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# THE MACKINTOSH INTERNATIONAL POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The coveted floating Mackintosh Trophy engraved with the name of the High Gun in the Mackintosh Championship.

*Rules updated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

- **The history of the Mackintosh International Postal Championship** : The International teams event started in 1930 and was only contested by the home countries of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Donald Mackintosh requested that Australia be allowed to enter the competition, after permission was granted, Donald donated the perpetual trophy for this event and Australia participated from 1939 [[source](#)].
- The **South African Mackintosh Championship** is a standalone **DTL Trap** event of **100 targets** on the last day of the South African Grand.
- All members may compete in this event.
- There are medals in all the classes and categories.
- **In addition** to the medals for **individuals**, this event also selects **teams** for the **Mackintosh International Postal Championship**.



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- The team results are submitted to the international administrator for the calculation of the team results received from the other countries involved in this postal championship – Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Wales, Canada, Northern Ireland and Ireland.
- The Mackintosh Championship counts as a DTL Trap trial score
- To view all past results of the Mackintosh International Postal Championship – click here <https://www.claytarget.com.au/hall-of-fame-acta/trap-mackintosh-teams-history.html>

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### *Rules for the Mackintosh Teams*

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From 2026, there will be no requirement to shoot a qualifying round for the Mackintosh Teams before competing in the Mackintosh Championship.

Therefore, the **Mackintosh teams** will be the top scorers in each category **in the Mackintosh Championship held on the final day of the South African Grand** as per the following:

Team	Number of highest scoring competitors in each team
Seniors	20
Ladies	4
Juniors	4
Veterans	4
Super-Veterans	4



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### CTSASA COLT CATEGORY

The CTSASA includes a Colt category which is under 15 as at 1st January. Colts shoot 50 targets which are the first 50 targets in the competition. A Colt may only shoot in one category, i.e. a Colt cannot shoot in both the Colt and the Junior categories. The category must be specified BEFORE commencement of the championship. **Please note that there is no Colt team for the international postal championship for the Mackintosh.**

Category	Senior	Lady	Junior	Veteran	Super-Veteran
Age limit	21 to 54	No limit	Under 21 <sup>#</sup>	Between 55 and 64 <sup>#</sup>	65 and Over <sup>#</sup>

**# Age as at 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the Mackintosh Championship**

### ➤ Mackintosh Championship Event Rules

- The **MACKINTOSH CHAMPIONSHIP** (also known as the 'Mackintosh Final') is a separate event on the last day of the South African Grand.
- Shooters may only compete in one category - no doubling up allowed.
- A kill with the first barrel is scored as 3
- A kill with the second barrel is scored as 2
- A loss is zero
- Target settings to be as per DTL Trap Rules
- A score of 290 in the Mackintosh Championship will earn CTSASA Colours if not previously awarded
- DTL Trap rules to apply throughout
- MackIntosh trophy to remain in possession of CTSASA office
- All team members must shoot the second barrel in the actual MACKINTOSH CHAMPIONSHIP!

### ➤ Summary of updated Rules

1. There will be 2 days allocated for the SA DTL Championship (100 targets per day) at the South African Grand
2. The Mackintosh Championship will take place on the final day of the South African Grand (100 targets)
3. Both the SA DTL and the Mackintosh Championship will count as trial scores (3 x 100 scores)
4. The Mackintosh teams will be decided by calculating the top competitors in each category of team (Senior, Lady, Junior, Veteran and Super-Veteran) at the Mackintosh Championship
5. There will be no requirement to shoot a qualifying round of 100 targets to determine the Mackintosh teams

**The above rules will take effect for the Mackintosh Championship in 2026**



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### ➤ Resolving Ties

- **Mackintosh Championship High Gun 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>** : shoot-off as per clause 13.6 in the CTSASA Competition Regulations, i.e.

#### **DTL Trap - full use :**

- One full round (25 targets) followed by "sudden death" until the tie is broken.
  - See also 11.3 DTL Trap : Double Discharge in DTL
  - A competitor who is absent for a shoot off shall lose by default.
- **All other ties** to be resolved using the count back method as per 13.1 in the CTSASA Competition Regulations. This includes qualification ties for the Mackintosh Championship teams, e.g. if there is a tie for the top 5 or top 25 after the qualifying round in Step 1 as detailed on page 1. For example, if there are 3 competitors tied for the 5<sup>th</sup> position in the Junior team, then the tie is resolved using the count back method.
  - 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	<b>25</b>
Shooter B	98	24	25	25	24

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

- 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.