

SHOOTING RULES

UPPER HUTT RIFLE CLUB (INC)

GRADING

1. At the beginning of the season all members will be graded "A", "B", "C" or "Tyro" by the Committee.
2. The winner of the "B" and "C" grades each year will automatically shoot in the next higher grade for two years, together with any other members the Committee thinks fit to regrade.
3. For club events members may not participate in a grade lower than their national grading.
4. A Tyro is classed as a new member who has not previously participated in full-bore rifle shooting except as a college cadet. The member shall remain a Tyro until completing a full season's shooting. A full season is defined as having the application for membership approved by the Executive Committee prior to the 1st January. New members whose applications are accepted after 1st January are entitled to shoot Tyro grade during the full following season if they so elect. Tyros may regrade at any time and forfeit all scores previously registered under the tyro coached conditions.

NEW MEMBERS

5. Members transferring from other Clubs, or taking up shooting after a few seasons absence will be graded by the committee after their first three shoots in comparison with other members in the Club.

HANDICAPPING

6. The handicapping system will be approved by the Committee and may be changed seasonally.

GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS - OPEN, "A", "B", "C", Tyro

7. All shooting days laid down or amended or not cancelled by the WRA, with the exception of the Opening and Closing days, are to count for the Club Championship. The President or Club Captain is to ascertain positively from the WRA that a shoot has been cancelled.
8. Club Championship is to consist of Series One and Series Two.

- a. Series One. The first shoot on a certain number of Saturdays excluding Opening and Closing days, and comprising two optional sighters and ten counting shots.
 - b. Series Two. shot from 300,500,600,800, 900 and 1,000 yard distances on a selected day in March or April, and comprising two optional sighters and ten counting shots. For the Club Championship, a member's best range scores from either series aggregating a maximum of 300.60 points will count.
9. Ties will be decided on centrals and if still a tie on count-back under NRA rules.

CONDITIONS

10. For scores to count, a member must use NRA approved ammunition except where provided for in the rules for that particular competition
11. For scores to count, a member is limited to two sighters and not more than ten consecutive shots to count. In the case of Tyros, if their first shot misses the target they may have assistance and the first shot marked will be their second sighter.
12. Counting Shots "A", "B" and "C" - apart from sighting shots all shots fired including any shot missing the target shall count.
13. Days to count - Refer paragraph 7.

COACHING

14. No members other than tyros may be coached for club competitions.

DOUBLE SHOTS

15. During squaddled club shooting any member required to shoot consecutively must leave the mound between shoots.
16. In the event of a mechanical breakdown of a rifle, the shooter may be permitted to change rifle and carry on with one non-counting shot at the discretion of the Range Officer/Club Captain.

9. SAFETY

17. Competitors are not allowed, under any circumstances, to have their rifle loaded except when about to fire on the mound.
18. After firing the last shot competitors must unload, remove the bolt, and have their rifle checked for safety by the scorer before leaving the mound.
19. The scorer shall call "cease fire" in a loud voice whenever the danger signal is shown at the butts.

20. Should any interruption in the firing take place the scorer shall ensure that the competitor then about to fire immediately unloads.
21. Rifles must be presented for inspection with breaches open.
22. When a rifle is loaded the muzzle must at all times be directed towards the target area.
23. In all matches each round will be loaded singly.
24. All rifles must have their bolts removed when behind the mound.

FIRING ORDER

25. After firing has commenced, as a member arrives, that member's card must be put at the bottom of the other cards on the board on the allocated target.

RANGE AND BUTTS OFFICERS

26. On rostered shooting days the Club Captain will appoint Range and Butts Officers for the day's shooting.

INTERRUPTION OF SHOOTING

27. If shooting is interrupted the allowance of an optional sighter is at the discretion of the Range Officer/Club Captain.

MEMBERS MARKING

28. Any Club member required to mark should not expect any payment for such service.

CLUB RIFLES

29. Members wishing to borrow a club rifle for an away meeting must request permission from the President whose responsibility it is to make sure that the member is licensed and that the rifle or rifles are returned for the next Saturday's use.

CUPS AND TROPHIES

30. Details are given at Appendix A.

CLUB TEAM ENTRIES

31. The Club will pay entry fees for selected club teams in Wellington Rifle Association, National Rifle Association, Hawkes Bay Rifle Association Championship meetings. Other inter-club or inter-district competition entry fees may be paid at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Where the Club pays entry fees, all prize monies won by the teams will be returned to the Club.

SELECTORS

32. The handicapper/scorekeeper or deputy will be a member of the selection panel.

DEFINITIONS OF DUTIES

33. Club Captain To ensure that the Club's facilities are totally operative thus enabling the Club to fulfil its functions at all times, and to include specifically that there are sufficient markers available and that all targets are maintained in good order and condition.

34. Selectors. To select teams as required, appoint team captains and coaches, and notify teams as to time, place and date two weeks before the competition. The names of those selected are to be posted on the club notice board and they should also be contacted directly, particularly if the team is to represent or take part in a WRA, NRA or New Zealand event.

35. Team Captains. To arrange for ammunition supply, shooting order and punctuality, availability of score cards, markers etc. and to ensure that completed score cards are forwarded to the Secretary.

36. Coaches. To be responsible for all coaching activities, tactics, and determining the shooting order. They will liaise with selectors over any problems which may arise with times, dates, etc. For Commonwealth team competitions and like events they will make the decision on weather conditions.

37. Ammunition Steward. To control the sale and issue of club ammunition and squadding for club shooting.

38. Handicapper/Scorekeeper. To keep statistics of club shooting and to operate the handicapping system.

RULES NOT SPECIFIED

39. Any contingency not covered by these Rules will be decided by the Committee, who will be guided by the NRA Rules