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GOVERNING

Selection of National Protea Teams

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The governing body for Clay Target Shooting in South Africa

These regulations are for all Clay Target Shooting disciplines.
All National Trialists are required to read, understand and abide by these regulations.



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1. Application to SASCOC (via SASSCo) for National Protea Colours

Upon completion of the relevant National Trial, and provided that all trial requirements have been fulfilled, an application for National Protea Colours will be sent to SASCOC via the South African Shooting Sport Confederation (SASSCo) with the recommendation of the CTSASA. The final decision for approval or otherwise rests with SASCOC (or its successors) and not the CTSASA.

2. Conditions of Application to SASCOC for National Protea Colours

National Colours may only be applied for in the case of "World Class Status" events. This is a SASCOC ruling. The awards are made to Members of the Association who qualify in terms of the following conditions:-

1. Ordinary, Dedicated or Special Members of the CTSASA in good standing.
2. Amateurs in terms of the rules laid down by the International Ruling Body.
3. **South African Citizens :** Trialists who have not done so previously will supply the Executive Officer of the Association with proof of Citizenship (in the form of a South African passport which is required by SASCOC) at the time of entering the Trials and payment of the Trial levy (where appropriate). All Members of the CTSASA are entitled to shoot the trials, but in the event of them not being South African Citizens at the time of entering the Trials, they will not qualify for National Colours and cannot participate in the National Team.
4. Members who are under disciplinary action are not eligible for either National Colours or participation in a National Team.
5. Members who are under investigation for suspected use of banned substances are not eligible for either National Colours or participation in a National Team.

3. CTSASA Merit Colours

If a **qualifying** trialist is **NOT** a South African citizen, he/she will be awarded CTSASA Merit Colours **if the qualifying trialist has not previously been awarded CTSASA Merit Colours provided that** he/she fulfils the necessary requirements, participates in the designated event and complies with the regulations governing the awarding of CTSASA Merit Colours. **CTSASA Merit Colours are only awarded as a once-off award.**

4. Applications For National Protea Colours : General

Applications for National Colours are submitted to SASSCo/SASCOC under the following circumstances:-

For persons who have been selected by the CTSASA to represent South Africa as a Member of a team or an individual in an international competition, both in South Africa and abroad.

National Colours will be awarded once only (per discipline) during the calendar year and will be for the first event which the trialist qualifies for if the trialist has not already previously been awarded National Colours.

For existing holders of National Colours they will receive National Colours upon qualifying for one designated event to be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

Position of designation on Protea Badge : any additional designation on the Protea Badge (e.g. Junior or Manager) must go underneath the emblem.

National Protea Colours may only be awarded to an individual in one category for a designated event.

5. Applications For National Protea Colours : Juniors

Junior Team Members will be under the control of the Senior Team Captain/Manager. Junior Team Members will receive Junior Protea Colours.

Where a Junior qualifies for a Senior Team, if there is a Junior event, the Junior shall shoot in the Junior event. Where a Junior qualifies for a Senior Team and there is no Junior event, the Junior shall be awarded National Protea Colours and shall shoot as part of the Senior Team.

5.1 If a **Junior** qualifies to shoot as a Senior in a designated event where :

There is no Junior category or

The Junior participates in the Senior team as well as participates as a Junior individual

The Junior will be listed in the application for National Protea Colours as a Senior.

6. Applications For National Protea Colours : Categories

6.1 If a category trialist qualifies to shoot as a Senior in a designated event where :

The event allows a category competitor to shoot in a Senior/Open Team (this excludes the FITASC Senior team) AND

Where the category competitor participates in their individual category

The category qualifier will be listed in the application for National Protea Colours as a Senior.

7. Manager's Protea Colours

Manager's Colours will be awarded to the Manager appointed by the CTSASA with the proviso that should a participating Captain/Manager obtain his National Colours by merit, he will not be awarded Manager's Colours. All Management appointments will be handled by the CTSASA President.

8. Presentation of National Protea Colours : Chairman's Cup (Inter-Provincial)

The National Protea Colours certificates and badges are presented at the Chairman's Cup (Inter-Provincial) or sent by registered mail if the recipient is not able to be present. For Junior Members unable to attend the Chairman's Cup, an alternative presentation ceremony may be organised.

9. Registering for Trials and Trial Levies

Where a trial levy is stipulated (see Schedule A), the trial levy will be determined each year by the Executive Committee of the CTSASA. Payment must be made by bank transfer directly to the CTSASA.

The following documents must be submitted directly to the CTSASA at info@ctsasa.co.za:

- Completed National Trial Registration form
- Copy of current South African passport and South African ID
- Copy of proof of payment of trial levy

Trial levies may NOT be paid to CTSASA clubs. Payment to a third party does not constitute registration in any national trial. Only payment of a trial levy direct to the CTSASA, **by the CTSASA member,** by the stipulated cut-off date as published by the CTSASA in accordance with Schedule A with the accompanying trial registration form, current South African passport and South African ID, will be accepted as a trial registration.

10. Definition of Cut-off date for trial registration

- Members may register for a National Trial provided there are sufficient targets available to count as detailed in Schedule A under "Minimum Targets to Count".
- Any scores shot during the applicable trial period will be included in the trialist's scores to count.
- The cut-off date for trial registration will be two days prior to the commencement of the trial event where the Minimum Targets to Count starts. E.g. if the Minimum Targets to Count starts on either the Saturday or the Sunday of a provincial championship, the cut-off date for registration will be the Thursday prior to the provincial championship.
- Only Members who have paid the Trial Levy and submitted the required documents as per 9 above, by the due date as published by the CTSASA in accordance with Schedule A will be eligible for the Trials. Trial schedules are published on the CTSASA web site and updated after each trial event. Trial scores will only count provided that the trial levy has been paid and the required documents as per 9 above have been submitted to the CTSASA. The onus is on the trialist to ensure that the CTSASA office receives the trial levy, registration form, SA ID and SA passport.

11. Definition of Cut-off date for trial registration : Olympic Disciplines

a) **NEW OLYMPIC NATIONAL TRIAL REGISTRATIONS**: All trial registrations for new trialists for the Olympic disciplines must conform to Regulation 10 in these regulations.

b) **EXISTING OLYMPIC TRIALISTS**: For existing registered Olympic trialists (i.e. trialists who are currently registered for an Olympic National Trial), the trialist must register again each January in order to maintain trial registration in their chosen Olympic discipline e.g.:

- *Trialist Annelise Botha is registered for Olympic Trap in 2024*
- *Annelise must re-register by 31st January 2025 in order to maintain national trial registration for 2025*
- *Annelise must re-register by 31st January 2026 in order to maintain national trial registration for 2026*

c) If an existing Olympic trialist does not renew by the 31st January as per b) above, then the trialist reverts to non-trialist status and will need to comply with regulation 10.

12. FITASC Sporting and English Sporting National Trials : Specific Regulations Governing Events (updated 4th June 2021, amended 27/2/23, 19/10/23, 3/11/26)

FITASC SPORTING :

- The CTSASA Super-Time system is unanimously accepted.
- All provincial and national championships will revert to FITASC Sporting National Trials as from the trial year commencing 22nd/23rd April 2023 (CTSASA South African FITASC Sporting National Championship) subject to :
- All FITASC Sporting national trials may use manual and automatic traps.
- Hosting clubs may only stage the FITASC 'pad' system OR the CTSASA's Super-Time system (minimum 32 traps), OR the old-style FITASC Sporting layouts.
- Ranges must NOT be set for just the top shooters. Ranges must be set to also cater for B and C class shooters.
- The FITASC rulebook and target presentations to be used for all provincial and national FITASC Sporting championships.
- All CTSASA clubs will be assessed for suitability to stage National Protea Trials in accordance with the requirements as applicable from time to time.
- The FITASC African Sporting Championship will be included as a trial if it is held in South Africa, using the top South African score as the 100% score
- All CTSASA registered clubs are welcome to apply to host National Trials.

ENGLISH SPORTING :

- All provincial and national championships will revert to English Sporting National Trials as from the trial year commencing 18th/19th March 2023 (CTSASA Gauteng North English Sporting Championship) subject to:
- All English Sporting national trials may use manual and automatic traps.

- Stands NOT to be set for just the top shooters. Ranges must be set to also cater for B and C class shooters.
- All CTSASA clubs will be assessed for suitability to stage National Protea Trials in accordance with the requirements as applicable from time to time.
- All CTSASA registered clubs are welcome to apply to host National Trials.

13. National Protea Team Trial Reports

- All the National Protea Team trial schedules (trial report) are generated via reports on the CTSASA web site.
- Registered trialists will be denoted on the trial report(s) as PAID.
- Only PAID trialists, as denoted on the trial report(s) will be considered for selection.
- Any member listed as UNPAID on the trial report(s) is not eligible for team selection.
- All members who have participated in CTSASA trial events will be listed on the National Protea Team trial report.

14. FITASC and ICTSF National Teams

FITASC and ICTSF allow any category of shooter to be in the Senior/Open team. If a Lady, Junior, Veteran or Super-Veteran qualifies for a place in the Senior/Open team, then he/she may take up a place in the Senior/Open team at the sole discretion of the CTSASA Executive Committee. The qualified Lady, Junior, Veteran or Super-Veteran is not obliged to participate in the Senior/Open team.

If a category of shooter, other than a FITASC Man or a standard Senior, participates in an Open/Senior team, then the prevailing FITASC or ICTSF rules will apply. This may mean that the category team member may NOT be allowed to participate as their individual category as well as in the Open/Senior team.

FITASC allows a Super-Veteran to participate in a Veteran team. If a Super-Veteran qualifies for a place in the Veteran team, then he/she may take up a place in the Veteran team at the sole discretion of the CTSASA Executive Committee. The qualified Super-Veteran is not obliged to participate in the Veteran team.

See also section 4 Applications For National Protea Colours.

15. Official Notifications to Trialists

All national trialists must provide a valid email address to the CTSASA office where all official notices and invitations may be sent. The onus is on the national trialist to ensure that the CTSASA office has their current valid email address.

16. Trial Criteria : Schedule A

For the selection of the National Team, the minimum number of Registered Targets must be shot – please refer to Schedule A for specific disciplines.

The Targets may be registered at specified Championships held under the auspices of the CTSASA which take place **during the specified trial period.**

17. Trial Registration Cut-Off Date

The date for Registration shall be **published by the CTSASA via the CTSASA web site, Newsletter, WhatsApp and Social Media**. All scores shot during the trial period will be included in the trialists scores. The National Team will be selected after the Trials have been completed.

18. Tie Breaking

In the event of a tie occurring in the Trials, the scores from the South African National Championships will be used to break the tie. The range score sheets must be kept by the hosting club in case a count back is required.

19. Part Scores

No part scores will be accepted for Trial purposes.

20. Top score definition

Where trial scores are expressed as a percentage of the winning score, the top score is the score shot per day. The top score is the highest score of the day, irrelevant of whether the top score is shot by a trialist.

21. Trial Period

Trial Period - See Schedule A for specific details or the individual discipline trial schedule. Only targets dating back one year from the cut-off date for a designated event may be used to calculate results for National Teams.

22. Notification of New or Amended Trial Systems

a) The CTSASA will give at least two months written notice (via the Enewsletter) of any impending changes or new systems. However, failure to provide two months written notice will not nullify any new systems or amended systems, provided that the first trial event has not been shot.

b) Under no circumstances may a trial system be amended or introduced retrospectively.

c) Once the annual calendar has been approved, no further trials may be added.

d) The CTSASA Executive Committee may only alter or update these National Trial Regulations either at an official CTSASA Executive Committee Meeting or via a Decision Request via Email or WhatsApp.

e) The CTSASA Executive Committee reserves the right to change any National Trial Regulation at any time provided that the change is considered to be in the best interests of the sport and where no team member or potential team member is adversely affected.

23. Onus of Knowledge of National Trial Regulations

At all times, the onus is on the trialist or interested shooter to ensure that they are aware of the current requirements.

24. Olympic Trials

Olympic Skeet and Olympic Double-Trap: where an Olympic Skeet trial and/or Olympic Double-Trap trial has been advertised, the hosting club must stage the event(s), even if only one shooter in either discipline has entered.

25. Number of Trial Registrations Allowed Per Member

No limitation is placed on the number of National Teams for which a shooter attempts to qualify or qualifies.

26. Minimum Percentage

To qualify for a National Team there is a **minimum percentage to achieve**. Please see Schedule A for specific disciplines.

27. Participation requirements

National Colours will only be presented if the **team member** has participated in the designated event(s) which has/have been nominated by the Executive Committee of the CTSASA. All National Protea Team Members and individual Proteas must compete in the full designated event, and shoot the required number of targets, in order to be eligible to receive National Protea Colours.

28. Financial Incentives

Only World Cups, World Championships and European Championships will be used to calculate any financial incentives. Specifically excluded are the African Games, African Sporting Championships and African Shooting Championships.

29. Special Occasion

In the event of a World Championship taking place in South Africa, the Executive Committee of the CTSASA shall have the right to award additional Colours.

30. Clothing Regulations - Badges and Blazers

All National Protea Clothing must conform to the SASCOC Dress Code as detailed in the CTSASA official National Protea Team Invitation letter.

National Protea clothing **may not be worn until departure for the designated event**. All items of clothing will be for the account of the team member.

Clothing for participation in events – it is a strong recommendation that all team members wear khaki shorts for shooting in hot weather and khaki trousers for shooting in cooler weather.

From February 2023, all new Protea Colour team members will receive R1,000.00 towards their Protea blazer.

31. Events where National Protea Colours can be worn

Shooters may not wear National Protea Colours at an international event unless they are in the current South African team or have been selected to represent South Africa.

Recipients of National Protea Colours may wear their Protea Clothing at South African domestic championships and at official functions, including the Chairman's Cup. However, all provincial team members must wear their provincial colours for the official provincial team photographs.

Team Uniform: Formal uniform to be worn where applicable; tracksuits may be worn where applicable.

32. Where a National Team is sponsored with their official National Protea clothing, all team members must wear their sponsored clothing as directed by the Executive Committee (clause added 25th March 2026).

A standard design will be created and approved by the CTSASA Executive Committee. New Protea team members to be issued with a full set of sponsored clothing. Previous Protea team members to be given clothing embroidered for the current year/event.

33. Invitation to Participate

a) Within one week of the completion of the trial, and provided that there are no outstanding matters and that all results have been received by the CTSASA, an invitation will be emailed to the qualifier using the last email address supplied to the CTSASA. Included will be the document called the Code of Conduct and forms part of these National Trial Regulations. The onus is on the trialist to ensure that the CTSASA has his/her correct email address.

b) The invitation will contain a deadline for a written response to the invitation.

c) An invitation will only be deemed to be accepted once the **signed acceptance invitation document** has been received in writing by the CTSASA office. Verbal communication or any response without a **signed acceptance invitation document** in this regard cannot be accepted.

d) If the **signed acceptance invitation document** has not been received by the CTSASA office by the due date as stipulated on the formal invitation, then this will be deemed to be a refusal of the invitation.

e) The CTSASA cannot be held liable for any costs, inconvenience or exclusion from any National Team for any member due to a late acceptance or a lack of acceptance to an invitation.

34. Code of Conduct

The purpose of the CTSASA's Code of Conduct document is as follows:

The purpose of this document is to ensure that all team members, competitors, officials and accompanying persons (hereinafter referred to as 'the group') are aware of the importance of their obligations and responsibilities and the overall purpose of the project (international participation). The spirit of this code of conduct is to reinforce everyone's commitment with regard to honour, respect, good behaviour and true sportsmanship.

Each National Protea Team Member/individual who wishes to accept the National Protea Team invitation is required to sign the Code of Conduct acceptance page and send to the CTSASA administration office by the due date as stipulated on the National Protea Team invitation letter. Once signed by each member of the group, the terms of the Code of Conduct become binding upon all signatories.

35. Confirmation of qualification for national team participation

a) **Official confirmation of qualification for national team** or individual participation will only be put in writing by the CTSASA administration at the end of the relevant national trial.
b) The official confirmation of qualification will be in the form of the **official written invitation issued by the CTSASA** office as per clause 17 in these National Trial Regulations.
c) Qualification for national team participation (or participation as a qualified individual) **may not be inferred, suggested or confirmed by any third party**, whether communicated verbally or in writing.
d) Any **national trialist, competitor or member** who is not in receipt of the CTSASA's official written invitation as per clause 32 **has no claim whatsoever** to national team or individual qualification.
e) The **CTSASA may not be held liable for any costs or other liabilities** incurred by any trialist, competitor or member who acts upon information issued either verbally or in writing by a third party.
f) The **onus at all times is on the individual** to ensure that he/she is fully conversant with all the rules and regulations concerning national team/individual qualification.

36. Validity Period of Team Selection

For those disciplines **NOT** shooting under the "Roll-Over" system, the Team determined at the completion of Trials will last for three months, during which time they are eligible for competing as the South African National Team. On completion of the event for which the team was chosen, a 'moving average' may be instigated whereupon the two oldest scores will be dropped in favour of the two newest scores. If a Team Member has not taken part in a Provincial competition (200 targets) within three months of the overseas/designated event then he/she is eliminated from the Team and the next qualified trialist Member may take his place.

If no provincial competitions have taken place at the time when the nominations/entries must be given, then the existing Team will be used and the regulations governing selection thereof will apply. The replacement qualified trialist may only take his place if he/she has taken part in a Provincial competition (provided one is available). An application for National Colours may be submitted to SASCOC via SASSCo for this person.

37. Designated events for ATA

Designated events for ATA are Singles Class Championship, ATA Clay Target Championship and NRA Singles. Please note these names may change. The total number of targets is 600 and these events are always held in the week of the Grand.

38. Financial/Sponsorship

We no longer receive automatic grants for national team participation, therefore prospective team members must be fully prepared to fund their own participation in overseas or local events.
Should the CTSASA be in a position to fund, or partially fund, a National Team or individual athlete, the CTSASA shall be entitled to impose travel/accommodation criteria in addition to that stipulated in clause 28 of the National Trial Regulations.

39. Determination of Fitness to Compete

a) Selected National Team Members will be required to declare their fitness to compete in their designated event by signing the Code of Conduct.
b) Team Members who do not declare any condition which could be detrimental to their shooting performance will be considered in serious breach of these regulations and will be subject to disciplinary action as well as the rescinding of National Colours.
c) Trialists must acquaint themselves fully of all Rules & Regulations
d) All National Team Members must acquaint themselves fully of all relevant regulations governing their participation in any National Team.
e) This includes the CTSASA Regulations Governing the Award of National Protea Colours; the CTSASA Constitution; SASSCo Regulations; SASCOC Regulations; ISSF Rules and any other regulations which come into play.
f) Full responsibility rests with the National Team Member to ensure full knowledge of all regulations.

40. Acceptance of National Trial Regulations

All National Trialists will be required to sign to state that they have read and understood this document and that they have fully understood the implications thereof.

41. Entering Teams or Individuals for Designated Events

All **Olympic Team** entries are handled by the CTSASA Executive Officer and sent to the relevant organising committee via SASSCo (the South African Shooting Sport Confederation).

Individual team members may not arrange or change their own entries at their designated event without prior approval from the CTSASA President or his/her Deputy.

All **other National Team members** for all other disciplines must ensure the following:-

1. That the correct names for the National Team(s) have been entered
2. That the correct nationality (South Africa) has been recorded against the National Team.
3. If no National Team has been entered then the individual who has received National Protea Colours must ensure that the correct name and nationality has been recorded and entered.
4. South African National Team Members may not shoot for any other country at any designated or overseas event, regardless of nationality of that Team Member.
5. Failure to comply with the above will result in disciplinary action taken against the National Team Member involved, irrespective of whether or not the entry was made by the National Team Member or another person.

42. Classifications for CPSA/ICTSF events

Where competitors are required to have an individual classification, the CTSASA will use the prevailing **classification list** as calculated on the CTSASA web site.

43. National Flag and Anthem

The onus will be on the Team Captain/Manager to ensure that the Team has two South African flags (one for the flagpole and one to carry in the team parade) plus a copy of the South African National Anthem (this download can be used - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhUMsqei7kM). The CTSASA has a stock of flags which the team may borrow for the duration of the designated event. All flags must be returned to the CTSASA immediately upon return of the team. All non-returned flags will be invoiced to the responsible person in the team.

44. Accommodation and Travel

It is a requirement that all National Team Members must stay together in the same accommodation for the duration of the designated event(s). Only under special circumstances will any deviation from this rule be allowed. If there are extenuating financial circumstances where a team feel they have no option but to have separate accommodation, then an application must be sent **in writing** to the CTSASA President at least two months prior to the designated event.

45. Approval of Designated Event(s)

All discipline sub-committees may put forward their recommendations as to which event(s) they wish to use for National Colours. Sub-committees must take into account the prestige of the event and must ensure that it conforms to the definition of "World Class Status" as per the directive from SASCOC (or its successors).

The final decision on which Designated Events will be used to apply for National Colour status rests with the CTSASA Executive Committee.

Upon reaching a decision on which Designated Events to use, the CTSASA Executive Officer shall apply to SASCOC (or its successors) for permission to participate and for National Colours status.

Provided that permission is granted by SASCOC (or its successors), the chosen Designated Event(s) will be eligible for National Colours.

The CTSASA cannot be held liable for any refusals given by SASCOC (or its successors). Any costs incurred by team members arising from any refusal to participate will remain the responsibility of the team member.