



ISSF NEW ZEALAND Guidelines

for

**Match Awards, National Records, Finals Formats
& NZ Finals Records**

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To be used in conjunction with the Current ISSF rules under which PNZ runs ISSF Sanctioned Matches
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1. **General Introduction**

The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) is affiliated to the international Olympic movement which draws on the ISSF to provide its clay target, pistol and rifle shooting competitions. Based in Munich in Germany, the ISSF was referred to before July 1998 as the International Shooting Union, but to avoid confusion with the International Skating Union was obliged to use the French abbreviation, UIT.

The ISSF in New Zealand and Pistol NZ are linked successively to the NZ Shooting Federation, the NZ Olympic Committee (NZOC) the ISSF in Munich and finally the international Olympic movement. It is the only discipline in Pistol NZ which leads to pistol shooting at the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games and the Oceania.

ISSF is a “bench” shooting style where the athlete shoots from a bench or table. All shooting is from the standing position, one handed from a marked out firing line.

2. ISSF Match Awards (All Sanctioned Events)

The following are the minimum award categories to be handed out at any ISSF sanctioned match: (If there is merit being recognised, then awards must be handed out).

Categories at a Nationals Or Island Event
WOMEN'S 10 M PISTOL
WOMEN'S 25 M PISTOL
MEN'S 10M PISTOL
CENTREFIRE PISTOL
STANDARD PISTOL
RAPID FIRE PISTOL
50M PISTOL
MEN'S 25 (SPORT) PISTOL
JUNIOR WOMEN'S 10M PISTOL
JUNIOR MEN'S 10 M PISTOL
JUNIOR 25 M PISTOL
VETERANS AGGREGATE*
5 MATCH AGGREGATE
3 MATCH AGGREGATE

***The Nationals Veterans Aggregate shall be competed from the following matches:**

Air, Standard, Sport and Centre fire pistol

Age: 55 years of age and over

First to third should be awarded in each of the above categories by either certificate or medals.

3. National and Island Championship Events Awards

National and Island Championships will have medals supplied by the PNZ.

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be supplied for all categories.

National's attendance Pins will be supplied by the PNZ to cover those shooting the match.

4. The ISSF National Grading System

National grades allow you to compete at any competition in New Zealand against competitors of similar ability.

Apart from the Nationals, all official championships run Graded, as well as Open (O&G) events held simultaneously.

The ISSF Section Director (or his delegate) maintains the ISSF National Grading List.

A copy of the current ISSF National Grading list will be posted on the PNZ Web-Site under the ISSF Section

A national grade can be obtained at these recognized championships as approved by PNZ Council or the ISSF Section Director:

- Auckland Anniversary championships
- Mainland Summer (Christchurch)
- NZ Nationals
- Northland Open and Graded championships
- Hamilton (HOG)
- Hawkes Bay/Napier O &G
- Christchurch O & G
- North Island championships
- South Island championships.

ISSF Grading Table (As of June 2014)

Match	Master Grade	A	B	C
10 Metre (Air) Pistol Women	380	365	350	320
10 Metre (Air) Pistol Jnr Women	380	360	340	300
10 Metre (Air) Pistol Men	575	560	540	500
10 Metre (Air) Pistol Jnr Men	575	555	525	485
50 Metre (Free) Pistol	555	540	510	465
Rapid Fire Pistol	575	560	525	470
25 Metre Pistol	580	555	520	480
25 Metre Pistol Jnr	580	550	510	465
25 Metre (Sports) Pistol	582	555	510	480
Centre Fire Pistol	583	565	540	500
Standard Pistol	570	555	530	500

When you have completed an event at a recognised championship and obtained a score, a grade will be assigned to you.

If the score you obtain in an event at a recognised championship equals or exceeds the minimum score for the next grade up, you will be promoted (“grade break”) into that next grade.

An athlete in Master grade will automatically be demoted to A grade if he/she does not achieve a Master grade score over a two year period. Athletes will be downgraded to “C” if they have not posted a score in their existing grade within the previous five years.

5. Closure of application for National or Island Championships

Any financial member club will have 60 clear days after the previous Nationals or Island Championship event to apply (to the Executive Officer) for the NEXT Nationals or Island Championship. This will allow for any multiple applications for the SAME match.

If more than one application is received for the same event, each application will be held till the end of the 60 day period before the decision process is started.

(If a multiple application is made for the SAME event and ALL THE APPLYING clubs agree on who should hold the event, then the 60 day limit can be waived).

At this point the Section Director for that discipline will make his/her recommendation on the club of choice and why, this decision will go to the Executive Officer for a final decision.

The PNZ Executive Officer will make the final decision on the host club within 2 weeks of the 60 day closure.

Any unsuccessful applicant will be contacted by the PNZ Executive Officer on the decision and reasons why one applicant (if any) was turned down.

PNZ may decide to award Championship events to one club for more than one consecutive year, if this is the case, any club applying for the same event on one of these consecutive years will be informed of the Executive Officers decision.

For reference purposes and guidelines, see the PNZ website and the official application form.

6. Medals Ordering cut-off dates

The final list of medals should be confirmed **NO LATER THAN** 10 days out from the first day of the match or line with the closing date for shooter entries.

7. Entry forms and International Shooters

The match entry form should be sent to the PNZ XO as soon as possible after the match approval has been given. *If you think the match may attract International shooters, PNZ will need a members Authorisation to use their licence number and name, when handing out to overseas shooters to complete the online temporary Police permit application process.*(See match information). The following information should be added to your entry form: "Overseas competitors should refer to the following link to obtain temporary firearms permit information for this match <http://www.pistolnz.org.nz/services/member-services/information-for-overseas-shooters-travelling-to-nz.aspx>

For regional (NZ) championships or when non-residents compete, only competitors who satisfy the residency requirements are entitled to be recognised as the National Champion(s) by Category as the case may be. However non-residents results must not be deleted from the match results, which must remain wholly intact.

This does not preclude non-residents from winning NZ medals. Overseas competitors may not take with them NZ trophies, these stay with the Highest placed NZ shooter in that category.

Organisers must make a complete set of detailed results available as soon as practicable, and all Island and Nationals results, and other approved championships results must be sent to the PNZ Executive Officer.

8. ISSF National Records-Approved Championships

National Records can be claimed for performances at the following championships:

Championships outside New Zealand

- Olympic Games
- Commonwealth Games (CWG)
- Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF) Championships
- ISSF World Championships
- ISSF World Cups
- ISSF World Cup Finals
- ISSF international Grand Prix matches
- ISSF Oceania continental championships
- Pistol Australia Nationals
- Australian state championships and state titles
- AISL Australia Cup matches

- Other ISSF-recognised and ISSF-compliant Nationals approved by PNZ.

New Zealand-based Championships

- Auckland Anniversary championships
- Mainland Summer
- NZ Nationals
- Northland Open and Graded championships
- Hamilton (HOG)
- Hawkes Bay/Napier O &G
- Christchurch O & G
- North Island championships
- South Island championships.

The above list is not exclusive. To qualify championship matches must be held every year. Other Championships may be included, on approval.

9. ISSF minimum event requirements for setting a NZ National Record

The NZ Nationals and both the Island championships must be approved by the Pistol New Zealand Executive Officer and the ISSF Section Director. The other championships must be approved by the ISSF Section Director and be advertised in Bullshooter and the PNZ website

At a Nationals or Islands Championships, the ISSF Section Director or their appointed “official observer” must be able to observe the event in question. At other championships, if the Section Director official observer is not present, a qualified ISSF judge must be available to observe. If necessary, the Section Director or official observer will seek advice from an ISSF judge who was present on the event requirements.

All these standards must be met in the event in question.

The ISSF Section Director or their official observer must be able to assert in their written post-championship report that all these minima were met in the event in question.

In 10, 25 and 50 metre events, the Section Director or official observer must have overall observation and supervision of the shooting, and the scoring procedure. Any role played by the Section Director or official observer in the event in question, which is in addition to their observation and supervision roles, will be considered a factor when assessing a claim for a National Record.

The ISSF Section Director or official observer cannot verify minimum requirements in an event in which they themselves are claiming a National Record.

10. Minimum required NZ-based championship event standards

- The person concerned must be a current financial member of Pistol New Zealand.
- The event must have had at least five competitors in the relay or squad, ie five or more competitors shooting side by side together. It is acceptable if one (1) athlete is forced to withdraw for technical reasons after firing the first match shot, or if disqualified for failing a trigger test.
- 10 Metre (Air) Pistol: one (1) shot per target, and targets are scored away from the firing point.
- 25 Metre pistol events: five (5) shot scoring, and the same pistol must be used in all stages.
- 50 Metre (Free) Pistol: a maximum of ten (10) shots per target, and targets are scored off-range.
- Patches only are to be used; no target faces.
- Equipment Control: there should be full equipment control, but if not available, either (a) there must be trigger weight checks before the match starts, or (b) there must be a trigger weight available to all athletes before the event for athletes to conduct their own checks. There must be random trigger weight tests after the event in question.
- The rules pertaining to the ten (10) minute protest time post-event must be adhered to.

A claim for a National Record can be made to the PNZ executive officer, or to the Section Director or official observer, along with supporting information.

11. NZ Finals Formats

Rules for ISSF Finals require computerisation and electronic scoring targets which are not available in New Zealand, hence we have had to improvise a little. For the 10 and 50 Metre events and the women's 25 Metre Pistol events we have been able to adhere to the new Finals rules, but have had to compromise slightly with the Rapid Fire Finals event.

10 Meter Pistol Finals (men and women).

The Qualification score no longer carries over into the Finals, nor influences the Finals outcome.

The new format is a series of elimination bouts with the lowest ranked Finalist being eliminated after the eighth shot. The scores continue to accumulate and eliminations continue. Three Finalists remain when the eighteenth shot is fired, and the lowest of the three Finalists now being eliminated takes the Bronze medal. When the twentieth and last shot is fired, the accumulated scores decide which of the two remaining Finalists wins Silver and Gold medals.

50 Meter (Free) Pistol Finals

The Qualification score no longer carries over into the Finals, nor influences the Finals outcome.

The new format is a series of elimination bouts with the lowest ranked Finalist being eliminated after the eighth shot. The scores continue to accumulate and eliminations continue. Three Finalists remain when the eighteenth shot is fired, and the lowest of the three Finalists now being eliminated takes the Bronze medal. When the twentieth and last shot is fired, the accumulated scores decide which of the two remaining Finalists wins Silver and Gold medals.

Rapid Fire Finals

The Qualification score no longer carries over into the Finals, nor influences the Finals outcome.

The new Rapid Fire Finals format has been modified slightly so that we can run a finals event on conventional (paper) targets. Like the official ISSF version, our Finals comprise a series of 4 second series with hit-miss scoring (one point or zero), maximum five points per series. The points accumulate and at the fourth series, the lowest ranking Finalist is eliminated. Eliminations continue to the seventh series when the third ranked Finalist is eliminated and takes the Bronze medal, and in the eighth and last series between the last two surviving Finalists, the Silver and Gold medals are decided.

25 Meter (Sports) Pistol Finals

The Qualification score no longer carries over into the Finals, nor influences the Finals outcome.

The new Finals format retains the existing rapid fire format but points are awarded on a hit-miss (one point or zero) basis. In the initial Semi-Finals stage (maximum five points per series), the lower four Finalists are eliminated, and the top four Finalists are subdivided into third and fourth ranked Finalists who compete for the Bronze medal, and first and second ranked Finalists who compete for the Silver and Gold medals. The score begins again at zero. In this crucial Medals stage two points are awarded to the winner of each series as it is completed, until one Finalist in each group of two reaches seven (7) points. The first Finalist in each group of two to reach seven (7) points wins the Bronze and Gold medals, the other Finalist in each group wins Silver or fourth place. ***Unfortunately It is no longer possible to run a Finals record in this event.***

12. Appointment of Range Officers to Approved Championships

Championship organizers assign experienced shooters to take turns as range officers and other range crew (scorers, register keepers, patchers). Often (but not always) the range officer will be an ISSF judge.

13. National Range Officials Group

Several people are qualified by ISSF in Munich to be international-level pistol judges. They serve to validate individual events and our NZ-based championships. Most of them also remain competitive shooters within NZ, which is permitted under ISSF rules.

In addition to the international judges, the ISSF encourages national federations to hold courses for national-level judges. It is intended to hold one or more courses in NZ soon for national-level judges and for national-level range officers.