



NORTH OKANAGAN TRAPSHOOTING LEAGUE

NOTL – Rules and Award Programs

Section 1. Safety

(a) It is the shoot officials' and the shooter's responsibility to conduct the shoot in a safe manner and to advise any contestant of unsafe gun handling.

(b) All guns must be kept open, unless in the gun rack, and unloaded at all times, except when on the firing line. Violators subject themselves to immediate disqualification, without recourse, with dismissal from the grounds. A second violation should be brought to the attention of the NOTSC Executive for review.

(c) A contestant shall load their gun only when at the firing line and facing the traps. In singles and in handicap shooting, they may place only one shell in the gun at a time. In doubles they may place only two shells in the gun at a time, and they must empty the chamber before moving from one post to the next.

- (d) In case of misfire, the contestant shall keep their gun pointing downrange and open the gun with caution.
- (e) All guns used by contestants must be equipped and used so as not to eject empty shells in a manner to substantially disturb or interfere with other contestants.
- (f) The gun must be empty when the shooter is moving from post to post.
- (g) In handicap shooting, there shall be no more than two yards difference between adjacent shooters in the squad. The current PITA mandates and recommendations as amended from time to time will influence the club's squadding policy.
- (h) The shooter on post five shall walk behind the other shooters when rotating to post one.
- (i) The practice of tracing targets behind a shooting squad is unsafe and disconcerting to the shooters and is not permitted.
- (j) As a safety precaution, no test shots are permitted.
- (k) Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted during any NOTSC shooting event.
- (l) Eye and ear protection must be worn.

Section 2. New Shooter Information

Section 2.01 Guests and Juniors

- (a) A visiting shooter may shoot as a guest of the club at a reduced Guest rate. The visiting shooter may shoot at the Guest rate only once during the NOTL shoot year.
- (b) After shooting once at the Guest rate, visiting shooters shall pay the full member rate and membership fee at subsequent shoots.

(c) Shooters shooting as a Guest are ineligible for awards, unless otherwise specified.

(c) Juniors may shoot at the posted Junior Rate (under age of 18)

Section 2.02 Annual Membership and Dues

(a) Individual membership: Individual members will be charged a fee of \$20.00 annually.

(b) Junior membership: Juniors will be charged a reduced fee of \$10 annually.

Section 2.03 New Membership Initiation Fee

(a) There is currently no new membership initiation fee.

(b) New members are subject to review by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.04 Inactive Members

(a) Requalification for awards and jackpots is also required if the shooter's membership has lapsed 12 months or more.

Section 2.04 Membership and Target Year

The membership and target year shall run from January 1st through December 31st.

Section 3. Classification and Handicap Yardage Assignments

Section 3.01 Classification of New Club Member Who is a Member of Another Trap Shooting Association

A new member who has previously been a member of another trap shooting association must notify the club Handicapper and initially shoot at their last classification and/or yardage if it is greater than the NOTL new member minimum requirements until they have undergone a three-score review.

Section 3.02 Singles and Doubles Classification of New Club Member Who is Not a Member of Another Trap Shooting Association

- (a) New club members will be assigned to “C” Class until known ability has been established by the results of 3 shoots.
- (b) The Handicapper may modify these classifications as circumstances warrant (i.e. known ability).
- (c) Singles and Doubles Classification will be based on the current PITA Classification tables as follows:

Class	Singles %	Doubles %	Doubles Avg. 50
A	96% and above	90% and above	45 and above
B	92.5 – 95.99%	85 – 89.99%	42.5 to 44.99
C	88.5 – 92.49%	78 – 84.99%	39 to 41.49
D	Under 88.5%	Under 78%	Under 39

Section 3.03 Handicap Yardage Assignment for New Member Who is Not a Member of Another Trap Shooting Association

- (a) The Handicapper shall have discretion to classify new members according to the following guidelines:
 - (1) Male shooter 18 or older may be assigned to the 20 yard line.
 - (2) Lady or Junior shooters may be assigned to the 19 yard line.
 - (3) The Handicapper may modify these classifications as circumstances warrant (i.e. known ability).

Section 3.04 Responsibility for Proper Classification

It is the responsibility of each shooter to shoot in their correct class and/or yardage group. Any shooter competing in the wrong class or yardage must,

for that event or events, forfeit all prizes, trophies, and points otherwise earned in that event.

Section 3.05 Classification/Yardage Assignment Review

(a) Monthly Advances

(1) **Singles and Doubles:** The Handicapper will increase, by one class, the classification of any member who:

i) Shoots or ties the high score in his or her class.

AND

ii) Shoots a score equal to or greater than the established PITA Classification from the Official Classification Tables for the class above the shooter's current class. (By example, if you win or tie in C class, your score must meet or beat the PITA Official Classification average for B class in order to advance.)

(2) **Handicap:** The Handicapper will increase the assigned yardage of any member who shoots or ties the high score by one yard.

(3) **Handicap Advance by Request:** A member may request an advance of up to two yards which may be granted at Handicapper's discretion. If granted, the member must continue to shoot at that yardage until the next review unless advancing by win or tie.

(b) Singles and Doubles Half Season Review for Reductions and Advances

The Handicapper will perform a review of singles and doubles scores at the mid point of the season. The review will use the shooter's year-to-date actual average with a minimum of three scores required. If three scores have not been posted, the shooter will not be reviewed until the next review date or next shoot date, at the discretion of the handicapper.

(1) The Handicapper will adjust the shooter's classification by comparing the shooter's YTD average for the current shoot year to the PITA Classification average table as found on the PITA website.

(2) A member may refuse to accept a reduction in class, but if they do, they will remain at their pre-reduction class for the balance of the shoot year unless the shooter advances by win or tie, or is advanced as a result of quarterly review.

(c) **Handicap Reduction Review**

(1) There will be one handicap reduction review per shoot year at the mid point of the season. The review will be performed using the shooter's year-to-date actual average. A minimum of three scores must be posted to be eligible for review.

(2) The Handicapper will reduce, by one yard, the handicap yardage assignment of any member whose YTD actual average is under that period's established reduction target average as per the PITA rules (currently 89%), to a minimum of 20 yards for all shooters with the exception of Ladies and Juniors who may be reduced to 19 yards.

(3) A member may refuse to accept a reduction in yardage, but if they do, they will remain at their pre-reduction yardage for the balance of the shoot year unless the shooter advances by win or tie.

None of the above reviews will result in an increase or reduction in classification or handicap yardage assignment of more than one class or one yard.

(d) **Year-End Review**

(1) **Singles and Doubles:** The Handicapper will review each member's singles and doubles classifications before the start of the new target year. The starting classes for the following shoot year will be based on the shooter's YTD averages for singles and doubles. The Handicapper will use PITA Classification average table as found on the PITA website. Handicapper's analysis of scores may also be used to classify shooters. The maximum change is two classes.

(2) **Handicap:** The Handicapper will review the yardage assignment of each member before the start of the new shoot year. If the shooter's YTD handicap average is below the reduction target average, the Handicapper

will reduce the shooter's yardage assignment by one yard. A member may choose to refuse a reduction in yardage, but if so, he/she will remain at their pre-reduction yardage for the entire shoot year unless advancing by win or tie.

(e) Effect of Class or Yardage Assignments from Other Organizations:

After the initial class and yardage assignments, a member's classification or yardage will no longer depend on their class or yardage in any other organization.

Handicapping Renewing Members

Any shooter re-applying for NOTL membership (at the beginning of the shooting League year or the first shoot of the year for that shooter), who was previously assigned to a classification or handicap yardage, shall resume shooting at that classification and yardage unless the shooters PITA or ATA classification or yardage, if applicable, is greater than the previous assignment.

Rules and Award Programs Awards and Prizes

NOTL offers a unique "Multiple Awards System" of Monthly Awards, Annual Awards and Special Achievement Awards. A shooter may win more than one 1st place award in any monthly shoot, unless otherwise specified.

Monthly Awards

(a) 16-Yard Singles

(1) Awards are provided for the 1st place score in each class. There are no sub class awards.

(b) Handicap and Doubles

(1) Awards are provided for the 1st place score in each yardage group and for the 1st place score in each doubles class. There are no sub-class awards.

(c) HOA

(1) An award is provided for the overall HOA Champion(s).

(d) Other Awards

(1) From time to time the board of directors may add other awards. These will be separate from those outlined above. The rules governing these separate awards will be determined at the discretion of the board.

Annual Champion and Class Champion Awards

The annual champion program provides for awards for shooting achievements based on the member's average and participation throughout the shoot year. but is eligible to receive more than one buckle of the buckles itemized here. In the case of tie scores, duplicate trophies will be issued.

(a) The annual awards are as follows:

- (1) (High Over All) Grand Champion
- (2) (High Over All) A-B-C-D Champions
- (3) Singles A-B-C-D Class Champions
- (4) Handicap Yardage Group Champions
- (5) Doubles Class A-B-C-D Champions

(b) Qualification for Annual Awards are as follows:

- (1) The member must participate in at least 3 monthly shoots to qualify.
- (2) Qualifiers' averages are calculated using the member's best 3 scores for the target year in each of Singles, Handicap and Doubles.
- (3) Your HOA Class is the same as your "best 3" Singles Class. HOA is calculated by adding your best 3 singles average plus your best 3 handicap average plus your best 3 doubles average.

(4) Your award Handicap group is your beginning year yardage.

(5) Classes for Singles and Doubles Annual Championship are not necessarily based on the class a member shoots in during the year, but rather based on where his best-of-three average falls on according to the PITA classification tables as outlined above.

Annual Special Achievement Awards

6-Point Award Program

This program awards points to shooters who shoot scores that win or place in their monthly categories. Qualifications Are:

1. (1) The member must be in good standing to be eligible.
2. (2) The member must earn a minimum of 6 points in the target year. Points cannot be carried over from one target year to the next.
3. (3) The winning score by class or yardage in Singles, Handicap, and Doubles earn 1 point.
4. (4) The HOA Champion and the HOA class winners earn 1 point.
5. (6) A member shooting a second place non-winning score equal to or higher than the PITA classification average table in the member's Class or Yardage Group (handicap equal to 44 or better) will receive a point. Winning a point by this method does not mean the shooter will receive advancement in class.
6. (7) It is possible for more than one shooter per class to earn a point.
7. (8) It is not possible for any shooter to earn more than 1 point per event or more than 4 points per shoot.

Handicap Lewis

(a) A mandatory Lewis will be charged to each shooter shooting the handicap and shall be paid at time of entry.

(b) PITA Lewis Option rules prevail. 3 classes, split 60-40 unless otherwise determined by management.

Guns and Ammunition

1. (a) The largest gauge used in NOTL competitions is 12 gauge. Guns of smaller gauges are permissible, but no special consideration shall be given to their use in any shooting event.
2. (b) Shot charges shall be no larger than 1 1/8 oz. of number 7.5 and be made from lead. Tracers, copper, and nickel-coated shot are not allowed.
3. (c) Ammunition velocity must conform to current PITA rules. Black powder is not permissible.

Responsibilities of a NOTL Member

1. (a) A contestant must be prepared to compete when called by the shoot director.
2. (b) Shooters not responding when called may be subject to re-squadding, and if not present to shoot after re-squadding may forfeit all event fees.
3. (c) A contestant must in no manner interfere with the other shooters on the squad.
4. (d) It is the duty of the contestant to see that his or her score, as determined by the referee, is correctly recorded. In case of error, it shall be the duty of the contestant to have the error corrected before firing a shot on their next post or before they leave the trap if the target was within the last five targets of that sub-event.

16 Yard Singles Event

(a) A 16 yard PITA class system will be used: Classes A, B, C and D. This event must be shot five shots at each post from 16 yards with each shooter in order shooting at one target until all have shot five times, and rotating in a clockwise manner to the next post.

Handicap Event

(a) There will be three yardage groups assigned: 19 -21.5, 22-24.5, 25-27. This event must be shot five shots at each post, with each shooter shooting at one target at a time until all have shot at five targets, and then rotating in a clockwise manner to the next post.

(b) A contestant must stand on the yardage assigned to him or her. A shooter may not stand on a higher yardage than they are assigned unless approved by handicapper.

Doubles

(a) This event must be shot from 16 yards with each shooter in order shooting at two targets thrown simultaneously from the trap house until all have shot at 5 pair of targets, and then rotating in a clockwise manner to the next station.

Squadding – Squads of 5

(a) In all Club events contestants shall shoot in squads of five except when there are less than five contestants available in an event.

Squadding – Squads of less than 5

(a) When the yardage difference in handicap make it unsafe as per PITA rules.

(b) When there are withdrawals from the squad after the competition has begun and the squad is scheduled.

(c) When, in the opinion of the Club officials, the harmony of the shoot may be enhanced by squadding less than five.

Squadding – More than 5

(a) Squads of more than five shooters are NOT allowed.

Squadding – Practice Shooters

(a) The squadding of practice shooters with those shooting club events shall NOT be allowed.

Squad Leader – The Shooter in Position One is the Squad Leader and Should:

(a) Ascertain that all members of the squad are ready before commencing the event.

(b) Call for one target or pair before starting their squad to shoot the sub-event, and also allowed to call for one target or pair per post for Doubles.

(c) Verify the scores with the squad and scorer, and initial the score sheet at the end of each sub-event.

Tie Scores and Shoot-Off Rules

(a) Ties will be determined by long run.

1. (b) Long run will be determined by the longest string of broken targets from the beginning of the score.
2. (c) If there is a long run tie, the winner will be determined by the longest string of broken targets from the end of the score.
3. (d) Shoot management will decide the nature of awards or shoot offs for unresolvable ties.

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