



# **SPEED**

## **New Zealand**

### **Guidelines**

Divisions, National Grading, Awards  
And Squading  
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To be used in conjunction with the SCSA rules under which PNZ runs Speed Section Matches in New Zealand

<http://www.steelchallenge.com/steel-challenge-Rules-Home.php>

## 1. THE PURPOSE OF THE 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 graded results in any sanctioned competition.
- 1.2 The Speed Section Director (or their delegate) maintains the Speed Grading List.
- 1.3 A copy of the Current Speed National Grading List will be posted on the PNZ Web Site under the Speed Section

## 2. MATCHES CURRENTLY RECOGNISED FOR RECORD SETTING AND GRADING PURPOSES

- 2.1 Currently recognised matches:

**New Zealand National Speed Championships**  
**North Island Speed Championships**  
**South Island Speed Championships**  
**River City Speed Championships**  
**Rotorua Speed Championships**  
**Steel Extravaganza (SCSA stages only)**  
**Need4Speed (SCSA stages only)**

- 2.2 Other Matches considered to be of sufficient standard may also be used for grading purposes from time to time.
- 2.2.1 The Speed Section Director and Match Director together will agree whether a match is of sufficient standard to be used for grading or record setting purposes.
- 2.2.2 As long as a firearm complies with the current rules, no further restrictions will be placed on the firearm due to it's make, brand or construction.
- 2.2.3 Once a match is determined to be a grading match, ALL Competitors who break grade will be re-graded.
- 2.2.4 National stage fastest times and overall fastest records can only be held by a resident New Zealand shooter, international shooters fastest times will be recognised though on the PNZ Web Site

## 3. NZ GRADE BREAKS

- 3.1 Speed New Zealand members are graded on achieving the following times at approved matches. (All times are in seconds)

		<b>Pistol</b>	<b>Carbine and .22 Rifle</b>	<b>22 Pistol</b>
<b>G/Master</b>	under	105	90	95
<b>Master</b>	under	115	100	105
<b>A Grade</b>	under	130	115	120
<b>B Grade</b>	under	150	135	140
<b>C Grade</b>	under	180	165	170
<b>D Grade</b>		180+	165+	170+

## 4. GRADES

- 4.1 Grades are obtained by posting a score at a match that is recognised for grading purposes.
- 4.2 If a Division is entered that the shooter has not obtained a grade in they will shoot the match and obtain the grade at the same time. They are then entitled to be awarded a medal within the grade as per section 8.

4.3 Being downgraded: If you have failed to achieve your recorded grade at approved matches during an immediate prior period of 24 months you may apply to the Section Director to be downgraded. The Section Director will consider your request and based on your achievements review this request. You may then be allowed to re-grade for the division as per section 4.2

## 5. CATEGORIES

5.1 The following Categories may be available as per the SCSA Rules. Ladies, Super Senior, Senior and Junior. The addition of Rookie may be available for any shooter that has never obtained a grade in Speed Challenge. Shooters may be eligible to compete in more than one Category for example a Junior Lady or Senior Rookie.

## 6. QUALIFYING FOR MEDALS & TROPHIES

6.1 At Regional New Zealand Championships, competitors who satisfy the residency requirements 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 and must remain intact.

6.2 The above does not preclude non-residents from winning Overall Match Champion.

## 7. RECOGNISED DIVISIONS

7.1 At National and Island Championship Matches the following Divisions must be recognised, Open, Limited, Pistol Carbine, 22 Pistol and 22 Rifle. Other SCSA divisions may be recognised once demand is shown and consistently meet the requirements of 7.2

7.2 Notwithstanding 7.1, all divisions must have a minimum of five competitors before any recognition can be given. Where the divisional requirement has not been met the Match Director will place the competitor in the most appropriate division based on firearm and sighting system.

7.3 All iron sighted centre fire handguns will compete together in the Limited Division without regard to action type, until demand is shown as per section 7.1

7.4 A Limited firearm can be shot in the Open Division as determined in Appendix H in the SCSA Rules. Should a competitor choose to shoot a Limited firearm in both the Limited Division and the Open Division then the Limited Stage must always be shot prior to the attempt at the Open Stage.

7.5 All 22 Pistols within the 22 Pistol division, all 22 Rifles within the 22 Rifle division and all Pistol Carbines within the PCC division will compete together with no regard to action or sighting type

## 8. MEDALS, AWARDS & RESULTS

8.1 For each Complete Match the following must be awarded and appropriate recognition be given for each recognised Division as listed in 7.1

- **1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall**

8.2 For each Complete Match the following may be awarded and appropriate recognition given for each recognised Division as listed in 7.1 above.

- **1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand shooter (National Championship only)**
- **Steel Master see 8.3**
- **1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Rookie, Junior, Senior, Super Senior and Lady**
- **1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grades GM, M, A, B, C, D**

8.3 Steel Master, if awarded, is for the shooter that has the best combined score over three firearms being one centrefire handgun, the .22 Pistol and either the .22 Rifle or PCC

8.4 Organizers must make a complete set of detailed results available as soon as practicable, preferably a printed hardcopy at the end of the match.

8.5 Notwithstanding 8.1 all Divisions must have a minimum of five competitors before recognition can be given. Where there are four or more competitors in a Grade and or Category 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places may be awarded, where there are less than four only 1<sup>st</sup> will be awarded.

- 8.6 After entries are complete the Match organisers will work out medal requirements to ensure all Divisions, Categories and Grades are covered and the list of the medal (and pins for the Nationals) requirements will be sent to the PNZ Executive Officer no later than ten days before the match.
- 8.7 Clubs hosting National events are advised to investigate the use of every self-adhesive labels on stock medals to prevent wastage which can happen if you purchase engraved medals and then do not use them all.

## 9. SQUADING

Squading may be done in one of two ways, given that competitors are shooting an “absolute” score (as opposed to a relative score in IPSC) there is less of a requirement to seed the squads according to skill level. As such, squading can be done using either of the following methods.

- **Random Squading** as determined by the match organisers.
- **Formal Squading** following the outlines below.

- 9.1 Squad all competitors by division and then by grade remembering the ideal size is between 7 and 10 shooters. Eg In Open you would have Grand Master, Master and A grade in the first squad and the second squad B, C and D grades. If there are larger numbers, then squads can be split further
- 9.2 After squadding as above there will be part squads, at this stage combine squads by Grade. C Open with C Limited etc
- 9.3 Where possible place NZ Team members together.
- 9.4 Gun sharing. When people gun share place the higher ranked shooter in the lower ranked squad.

## 10. APPOINTMENT OF RANGE OFFICERS TO APPROVED MATCHES

- 10.1 Preference would be that Range Officer appointments to officiate at Island and National Matches be made by the Match Organizer in conjunction with the Speed Director.
- 10.2 It should be noted that while the basic range commands used in Speed are similar to the IPSC rules: Make Ready, Are You Ready, Standby, (Buzzer) etc, there are differences. People appointed as RO's must have demonstrated knowledge of these differences particularly as related to .22 Pistol, .22 Rifle and PCC as well as the use of chamber flags.

## 11. NOTED DIFFERENCES FROM OTHER DISCIPLINES

- 11.1 Sight pictures on targets are specifically allowed.
- 11.2 Practicing sequencing on targets is specifically allowed, though this must cause no disruption to the flow of the stage/match.
- 11.3 Pistol Carbines, .22 Rifles and other rifles and shotguns used in side matches may be carried vertically (muzzle up) or bagged/unbagged on the line. In all cases a chamber flag must be inserted and the bolt/action closed. .22 Rifles and Pistols as well as Revolvers do not need to have the action fired as the last process in “Showing Clear”
- 11.4 Times are recorded to the last shot fired, there are no count backs.

## 12. PISTOL CARBINE Definition

- 12.1 PNZ recognise the DIVISION known as PISTOL CARBINE within the Speed Section
- 12.2 For an individual to shoot at a PNZ Match in the Pistol Carbine Division, the firearm must be:  
A registered B Category firearm
- Fitted with part of a pistol i.e.-frame or the entire pistol whole to enable the carbine to be fired from the shoulder
  - Overall length 762mm or less
  - Minimum 9mm and max 1500 FPS