



# PNZ IPSC 3Gun Guidelines for

- **National Grading.**
- **NZ Divisions.**
- **Major Competition Awards.**
- **Squadding at Major Competitions.**

**Important Update for all IPSC 3 Gun Shooters:**

**At the May 2016 Council Meeting, following discussions with the 3Gun/Multi-gun Section Director, Council decided that:**

**The 3 Gun North Islands, South Island and Nationals – will be shot using a modified set of NZ Three Gun Rules. Refer to section 8 for more details.**

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# 1. The Purpose of A National Grading System

- 1.1 National grades allow you to compete at any competition in New Zealand against competitors of similar ability. Without a grade, you are not eligible for recognition in the grade results in any sanctioned competition.
- 1.2 The 3Gun National Grading Officer maintains the 3Gun National Grading Lists.
- 1.3 A copy of the Current National Grading list will be posted on the PNZ Web-Site under the 3Gun Section

# 2. Matches Currently Recognised For Grading Purposes

- 2.1 New Zealand National IPSC 3 Gun Championships  
North Island IPSC 3 Gun Championships  
South Island IPSC 3 Gun Championships
- 2.2 Other matches considered to be of sufficient standard may also be used for grading purposes from time to time.
  - (a) The 3Gun National Grading Officer and the Section Director together will agree whether a division of a match is of sufficient standard to be used for grading purposes.
  - (b) Once a match or division of a match is determined to be a grading match, ALL Competitors who break grade in that division WILL be re-graded.
- 2.3 Approved matches must have a minimum of 3 Master Grade shooters present in the division grading is being sought, unless an exemption is granted by the Section Director. All courses of fire must be approved by the Section Director as suitable for grading purposes.

# 3. Grade Breaks

- 3.1 IPSC 3gun New Zealand members are re-graded at the following percentage breaks

<b>Grand Master</b>	100%	<b>(Must</b> be a minimum of 3 Master Grade shooters competing)
<b>M</b>	90% to 99.99%	
<b>A</b>	80% to 89.99%	
<b>B</b>	65% to 79.99%	
<b>C</b>	40% to 64.99%	
<b>D</b>	Less than 40%	

- 3.2 If any international competitors have participated in the match, they must be excluded from the results before any re-grading is done.
- 3.3 Grand Master status can only be achieved by **winning** at a **North or South Island Champs or NZ Nationals (Level 3 events)** IPSC approved match. To continue to retain the grade of "GM" a competitor must achieve the "GM" qualification a minimum of once in any two year period. If the required score is not achieved during this period, the grade will automatically revert back to Master.
- 3.4 Grading recognises Open and Standard Divisions only.

# 4. How do I get a Grade?

- 4.1 You can be graded or upgraded as follows:
  - (a) Posting a score at a match that is recognised for grading purposes (see paragraph 2).
  - (b) Specific rules apply when changing from one Division to another (see paragraph 5).
- 4.2 To move up a grade you must shoot the higher grade score twice at approved matches. The first time you shoot a higher score you will receive the grade below with an asterisk (\*) put next to your grade.

- 4.3 New shooters will be graded one grade lower than the score they shoot, with an asterisk (\*) next to that grade.
- 4.4 If you are ungraded and compete in a match that is recognised for grading purposes (see paragraph 3) and are disqualified during that match you will not achieve a grade as you have not posted a score. If you are ungraded and post a score in a division that does not qualify (see paragraph 2.3) you will be graded as D grade.
- 4.5 Rookie. If you are ungraded in all divisions, the first time you compete in the Nationals, Island or other recognised grading match you will compete as a rookie. Only the first rookie in a division will be recognised for medals or awards.

## **5. Changing Divisions, and Cross-Grading**

- 5.1 If you hold a grade in 3Gun and switch between divisions or change to Open Division your grade will automatically carry over. If you compete in Open and change division you will drop one grade.
- 5.2 If you shoot your current or lower grade you will earn the grade shot, if you shoot a higher grade you will be graded 1 grade lower with an asterisk (\*), with the following exception:
- 5.3 If you are Grand Master grade in a division and change to another division you will automatically be graded as Master Grade in the new division.

## **6. Being Downgraded**

- 6.1 If you have failed to achieve your recorded grade at IPSC sanctioned matches, during an immediate prior period of 24 months you may apply to the Section / Regional Director to be downgraded. This request will be reviewed by the National Grading Officer and Regional Director who will consider your request, based on your achievements.

## **7. NZ IPSC 3Gun Scoring Rules**

- 7.1 IPSC 3Gun New Zealand recognises one form of scoring for IPSC 3 Gun Island and National Championship Matches:

### **IPSC Win MASS**

Each match may need to have 3 tournaments running at the same time depending on how many divisions are entered in to score the match

You will compete against people shooting the same firearms as you are in the same division.

Open and Standard divisions can be run in the same match. Modified and Manual will require a separate match each to score. IE if 4 divisions are entered in to 3 matches will need to be run

## **8. NZ Divisions for PNZ IPSC 3 Gun**

- 8.1 **IPSC Three Gun NZ Divisions:**

**Open: Open rifle, Open shotgun, Open pistol**

**Standard: Standard rifle, Standard shotgun, Standard Pistol**

**Modified: Open rifle, Standard or modified shotgun, Standard pistol**

**Manual: Open rifle, Standard Manual Shotgun, Standard pistol**

Divisions Note (May 2016): Production, Revolver and Classic pistols will be run as Standard division pistols with this system until such time as we get more people shooting the matches. We will then review more divisions for these pistols.

***For more details on each firearm category, refer to the IPSC rulebooks for Handgun, Rifle and Shotgun.***

## 9. Qualifying for Medals & Trophies

- 9.1 At Regional (NZ) Championships or when non-residents compete, only competitors who satisfy the residency requirements (ref 6.5.1 - 6.5.3 of the IPSC rules) are entitled to be recognised as the National Champion(s) by Division or by Division/Category as the case may be. However non-residents results must not be deleted from the match results, which must remain wholly intact.
- 9.2 Does not preclude non-residents from winning Overall Divisional Champion.
- 9.3 Presidents Medals shall be awarded to the Overall Division Champion
- 9.4 Any Open, Standard & Production shields & cups will be awarded jointly to the Top New Zealand & Top International Competitor.

## 10. Required Medals and Awards

10.1 For each Division, category and grade the following must be awarded and appropriate recognition given. (3 Gun National and Island events), providing the division, category or grade qualifies under the following medal allocation criteria:

- 1-3 competitors: Gold only. 4 or more competitors Gold, Silver, Bronze.
- Junior categories will receive a medal for each placing.
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall in Open, Standard, Modified and Manual
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior, Senior, Super Senior & Lady
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grades (Master, A, B, C, D and Ungraded), 1<sup>st</sup> only Grand Master.

Individual components (I.E Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun) of the match will not be awarded

Any Trophies will only be awarded at a NZ Nationals and will stay in New Zealand, regardless of who wins them. Each trophy will have both a New Zealand and International champion engraved if applicable.

- 10.2 Stats will provide (after registration is complete) a list of all medals for presentation. Match organisers will have to work out medal requirements from entry lists to ensure all divisions, Categories and grades are covered.

## 11. Awards Example:

3 Gun National Open Division Championships

100% Competitor A (Australian) declared as Overall Match Champion & Recipient of the First Place Medal

99% Competitor B (New Caledonia) Second Overall

97% Competitor C (New Zealand) Third Overall, New Zealand Champion

An Example of the possible maximum medal count of a single Division. (Open Division shown).

Grade 16, Division/Category 15 TOTALS 31

<b>MEDALS</b>	<b>Medals will be supplied by PNZ for the 3Gun Nationals and both Island Championships</b>					
<b>Division Supplied by PNZ</b>	<b>Overall</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>					
<b>Category Supplied by PNZ</b>	<b>Senior</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Super Senior</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Junior</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Lady</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>NZ Grade Supplied by PNZ</b>	<b>M</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>A</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>B</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>C</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>D</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Ungraded</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>

## 12. Squadding at all IPSC 3Gun Championship Events

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that competitors are squadded with those shooting the same division and of a similar skill level.

- 12.1 Squad all competitors Division, then by Grade.  
(Remember it is best to have squads with between 10-12 members.)  
EG in Open you would have your first squad comprising Master & A Grade Shooters, your second squad would have B & C Grade shooters and your third squad would comprise D & ungraded.  
If you have larger numbers you can simply split the squads further, Master Grade Squad, A Grade Squad etc.
- 12.2 Combine part squads by Grade.  
After you have squadded as above you will end up with part squads, at this stage you combine squads by Grade. C grade Open with C grade Standard etc.
- 12.3 NZ Team Members  
Where possible also place team members together. This is especially important following the selection of a “NZ Team” to ensure that Team members get the opportunity to work together as a Team.
- 12.4 Gun Sharing. When people gun-share place the higher ranked shooter in the lower ranked squad. (Often the need to gun-share will go away)