



# IPSC - NEW ZEALAND

- National Grading System.
- Major Competition Awards.

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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 IPSC National Grading Officer maintains the IPSC National Grading List.
- 1.3 A copy of the Current National Grading list will be posted on the PNZ Web-Site under the IPSC Section

## **2 MATCHES CURRENTLY RECOGNISED FOR GRADING PURPOSES**

- 2.1 New Zealand National IPSC Handgun Championships  
North Island IPSC Handgun Championships  
South Island IPSC Handgun Championships  
Wanganui – River City Open
- Further competitions may be added to this list at the request of a Match Director and approval of the Regional Director.
- 2.2 Other matches considered to be of sufficient standard may also be used for grading purposes from time to time.
- (a) The National Grading Officer and the Regional 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 Regional Director.
- 2.4 All courses of fire must be approved by the Regional Director as suitable for grading purposes. Level 3 Matches will also need to receive IPSC approval.

## **3 GRADE BREAKS**

- 3.1 IPSC 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 in a Division to qualify for grading)
<b>M</b>	85% to 99.99%	
<b>A</b>	75% to 84.99%	
<b>B</b>	60% to 74.99%	
<b>C</b>	40% to 59.99%	
<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 at a National, South Island or North Island Championship Level 3 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.

## **4 HOW DO YOU 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 5).
  - (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.
- 4.6 International Competitors who compete in NZ on a regular basis will be graded based on the same condition as stated above. The first time an International competitor competes in a PNZ graded match they will be graded with an \* 1 grade below the grade score shot. At subsequent events grades will be awarded as per 4.2 & 4.3 above.

## **5 CHANGING DIVISIONS, CROSS-GRADING.**

- 5.1 If you hold a grade in Production, Standard or Classic and switch between these divisions or change to Open Division your **highest grade** in these divisions will automatically carry over and on completion of the match your grade will be adjusted along with a \* according to the score you achieved.
- 5.2 If you compete in Open and change division you will drop one grade. If you compete in any division and switch to Revolver you will drop 2 grades and on completion of the match your grade will be adjusted along with a \* according to the score you achieved.
- 5.3 If you are Grand Master grade in a division and change to another division where you are ungraded, you will automatically be graded as Master Grade in the new division and on completion of the match your grade will be adjusted along with a \* according to the score you achieved.

## **6 BEING DOWNGRADED**

- 6.1 If you have failed to achieve your recorded grade at IPSC sanctioned matches, during an immediate prior period of 18 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.
- 6.2 If during an 18 month period (minimum of 3 events) you do not maintain your current grade by placing in the top 1/3 of the field your grade will be reduced 1 grade along with a \* to indicate that by achieving the grade break in your next competition you will be upgraded.

## **7.0 QUALIFYING FOR MEDALS & TROPHIES**

- 7.1 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 NZ 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.
- 7.2 International Competitors / non-residents will still be recognised as winning Overall Divisional Champion and receive an award indicating such, but will not be recognised as the National (NZ) Champion.
- 7.3 IPSC Presidents Medals shall be awarded to the Overall Division and Category winners as per IPSC rules
- 7.4 Pistol New Zealand Grade medals will only be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3 place in each grade.  
  
NZ Residents who satisfy the residency requirements (ref 6.5.1 - 6.5.3 of the IPSC rules)
- 7.4 Open, Standard, Production & Classic shields / cups will be awarded to the Top New Zealand Competitor as the National Champion.

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