CTSASA championship or other CTSASA sanctioned event, the HC is liable to refund entry fees as follows:-

- a) If an entry fee has been paid in advance of an event but where the participant has had to cancel and the participant has notified the HC prior to the commencement of the competition, then a full refund must be made to the competitor(s).

- b) If an entry fee has been paid in full, and the HC has been unable to provide the competition as advertised due to time constraints, then a full refund must be made to the competitor(s).
- c) If an entry fee has been paid in full, and the HC has been unable to provide the competition (either in part or in full) due to equipment failure, power failure or other failure which is deemed to be under the control of the HC, then a full refund must be made for all targets not shot.
- d) Where a dispute arises over the responsibility for any failure in (c) above, the matter shall be referred to the CTSASA Exco for a final decision.
- e) Where an event has had to curtail the number of targets shot due to factors beyond the control of the HC, e.g. flooding due to inclement weather, then a full or partial refund is not obligatory.
- f) Refunds must be made in cash or by EFT or credit card refund if the entry fee was paid via a credit card. Refunds in the form of practice rounds may be made but only if acceptable to the competitor requiring the refund.

A refund for clays not shot at a 200 target event is calculated as follows:-

No. of clays not shot : 80	Cost of entry fee for 200 targets: R900
Cost per clay : R4.50	Cost for 80 clays : R360 = refund

Capitation is still applied to the 120 targets shot at the prevailing capitation rate

2.1.13 Junior and Colt events

Standard championships

Colt event (provincial)	50 targets
Colt event (national)	100 targets, 1st 50 targets per day or first 100 targets shot
Junior event (provincial)	100 targets
Junior event (national)	200 targets

A Colt cannot be in both Colt and Junior categories in the same event/championship.

English Sporting or FITASC Sporting championships

Colt event (provincial)	50 targets
Junior event (provincial)	100 targets (the day must be specified or, if shooting 8 ranges, the specific ranges) . If all juniors shoot 200 targets then the event is out of 200 targets.
Junior event (national)	200 targets

A Colt cannot be in both Colt and Junior categories in the same event/championship.

2.2 Permitted events at CTSASA championships

Clubs may not host any clay target event other than a CTSASA event on a CTSASA championship day. Only CTSASA Clay Target disciplines may be shot at a CTSASA event.

2.3 Calculating numbers of competitors

- a) All standard and sporting provincial championships may have a maximum number of competitors stipulated depending upon the number of ranges at the HC, and the physical limitations of available ranges.
- b) Within two weeks of the final approval of the CTSASA calendar, each province must confirm their selection of venues (HCs) for their allocated events and send the information to the EO.
- c) At the same time as b), the provincial CTSA must further inform the EO if any of their HCs need to request publication of the maximum number of competitors that can be accommodated at their event(s).
- d) The Exco will review the HC's request to restrict entries and will determine if the request is reasonable.
- e) If the Exco determines that the restriction is unreasonable then the CTSASA reserves the right to reallocate the event to another venue either within the same province or a different province.
- f) An HC may not restrict entries without the permission of the CTSASA.
- g) All other events will be allocated by the Exco according to terms and conditions determined by the Exco and in conjunction with the terms and conditions as laid down by the respective international governing body where applicable.

3. Competition administration documents

The following documents are downloadable from the CTSASA web site :
<http://www.ctsasa.co.za/competitions/competition-administration/>

3.1 Checklist for CTSASA Competitions

3.2 Jury Competition Report

3.3 Competition Results format

3.4 Sporting documents - jury and range setters

Jury Range Check - English Sporting
 Jury Range Check - FITASC Sporting
 Range Setters Panel Rules

3.5 Large Score Board (PDF file)

3.6 Rules for all Disciplines

All rules are downloadable here : <http://www.ctsasa.co.za/rules/>

3.7 Classification Lists

Current classification lists for all disciplines which use classes are available on the CTSASA web site :
<http://www.ctsasa.co.za/competitions/classifications/>

3.8 Checking for paid up memberships

A full list of paid/unpaid members can be obtained from the EO or the OC can check an individual member here (the individual's CTSASA membership number is required) :
<http://www.ctsasa.co.za/membership-individuals/am-i-a-paid-up-member/>

3.9 Unpaid Members

It is a requirement of the CTSASA constitution that all participants in CTSASA events are fully paid up CTSASA members. This is also a requirement for our insurance policy.

The HC is responsible for the payment of all outstanding CTSASA membership fees of members/shooters who are allowed by the HC to participate in a CTSASA event. All

entries via the CTSASA web site are paid up CTSASA members. If an HC accepts entries from other sources (via email, telephone, sms etc) the HC has the responsibility to check to ensure the competitor is a paid up CTSASA member. This rule also applies to any celebrity shooter who is permitted by an HC to participate in a CTSASA event - the HC accepts the responsibility for the payment of CTSASA subscription fees.

3.10 Membership application form

Downloadable here : <http://www.ctsasa.co.za/membership-individuals/>

4. Range preparation

4.1 Traps and shooting ranges

At least two months prior to the event, all traps and ranges should be thoroughly checked, serviced and any problems rectified. Areas to concentrate on are as follows:-

- 1) Are traps throwing regulation targets?
- 2) Are traps throwing broken targets on a regular basis? If so, rectify
- 3) Distance markers should be visible on all ranges
- 4) Visible scoreboards to be cleaned up and in working order - please note that the official score sheet for ATA is the sheet or board upon which the scorer writes. It must be large enough to be visible by the competitors. [Size dictated by ATA - rule A: Procedure, 1 : 8.5 x 10 inches]
- 5) Grassed areas to be mowed and cleared of rubbish
- 6) Gun racks to be serviceable and clean
- 7) Bins for empty cartridge cases to be provided
- 8) ranges to be cleared of empty cartridge cases
- 9) Is the hoop for Skeet the regulation height?
- 10) Spare machines (in case of breakdowns) to be serviced and in working order
- 11) Is the spare scrambler (for Olympic Trap and Universal Trench) working?
- 12) What happens if there is a power failure? Is there backup electricity/power?
- 13) Are all electronic buttons working (Skeet & Trap)?
- 14) Angle markers must be visible for all standard disciplines
- 15) The means to measure all angles for Olympic Trap & Universal Trench must be available

A completed checklist is required to be sent to the EO by the hosting province two weeks in advance of the event. If no confirmation is received, the Exco may decide to cancel or postpone the event.

4.2 Sporting Clays

The following is a guideline for the mix of targets in a sporting competition:

Normal	50%
Mini/Midi)	30%
Rabbit	10%
Battue, Rocket, Super Mini	10%

ALLOW FOR BREAKAGES AND SIGHTERS - 5%

4.3 Labour for traps

1. Calculate how many labourers the shoot will need.
2. Do the trappers require training? Have you used them before?
3. In particular for English Sporting and FITASC Sporting, ensure that they are trained in advance of the event, preferably use them in a club competition prior to the event. Trappers must know the differences between the clays and how to launch double targets. They must also know to repeat a target if one is broken. Trappers must be taught to keep their traps loaded with the next clay whilst shooting is in progress.

4. All trappers must be properly protected in accordance with the FITASC range Setting Rules and the Club Safety Rules. This means that substantial shielding is required to protect the trapper on all shooting stands.
5. Ensure that all labour have safety helmets, glasses and ear protection.
6. Sporting trappers must not be visible AT ANY TIME during the execution of a round. The competitor on the stand must not be able to see any trapper from the stand. Trappers must be taught that they must stay behind the shield at all times.
7. Each trapper must be given a red flag so that if there is a problem the trapper can raise the flag and alert the umpire or squad.

4.4 Range design (Sporting)

1. The ranges may be set by the host Club or, by representatives from each of the different provinces.
2. All forms of sporting ranges must be designed and set up in accordance with the prevailing CTSASA Sporting Range Setting Policy.
3. Only members on the Range Setters Panel are permitted to set ranges. Failure to comply with this will void the CTSASA's 3rd Party Public liability insurance.
4. At every competition a jury must be appointed consisting of a member from each province represented at the competition.

THE OC MUST ENSURE THAT THE JURY MEMBERS ARE ADVISED WELL IN ADVANCE THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT AT THE TIME SPECIFIED IN ORDER TO CHECK THE RANGES.

5. After the ranges have been set the jury must be given time to examine and test the ranges AND MAKE ANY ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY for the safety of the shoot. Targets may also be altered to ensure that they comply with the FITASC range Setting Rules.
6. The jury members will be held responsible for the fairness of the ranges and may be called upon to answer to the CTSASA. All jury members must sign the appropriate **jury range Check** form which must be posted on the club notice board. A signed form for each range and for each day is required.
7. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THE RANGES TO BE CHANGED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE JURY.
8. In conjunction with the jury, the HC is also responsible for the safety of the ranges and any breaches of safety procedure will require a full investigation as to the cause. Under the terms of our insurance, the jury and HC represent the CTSASA and will be held answerable for any breaches of safety.
9. Competition shooting may not commence on any range until the jury has signed off the range as being safe and fair. This might mean that competition shooting does not commence until after the specified time – this is perfectly acceptable and is preferable to shooting a range that has not been declared safe.

4.5 Range Setters Panel

1. Range Setters Panel – only people who have been accepted on to the Range Setters Panel may set CTSASA provincial or national championship ranges or any other Sporting event held under the auspices of the CTSASA. This includes the Chairman's Cup. This rule covers all forms of sporting ranges.
2. To apply to be accepted on to the Range Setters Panel, the person must read through the CTSASA Sporting Range Setting Policy and then sign the registration form to confirm their commitment to adhering to this policy. New range setters can be added to the Panel at any time, provided that they send in the registration form. Once accepted, the EO will send notification to the member.
3. Prior to each CTSASA championship, the HC will confirm to the EO who will be setting ranges and that those range setters are on the range setters Panel.
4. The range setters will then set all forms of sporting ranges in accordance with the CTSASA Sporting Range Setting Policy.

5. The Technical jury will then check the ranges. One member (or more, if required) of the Technical jury will accompany the range setter(s) and will check the range for safety and compliance with all the relevant rules.
6. The Technical Jury member will sign a range checklist to confirm that the range has been checked and that it complies with all the relevant rules. The name of the range setter(s) will also be listed on the range checklist.
7. The signed range checklist must be placed on the club notice board or near the large score sheets so that all participating competitors can have access to the forms.
8. All ranges must have a completed and signed range checklist prior to commencement of shooting.
9. A completed and signed range checklist must be issued for each range and for both days. In other words, if range A is being used for both Saturday and Sunday, range A must have two signed range checklists – one for Saturday and one for Sunday.
10. After each Sporting event, a Sporting range report can be completed by the convenor of the event, or the Sporting Sub-Committee Chairman, should the need arise. This report must be submitted to the EO within 10 days of the event and preferably with the results of the event.
11. The Sporting range report will then be circulated to all range setters on the Range Setters Panel. The idea of this report is to highlight any areas which caused problems and to inform the other members of the Range Setters Panel of the remedies. This will serve as a reminder of any rules and helpful advice on spotting potential problems.

5. Friday Competition Regulations

1. All CTSASA provincial championships are traditionally shot over two days (Saturday and Sunday). However, the HC may choose to offer competitors the option of shooting 100 competition targets on the Friday preceding their provincial championship, i.e. the day before the start of the provincial championship.
2. The HC must communicate well in advance of the Standard Championship that the option to shoot competition scores on the Friday is available.
3. This option is only available for standard provincial championships.
4. The option of shooting competition targets on a Friday is not guaranteed and is subject to the HC receiving the minimum number of entries to fill the squads.
5. **Setting up the Juries** : The standard rules for setting up the Juries for a CTSASA championship apply to Friday Competition Shooting. Please refer to the CTSASA Competition Regulations.
6. Full squads required : all squads must conform to the rules governing the filling of squads. No squads may be less than 3 in number.
7. All competition events on the Friday **should ideally** be shot in the morning and completed by no later than 11h30. Friday afternoon is reserved for practice rounds. **Practice for all disciplines must be made available on the Friday afternoon.**

8. **At all times, the provincial CTSA Management, in conjunction with the HC Management, has the discretion to allocate the available competition targets for the disciplines to be shot at their provincial championship.**
9. The limit of shooting 200 targets in any one discipline at a provincial championship still applies, i.e. a competitor may not shoot 300 targets in any one discipline.
10. The disciplines available to be shot on a Friday are as follows:-
 - a. ATA Trap (singles) : maximum 2 squads per range
 - b. ATA Trap Doubles
 - c. DTL Trap : maximum 2 squads per range
 - d. Universal Trench : maximum 2 squads per range
 - e. NSSA Skeet (singles) : maximum 2 squads per range
 - f. NSSA Skeet Doubles

'Per range' = if a club has one range for a discipline (e.g. one Trap range), then 2 squads can shoot the discipline. If a club has two ranges (e.g. two Trap ranges) then 4 squads can shoot.
11. If an HC hosts competition targets on a Friday, then the HC MUST make practice ranges available the day before, i.e. the Thursday.
12. Members shooting practice rounds may not shoot in the same squads with competitors shooting competition rounds.
13. Rotation of squads and ranges shooting competition targets : where an HC has two ranges in any discipline, e.g. two Skeet ranges, the competition targets shot on a Friday must be shot equally over both ranges i.e. 2 rounds on Range 1 and 2 rounds on Range 2.

During the morning, practice rounds may be shot on ranges not being used for competition rounds.
14. Practice for Universal Trench competitors :
 - a. UT competitors who shoot their provincial championship targets on Friday may only shoot their practice rounds on the Thursday.
 - b. UT competitors who start their competition on Saturday may shoot their UT practice rounds on either Thursday or Friday.
 - c. To be clear, any UT competitor who shoots their first 100 competition targets on Friday may NOT practice UT on Friday afternoon.

Any UT competitor who shoots their first 100 competition targets on Friday and who contravenes this rule will be immediately disqualified from the championship.
15. **Squadding/Timetable** : (new clause in Competition Regulations "Competition Procedures") : Once the squadding lists and shooting timetable(s) have been published, competitors may not request any changes to their choice of days to shoot their chosen events.
 - a. Any cancellation of entries by the competitor must be notified to the Organising Committee as soon as practically possible.

- b. The OC may only alter the shooting timetable to facilitate last minute changes due to
 - i. Cancellations or
 - ii. Late entries in accordance with the rules or
 - iii. To correct errors caused by incorrect calculations of the timetable.
- c. The OC is not permitted to alter the squadding or timetable due to competitors requesting late personal preferences (e.g. choice of day, choice of squad or refusal to shoot with a particular competitor).

16. The rule concerning competition entries cut-off point in the **Competition Regulations** must be strictly enforced:

5.5 No entries can be accepted after commencement of the competition

It is mandatory that no entries shall be accepted for any discipline after the first shot has been fired which signifies the start of the competition, except in ATA where entries can be accepted until Squad 1 has completed its first round. See rule IV, D3 (Firing Position and Shooting Order) in the ATA rulebook.

Updated Competition Regulations for Practice Shooting

11.7 Practice shooting

Practice Shooting **for competitors who have commenced shooting their competition** is permissible only for ATA Trap, DTL Trap and NSSA Skeet after a Competition has started **provided that the OC of the competition can make the necessary arrangements.**

This facility is entirely at the discretion of the OC and competitors are reminded that it would be unreasonable to ask for practice on the morning of the day he/she is squadded to shoot. For the ISSF disciplines, no practice is permissible once the competition has started. For FITASC Sporting and English Sporting, no practice is permissible over the competition ranges. Targets set for the practice day may not be used in competition.

FRIDAY COMPETITION DISCIPLINES

Discipline	Friday Competition Permitted
ATA TRAP	YES
DTL TRAP	YES
NSSA SKEET	YES
UNIVERSAL TRENCH	YES
ATA TRAP DOUBLES	YES
NSSA SKEET DOUBLES	YES
OLYMPIC TRAP	NO
OLYMPIC SKEET	NO
OLYMPIC DOUBLE-TRAP	NO
ENGLISH SPORTING	NO
FITASC SPORTING	NO
FITASC TRAP1	NO

PRACTICE SCHEDULE IF SHOOTING PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TARGETS ON FRIDAY

Discipline	Thursday Practice	Friday Practice	Practice for competitors once Competition has Commenced	Practice for NON-competitors once Competition has Commenced
ATA TRAP	YES	YES#	YES*	YES*
DTL TRAP	YES	YES#	YES*	YES*
NSSA SKEET	YES	YES#	YES*	YES*
UNIVERSAL TRENCH	YES	YES#	NO	YES*
ATA TRAP DOUBLES	YES	YES#	YES*	YES*
NSSA SKEET DOUBLES	YES	YES#	YES*	YES*
OLYMPIC TRAP	NO	YES#	NO	NO
OLYMPIC SKEET	NO	YES#	NO	NO
OLYMPIC DOUBLE-TRAP	NO	YES#	NO	NO
# Morning practice subject to availability, afternoon practice MUST be made available *Provided ranges are available				

6. Competition entry procedures

Please also see section "Entry Fees and Entry Forms" - item 2.1.6, page 3

The person designated to take entries for the event must not accept an entry without a valid CTSASA number. Most of the entries are now being made via the CTSASA web site but small numbers of telephonic entries or email entries can still be accommodated.

Membership lists can be sent upon request by the EO to the HC. ANY queries must be referred to the EO. The following information must be given by the entrant to the person taking entries:-

- Valid CTSASA number (i.e. the person is fully paid up to his club, province and the CTSASA).
- Proper full name (not nickname), i.e. the name that appears on the membership card. CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO SPELL THE NAME CORRECTLY! Many surnames and initials are VERY similar and confusion over names causes incorrect assignment of scores, plus it wastes valuable time.
- Date of birth
- Daytime contact telephone number and email address
- Category - i.e. lady, junior, colt, veteran or super-veteran
- Events to be entered
- Any preferences for order of shooting events (the member must be informed however, that the HC will try it's best to accommodate all wishes, but cannot guarantee compliance).
- No preferences for being squadded with certain people is allowed for any disciplines except ATA and NSSA or for parent/child combinations.
- Requests to NOT shoot with certain people can be accommodated where possible though (such as husband and wife).
- Requests to shoot at the same time as another member but in a different squad will be looked upon favourably where possible.
- Juniors and colts must shoot in the presence of their parent/legal guardian or the person who is the licence holder of the firearm they are using (this is a requirement of the Firearms Control Act). Parents/legal guardians may request to shoot in the same squad in order to facilitate this legal requirement.

6.1 Late entries

Late entries, telephone entries and entries not accompanied by the appropriate fees may only be accepted at the discretion of the OC.

6.2 Penalty for a "no-show"

In February 1999, it was agreed that if a member/competitor enters a shoot but who does not participate in the event and does not cancel his official entry directly with the OC, (i.e. a "no-show") he/she will be charged a penalty of half of the competition fee. He/she will then become "not in good standing" with the CTSASA and will not be eligible to participate in another event until the penalty is paid to the HC.

6.3 Entry cancellation procedure

Members are requested to understand that organising a competition requires a considerable amount of time, including the time that it takes to squad shooters, draw up timetables, write up score sheets and handle all the necessary requests. We therefore implore members to exercise consideration and courtesy should it be necessary for them to cancel a competition entry.

Please ensure that you contact the HC via telephone and not rely on email communication if the cancellation is less than a day before the event (i.e. do not send an email to the club on the practice day, which is usually the day before the event). If the cancellation is more than one day before the event, an email to the club contact as listed on the entry form is acceptable.

6.4 Unpaid Competitors may be refused to be squadded

All Hosting Clubs may choose to refuse to squad any competitor who has not submitted their entry via the on-line entry system on the CTSASA web site and/or not paid the relevant entry fees for the competition(s).

6.5 No entries can be accepted after commencement of the competition

It is however, mandatory, that no entries shall be accepted for any discipline after the first shot has been fired which signifies the start of the competition, except in ATA where entries can be accepted until Squad 1 has completed its first round. See rule IV, D3 (Firing Position and Shooting Order) in the [ATA rulebook](#).

7. Individuals - eligibility

1. All competitors in national and provincial championships must be amateurs in terms of the ruling laid down by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee or its successors.
2. All South African resident competitors must be members of the CTSASA in good standing when participating in competitions which are organised under the auspices of the CTSASA. This regulation means that the member must have paid his dues to the CTSASA and must also be in good standing with the province and club for which he shoots.
3. All ordinary members of the CTSASA who have fulfilled the conditions laid down in the CTSASA constitution and these Competition Regulations, are eligible and have the right to compete in any NATIONAL OR OPEN PROVINCIAL COMPETITION.
4. If a person shoots an open provincial or national championship who is not registered with the CTSASA, the host club is responsible for the payment of that person's subscription to the CTSASA. Payment by the competitor to either a club or provincial C.T.S.A. does not constitute payment to the CTSASA.

7.1 Foreign competitors

7.1.1 Non-resident foreign competitors:

Foreign Competitor Type	Provincial championships, High Gun, Class & Category Medals. Non-pre-selected Provincial teams.	South African National Championships Class and Category Medals Non-pre-selected Provincial teams.	South African National Championship High Gun Medal
Non-South African individual residing outside South Africa.	May win any category or class medal, including High Gun medals.	May win any category or class medal, excluding High Gun 1 st medal.	May not win South African Champion title. If highest score is shot, the competitor will be awarded the title of International SA Champion.
South African individual residing in African country	May win any category or class medal, including High Gun medals.	May win any category or class medal, including High Gun medals.	May win South African Champion title.
South African individual residing in non-African country	May win any category or class medal, including High Gun medals. Must pay the Occasional Membership fee.	May win any category or class medal, including High Gun medals. Must pay the Occasional Membership fee.	May win SA Champion title. Must pay the Occasional Membership fee.
African provincial teams	May participate as non-preselected teams.	May participate as non-preselected teams.	n/a
Non-African provincial teams	Not permitted	Not permitted	n/a
Overseas Teams in SA domestic events	n/a	Must participate as an invitational team against CTSASA SA Team	n/a

Definition of a Non-Resident Foreign Competitor

A non-resident foreign competitor is a person who does not reside in South Africa and who does not hold South African citizenship.

Classification of Non-Resident Foreign Competitors

Non-Resident Foreign Competitors will automatically be classified according to the prevailing classification system as per these Competition Regulations (see 15.5 Unclassified Shooters - How to calculate a class at a CTSASA event). Alternatively, if the official governing body for Clay Target Shooting in the Non-Resident Foreign Competitor's country supplies a verifiable official classification average, the Hosting Club may use this if verified by the CTSASA Administration Office. The default method of classification will be the use of 15.5 as detailed above.

CTSASA South African National Champion Title

A non-resident foreign competitor may not win the title of South African National Champion at any CTSASA National Championship.

However, should a non-resident foreign competitor shoot the highest score in a South African National Championship, the competitor will be awarded the title of International South African Champion.

The title of "South African National Champion" will be awarded to the highest-scoring resident South African shooter (see section Resident Foreign Competitors) at that event.

Class and Category Provincial Medals and South African Championship Medals

All non-resident foreign competitors may win individual class and category medals in CTSASA provincial and national championships.

Provincial Teams in Provincial, National and Inter-Provincial Championships

Apart from teams from Zimbabwe, Namibia or Botswana (or any other African team as approved by the CTSASA), non-resident foreigners may not win medals as part of a provincial team in CTSASA Provincial or National Championships or Inter-Provincial Championships.

Chairman's Cup Inter-Provincial Championship : Invited Teams

Upon invitation, teams from Zimbabwe, Namibia or Botswana may compete in the annual Chairman's Cup Inter-Provincial Championship and are eligible to win all available medals and prizes.

Olympic Inter-Provincial Championship

Upon invitation, teams from Zimbabwe, Namibia or Botswana may compete in the annual Olympic Inter-Provincial Championship and are eligible to win all available medals and prizes.

Non-Resident South African Competitor in Non-African Country

A non-resident South African living in a non-African country may compete as a South African provided he/she pays the CTSASA Occasional Membership fee.

Non-Resident Foreign Competitors Membership Fees

The CTSASA does not require any non-resident foreign competitor to join the CTSASA in order to participate in CTSASA competitions.

CTSASA Awards, South African National Teams and Chairman's Cup Teams

Non-resident foreigner competitors may not earn CTSASA or National Protea Colours and are not eligible for Mackintosh Colours or selection for provincial teams in the Chairman's Cup, any other South African team event or any other event as designated by the CTSASA Exco.

7.1.2 Resident foreign competitors

A resident foreign competitor is a person who resides in South Africa and who is not a South African Citizen. Resident foreign competitors are subject to the normal requirements of a full Ordinary Member of the CTSASA, i.e. they must belong to a CTSASA registered club, be registered with their province and pay the appropriate CTSASA membership fees.

Resident foreign competitors may win CTSASA provincial or national championships and win medals as part of a provincial team in CTSASA Provincial or National championships. Resident foreign competitors may participate in the Chairman's Cup, Olympic Inter-Provincial, and may form part of a CTSASA provincial team provided that they have either :

1. Permanent residence permit or,
2. SA Citizen or,
3. Residing in SA with a long term working VISA (1 year)

Resident foreigners may not earn National Protea Colours unless he/she acquires South African citizenship, but may earn other CTSASA awards including (but not limited to):

CTSASA Merit Colours

Paul Kruger Trophy

Annual Gold Medal Awards

Sportsman/Shooter of the Year

The CTSASA Exco retains the right to amend the above list of awards at its discretion.

International participation and representation are subject to the prevailing international rules as laid down by the relevant international and governing organizations.

Only South African citizens may qualify for the Mackintosh International Postal Team Championship.

7.1.3 Dual Nationality Competitors

A member with dual citizenship (one of which is SA citizenship) may not shoot for another country as well as represent a South African province in the same event. The competitor must choose either one or the other, i.e. the member may shoot for e.g. Botswana but cannot shoot for an SA province at the same event. To clarify further, the member may not register as a foreign national and shoot as a SA provincial competitor in the same event (new clause 20th March 24).

7.2 Individuals - age limits – for competitions (not membership subscriptions)

	Colts/ Sub-Juniors	Juniors	Veterans	Super/ Senior Veterans
ATA TRAP	Under 15 on day 1 of event	Under 18 on day 1 of event	65 and over on day 1 of event	70 and over on day 1 of event
D.T.L.	CTSASA category - under 15 on day 1 of the event (except for the Mackintosh - 1st January applies).	Under 21 on 1 st January in year of event (ICTSF and CPSA rule)	55 and over on 1 st January in year of event (ICTSF and CPSA rule)	65 and over on 1 st January in year of event (ICTSF and CPSA rule)
English Sporting	CTSASA category - under 15 on day 1 of the event	Under 21 on 1 st January in year of event (ICTSF and CPSA rule)	55 and over on 1 st January in year of event (ICTSF and CPSA rule)	65 and over on 1 st January in year of event (ICTSF and CPSA rule)
5-Stand Sporting	N/a	Under 21 the year you turn 21 you are no longer a Junior	55 and over you must have turned 55 in the year prior to the competition	65 and over you must have turned 65 in the year prior to the competition
NSSA (skeet)	Under 14 1 st Jan determines age	Under 18 1 st Jan determines age	60 and over 1 st Jan determines age	70 and over 1 st Jan determines age See also rule 4 a 2 in NSSA rulebook
NSCA		Under 21 the year you turn 21 you are no longer a Junior	55 and over you must have turned 55 in the year prior to the competition	65 and over you must have turned 65 in the year prior to the competition
ISSF (Olympic)	N/a	Under 21 on December 31 st in the year of the competition.	No Category Use FITASC age	No Category
CTSASA	Under 15 On day 1 of event			65 and over on day 1 of event

8. FITASC age limits with effect from 1st January 2018:

JUNIOR	LADY	MAN	SENIOR	VETERAN	MASTER
Male or female From 1 st January in the year they turn 13	From 1 st January in the year they turn 13	From 1 st January in the year they turn 21	From 1 st January in the year they turn 56	From 1 st January in the year they turn 66	From 1 st January in the year they turn 73

9. Temporary and Occasional Member regulations

9.1 Rules for Temporary and Occasional Members:

- Anyone who has previously been a member of the CTSASA is permitted to become a Temporary Member
- A Temporary member may shoot any provincial championship within the 2 membership time period options : 1) two month membership or 2) four month membership. The two month membership may be renewed once. Maximum time period for a Temporary Member is four months. No further renewals are permitted.
- A Temporary member may not participate in South African National championships.
- All Temporary and Occasional Members will not be members of SASSCo.
- Competition entry fees and capitation levies to remain the same as per Ordinary Members.
- **Only Occasional Members** can obtain a certificate of ordinary membership (**not** Dedicated) for licence purposes. Temporary members may not receive any form of membership certification.
- Temporary and Occasional members will receive the regular CTSASA newsletter.
- Existing full ordinary members may downgrade to an Occasional Member.
- Occasional Members and Temporary members may not participate in International Championships held in South Africa
- Occasional Members and Temporary members may not participate in either international FITASC, ICTSF or ISSF Championships.

Registration of Competition Entries

Occasional Members must register via their CTSASA web site profile.

As at 20th March 2024 all **Temporary** Members must register by either completing the Temporary Member Registration form and submitting their entry via email to the Organising Committee or entering via the CTSASA online competition entry system.

9.2 Club Procedure for Registering Temporary Members

1. All completed Temporary Membership Registration forms must be sent to the CTSASA Administration office - info@ctsasa.co.za - **PRIOR TO** the event.
2. The CTSASA Administration office will allocate a new CTSASA number for the Temporary Member.
3. The CTSASA will invoice the hosting club for the Temporary Membership fees after the championship results have been received and processed.
4. If a hosting club allows a person to shoot a CTSASA Championship without first registering as a Temporary member (or full member) the hosting club becomes liable for the prevailing FULL membership fee.

As at 20th March 2024

Summary of Temporary and Occasional Member Benefits and Rules

	Temporary member	Occasional Member
No of events	No maximum in period of temporary membership	Two per year
Type of events permitted for participation	Provincial championships only	Provincial or SA Championships
Disciplines allowed to be shot	All	All
Provincial Team Representation	No	No
Can shoot events in any province	Yes	Yes
Can win medals (but not team medals)	No	Yes
Club required	No	No
Certification for firearm licences	No	Yes - Occasional Membership Certificate only (not Dedicated)
Can be a previous CTSASA member	Yes	Yes
Time limit to membership	4 months maximum - 2 options : two or four months membership. Two months membership may renew for a further two months.	No time limit - membership is renewable yearly
Fees	2 months : R250, 4 months - R400	R825/year (correct for 2024)

10. Provincial teams - eligibility and transfer rules

- All members must be registered with the CTSASA according to their residential address and will be registered in the CTSASA database as such.
- All members must be registered (and pay any appropriate affiliation fee) with the province for which they shoot.
- Persons who are full-time students in a province different from their domicile province may represent the province in which they are studying provided that they do not represent any other province during the same calendar year.
- A new member may be registered in a province different from his/her residential province under the following circumstances:-
 - The member has not previously been a member of the CTSASA at any time
 - The member is notified of these regulations by the EO at the time of acceptance of membership and, by implication, is fully aware of the terms of these regulations.
 - No application to the CTSASA Exco is necessary.
- A lapsed member may rejoin the CTSASA in the year (or subsequent years) following the lapse of the membership and register with a different province without application to the CTSASA. No transfer fee is required.

6. An existing member, whether or not he/she moves residence may transfer province on the following conditions:
 1. An application from him/her must be submitted to the EO on the appropriate form (obtainable from the EO or from the [CTSASA web site](#)).
 2. January transfers : all transfer applications during the month of January do not require approval from the existing province. All transfer applications during the month of January are not subject to the transfer fee of R2000.
 3. February to December transfers : The member must be in good standing with his /her current province and the CTSASA before the application can be processed. "Good standing" means that the member has paid all required membership fees and outstanding monies; that the member is not under any disciplinary action and that the member is considered a fully paid up member of both his/her current province and the CTSASA. The transfer fee of R2000 is applicable for all transfers taking place during February to **December, with the exception of clause 9.6.7**
 4. The member must notify (in writing) his/her existing provincial chairman of his/her intended transfer at the time of submitting his/her application to transfer.
 5. Approval by receiving province : before any transfer can take place, the receiving province (i.e. the province to where the member is transferring) must send written confirmation to the CTSASA office that they have accepted the transfer request.
 6. The member may represent his/her new province once the relevant approvals have been given and the transfer fee paid where applicable.
 7. **From February to December, at the sole discretion of the CTSASA President, an existing member in good standing (as per the definition in 9.6.3 above) may apply to transfer province due to a physical relocation of permanent residence without the fee as per clause 9.6.2. Each application will be assessed by the President of the CTSASA. The decision of the President will be final.**

10.1 Definition of lapsed member

Definition of lapsed member : *A member whose membership was considered terminated under the CTSASA Constitution (clause 9 – Membership Fees), i.e. no payment for membership subscription was received by the CTSASA office by the 31st March in the subscription year, with no subsequent renewal of membership during that same calendar year.*

10.2 Non pre-selected provincial teams

The highest scores in each province to count towards the team. The number of competitors are:

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSSA Skeet, Olympic disciplines, Universal Trench	3
English Sporting/FITASC Sporting	4
ATA Trap/DTL Trap	3

OPEN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All disciplines (except "side" events)	3
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10.3 African Countries as Provinces

Where an African country fields sufficient competitors in a CTSASA championship, their top scoring competitors will be listed as a province under the applicable rules for non-preselected provincial teams.

10.4 Preselected teams

CHAIRMAN'S CUP - All disciplines	3
OLYMPIC INTER-PROVINCIAL - All disciplines	2

Scoring format for Olympic Inter-Provincial:

- 2 x 125 skeet scores
- 2 x 125 trap scores
- a % out of 300 to be calculated from the 300 double trap targets x 2

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

According to rules laid down by the governing international body, or as determined by the CTSASA

10.5 Substitution

Substitution of a member of a pre-selected team is permissible only if the substitution takes place BEFORE THE COMPETITION BEGINS. Once a competitor has registered a score no substitution is permitted.

10.6 Makeshift teams

No team of makeshift or pick-up character arranged at or immediately before a championship shot under the auspices of the CTSASA shall be allowed to participate at such championship unless the PRIOR approval of the Exco has been obtained.

11. Invitational International Team Events

Category = Junior, Lady, Man (FITASC), Senior (FITASC), Veteran, Super-Veteran, master

11.1 South African Grand

- Where an invitational international team event is arranged, and where the event is excluded from qualifying for applying for National Protea Colours, the CTSASA Exco shall determine the criteria for team selection. Once it is confirmed that international teams will be participating, the final criteria shall be published as soon as possible.
- As at 2019, the National Trial Positions for the relevant discipline will be used. The cut-off point for selection will be the last Standard Championship prior to the South African Grand provided that it is at least four weeks prior to the South African Grand.
- For Open/Man teams, all categories of competitor are eligible for selection.
- Where there are invitational international teams in other categories, then the competitor must shoot in their designated category team, i.e. a Veteran must shoot in his/her category team.
- The team will be known as the CTSASA National Team with the appropriate category designation (e.g. CTSASA National Lady Team).
- Participation in an invitational international team does not preclude the competitor from being selected for a non-preselected provincial team.
- If a category competitor is included in the Man/Open invitational international team then this competitor may not compete in any other team event apart from the non-preselected provincial team.
- All category competitors competing in an Open/Man team remain eligible for medals/prizes in their category in the championship. To clarify, a Lady can participate in the Open/Man team and still compete in the Lady category in the championship.

- If replacement team members are required (due to insufficient available trialists) then the prevailing Classification list will be used.

11.2 FITASC African Sporting Championship

- Where an invitational team event is arranged, and where the event is excluded from qualifying for applying for National Protea Colours, the CTSASA Exco shall determine the criteria for selection.
- As at 2019, the National Trial Positions for the relevant discipline will be used. The cut-off point for selection will usually be within approximately two months of the FITASC African Sporting Championship. **All paid up members on the National Trial Position schedule will be eligible for consideration for selection, irrespective of whether they have paid the trial levy or not. (added 18/6/25).**
- For Open/Man teams, all categories of competitor are eligible for selection. ***Under normal circumstances the FITASC rule stipulates that if a category competitor participates in the Man team, then the competitor must compete as an individual in the Man category. Therefore, a Junior may NOT shoot as an individual Junior and compete in the Man team.*** However, a special dispensation is allowed for the African Sporting Championship where members of the Open team may shoot in their individual category as well as the Open team.
- Where there are invitational international teams in other categories, then the competitor must shoot in their designated category team, i.e. a Veteran must shoot in his/her category team.
- The team will be known as the CTSASA National Team with the appropriate category designation (e.g. CTSASA National Lady Team).
- If replacement team members are required (due to insufficient available trialists) then the prevailing Classification list will be used.

12. Competition procedures

12.1 Squadding/Squadding requests/200 targets per day

1. **Even distribution :** Where possible, all squads to consist of an even distribution of Open, AA, A, B and C class competitors (or the prevailing classes - see Appendix C : Medals for provincial and national championships for an up to date list), and an even distribution of competitors from the different provinces. Squads must not be deliberately drawn to provide 'elite' squads, i.e. all AA class, or to provide 'inexperienced' squads, i.e. all C class.
2. **Requests for groups of friends to shoot together in one squad are prohibited.** However, if the club can accommodate it, requests to shoot at approximately the same times but in different squads are permissible.
3. **Shooting 200 targets in one day :** If a club can accommodate it, a competitor may request to shoot 200 targets of the same discipline in one day, provided that the request is made PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE COMPETITION or before a deadline published on the entry form. Requests on the day of the competition will not be accommodated under any circumstances.

This ruling, whilst accommodating special circumstances cannot be allowed for events such as Universal Trench, Olympic Trap and FITASC Sporting, where different patterns and ranges are shot over different days.

English Sporting events must be set up to be shot over 2 days. However, if the club can accommodate it, participants may shoot 200 targets on one day. All competitors must be allowed to shoot over 2 days if they wish.

This rule is subject to the HC being able to accommodate the request. If a club cannot accommodate a request to shoot 200 targets of one discipline in one day, it is not grounds for any complaint to be lodged by the competitor.

4. Rule 12.1(3) will not apply to South African National Championships.
5. If the request to shoot 200 targets in one day should cause a squad to be less than 3 in number, then the request cannot be granted.
6. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will a squad be allowed to shoot unless there is an official umpire and 2 scorers (Skeet & Trench), or an official umpire and one scorer (ATA Trap & Sporting).
7. ATA Trap squads to consist of a maximum of 5 competitors. If a short squad is necessary the shooting order must be:

No.	Stands
2	2 & 4
3	2,3 & 4
4	2,3,4 & 5

8. **ISSF and NSSA Skeet, Fitasc Sporting and Universal Trench** : A squad normally consists of 6 competitors except when the draw does not permit an even distribution.
9. **ISSF Olympic Trap** : The official rules lay down that squads which are composed of less than 6 official competitors should be filled with proficient competitors for the duration of the competition.
10. **Changing squads** : No competitor may change his squad without permission from the OC.
11. **Jury limitation** : The jury has the right to query, but may not change, the squadding. If the query raised by the jury would improve the quality of the competition, the OC must give this careful consideration.
12. **Shooting order - time table** : It is strongly recommended that the OC ensure that targets are uniform and shooting times vary. E.g. no competitor should shoot at the same time each day and no-one competitor should complete his shooting until all competitors have completed an equal number of rounds. Further, the organisers should try to arrange the shooting programme so that competitors complete their targets on one discipline before commencing another discipline.
13. **NSSA Skeet** : 100 NSSA Skeet targets can be shot on the "straight through" system. Competitors who do not wish to shoot "straight through" must be accommodated in "skip" squads. Where two ranges are in use, squads must shoot equal number of rounds on each range.
14. **Refusal to squad** : All Hosting Clubs may choose to refuse to squad any competitor who has not submitted their entry via the on-line entry system on the CTSASA web site and/or not paid the relevant entry fees for the competition(s).

12.2 Squadding timetable

12.2.1 ATA Trap and NSSA Skeet

Shooting may take place in any of the following combinations, which may be chosen at the discretion of the OC:-

1. Staggered rounds of 25 targets each - i.e. if there are four squads, Squad A will shoot 25 targets, followed by Squad B, followed by Squad C, followed by Squad D. Squad A will then commence it's next round of 25 targets.
2. The "straight through" system. Each squad shoots their 4 rounds one after the other. If the HC has 4 ranges, then each squad starts on range 1 and shoots on each range in turn through to range 4.
3. As far as is possible, all competitors should shoot over the same combination of ranges. It is not permissible for one squad to shoot all 4 rounds on one range, whilst another squad shoots their 4 rounds on another range.

12.2.2 Universal Trench, Olympic Trap, Olympic Double Trap and Olympic Skeet

All shooting will take place in staggered rounds of 25 targets each - i.e. if there are 4 squads, Squad A will shoot 25 targets, followed by Squad B, followed by Squad C, followed by Squad D. Squad A will then commence it's next round of 25 targets. For Olympic Skeet, the HC must accommodate the Olympic Skeet competitors by allowing them to shoot first.

12.2.3 FITASC Sporting

All shooting will take place in staggered rounds of (generally) 25 targets each - i.e. if there are 4 squads, Squad A will shoot range 1, Squad B will shoot range 2, Squad C will shoot range 3, Squad D will shoot range 4. Squad A will then commence it's next round of 25 targets on range 2 and so on. See example below:-

range 1	range 2	range 3	range 4
Squad A	Squad B	Squad C	Squad D
D	A	B	C
C	D	A	B
B	C	D	A

When there are more than 4 squads in a competition, the squads who started their shooting first on the first day, should then be rotated to shoot at a different time on the second day. Alternatively, depending upon numbers, 5 ranges can be set up with 20 targets per range. See Appendix D : FITASC Sporting - guide to maximum shooters and ranges for more permutations.

Should the HC have sufficient facilities, the "new system" of FITASC may be shot. See the [FITASC Sporting rule book](#).

12.2.4 General

1. It is not permissible to re-squad competitors once shooting has commenced.
2. "Squad hopping" is not permitted where a competitor wishes to complete his event early and is placed in several different squads.
3. The timetable must be clearly displayed on the club notice board by 12H00 on the practice day prior to the competition.
4. The competition start time must be clearly displayed on the club notice board by 12H00 on the days prior to the competitions.
5. Should a change in start time occur through circumstances beyond the control of the OC (e.g. weather, breakdowns etc) then this change should be clearly visible on the club notice board and the OC must make every effort to inform all competitors. However, it is the duty of the competitor to ensure that they remain in contact with the organizing committee to keep informed of any changes.
6. The change in start time of an event cannot take place beyond 4pm on the day prior to the next day's competition.

7. At all times, irrespective of whether the timetable has been changed after 12H00 on the day before the competition, the onus is on the competitor to ensure that they are aware of when they are scheduled to shoot.
8. It is advisable that all competitors arrive at the venue in good time to take into account any last minute changes in the shooting schedule.
9. It must be stated that if a competitor is late for a squad, the appropriate penalties per discipline will apply.

12.2.5 South African Grand Squadding

Once the shooting timetable has been published for the South African Grand, and where a competitor has entered a South African National Championship over 3 or more days, the first two days selected will remain the allocated days for their South African National Championship scores, irrespective if the competitor cancels or otherwise does not shoot either of the first two days.

12.2.6 Standard Provincial Championships Squadding

Once a competition shooting timetable has been published, a competitor may not change their allocated Provincial Championship days. E.g. if a competitor has entered for 100 DTL Trap on Saturday, and 100 ATA Trap on Sunday, the competitor may not alter these entries.

12.3 Management factor

When making the decision on the allocation of a **national championship**, the Exco must be satisfied that the selected venue can provide the necessary facilities and organisation to run the event efficiently.

12.4 Setting up the jury(ies)

At all competitions run under the auspices of the CTSASA a jury must be appointed for each discipline and the names of the jury **must be displayed on the notice board prior to the commencement of the competition**.

1. All provincial and national championships (including national trials) must be shot over a Saturday and/or Sunday. From 2021, hosting clubs/provinces may choose to utilise the Friday before the event (i.e. the day before the event) and host competition targets. **Please see section 5 for full details.**
2. The OC must notify the members of the jury **PRIOR** to the commencement of the competition that they have been appointed to act as members of the jury. The names of the jury members must be kept on record by the HC for a period of six months following the event.
3. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman of the OC shall be the convenor of the jury.
4. There shall be a minimum number of 2 Jurists per discipline, excluding the convenor. Such jurists must be qualified to adjudicate in the discipline concerned.
5. The jury members shall be appointed from the following in the order stated:
 - a. The Area delegate or his Alternate from each of the provinces which are represented at the Competition.
 - b. Nominees from the provinces.
 - c. The National President, if not specifically nominated shall have the right to sit on the jury (ex-officio).
6. The OC shall ensure that, as far as possible all provinces are fairly represented on the jury.

Functions of the Jury:

- 7.** To check and approve ranges prior to the shoot and complete check lists. **To view the full duties of the Jury, please click [HERE](#).**
8. To determine the colour and standard of the targets to be used and to ensure that this is uniform throughout the entire competition. The host club must ensure that a sufficient supply of suitable clays (in the colours authorised in the [rule books](#)) are available.
9. To ensure that the [official rules](#) for each type of shooting are strictly adhered to. In particular the selection of the schemes to be used for Olympic Trap and Universal Trench.
10. The selection of shooting schemes/patterns to be made by drawing out of a hat, with the scheme(s) which have been used for Olympic Trap during practice eliminated. Please note that the pattern(s) for Universal Trench is(are) announced 7 (seven) days prior to a championship for practice purposes. The patterns are also published on the CTSASA web site. Penalties for a breach of the above conditions may be imposed as decided on by the Exco. The CTSASA Executive Officer will select the UT pattern and notify the HC.
- 11. *IT IS NOT THE FUNCTION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OR JURY TO PHYSICALLY SET THE MACHINES. THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHECKS, NOT SETS.***
12. Appeals - in all disciplines an appeal fee of R250 must be handed to the jury along with the appeal in writing. No verbal appeals will be considered. The fee of R250 will be refunded should the appeal be upheld.
13. Should an official appeal be lodged by a competitor which involves a member of the jury, then that jury member must be excluded from the appeal hearing. An alternative jury member from the same province should be provided if available.

[Update 26/6/24] In addition, should any member of the jury be considered to have a real or potential conflict of interest with any aspect of the matter or member under protest or appeal, then the jury member MUST excuse himself or herself from the appeal process.

The Convenor will have the right to determine the real or potential conflict of any jury member.
14. Under no circumstances may any targets be re-shot.
15. After each event, a nominated jury member must submit the jury Competition Report to the CTSASA office. The HC to ensure that the jury member receives the report document.

12.5 Qualified umpires

All ISSF qualified umpires may be called upon to officiate at any CTSASA event and are ex-officio on all technical and appeal juries. It is a directive from the CTSASA Executive that where possible, the HC must use qualified umpires for all juries and for officiating at shoot-offs. If a qualified umpire is also a competitor, the OC must not over burden the umpire with excessive umpire duties.

12.6 Competitors Are Expected to Umpire

If official umpires are not provided, all competitors are expected to take their turn at umpiring. This applies to all disciplines.

The HC must ensure that the squadding timetable accommodates the requirement for umpiring.

For the SA Olympic Championship, the HC must designate official umpires (qualified umpires preferably).

12.7 Practice shooting

Practice Shooting is permissible only for ATA Trap and NSSA Skeet after a Competition has started **provided that the OC of the competition can make the necessary arrangements.**

This facility is entirely up to the discretion of the OC and competitors are reminded that it would be unreasonable to ask for practice on the morning of the day he/she is squadded to shoot. For the ISSF disciplines, no practice is permissible once the competition has started. For FITASC Sporting and English Sporting, no practice is permissible over the competition ranges. Targets set for the practice day may not be used in competition.

12.8 Scorekeeping - scoreboard

The full scoreboard must be displayed on a noticeboard accessible to all competitors and the scoreboard must be drawn up with the following information:

1. CTSA number
2. Competitor Initial and surname (no nicknames)
3. Class
4. Category
5. Province
6. Club
7. Individual scores by round
8. Total out of the first 100 targets (or 75 - if applicable - for ISSF events)
9. Total out of the second 100 targets (or 125 - if applicable - for ISSF events)
10. Grand total out of the 200 targets (Sporting Champs and SA Championships only)
11. Shoot-off result (if any)

NB: POSTED ALONGSIDE THE SCOREBOARD MUST BE THE CURRENT CLASSIFICATION LIST SO THAT SHOOTERS MAY CHECK THEIR CURRENT RANKINGS/AVERAGES. ALSO ALONGSIDE THE SCOREBOARD MUST BE THE CURRENT TRIAL POSITIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINES BEING SHOT. [All of this information is accessible on the CTSASA web site.](#)

1. A **DIFFERENT** scoreboard must be drawn up for each **DIFFERENT** discipline and must be of a size where each score is in a block at least 25mm square to ensure good visibility.
2. The scoreboard must be updated **immediately after the range score sheets are handed in to the score keeper.**
3. The first day's scores must be entered and completed by the end of the first day's shooting.
4. All 25 straight scores must be circled in red pen.
5. All classes should be written up in different coloured pens so that at a glance, each different class can easily be seen.
6. Any corrections should be made by writing the correct information on top of liquid paper or a sticker. Under no circumstances should a figure be changed by writing directly on top of the incorrect figure.
7. It is forbidden for a competitor, spectator or any person other than the designated scorekeeper to write on the official scoreboard.
8. The scorekeeper should keep the pens either in the designated office, away from the scoreboard, or on his/her person.
9. If a competitor approaches the scorekeeper and tells him/her that a particular score is incorrect, the scorekeeper **must check the original score sheet** before making any alteration.
10. The original range score sheets must be kept by the HC for a period of one year from the date of the event.

12.9 Scorekeeping - by computer

All scores for CTSASA championships must be recorded on a computer (preferably using Microsoft Excel or a compatible program) and submitted to the CTSASA office in the prevailing standard format which is available for download on the CTSASA web site. A sample can be seen in Appendix F.

Results sent in any other format will not be processed. No PDF, JPG or any other format. For the moment, where a club has a computerised system for recording scores, it is forbidden to only use a computerised results system unless the size of the printout complies with rule 12.8 Scorekeeping - scoreboard above. At all times, a large visible scoreboard must be used.

12.10 Machine breakdowns/equipment failure

In the event of a machine breakdown, the name of the person who should be contacted should be posted on the noticeboard. **This is usually the Convenor of the Championship Jury.**

13. CTSASA disciplines and shooting rules

The Rules in force at any Championship shot under the auspices of the CTSASA shall be as follows:

Discipline	Rules
Olympic Skeet	ISSF
Olympic Trap	ISSF
Olympic Double Trap	ISSF
FITASC Universal Trench	FITASC
FITASC Sporting	FITASC
FITASC TRAP1	FITASC
ATA Trap (S/Barrel)	ATA
ATA Doubles	ATA
DTL Trap (full-use)	DTL - CPSA UK
NSSA Skeet/Doubles	NSSA
English Skeet	English Skeet
English Sporting	CPSA UK
Five Stand Sporting	Five Stand Sporting
Automatic Ball-Trap	Automatic Ball-Trap

Copies of the Rule Books are available for download on the [CTSASA web site](#).

13.1 CTSASA over-riding rules

Further over-riding rules made by the CTSASA are shown below. Strict adherence to the International rule book for each discipline is mandatory, however, the CTSASA Exco reserves the right to make amendments or clarification of rules, if necessary, in the future. These amendments or interpretations will be published via the CTSASA media platforms.

Where there is a rule conflict, the CTSASA Competition Regulations will take precedence.

13.2 ATA Trap : Powers of the umpire

Where there is a lack of definition in the ATA Trap rule book, the powers of the umpire for this discipline will be identical to those described in the ISSF disciplines.

13.3 DTL Trap : double-discharge in DTL

A double discharge should be regarded as a malfunction, and (subject to the limitations set out in the next paragraph), each such occurrence is to be regarded as a "No target", whether the competitor kills the target or not. The competitor is to be provided with an additional target, which is scored in accordance with the rules.

A maximum of two such malfunctions is allowed in a round of 25 targets, whereafter subsequent double discharges are to be called "Lost" - whether the competitor kills the target or not.

An umpire may, at any time he/she deems a competitor's gun to be unsafe, disqualify the competitor from further participation in the event. This rule applies to normal rounds of DTL Trap as well as shoot-off rounds.

13.4 ATA Trap : Gun Malfunction/Replacement Gun (same rule as per DTL Trap)

If a gun fails to function and the Referee, on inspection, finds that it is not quickly repairable and that it has not been caused by the shooter, the options below are open to the shooter:

- a) Use another gun providing one can be secured without delay (time allowance 3 minutes).
- b) Drop out of the shooting rota (with the Referee's permission) and complete the sequence of targets left on that round/stand at a later time when a vacancy occurs and the Referee gives permission.

13.5 Dress code

13.5.1 General

The purpose of this code is to avoid damage to the public image and perception of the sport of Clay Target Shooting by requiring participants to present at all times a smart and dignified appearance whilst taking part. At all events at which this code applies, participants' dress must always reflect the above overriding principle and the CTSASA will not tolerate any breaches of these rules that may compromise the image of our sport.

13.5.2 Application of the code

This code will be applied at all provincial and national championships and events coming under the jurisdiction of the CTSASA. CTSASA officials, shoot organizers, referees and jury members will have the powers and the responsibility to interpret fairly the spirit of this code and to implement all the provisions contained herein.

13.5.3 Dress standards

At all CTSASA events described above, participants' dress will be expected to be in a tidy and clean condition and should not contain any messages or slogans that may reasonably cause offence to others. Offensive messages of a sexual or racial nature are specifically forbidden as well as any that break accepted standards of decency and good taste. The byword for the standard to be achieved will be "smart/casual". Examples of appearance or garments considered unacceptable under this Code:-

- Nakedness of the trunk or limbs other than lower arms or legs
- Wearing of shooting vests over naked flesh
- Sleeveless shirts or tops (other than shooting vests)
- Cut-off jeans or trousers, or any type of shorts other than tailored shorts
- Torn, slashed or shredded shirts, jeans, trousers or skirts
- No military wear or military bags of any type are permitted, including any military camouflage trousers, shirts, jackets, hats/caps, boots or shoes. Furthermore, no civilian clothing made with a camouflage print of any description is permitted.

Shotguns that have been painted with a camouflage pattern are permitted in domestic competitions only (see below for the prohibition of camouflage painted shotguns in the Olympic disciplines).

ISSF DRESS CODE (Olympic)

All members must note that in addition to the above dress code, the ISSF strictly prohibits the following:-

- Any item of clothing made of camouflage material
- Blue jeans are prohibited
- Shotguns may NOT have a camouflage finish
- Any excessively worn, dirty or derelict clothing or footwear
- Any other garments or personal appearances that go against the spirit of this Code or that seek to exploit any possible loophole within it, at the discretion of the persons named in clause 13.5.2, above.
- Bermuda type shorts, which have the bottom of the leg more than 15cm above the center of the kneecap, are not allowed. **(FITASC Dress code is maximum 5cm above the knee).**

All ISSF (Olympic) competitors must also comply with the relevant sponsorship rules as contained in the [ISSF rulebook](#).

13.5.4 Footwear

Footwear : it is compulsory for all competitors to wear closed in footwear at all times in CTSASA competitions. "Closed in" refers to footwear that covers the foot completely. This means that both toes and heels are not visible. Sandals of any form are strictly prohibited.

13.5.5 Eye & ear protection

Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all competitors at all CTSASA events. Eye protection is the wearing of spectacles (glasses). Ear protection is either plugs or ear muffs. This is to ensure compliance with the SABS standards as applied to shooting ranges, as well as all the individual discipline rules.

13.5.6 Penalties

At any event at which this dress code (including 13.5.4 above) is in operation, any participant found to be in breach of any of the provisions contained herein will be asked to rectify his/her appearance without delay. Failure to comply with such instruction will disqualify the offender from further participation in the event, without the right to a refund, and may additionally render him/her liable to disciplinary action under the CTSASA Constitution. The jury at each CTSASA championship has the authority to determine whether the dress code has been breached or not.

13.6 Reloaded/self loaded ammunition

Reloaded/self-loaded ammunition is permitted at all CTSASA events except international events held on behalf of the international body (association/federation). For events held locally, where international competitors participate (e.g. South African Grand), the entry form must stipulate that reloaded/self-loaded ammunition is permitted.

Examples of international events where reloaded/self-loaded ammunition is NOT permitted are the FITASC African Sporting Championships, African Shooting Championships or a World DTL Championships. Any person shooting reloaded/self-loaded ammunition must be aware that the jury at any event is entitled to obtain samples of reloaded/self-loaded ammunition for testing.

14. Tie breaking

Shoot-offs are only for High Gun 1st, High Gun 2nd and High Gun 3rd - all other ties in classes and categories are resolved by using scores shot. All shoot-offs will be organised by the **Convenor** of the event. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** may competitors set up a shoot-off without permission from the convenor. Any such shoot-off shall be declared null and void.

It will be the responsibility of the competitors involved to remain in contact with the convenor to ascertain the time of the shoot-off.

If a competitor misses a shoot-off due to his being unaware of either the fact that there was a shoot-off or that he/she did not know the time, the fault will lay with the competitor and not with the organisers. Under no circumstances can a shoot-off be repeated due to a "no-show" of a participant.

A competitor who is absent for a shoot-off shall lose by default.

14.1 Resolving Ties in Classes and Categories

Shoot-offs in provincial and national championships are only conducted for High Gun 1st, High Gun 2nd and High Gun 3rd. All ties for classes and categories are carried out using the relevant procedure as detailed here:

1. Where a tie in total score exists, the first step to break the tie is to go back round by round e.g.

	Total Score	Round scores			
Shooter A	98	25	24	24	25
Shooter B	98	24	25	25	24

In this case, Shooter A would win the count back.

2. If the shooters are tied by rounds, then the count-forward by target to be used starting from the last round, e.g.

	Total Score	Round scores			
Shooter A	98	25	24	24	25
Shooter B	98	25	24	24	25

Only under this circumstance would we need to go back to the actual score sheets to determine the first loss in the 3rd round because the 4th rounds are both straights. In this case, we are looking for the **first** loss starting from the beginning of the 3rd round. The **first loss** loses the tie.

14.2 ATA Trap - 16 yard

- a) ATA Singles - one full round (25 targets) followed by "sudden-death" until the tie is broken.

14.3 ATA Trap - Doubles

ATA Doubles - one 20 target round followed by "sudden-death" until the tie is broken.

14.4 South African National ATA Double Trap Championship - tie-breaking

1. Choose starting posts for the tied competitors as you would for a singles shoot-off.
2. Each contestant shoots two pairs (4 targets) at each post, in normal order. A total of 20 targets are shot for the shoot-off round - high score wins.
3. If the tie is not broken after the shoot-off round, a "sudden-death" round is shot, as in 14.2a) above.
 - a. Starting posts for the "sudden death" round are the same as for the shoot-off round.
 - b. The first target lost counts the contestant out.
 - c. A few examples:
 - i. Contestant 1 goes killed pair; Contestant 2 goes killed-lost or lost-killed: Contestant 1 wins.

- ii. Contestant 1 goes lost-killed; Contestant 2 kills his first target of the pair: Contestant 2 wins, even if he misses the second target as he killed the first target, but Contestant 1 missed his first target.
- iii. Contestant 1 goes killed-lost; Contestant 2 goes lost-killed. Contestant 1 wins.
- iv. Contestant 1 goes killed-lost; Contestant 2 goes killed pair. Contestant 2 wins.
- v. If both contestants miss the same target of a pair, whether that be killed-lost, lost-killed, or lost pair, the "sudden death" round continues.

14.5 ATA Trap - Handicap/Yardage

See 14.2 ATA Trap - 16 yard above.

14.6 DTL Trap - full use

1. One full round (25 targets) followed by "sudden death" until the tie is broken.
2. See also **13.3 DTL Trap : double-discharge in DTL**
3. A competitor who is absent for a shoot off shall lose by default.

14.7 FITASC Sporting shoot-Off

Chapter 18 of the FITASC rulebook applies. If time allows, a new range will be set by the jury. One round of 25 targets will be shot. If a tie still exists, then a "zero eliminator" (sudden death) round will take place, i.e. the first target on which scores differ, the competitor with a ZERO will be eliminated, until only the winner remains. [Please refer to the FITASC rules for further detailed information.](#)

14.7.1 Determining the shoot-off range

Before the shooting commences, the jury shall draw the number of a range which will be used for any shoot off. Where ranges are re-set during the course of a competition, the draw must be from the ranges used on the last day of the shoot.

14.8 English Sporting "Super-Squad" final

At the South African National Championship, a "super-squad" final will be held to determine the final top six in English Sporting as follows:

The top six competitors will shoot 20 targets on 2 stands to determine the final placing. Any ties for qualification for the top six to be broken by 'sudden death' commencing on stand one. If any ties exist after completion of the 20 targets, then those ties to be broken by 'sudden death', commencing on stand 1.

All stands/ranges to be changed for the super-squad final.

As from 1st January 2025, the super-squad will no longer be conducted at provincial championships.

14.9 Determining the countback ranges For FITASC/English Sporting

The following procedure to be adopted **before the shooting commences**: the numbers of ALL the ranges/stands will be placed in a hat and drawn to determine the order of the ranges to be used for the count-back. i.e. If the count-back on the 1st range drawn does not break the tie, then the scores on the 2nd range drawn will be used and so on until the tie is resolved.

An example of a set of count-back ranges/stands is as follows:-

**FITASC Sporting : range 4, range 2, range 1, range 3 or
English Sporting : Stand 6, stand 3, stand 2, stand 7 etc**

If tie-breaking cannot be resolved by using ranges/stands, then the count-back system will resort to individual targets as follows:-

Count-back by target is determined by looking for the first zero starting from the first target in the last round. The first zero found counts the competitor out.

14.10 FITASC Universal Trench & Trap1

[Chapter 12 of the FITASC rulebook applies](#). A round of 25 targets will be shot first, followed by a "zero eliminator" (sudden death) round. The first zero will be eliminated, provided that all competitors have shot an equal amount of clays.

14.11 Olympic Trap/Skeet/Double-Trap

For the format of shoot-off in all the Olympic disciplines, please refer to the [ISSF rulebook, section 9.17](#).

14.12 NSSA Skeet

All ties to be resolved first by a shoot-off as follows:

Station 3 - double
 Station 4 - double
 Station 5 - double
 Station 4 - double
 Station 3 - double
 Station 4 - double
 Station 5 - double

If there is still a tie after the above 7 doubles then the shooters go in to 'sudden death', starting on station 3. Each shooter to shoot a complete pair until a difference in score is achieved.

14.13 All team events

Ties for all team events will be done on count-back looking for the first zero starting from the first target in the last round. The first zero found counts the team out.

15. Awards - winning places

15.1 What is a class?

A **Class** is the classification given to a competitor based upon his/her shooting ability e.g. A, B, C or Open (Open Class only applies to Sporting). A classification/class is a 'grading' or 'shooting average' attributed to the competitor using his/her scores over 15 months prior to when the classification report is run to determine an average score.

15.2 What is a category?

- A **Category** is a defined group based upon age or sex - Colt, Junior, Lady, Veteran, Super-Veteran, Master. NOT Senior. (Except for FITASC, where "Man" has replaced "Senior" and "Senior" has replaced "Veteran".
- "Senior" is not a category except in FITASC disciplines.
- "Senior" (in all non-FITASC disciplines) is anyone who does not qualify for a Category (Colt, Junior, Lady, Veteran, Super-Veteran).
- All competitors are automatically placed in their Class (e.g. Open, AA, A, B or C).

15.3 Category entry rules: COLT: JUNIOR: LADY: VETERAN: SUPER-VETERAN : MASTER

The CTSASA National and Provincial Championships will be run in accordance with international rules (ATA, NSSA, CPSA, ISSF and FITASC).

From 1st January 2018 : For all disciplines: a person who is a Colt, Junior, Lady, Man, Senior, Veteran, Super Veteran or Master need not stipulate in which category they wish to shoot - they will automatically be entered in BOTH their category AND their class.

15.4 Category Shooters May win Both Class and Category Medals

From 1st January 2018, a category shooter (see Error! Reference source not found.) may win a category medal and a class medal. For example, a Junior could win Junior Gold AND B Class Silver. Or a Lady could win Lady Silver and A Class Bronze.

15.5 High Gun event : High Gun 1st, 2nd or 3rd Cannot Also Win Class Medal

All competitors in **classes** or **categories** are eligible to win High Gun 1st, High Gun 2nd or High Gun 3rd. However, a competitor who is placed High Gun 1st, High Gun 2nd or High Gun 3rd is not eligible to be placed in his **class** section but can be placed in his selected **category** section.

15.6 Juniors : Applicable number of targets for Junior category

Juniors must shoot 100 targets in provincial championships and 200 targets in national championships in order to be eligible for medals in the Junior category. In provincial FITASC and English Sporting championships, the designated 100 targets for juniors is Saturday, unless otherwise advertised. If there are eight FITASC ranges set up, then ranges 1 to 4 must be used to determine the scores, irrelevant of which day the targets are shot. If all Juniors shoot all 200 targets then the event can be determined over 200 targets. However, if one Junior did not shoot 200 targets but only shot the required 100 targets on the Saturday (or the first four ranges out of eight ranges) then the Junior event MUST be out of 100 targets, not 200 targets.

15.7 Colts : Applicable number of targets for Colt category

All **provincial championship** colt events are over 50 targets and **national championship** colt events are 100 targets (**colts may choose to shoot 50 targets per day or count their first 100 targets shot**). See also 2.1.13 Junior and Colt events

Sporting events must specify which ranges are for the colt event and on which day.

15.8 Trap High Gun at the South African Grand

High Gun Overall only to apply at the South African Grand and to consist of:

200 DTL Trap targets

200 ATA Trap targets - score multiplied by three

200 ATA Doubles targets - score multiplied by three

Total score out of 1800

15.9 Unclaimed/Unpresented Championship Medals

If the winner of a CTSASA provincial or national championship medal is not present at prize-giving, and has not made an arrangement for a third party to collect the medal on his/her behalf, then the hosting club may retain the medal for a period of 3 months. After this period of 3 months, if the medal remains unclaimed then the hosting club may dispose of the medal as they see fit. If the recipient of the medal wishes to claim his/her medal then any postage costs will be for the account of the medal winner and not the hosting club.

16. Competition administration including Classifications

16.1 Classifications : Period of calculation

Classifications (i.e. members' shooting averages in CTSASA national and provincial championships) are based upon the best eight scores out of the last ten scores, irrespective of age of the score. The web site scores currently date back to 2013.

16.2 Classifications : Listed with competition entries

The classification for each competitor is listed with the final list of entries for each competition that is emailed to the HC the day after the entries close. When an entry form is loaded on to the CTSASA web site, an 'entries close' date is set, which is usually the Tuesday before the date of the event, unless specified differently.

16.3 Classification list on CTSASA web site

The current classification lists can be viewed here :

<http://www.ctsasa.co.za/competitions/classifications/>

16.4 Classifications : calculation method

Please see below for classification procedure that is run for each classification list.

1. Only CTSASA national and CTSASA open provincial championship scores are used. Club competition scores and provincial closed championship scores are NOT included.
2. A minimum of 100 targets need to be shot in order to get a classification - no maximum number of targets.
3. All scores dating back to 2013 are used. The best eight out of the last ten scores are used.
4. A competitor who has not registered the minimum number of targets will not be recorded on the published lists and will be regarded as unclassified.

16.5 Unclassified Shooters : How to calculate a class at a CTSASA event

Unclassified competitors will be classified at a competition using the following system:

16.5.1 200 target competition in all disciplines

The total score of the first 100 targets will be applied as a percentage to the tables shown below and the competitor placed in the appropriate class for that shoot only. In the sporting disciplines, the calculation is expressed as a percentage of the winning score e.g.: if a competitor shoots 72 and the high score for the first 100 targets is 93, then 72 as a percentage of 93 is 77.42%. This would put the competitor in B Class.

16.5.2 100 target competitions (provincial championships)

The total score of the first three rounds will be calculated as a percentage and applied to the tables shown below for that shoot only. For example, if a NSSA Skeet Shooter scores 65 ex 75, then this is 86.66%, which would put the competitor in B Class.

16.5.3 125 target competition - Olympic Trap, Olympic Skeet

The first 75 targets (3 rounds) will be used to calculate the percentage.

16.5.4 100 target competition - Sporting

Prior to the commencement of shooting, the jury will draw the numbers of (3) three ranges and the total of the scores recorded on those ranges will be calculated as a percentage and applied to the tables shown below and the competitor placed in the appropriate category for that shoot only. For example, if the competitor shoots 59 out of 75 and the high score for those three ranges is 70, then 59 as a percentage of 70 is 84.28% and so the competitor would be placed in A Class. The high score for the three rounds is taken from the one competitor who scores the highest in the three rounds that the jury has selected.

16.5.5 Classification Percentages

NSSA SKEET			ATA TRAP		
A	90.00	and above	A	90.00	and above
B	78.00	89.99	B	82.00	89.99
C	77.99	and below	C	81.99	and below
			ATA TRAP DOUBLES		
			A	79	And above
			B	67	78.99
			C	66.99	And below
TRENCH (UT/OT)			DTL TRAP		
A	84.00	and above	AA*	288.30	And above
B	76.00	83.99	A	276.00	288.29
C	75.99	and below	B	258.00	275.99
			C	257.99	and below
SPORTING (FITASC and English Sporting)			FITASC TRAP1		
Open**	92%	And above	A	92/276	And above
A	84.00%	91.99%	B	76/228	91.99/276
B	74.00%	83.99%	C	75.99/228	And below
C	73.99%	and below			
** Medals not awarded, Open Class is for High Gun only. Sporting % are % of the winning score			*AA only used in SA Champs. AA competitors are placed in A class in provincial championships.		

16.6 Membership lists

If required, the EO will provide the host club with the most current membership list to check paid and unpaid memberships.

16.7 Results notification

The host club must, within one week of the event, send the full results to the EO in the standard Excel spreadsheet format.

If the results are not submitted in the correct format they will be returned to the club for correction.

The HC **must retain the original range and score board scoresheets for a period of six months after the date of the event. The score sheets can be digitised or stored as a hard copy file.**

16.8 New members

If a new member joins the CTSASA at an event, he/she must first produce evidence of membership of a CTSASA registered club. A CTSASA membership application form must then be completed and sent to the EO with the results. The EO will invoice the membership fees together with the capitation levies.

NB - A NEW MEMBER PAYS A REDUCED FEE AFTER 30TH JUNE, AN EXISTING MEMBER DOES NOT. AN EXISTING MEMBER PAYS THE FULL FEE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OR AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR.

16.9 Capitation Levies

All senior, lady and veteran competitors are levied (not colts or juniors). Please see Appendix B : CTSASA fees and levies for current levies. Please note that provincial championship levies are different from national championship levies.

Once the results have been received, the EO will calculate the capitation and send an invoice to the appropriate person at the HC.

16.10 Marksmanship badges

Badges are available from the CTSASA for 25, 50, 75 and 100 straights in all disciplines. Additional badges for 125, 150, 175 and 200 straights are available for ATA Trap. 25/75, 50/150, 75/225 and 100/300 are also available for DTL Trap. Members must submit their request for the badge in writing and pay the appropriate cost for the badge.

Straights are defined as complete rounds shot without loss. For straights of 50 and above, the straights must be shot consecutively in the **same** competition. E.g. a **provincial** championship in NSSA is over 100 targets. If a competitor shoots 200 NSSA targets at a provincial championship (first 100 is for the championship and trial and the 2nd 100 is for trial only, this is treated as two separate events) and shoots 50 straight in the last two rounds on Saturday and 50 straight in the first two rounds on Sunday, this does not count as a 100 straight as they are separate events.

Marksmanship badges are only issued for events held under the auspices of the CTSASA and not for club events or closed provincial events.

To order your Marksmanship/Straight badges, please go to : <http://www.ctsasa.co.za/membership-services/membership-clothing-and-badges/>

17. National Exco responsibilities at CTSASA events

17.1 EO duties at the South African Grand

1. Administration support for HC
 - a. Liaise with shoot management to ensure :
 - i. Scoreboards are updated promptly
 - ii. Squadding times adhered to within the rules
 - b. Handling queries on rules
 - c. Helping ensure correct notices are displayed
 - d. Assisting with prize-giving presentations
2. Liaison with members
 - a. Handling queries
 - b. Resolving membership issues
 - c. General liaison, especially with new members
 - d. Promote the web site
3. Liaison with club officials (all clubs)
 - a. Promote the web site
 - b. Handle queries
 - c. Promote club advertising and articles
4. Media/Sponsorship liaison where applicable
 - a. Liaise with sponsors, ensure coverage on the CTSASA Media Platforms, web site etc
Liaise with TV crews, journalists
5. Photographs of the event
 - a. Taking photos and/or ensuring high quality photos are taken by a proficient photographer
 - b. Upload to web site and social media (if applicable)
6. Report on event in the association magazine/Newsletter/Web site/Social Media
7. Promote CTSASA clothing if possible

17.2 Provincial delegates at provincial/national championships

1. Work with HC's convenor
 - a. Ensure scoreboard is updated promptly
 - b. Squadding times adhered to within the rules
2. Confirm that all ranges have been checked by the relevant juries
3. Ensure any jury protest (or any other complaint) is handled correctly
4. Assist with prize-giving and ensure correctness of calculations
5. Assist with general queries and trouble-shooting

18. Shooters' responsibilities

1. The onus is on the competitor to ensure that he/she is entered in the correct class or category. The competitor is required to check this upon arrival at the event prior to the commencement of shooting.
2. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to ensure that he/she is fully conversant with the rules that are applicable to the discipline in which he/she is participating. Ignorance of the rules will not constitute an excuse for non-compliance.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to ensure that he/she has the most recent version of the rulebook for his/her particular discipline.
4. The onus is on the competitor to be fully aware of the competition program, squadding timetable etc. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure that he/she is present on the shooting stand at the allotted time. Changes in squadding do occur from time to time due to circumstances beyond the control of the OC and the competitor must liaise with the convenor to ensure that he is kept up to date with those changes.
5. The competitor must familiarise himself/herself with these competition organisation rules and must ensure that the HC and OC adhere to these rules. The competitor is well within his/her rights to protest against changes which the OC wish to make that would contravene these regulations.
6. If a contravention of these rules occur due to the negligence of the OC, other competitors, the jury, or anyone involved with the competition, and no competitor protests or makes a complaint, then the penalties listed in these regulations may still be used.
7. At no time whatsoever may a competitor interfere with any equipment or any other facet of a shooting range at a CTSASA event, without the express permission of the convenor of the shoot. This includes (but is not limited to) clay throwing equipment, position of stands, safety equipment and barriers, demarcated limits, trappers, type of clays used, obstacles, cabling, buttons, speakers, large scoreboards etc.
8. Where a competitor notices a problem that has an immediate effect on the ability of the squad to continue shooting (whether for technical or safety reasons), the competitor must request the umpire to stop all shooting on that range and immediately notify a member of the jury by any means possible.
9. The competitor has the responsibility at all times to help with the swift rotation of squads through the ranges. Any delay in shooting or rotation of squads could cause the event to finish late or not at all. If it is found that through the actions or inaction of a competitor or competitors that a delay was the fault of the competitor(s) then the jury has the discretion to assess the situation and rule on a suitable penalty or decision with regard to any reduction in competition targets.

19. HCs' responsibilities

1. The HC must ensure that they are fully familiar with these regulations.
2. The HC must ensure that ALL these regulations are adhered to.
3. The HC must try and fully anticipate any potential problems which may occur prior to, and during, the competition.
4. Advance planning and thinking ahead is crucial to the success of any shooting competition and the onus is on the HC to ensure that this occurs.

5. At any stage in the planning of the event, if a problem (or potential problem) is anticipated, then the HC must communicate this to the EO who will, wherever possible, try and assist the club with any problems.
6. Communication between the HC and the EO is important and it is the desire of the CTSASA that clubs should fully liaise at all times with the CTSASA Office.
7. It is the responsibility of the HC to ensure that backup traps are available for all ranges should a breakdown occur.
8. In the event of a competition being delayed due to technical, safety or any other reason, and the event fails to finish, the jury may determine that the number of competition targets is reduced across the board for all competitors.
9. All clubs must have a complete set of up to date rules at the club.
10. See section **Competition administration documents** on **page 8** to download the Competition checklist which needs to be completed by the HC and which serves as a thorough checklist to help the HC prepare for their event.

20. South African Grand - HC contract

A specific contract between the HC of a South African Grand and the CTSASA is required to be signed by both parties at least two months prior to the South African Grand taking place. The South African Grand Contract contains the specifications for this event, including the HC responsibilities and the CTSASA Exco's responsibilities. A copy of the contract is available on the Competition Administration section of the CTSASA web site : <http://www.ctsasa.co.za/competitions/competition-administration/>

21. Chairman's Cup (Inter-Provincial) - HC contract

A specific contract between the HC of a Chairman's Cup and the CTSASA is required to be signed by both parties at least six months prior to the Chairman's Cup taking place. The Chairman's Cup Contract contains the specifications for this event, including the HC responsibilities and the CTSASA Exco's responsibilities. A copy of the contract is available on the Competition Administration section of the CTSASA web site : <http://www.ctsasa.co.za/competitions/competition-administration/>

22. International events - tender procedure

When the CTSASA is awarded an international event, or has the opportunity to tender for an international event, the CTSASA Exco will send an open invitation to all registered CTSASA clubs to submit their own tender for the international event. The CTSASA Exco will determine the requirements for the event and will select the most appropriate club who fulfills the requirements.

23. Penalties

23.1 Clubs

1. Failure on the part of the HC to adhere to these Competition Regulations may render the HC liable to a Competitor Penalty (see Appendix B : CTSASA fees and levies for current penalty) or any other penalty that the CTSASA Exco deem fit.
2. Failure on the part of the HC to collect outstanding CTSASA subscriptions will render the HC liable for those subscriptions.
3. Failure on the part of the HC to pay any of the applied penalties, including (b) above, will render the club "not in good standing" and further penalties may be considered by the Exco.
4. If a CTSASA Club is not in good standing, any member of that club who is a member of the CTSASA will also be not in good standing in accordance with the CTSASA

constitution. This penalty will prevent those members from participating in any further CTSASA national or provincial competitions and the Chairman's Cup.

23.2 Members

1. The international rules for each shooting discipline will govern the penalties applicable to those disciplines.
2. In addition, penalties as outlined in these Competition Regulations will be applied to competitors who contravene the local South African regulations.
3. Where a contravention has occurred and, in the opinion of the officially convened jury, a penalty should be applied but a specific penalty is not provided for in the rules, the jury has the authority to apply a suitable penalty for the situation.
4. Late entry penalties are covered here : **Appendix B : CTSASA fees and levies**
5. It is the competitors' duty to exercise his/her rights AT ALL TIMES. Failure to do so in accordance with the international rules will render the competitor unable to appeal against poor decisions.
6. ***An example is where, in Sporting, if a target is clearly illegal in terms of the FITASC range setting rules and the competitor does not request the jury to alter it, then the competitor accepts the target as it is presented. If another squad AFTER his/her squad alters the target, the previous squads MAY NOT return to re-shoot that target.***
7. The onus is on the competitor to be honest as to their classification. If a competitor knows he/she is in for example, 'A' class, but the score sheet says 'C' class, and the competitor does not correct it, and if a medal is awarded to that competitor in the incorrect class, then that competitor will be fined a Classification Penalty (see Appendix B) and will be considered not in good standing with the CTSASA until the fine is paid.
8. If a competitor, other than a designated range-setter or a jury member, changes a range without permission from the jury, then that competitor will be penalised 3 targets per offence.

24. Doping regulations

All Olympic and non-Olympic CTSASA shooting disciplines are governed by the doping regulations as laid down by the World Anti Doping Agency (<https://www.wada-ama.org/en>) and the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport (SAIDS) (<http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/>) concerning the use of banned substances.

1. The onus is on the competitor to familiarise himself/herself with the list of banned substances. Ignorance is no defence.
2. If a competitor is on medication, then the onus is on the competitor to advise the CTSASA and to ascertain whether or not the medication is allowed. A TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) may be required.
3. Certain dispensations may be applied for and each case will be considered on its own merit.
4. Random dope testing may be carried out, both 'in-competition' and 'out of competition'. This means that at any given competition, the official dope testers (SAIDS) may ask for a urine sample and a declaration of substances being taken at that time. It also means that at any time, other than in a competition, the official dope testers may ask for a urine sample and a declaration of substances being taken at that time.

5. If a competitor is found to have taken a banned substance and is found guilty at a disciplinary hearing and a ban is imposed, then that competitor will not be able to shoot any of the shooting disciplines (whether it be shotgun, rifle or pistol). The banned competitor will not be able to participate in any national team or overseas event. His/her name will be circulated to all international federations and will be placed on the 'banned list'.
6. Whilst the above applies to Olympic disciplines and whilst other disciplines might not have an official doping policy, any competitor found deliberately taking banned substances to enhance their performance will be subject to the above rules. To avoid potential problems, all competitors who are in any doubt MUST inform the EO of the medication they are taking.

25. Safety regulations

1. The **CTSASA safety poster** must be displayed on all CTSASA registered clubs' notice boards. A copy is available from the EO and can be viewed [here](#).
2. The **CTSASA safety leaflet** must be available at all CTSASA registered clubs. A copy is available [here](#).
3. All CTSASA clubs should adhere to the Club Safety Rules and have a copy posted on the club notice board. The Club Safety Rules are available on the CTSASA web site [here](#).
4. AT ALL TIMES - whether during club competitions, practices, provincial or national championships - alcohol may not be served to any competitor until they have completed their day's shooting.
5. Any person, whether shooting or not, who is (in the opinion of the convenor of a shoot or club practice or any other event at a CTSASA registered club/venue) intoxicated with alcohol (or any other substance) will be immediately removed from the premises and will be permanently barred from all clubs registered with the CTSASA.
6. Alcohol is forbidden to be consumed on any shooting field/layout (e.g. ATA Trap, Skeet, Universal Trench, Sporting etc.).
7. Cell phone use: whilst participating in the shooting of a round of clay targets, all competitors may not use their cell phones for any purpose. Any jury member or official umpire may have their cell phone on 'silent' for emergency purposes. All spectators must respect the competitors and not use any device (including a cell phone), or cause any noise to be made, which may disturb the competitors or officials. All spectators must remain behind any safety demarcation area. Photographers and media personnel may take photographs and video footage provided that this does not disturb the competitors. Interviews and close up footage may only be taken with the express permission of the competitors and officials.

Complaints regarding the inappropriate use of cell phones or other devices should be submitted to the competition Jury. The Jury is obliged to assess the complaint and make an appropriate decision which may involve a penalty for the transgressor.

8. The smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes or E-cigarettes or any other tobacco product is forbidden whilst on any shooting range. All clubs must comply with the prevailing law applicable to smoking in public areas. For a quick summary, click [HERE](#). As at 2022, new laws regarding further restrictions are currently going through the procedure to adopt new legislation – see [HERE](#) for more details.
9. Handguns must preferably be placed within the club safe (if the law allows), or concealed upon the owner. For international events under no circumstances must handguns be worn openly by competitors or umpires.

26. Appendix A : Club regulations

1. **Membership** - current fee per year (see application form) plus R10 per CTSASA member after the first 30. This means that if you have from 1 to 30 CTSASA members in your club, you pay the basic fee. If you have 31 or more CTSASA members in your club, you pay an additional R10 per member.

Club Membership Categories:

- 1) Standard Club (volunteer/amateur club, non-profit organisation)
- 2) Corporate Club (profit making concern – sole proprietor, partnership, closed corporation, registered company or trust)

Benefits:

1. Club is fully supported by the CTSASA in that in order for a shooter to become a full member of the CTSASA, they must belong to a registered CTSASA club. This gives financial strength to our clubs.
2. Allowed to host provincial and national events (subject to basic minimum facilities being supplied). All CTSASA events are allocated to the provincial CTSA, who in turn will allocate to a suitable CTSASA registered club.
3. Your Club Members who are CTSASA Members are covered under the CTSASA 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance Policy.
4. CTSASA members who are members of an affiliated club can participate in national and provincial events.
5. Receive rule updates.
6. Listed on internet web site
7. Backing of national governing body re: legislation, promotion etc.

Requirements

In order for a club to be a full affiliated club with the CTSASA, the following basic requirements must be fulfilled:-

1. A physical address
2. A minimum of one range at the said physical address. The shooting range to be either Trap, Skeet, Sporting, 5-Stand Sporting or Trench, or other CTSASA approved type of range.
3. Committee with Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer (Standard Club only).
4. Constitution, or corporate entity's terms and conditions of membership, to be lodged with CTSASA and the club's Provincial Association. The terms and conditions of membership of a CTSASA Club member must conform to relevant regulations as laid down by SASCOC.
5. A club may not have more than one physical address. Where an organization has two or more physical sites, each site must be registered separately.
6. It is recommended that a noticeboard be erected in the clubhouse with the following information displayed: safety notices, CTSASA Calendar, address and contact details of the CTSASA office, address and contact details of their local provincial committee, club fee structure, dress code, code of conduct, details of coaching available (either locally or nationally).
7. It is a strong recommendation that a member of the club/committee who is highly experienced in Clay Target Shooting be the Designated Safety Officer.
8. All CTSASA clubs MUST register with their relevant Permanent Member (Provincial CTSA).
9. A CTSASA club will not be considered fully paid up until registration with Provincial CTSA is confirmed by the Provincial CTSA.
10. All clubs to provide proof of Clay Target Shooting activities by way of practice scores and competition/league scores on CTSASA approved documentation.
11. Any other information which the Executive Committee may require in order to ascertain the bona fides of the application.
12. Compliance with Shooting Range Accreditation laws (see below)

Accreditation as a Shooting Range under the Firearms Control Act 2000

It is not a requirement by law that a shooting range must become SAPS accredited under the FCA **except** if the range is offering competency training or wishes to become a dealer or business. **However, it is compulsory** that a shooting range obtain NRCS compliance. All CTSASA registered clubs must comply with the provisions contained in the SANS 10353 compulsory standard for small arms shooting ranges, and the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications – VC9088. Please click [HERE](#) for the procedure to follow.

27. Appendix B : CTSASA fees and levies 2025

Individual membership fees

Individual Membership Fees – All Renewals and New Members

Senior/Senior Lady	R1,265.00
Veteran (over 65 as at 1 st January)	R810.00
Youth (under 23 as at 1 st January).....	R445.00
Occasional Member.....	R875.00
Temporary Member.....	R200.00/event - max 2 events

Any existing member who renews must pay the full fee. Existing members may NOT pay a half year fee.

Individual Membership Fees – **NEW MEMBERS ONLY from 1st July**

Senior/Senior Lady.....	R700.00
Veteran (over 65 as at 1 st January)	R500.00
Youth (under 23 as at 1 st January).....	R270.00
Occasional Member	R520.00

PAYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- All individual fees payable to the CTSASA must be paid via the member's CTSASA registered club or online on the new CTSASA Payfast payment system – login to your profile, click on your name, select PAY FEES on the bottom menu
- The CTSASA does not send out renewal invoices to individual members except when specifically requested to do so by a CTSASA registered club
- All CTSASA registered clubs should still issue invoices direct to their members, which should include the amount for the CTSASA and offer the member to pay via the club or via PAYFAST as above.

Club registration fees

Club Registration Fee – R2450.00

**ALL CLUB REGISTRATION FEES ARE PAYABLE DIRECT TO THE CTSASA.
ALL CLUBS WILL RECEIVE AN INVOICE FOR THE ABOVE AMOUNT PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.
ALL CTSASA REGISTERED CLUBS MUST ALSO BE REGISTERED WITH THEIR PROVINCIAL CTSA.**

Miscellaneous fees

Senior Trial Levy (*where applicable*) R200.00/discipline entry

Competition Levies

Provincial Champs & Ad-hoc Trials..... 90c per clay
National..... R1.10 per clay

Penalties, Fines and Appeals

Appeal fee (competitor)..... R250.00
Classification penalty (competitor) R100 per contravention
Competitor penalty (club)..... R20.00 per competitor
Award penalty (club) R50 per contravention

28. Appendix C : Medals for provincial and national championships

28.1 Medal engraving - provincial championships

The year of the event, the event name (e.g. KZN ATA Trap) and class/category should be engraved on the medal. Or, a high quality clear sticker to be used.

e.g. KZN ATA Trap
2023
A Class

28.2 Provincial and national championships - medals awarded

28.2.1 ATA Trap, DTL Trap, FITASC TRAP1, NSSA Skeet, Universal Trench, Olympic Trap, FITASC Sporting and English Sporting

All classes and categories are awarded gold, silver and bronze medals in the above disciplines, provided that there are 15 entries or more for the discipline, i.e.:

Categories	Classes/Open
Colt Junior Lady Lady Veteran (ATA) Veteran Super-Veteran	High Gun 1 st , High Gun, 2 nd , High Gun 3 rd Class A Class B Class C
FITASC new categories from 1/1/18 :	<u>In DTL TRAP we use the AA Class ONLY at the SA Championship</u>
Senior (<i>the old Veteran category</i>)	
Veteran (<i>the old Super-Veteran category</i>)	
Master (<i>new category - must have turned 72 in the year prior to the event</i>)	

NB: All competitors are placed in BOTH their CATEGORY and their CLASS.

28.2.2 NSSA Skeet Doubles, ATA Trap Doubles, Olympic Double-Trap, Olympic Skeet

Gold, silver and bronze medals to be awarded in the above disciplines.

28.2.3 Gold medal rule

If there is one person in a class or category, or one team in a provincial team event, gold medals must be awarded. If there are only three competitors or teams in a class or category, gold, silver and bronze medals must be awarded.

28.3 South African National Championships - awards

28.3.1 Overall Trap High Gun

The CTSASA officially recognises this event only at the South African National Championships which are held at the South African Grand. However, provincial CTSA's may award this category if they so wish. This event is calculated at the SA Championships as follows:-

1. DTL Trap score (ex 600) plus
2. ATA 16 Yard score (ex 200, multiplied by 3) plus
3. ATA Trap Doubles score (ex 200, multiplied by 3)
4. Total score ex 1800

Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded at the SA Championship for the Overall Trap High Gun event.

28.4 Provincial teams

28.4.1 Provincial championships

Non pre-selected three-person teams are applicable in the disciplines in **provincial championships** in 28.2.1 above. Gold, silver and bronze medals to be awarded.

28.4.2 South African National championships

Non pre-selected teams for South African National Championships are as per 10.2 Non pre-selected provincial teams. Gold, silver and bronze medals to be awarded for the disciplines in 28.2.1 above.

28.5 Medals for Prize-Giving Schedule

An Excel spreadsheet is available [HERE](#).....

COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

Competition Regulations

Medal Schedule for Provincial Championships

..... with each discipline and the medals to be awarded. A sample of the spreadsheet looks like this:

UNIVERSAL TRENCH	GOLD		SILVER		BRONZE	
	Name	Surname	Name	Surname	Name	Surname
HIGH GUN						
A						
B						
C						
Senior (the old "Veteran" category)						
Veteran (the old "Super-Veteran category)						
Master						
Ladies						
Juniors						
Colts						
Team						
Team						
Team						

Appendix D : FITASC Sporting - guide to maximum shooters and ranges

The following tables are recommended maximum competitors for numbers of ranges. Each table has allowed a finish time to take into account possible breakdowns or other delays.

If the HC goes beyond the maximum competitors listed below, you run the risk of losing daylight hours, depending upon the area in which the venue is situated. Should a breakdown occur, you also run the risk of running out of time.

Whilst the following are recommended maximums, it is also recommended that you do not use *too many* ranges for the numbers of entries. For example, if you have 52 competitors, it is not recommended that you run eight ranges. The reason for this is simple. Cost. More ranges equals more labour, more machines, more potential problems.

Four Ranges - Maximum 8 squads = 48 shooters				
	A	B	C	D
08:00	1	2	3	4
09:00	5	6	7	8
10:00	4	1	2	3
11:00	8	5	6	7
12:00	3	4	1	2
13:00	7	8	5	6
14:00	2	3	4	1
15:00	6	7	8	5
16:00	Finish			

Five Ranges - Maximum 11 squads = 66 shooters					
	A	B	C	D	E
08:00	1	2	3	4	5
08:45	6	7	8	9	10
09:30	11	1	2	3	4
10:15	5	6	7	8	9
11:00	10	11	1	2	3
11:45	4	5	6	7	8
12:30	9	10	11	1	2
13:15	3	4	5	6	7
14:00	8	9	10	11	1
14:45	2	3	4	5	6
15:30	7	8	9	10	11
16:15	finish				
17:00					

Eight Ranges - Day One - 16 squads - maximum 96 shooters								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
08:00	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
09:00	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11:00	16	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12:00	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6
13:00	15	16	9	10	11	12	13	14
14:00	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5
15:00	14	15	16	9	10	11	12	13
16:00	finish							
17:00								