



RULES FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SHOOTING COMPETITIONS

1. Introduction

The shooting competitions hosted by SA Hunters and Game Conservation Association are controlled by the same rules for the qualifying phase at regional level and the national competitions. The regional competitions must be concluded by the end of June to allow sufficient time to invite individuals with qualifying scores to the national competitions that are held during the second half of each year. The following shooting competitions are held:

1.1 Regional and national level

1.1.1 President Shooting Competition for individuals;

1.1.2 Inter Branch Team Shooting Competition;

1.1.3 Junior Shooting Competitions for individuals;

1.1.3.1 Air rifle Shooting Competition for juniors under 9 years;

1.1.3.2 22-Rimfire and Pre-charged Air Rifle Shooting Competition for juniors under 13

1.1.3.3 22-Rimfire and Pre-charged Air Rifle Shooting Competition for juniors under 18

1.2 Regional level only

1.2.1 Inter Branch Team CHALLENGE Shooting Competition

2. General rules and processes

The arrangements for the regional and national shooting competitions are as follows:

- 2.1 Shottists may participate in more than one regional competition. All scores are considered for the various ranking lists. If more than one score is submitted, the highest score of the shottists or team will determine its position on the ranking list;
- 2.2 Participation in regional shooting competitions is open to all SAHGCA members to encourage participation;
- 2.3 Participation at regional level is only restricted by the the capacity of the shooting range. Preference should be given to shottists residing in that particular region. A region can decide to limit participation to a regional shooting competition in a specific region to SAHGCA members of the branches in that region;
- 2.4 The junior shooting competitions at regional level may coincide with regional President , Inter Branch team and Interbranch CHALLENGE team shooting competitions, or can be held on their own;
- 2.5 Only the first score of participants or teams will be accepted. Subsequent attempts are not allowed;
- 2.6 During team shooting competitions, every shottist must shoot all the shooting exercises on the same day for the team to qualify;
- 2.7 Qualifying regional competitions must be concluded by 30 June each year;
- 2.8 Branches in every region are encouraged to co-operate with regional co-ordinators when determining dates and booking ranges for regional competitions;
- 2.9 The branch hosting the regional competition must capture the qualifying scores on the tablet of the host branch in the SAHGCA Shooting competition module supplied for that purpose. This data should be synchronised with the national data base for regional shooting results as soon as possible, but not later than 12h00 of the Wednesday following the Saturday on which the shooting competition took place. Scores that have not been processed and calculated using the program provided, will not be accepted for the ranking lists;

- 2.10** Consult the SAHGCA calendar for dates and shooting ranges of national shooting competitions for the year; The shooting ranges where the national shooting competitions take place and the host branches are announced annually.
- 2.11** It is recommended that the Inter Branch Team Shooting and President Shooting Competitions at regional level be hosted simultaneously. The shottists enter individually or in teams. Every shottists shoot each shooting exercises once. These scores qualify for the individual President Shooting Competition and the total score of the five team members are submitted as the qualifying team shooting score for the Inter Branch Team Shooting Competition. Therefore, each shottist have to shoot at his/her own target in both shooting competitions to obtain individual scores.

3. General rules

- 3.1** A 100m shooting-in range must be available before the competition starts and must allow a minimum of ten minutes for shottists to shoot-in all firearms;
- 3.2** Only scores obtained during regional shooting competitions against at least one other branch can be submitted and registered;
- 3.3** Disciplinary steps will be taken against any shottist who disregard the rules of any shooting exercise.

4. President Shooting Competition

- 4.1** The annual national President Shooting Competition for individuals determines the best SAHGCA shottist of the year.
- 4.2** The rules of the “SAHGCA LEAGUE SHOOTING COMPETITIONS- shooting exercises for the President and Interbranch Team Shooting competitions” will apply for the President Shooting competition from 1 January 2015.
- 4.3** Participation at regional level take place in the following classes and a shottist is automatically allocated to the Open class, B-class or C-class based on his/her highest score achieved at the President shooting competition at regional or national level of the previous year (*the classes are only applicable at the regional President shooting competition and not applicable at the national President shooting competition*). Shottists not having a previous class allocation, are automatically classed as C-class:
- 4.3.1** Open class – 75% or more
- 4.3.2** B-class – 50% or more, but less than 75%
- 4.3.3** C-class – less than 50%
- 4.3.4** Ladies
- 4.3.5** Senior, 65 years and older
- 4.3.6** Juniuors, 18 years and younger
- 4.4** Invitation and participation in classes at the national President Shooting competition is based on the highest total score for the two exercises at regional level:
- 4.4.1** Open class (Top 100) – All participants – Open class, B-class, C-class, women, seniors and juniors included – can qualify for the Open class (Top 100);
- 4.4.2** Top 20 at the national President shooting competition of the previous year;
- 4.4.3** Women class (Top 10) – the Top 10 women;
- 4.4.4** Senior class (Top 10) – the Top 10 shottists, 65 years and older. Senior shottists who turn 65 in the year of the competition, and older, qualify to compete;
- 4.4.5** Junior class (Top 10) – the Top 10 shottists, 18 years and younger. Juniors that are not yet 18 years old on 1 January of the year of the competition, qualify to compete in the junior class for the rest of the year. Juniors compete under the same rules as adults and no exceptions are made in terms of shooting positions etc. No assistance or training is allowed during the competition. The legal licence holder of the firearm that the junior will be using in the competition, must accompany the junior to the firing line and must be present when the firearm is being used.

4.5 Awards

- 4.4.1 Regional level:** The awards at regional level acknowledge shottists for their achievements at that level, e.g.:
- 4.5.1.1 The total score of the two shooting exercises, overall third place (bronze), overall second place (silver) and the winner (gold). Medals and certificates are issued in each of six classes described in item 4.3.1 to 4.3.6;
 - 4.5.1.2 All shottists in the six different classes (item 4.3.1 to 4.3.6) compete in the Open class as well for medals and certificates for qualifying participants;
 - 4.5.1.3 **Platinum pocket badge** and certificate for qualifying participants.
- 4.5.2 National level:** Shottists are acknowledged for shooting achievements at national level, e.g.:
- 4.5.2.1 Total of two shooting exercises, overall third place (bronze), and overall second place (silver) and the winner (gold). **Medals and certificates** are issued in each of four classes described in item 4.4.1, 4.4.3 to 4.3.5;
 - 4.4.2.2 Floating trophy:**
 - 4.5.2.1.1 Open class - Floating trophy for the Victor Ludorum
 - 4.5.2.1.2 Ladies class - Floating trophy for the Victrix Ludorum
 - 4.5.2.1.3 Senior class – Floating trophy for the senior Victor Ludorum
 - 4.5.2.1.4 Juniors under 18 years - Floating trophy for the junior Victor/Victrix Ludorum
 - 4.4.2.3 Platinum Award:**
 - 4.4.2.3.1 Green SAHGCA blazer with Platinum pocket badge** and certificate to participants qualifying for the first time. This award is made at the annual SAHGCA Congress;
 - 4.4.2.3.2** Shottists qualifying again in subsequent years, receive a **Platinum badge** and certificate at the national President Shooting Competition or posted to the qualifying participant;
- 4.4.3 Prizes** at the national President Shooting Competition are dealt with as follows:
A participant can win prizes in one class only. A shottist enters and participates in a specific class. If a shottist who comes first, second or third in a class, is also placed in the Open class, he/she will receive the prize for the Open class but forfeits the prize achieved in the separate class.
- 4.4.4** However, in contrast to the above, the **trophy** in every class will always be given to the winner, which means that a person who wins more than one class, can receive a trophy for the Open Class and any of the separate classes (junior, senior or women)

5. Inter Branch Team Shooting Competition

- 5.1** The Inter Branch Team Shooting Competition determines the SAHGCA champion team for the year. The Top 30 teams to participate in the national Inter Branch Team Shooting Competition will be selected based on the results of all the regional Inter Branch Team Shooting Competitions. The invitations are restricted to 3 teams per branch. Only teams representing a branch and with the consent of branch management, will be allowed to participate in the regional and national Inter Branch Team Shooting Competitions. The scores of teams not fulfilling these requirements will not be considered for the ranking lists of shooting scores of SAHGCA and they cannot participate in the national Inter Branch team shooting competition. Note: The Open class, B-class and C-class ranking for individual shottists are not applicable to the regional and national Inter Branch team shooting competition.
- 5.2 Rules**
- 5.2.1** The rules of the “SAHGCA LEAGUE SHOOTING COMPETITIONS - shooting Exercises for the President and Interbranch Team Shooting competitions” will apply for the Inter Branch Team shooting competition from 1 January 2015.
 - 5.2.2** A team comprises five shottists and each member must shoot both the Plains and the Bushveld shooting exercise.

- 5.2.3** All the shottists in the team must shoot all the shooting exercises at the day of the competition to qualify for the national ranking list of the Inter Branch Team Shooting Competition.
- 5.2.4** It is a requirement of the national competition that all five shottists have to shoot at the same target in both the Plains and Bushveld shooting exercise. A new target is used for each team at every distance to limit the number of shots per target (a maximum of 15 shots per target) to avoid problems when scoring.
- 5.2.5** The branch team does not have to comprise the same team members for both the regional and the national Inter Branch Team Shooting Competition.
- 5.3 Awards**
- 5.3.1** The awards at regional level acknowledge shottists for their achievements in the regional competition:
- 5.3.1.1** The team with the highest total score of all members' scores in the Plains and Bushveld shooting exercises, is the champion team.
- 5.3.1.2** Medals and certificates are given to every team member of teams that came third (bronze), second (silver) and Champion Team (gold).
- 5.3.2** The awards at national level acknowledge shottists' achievements at this level:
- 5.3.2.1** The Champion team is the team with the highest total comprising the scores of all members in the Plains and the Bushveld shooting exercises.
- 5.3.2.2** Medals and certificates are given to each member of the team that came third (bronze), second (silver) and Champions (gold);
- 5.3.2.3** A floating trophy for the Champion team.
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6. Junior shooting competitions

- 6.1** The annual national Junior shooting competition determines SAHGCA's junior shottist of the year in three competitions, e.g:
- 6.1.1** the Air rifle shooting competition for juniors under 9 years
- 6.1.2** the 22 Rimfire and Pre-charged Air rifle shooting competition for juniors under 13 year
- 6.1.3** the 22 Rimfire and Pre-charged Air rifle shooting competition for juniors under 18 year
- 6.2 Rules**
- 6.2.1** Any SAHGCA junior shottist that participated in at least 3 branch shooting exercises or regional shooting competitions (to ensure that the juniors are familiar with shooting range safety and their rifles) can register for the national junior competitions;
- 6.2.2** The national Junior Shooting Competitions are hosted as an independent event;
- 6.2.3** On the day of the competition, competitors must be given the opportunity for shooting-in their rifles from 50m for 22 Rimfire and pre-charged air rifles; and from 15m for air rifles. A time allowance of at least ten minutes must be given for shooting-in.
- 6.2.4** Juniors that are not yet 9 years old on 1 January of the year of the competition, qualify to compete in the junior shooting exercise (under 9 years) for the rest of the year. Juniors that are not yet 13 years old on 1 January of the year of the competition, qualify to compete in the junior shooting exercise (under 13 years) for the rest of the year. Juniors that are not yet 18 years old on 1 January of the year of the competition, qualify to compete in the junior shooting exercise (under 18 years) for the rest of the year.
- 6.2.5** U/9 juniors may participate in the 22 rimfire and pre-charged air rifle shooting exercise for U/13 or U/18 juniors. Nothing prevents U/13 and U/18 juniors to participate in the standard U/18 class of the President Shooting Competition as long as they comply with the rules, do not receive any preferential treatment in terms of shooting positions and assistance or training while competing.
- 6.2.6** To prevent any logistical difficulties, a junior may only participate in one junior shooting competition or class on the day of the competition.

6.3 Awards

- 6.3.1** The awards at regional level acknowledge shottists for achievements obtained at regional level. Medals and certificates are awarded for the first three places achieved in the junior shooting competition, i.e. third place (bronze), second place (silver) and the winner (gold);
- 6.3.2** The awards given at national level acknowledges the shottists achievements obtained at a national level. Medals and certificates are awarded for the first three places achieved in the junior shooting competition, i.e. third place (bronze), second place (silver) and the winner (gold). A floating trophy is given to each of the winners of the Junior Shooting Competitions at national level.

7. Inter Branch Team CHALLENGE Shooting Competition

- 7.1** The Inter Branch CHALLENGE Team Shooting competition at regional level provides shooting competitions over shorter distances for shottists that do not have suitable equipment (rifle/scope/ammunition) to compete in the regular Plains shooting exercise. It encourages shooting skills development and bigger participation at regional level for shottists that have not competed at regional or national level previously, but allow them to compete in social team shooting competitions against neighbouring branches.
- 7.2 Rules**
- 7.2.1** The Top 200 shottists, based on the results of the previous year's regional President Shooting Competition, may participate in the Inter Branch Challenge Team Shooting Competition. The only condition is that a team may not have more than one Top 200 shottist per team. This limitation do not apply to the President shooting competition, where any shottist may participate.
- 7.2.2** The rules of the "SAHGCA LEAGUE SHOOTING COMPETITIONS- shooting exercise for the Interbranch team CHALLENGE shooting competition" will apply for the competitions from 1 January 2016.
The Warthog with the caliber concession and Impala shooting exercise with rest, are used in accordance with the rules that apply respectively. Each shooting exercise has a full score of 45 points;
- 7.2.3** The only restriction on equipment is that the scope magnification is limited to 12X;
- 7.2.4** A team comprises five shottists who must all shoot the Warthog and Impala shooting exercise on the same day.
- 7.2.5** It is a requirement of the Interbranch team CHALLENGE shooting competition that the Warthog and Impala shooting exercises are shot by all five shottists in the team on the same target for this competition. A new target should be used at every distance to limit the total number of shots per target (a maximum of 15 shots per target) and to limit problems with scoring.
- 7.2.5** A ranking list including all the results is made available for record purposes.
- 7.2.6** The Inter Branch Team CHALLENGE Shooting Competition occurs at regional level only. It is not offered at national level.
- 7.3 Awards**
- 7.3.1** The regional awards acknowledge shottists' performance at regional level, i.e.:
- 7.3.1.1** The team with the biggest total score comprising the scores of each team member on the Warthog and Impala shooting exercise, is the Champion team;
- 7.3.1.2** Medals and certificates are awarded to each member of the team that came third (bronze), second place (silver) and Champions (gold).

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