

Annexure A to the Constitution of the Mpumalanga Practical Shooting Association

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1. LEAGUES AND CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE GIVING RULES

- 1.1. The Executive Committee will annually consult with all its members to allocate prizes to graded League competitors of MPSA by applying the rules as set out in this section.
- 1.2. The number of leagues to be used for determining the overall placement or ranking of members on the provincial log in any year are as follows:
 - 1.2.1. 8 or more leagues per year Use the best 6 shoots.
 - 1.2.2. 7 leagues per year Use the best 5 shoots.
 - 1.2.3. 6 or 5 leagues per year Use the best 4 shoots.
 - 1.2.4. 4 or 3 league shoots per year Use the best 3 shoots.
- 1.3. An average score will be calculated by:
 - 1.3.1. Totalling the best shoots according to rule 1.2.
 - 1.3.2. Divide the total best percentages for a competitor by the number of shoots to get an average percentage.
 - 1.3.3. If a competitor shot less than the total best league shoots for a given year, according to rule 1.2 the total best percentage for a competitor will still be divided by the number of best shoots (1.2).
 - 1.3.4. No relief rule will be allowed for.
- 1.4. A list of every Grade will be drawn up in "descending order of merit".
- 1.5. Ties will be broken as per the latest edition of the IPSC rules.
- 1.6. League Prizes:
 - 1.6.1. Prizes may be awarded to at least the first three competitors according to the "descending order of merit" for the following categories and on the conditions as approved by the Delegates Committee and subject to the conditions as specified in sub-clause 1.6.2:
 - 1.6.1.1. Per Division according to the latest IPSC Rules - Grade A, B, C and D
 - 1.6.1.2. Lady
 - 1.6.1.3. Junior (under 21 years of age)
 - 1.6.1.4. Veteran (over 50 years of age)
 - 1.6.2. Medals may be awarded as follows for the categories stated:
 - 1.6.2.1. Five or more members per grade and category per division: Gold, silver and bronze medals.
 - 1.6.2.2. Four members per grade and category per division: Gold and silver.
 - 1.6.2.3. Less than four members but more than one per grade and category per division: Only one gold medal.
 - 1.6.3. The type of prize is for the discretion of the MPSA Executive Committee.
 - 1.6.4. Only affiliated competitors to MPSA and SAPSA will be eligible for prizes.
 - 1.6.5. Team prizes will be awarded to each team member considering sub-clause 1.7.
- 1.7. The MPSA Executive Committee shall gather before the competition and choose and make known to all MPSA clubs the awards for the Mpumalanga Closed Championship (MCC).
- 1.8. Prizes for the MCC will be allocated according to the "scores of the day" after elimination of all non-MPSA members.
- 1.9. Prizes for League Matches, awarded at the discretion of the host club, will be allocated according to the "scores of the day" after elimination of all non-MPSA members.
- 1.10. Any SAPSA member from any other Province or fully affiliated member of any international practical shooting association can compete in any MPSA sanctioned match, including the Closed Championship, without prior arrangement and after completing the relevant visitor entry forms.

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- 1.11. All competitors at MPSA leagues or Level II matches must be correctly affiliated to SAPSA. Non-MPSA competitors will compete as visitors.

2. TEAM ENTRIES

- 2.1. A team consists of the number of members as specified by the latest IPSC rules.
- 2.2. Team members must be affiliated to the club they represent, MPSA and SAPSA.
- 2.3. Teams are to register at the Stats Office before the shoot starts. Once the shoot is in progress no changes to teams will be allowed.
- 2.4. Teams can be made up of members of all Grades and Divisions.
- 2.5. Ladies teams MUST consist of Ladies only.
- 2.6. Men's and Mixed Teams compete as a Men's Team.
- 2.7. The club will nominate team members eligible for prizes.
- 2.8. The number of league shoots to be considered for teams will be the same as for individual members (rule 1.2 and 1.3).
- 2.9. The team with the highest aggregate will receive 100% for the competition.
- 2.10. All other teams' aggregates will be expressed as a percentage of the winning team.
- 2.11. Ties will be broken as per the latest edition of the IPSC rules.

3. MPSA TEAM SELECTION RULES

- 3.1. The Mpumalanga Selection Committee (MPSA-SC) nominated and selected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association will consist of a Chairperson and maximum three selectors.
- 3.2. Never will a club have more than one representative on this Committee, unless the Chairperson and Scores & Leagues Officer are from the same Club.
- 3.3. Selection Committee members will be:
- 3.3.1. Chairperson: MPSA vice-chairperson, with casting vote.
 - 3.3.2. Selector 1: Scores & Leagues Officer, with full vote.
 - 3.3.3. Selector 2 and 3: Nominated and elected from among the clubs affiliated to MPSA, but not from the same club as the MPSA Selection Committee Chairperson.
- 3.4. In the case where a member resigns during his elected term, the Delegates Committee may select a replacement.
- 3.5. The necessary quorum for the Selection Committee will be the Chairperson plus at least two of the rest of the members of the committee.
- 3.6. Written or verbal notice of the Selection Meeting will be given to every Selector at least one week before the meeting date.
- 3.7. The Scores & Leagues Officer shall provide the MPSA-SC with the relevant copies of current results from:
- 3.7.1. League history. The best four out of last six shoots.
 - 3.7.2. The Mpumalanga Closed Championships must be included as part of the shoots used for selecting MPSA team members.
 - 3.7.3. Apply the relief rule according to sub-clause 3.8 for all new members.

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- 3.7.4. Apply relief rule according to sub-clause 3.8.6. for all existing members.
- 3.7.5. Total the four best shoots and divide by four to arrive at an average percentage - except where the relief rule was applied.
- 3.7.6. The average percentages will be listed on a "descending order of merit".
- 3.8. There will be relief for members who are lacking overall history (shoots) or history in a specific division, for selection of a Mpumalanga team on the following conditions:
 - 3.8.1. He has shot at least the last two (2) MPSA league shoots before the selection of the teams.
 - 3.8.2. The results of the total number of league matches shot will be used to calculate an average. This will be done by dividing the sum of the overall results of each match shot by the same number of matches.
 - 3.8.3. The average so calculated for all relieved shooters will be listed with the other shooters in "descending order of merit".
 - 3.8.4. The relief rule will continue to be applied until the shooter has competed in the minimum number of shoots required for normal ranking calculation.
 - 3.8.5. The relief rule will cease if a further league shoot is missed.
 - 3.8.6. An existing member can only enjoy relief for two consecutive National or Provincial competitions in a two-year cycle.
 - 3.8.7. It will be the MPSA-SC Chairperson's responsibility to keep a record of all cases where relief was granted.
 - 3.8.8. The MPSA-SC Chairperson will report to the MPSA Delegates Committee Meeting on all cases where the relief rule was granted.
 - 3.8.9. The MPSA Delegates Committee Meeting must ratify the relief granted.
- 3.9. Team selection:
 - 3.9.1. The following teams may be selected for inter-provincial, national or international matches where such teams are allowed for by SAPSA and/or the match host:
 - 3.9.1.1. A-Teams per Division as per the latest IPSC rules.
 - 3.9.1.2. B-Teams per Division as per the latest IPSC rules.
 - 3.9.1.3. Ladies Team (per Division as per the latest IPSC rules)
 - 3.9.1.4. Junior Team (per Division as per the latest IPSC rules)
 - 3.9.1.5. Development Team (per Division as per the latest IPSC rules)
 - 3.9.2. The number of team members will be as specified in the latest edition of the IPSC rules.
 - 3.9.3. The first selected member for the B-team will be the reserve for the relevant A-team.
 - 3.9.4. Only affiliated MPSA and SAPSA members will be eligible for inclusion in teams to represent MPSA at national or higher order competitions. Teams will be selected as per sub-clause 3.9.1.
 - 3.9.5. To be eligible for selection a person must have shot at least two out of the last three matches as defined in sub-clause 3.8.1 to 3.8.3.
 - 3.9.6. The MPSA-SC Chairperson will announce the teams by advising all possible team members that they qualify for inclusion in the team not later than ten days before the closing date of entries for the match, regardless whether such a person may represent another body or not. A preliminary announcement of all MPSA members who qualify for inclusion in a team in terms of position on the log must be made to those members 30 days in advance of the closing date for match entries.
 - 3.9.7. Identified Team Members must notify the MPSA-SC Chairperson verbally, but preferably in writing, of their intent to participate in the match or not within three days after being informed of their qualification for inclusion in a team. In the absence of any notification by team members it will be assumed that all members selected and conforming to all selection criteria will be representing MPSA in the relevant team.
 - 3.9.8. The final Team Members will be those as selected and included in the teams at the closing date of entries for the match. No other person will be included in a team, whether such a team has been selected or not, for whatever reasons after the closing date for match entries.
 - 3.9.9. No reserves or replacements will be selected for B- or Development Teams.
 - 3.9.10. Appeals against the selection of the teams must be lodged in writing to the MPSA-SC Chairperson within five days after teams were announced.

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- 3.9.11. Any appeal with regards to team selection must be settled before the closing date of match entries.
- 3.9.12. The MPSA-SC Chairperson must report to the MPSA Delegates Committee Meeting on all disputes/complaints concerning team selection and the action taken by the MPSA-SC.
- 3.9.13. A competitor, other than a junior or lady, with an average score of less than 65% as calculated in clause 1.3 will not be considered for selection to represent MPSA in any A-team.
- 3.9.14. Ladies and/or juniors with an average score of less than 60% as calculated in clause 1.3 measured against the results of the ladies and/or juniors, whichever the case may be, will not be considered to represent MPSA in any ladies and/or junior team as per clauses 3.9.5 and 3.9.6.
- 3.9.15. If MPSA considers it to be in the interest of the sport and with the necessary approval from the host organisation and/or SAPSA, development teams may be selected according to criteria as determined by the delegates.
- 3.9.16. When a competitor changes between Divisions during a year, the scores as calculated in sub-clause 1.3 will lapse. New scores history will be accumulated by the competitor and relief rule according to sub-clause 3.8 will be applied.
- 3.9.17. Where a competitor must be a resident in the region for a minimum of 183 days the relevant IPSC rule under Representation will be applied.
- 3.10. Circumstance rule
 - 3.10.1. The team members will be selected from their score histories on a mechanistic basis, i.e. per the history average percentage calculated in sub-clause 1.3, subject to the following overriding considerations:
 - 3.10.1.1. If it is known that particular circumstances, e.g. illness, bereavement or examinations at official institutions etc. existed with respect to a particular competitor that affected his ability to complete or participate in a league match, these circumstances may be taken into consideration when determining the "descending order of merit" listing as per clause 3.7. Official documentation is to be provided for illness and examinations. If such a particular circumstance has been considered, the MPSA-SC Chairperson will report this to the MPSA Delegates Committee Meeting for ratification.
 - 3.10.1.2. The MPSA-SC Chairperson will report to the MPSA Delegates Committee Meeting on the proposed team/s selected including circumstances per clause 3.10 and relief applied according to sub-clause 3.8.
 - 3.10.2. A-Teams in the relevant divisions may each officially select a Team Captain from between their numbers and advise the MPSA-SC Chairperson of who the Captain is. The Executive Committee will determine the duties and responsibilities of any selected Team Captain in consultation with the relevant teams if necessary.
 - 3.10.3. The MPSA-SC may appoint a Team Manager and advise him of the selection. The Executive Committee will determine the duties and responsibilities of any selected Team Manager in consultation with the relevant teams if necessary.
 - 3.10.4. Duties of Team Captains and Team Managers must be made known to them in the form of a duty sheet signed by the relevant Captain or Manager together with the MPSA Chairperson.

4. MPSA GRADING RULES

- 4.1. The Mpumalanga Selection Committee (MPSA-SC) will gather annually to promote or degrade MPSA members into grades by applying the following rules:
 - 4.1.1. The MPSA Closed Championships (MCC) will be treated as a MPSA league match for this purpose.
 - 4.1.2. Leagues to be used in any year are as per sub-clause 1.2.
 - 4.1.3. An average will be calculated by in the same manner as per sub-clause 1.3, except that only actual number of league matches shot in a specific division will be used to calculate an average percentage score. The actual potential of a competitor will thus be reflected in the grading system.

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- 4.1.4. Relief rule according to clause 3.8 to be allowed for.
- 4.1.5. No grading will be done if a competitor competed in less than two MPSA league matches per division during any one year.
- 4.1.6. The cut-off percentages per grade for the relevant divisions are as follows:

GRADE	CUT-OFF PERCENTAGE
A	80% and more
B	60% and more, but less than 80%
C	Less than 60%
D	Development class not linked to a percentage.
- 4.1.7. The promotion or degrading is to be done at the end of every year after the MPSA Closed Championship, or at any other time as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. When promotion or degrading is done at any other time than after the MPSA Closed Championship consideration must be given to the implications of grade changes on the awarding of prizes at the next Closed Championship.
- 4.1.8. The performance potential of a new member may be considered in the grading of members lacking history in the province or a division.
- 4.2. Degrading to a lower grade
 - 4.2.1. A competitor must be degraded to a lower grade if his average is less than the bottom cut-off point for his grade.
 - 4.2.2. A competitor must have shot at least the total of leagues specified in sub-clause 1.2. during the year.
 - 4.2.3. Appeal on the degrading can be lodged to the MPSA-SC according to sub-clause 4.5.
 - 4.2.4. Degrading over more than one grade, e.g. A to C, is possible.
- 4.3. Promotion to a higher grade
 - 4.3.1. A competitor must be promoted to the next grade if his average is higher than the top cut-off point for his grade. Sub-clause 4.1.4 to be allowed for.
 - 4.3.2. Promotion over more than one grade, e.g. C to A is possible.
 - 4.3.3. Appeal on the promotion to a higher grade can be lodged to the MPSA-SC according to clause 4.5.
- 4.4. New members
 - 4.4.1. New members who join MPSA for the first time, but have had any IPSC experience for a period longer than six months in another province or country are to start in C Grade.
 - 4.4.2. Any person with less IPSC experience than that stated in clause 4.4.1 will start in the relevant development class and will be awarded a D grade unless such a person indicates in writing to the MPSA SC that he wants to start in the C-class.
 - 4.4.3. D-class members will remain in that class for not longer than two calendar years after joining MPSA unless they are promoted to a higher grade as per clause 4.3 or represents MPSA in any A or B team, excluding any development teams.
 - 4.4.4. Any changes in grades will be done and become effective as per clause 4.1.7.
 - 4.4.5. After competing in the D-class for the maximum of two calendar years and not being promoted to a higher class for whatever reason during this time, D-class competitors will automatically be promoted to the C-class.
 - 4.4.6. New competitors who join MPSA from other Provinces and who have shot a national or similar event before will start in a grade as decided on by the MPSA-SC. The MPSA-SC will base his decision on the competitor's history at national level matches.
 - 4.4.7. Competitors who did not compete in any MPSA league matches for any period of time will start in the same grade they had when they last competed.
 - 4.4.8. When changing between Divisions a competitor will retain the same grade in the new division than what they had in the previous division until grades are changed according to clause 4.1.7
- 4.5. Appeal on degrading and promotion
 - 4.5.1. Any member may lodge a written appeal to the MPSA-SC on the degrading or promoting to a different grade within 30 days after the posting of the grades.