



# NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

## NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

**Antler, Horn and Tusk**  
**Photographic**  
**Literary**  
**Special**  
**Postal Shoots**  
**Free Rifle Shoots**

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# NATIONAL ANTLER HORN TUSK, COMPETITION RULES

## GENERAL RULES - applying to all entries

1. (i) Trophies obtained by a non-member or unfinancial member as determined by the Branch Constitution will not be eligible for entry.
  - (ii) The competitions are open to all national life and full financial branch life, senior, junior, superannuant, student, endowment members of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Incorporated.
  - (iii) Registered eligible family members of the above are also eligible to enter.
  - (iv) Entries must have been taken in accordance with the national competition rules.
- 1.2 Members must be fully financial at the time the entry was taken and at the time of the entry into the competition.
- 1.3 All entries must have been taken by the entrant in New Zealand during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May.
- 1.4 A competitor may enter one or more heads in all competitions excepting those for Fiordland Wapiti, Rusa or Sambar, for which he or she may enter one only into each section.
- 1.5 The entry form must be in the hands of National Secretary by the gazetted date as shown on the current entry form and must be submitted by the entrant's Branch Secretary.  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- 1.6 The head is to be present for judging at the Conference venue 1 (one) hour prior to the opening of Conference.  
**LATE HEADS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- 1.7 Entrants are advised to look to the transport and security of their entries. Door-to-door delivery is advisable, otherwise your prize head could end up languishing in an airport, railway yard etc.
- Heads when there would be no representative from that branch at conference MUST include: -
- Return address and contact phone number
  - Prepaid courier tickets
  - A list of the heads in the container
- 1.8 Cleanliness is 'next to Godliness' – please have consideration for the Judges and ensure your entries are in a clean condition - dirty entries are liable to disqualification.
- 1.9 The lodging of any entry will be deemed as acceptance of the rules of the competition.
- 2 A (i) Definition of wild game animal: -  
Entries for all categories of Antler Horn and Tusk competitions be accepted from all feral self sustaining populations of game animals, whether these be from the acknowledged existing feral ranges of the animals or from new or satellite herds which have developed from natural spread, liberations or escapes.
- Escapees and animals taken with ear tags or evidence of previous ear tags or other identification markings are not eligible for entry into the Antler Horn and Tusk competition.
- 2 A (ii) Definition of Fair Chase: - Fair chase is the ethical, legal and sportsman-like taking of any free-ranging feral animal that has an unimpeded avenue of escape on both private and public lands.

2 A (iii) Eligibility for National Antler, Horn and Tusk Competitions in relation to Fair Chase:

Entries will not be eligible if A TROPHY FEE HAS BEEN PAID (exception for the Chaz Forsyth Cup entries).

Entries will also not be eligible for entry if any of the following methods of taking a trophy(s) are used: The animal: -

- Must not have been taken in an enclosed area ie, behind deer wire or any such fence or fixture that impedes the animal's unrestricted chance of escape
- Must not have been restrained ie, in a snare, trap, fence etc
- Must not have been taken with the aid of a spotlight or use of night vision equipment
- Must not have been taken with the help of a rifle mounted thermal imaging or night vision sight
- Must not have been taken from an aircraft, powered vehicle or vessel
- Must not have been coursed by dogs (with the exception of wild pigs).
- Must not have been taken in a manner where animal behaviour has been intentionally influenced by the use of a powered craft

2 A (iv) The trophy is of a feral game animal taken legally under Fair Chase conditions as defined in the National Antler, Horn and Tusk Competition Rules and the National Association Rules

2 B It shall be the responsibility of the branch in the first instance to determine that entries into competition have been taken under Fair Chase as defined in the National Antler, Horn and Tusk Competition Rules and the National Association Rules.

3. One (1) black and white or colour photograph to be supplied with entry for NZDA records.

4.1 Certified measurements taken by a method approved by Conference (Douglas Score) must accompany the entry form. Douglas Score measurements must be taken at the entrant's branch trophy meeting by two (2) measurers and witnessed by one (1) branch committee member eg - President/Secretary.

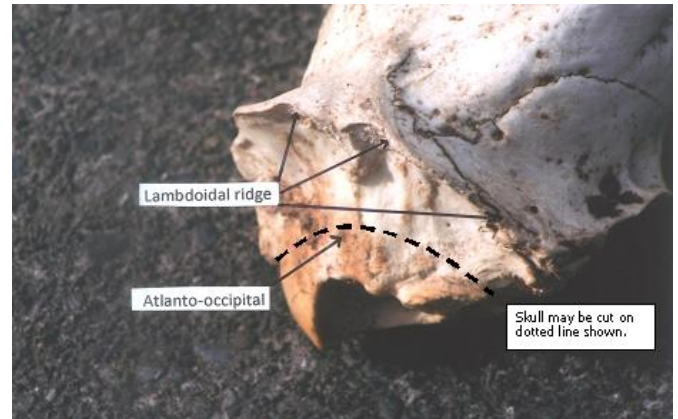
- The signature of either the Branch President or Secretary or Treasurer must be on the entry form.
- If entrants are unable to have trophies measured at a branch trophy meeting, entries to National Competitions are allowed, provided the required signatures accompany the entry form.
- The signature on the entry form will be taken as an independent declaration that the trophy was taken:
  - Under Fair Chase as defined in the National AHT Competition Rules
  - In accordance with the National Association Policy and Rules
  - And approved for competitions by the entrant's local branch.

4.2 A. Antlered Game

- (i) The antlers of the trophy at the time of entry must be in a natural state (natural state is the state of the trophy when taken).
- (ii) There must be no interference with the trophy such as the sharpening of points, removal of points, artificial colouration etc.

(iii) Antlers in velvet (hard or soft) are prohibited entries in National Competitions.

(iv) The atlanto-occipital joint at the base of the skull (where it attaches to the spine), may be cut to allow easier extraction of the brain. However, the lamdoidal ridge at the top rear of the skull must be complete and intact. On all Sika, Red and Wapiti heads the front nasal bone (premaxilla) must be complete and intact so that the skull length can be accurately measured. Heads may be entered with damaged skulls, eg head shot, and acceptance shall be at the discretion of the judging panel.



#### 4.3 B. Horned Game

- (i) The horns must be in full unmounted state when photographs and measurements are taken.
- (ii) The horns of the trophy at the time of entry must be in a natural state (natural state is the state of the trophy when taken).
- (iii) There must be no interference with the trophy such as the sharpening of points, artificial colouration etc.
- (iv) The skull jaw must also be in a clean and wholesome condition.

#### 4.4 C. Tusks

- (i) The tusks must be in a full unmounted state when photographs and measurements are taken.
- (ii) The tusks of the trophy at the time of entry must be in a natural state (natural state that is, state of the trophy when taken).
- (iii) There must be no interference with the trophy such as the sharpening of tusk points, artificial colouration etc.
- (iv) The complete lower jaw must also be in a clean and wholesome condition.
- (v) Tusks taken from domestic animals are not eligible for entry into the Competition.
- (vi) Certified measurements taken by a method approved by Conference must accompany the entry form.
- (vii) NZDA score must be used for undrawn tusks and also the Douglas Score where applicable.

#### 5.1

- (i) Judging will be carried out by a minimum panel of 3 (three) judges appointed by the National Executive.
- (ii) The results of the National AHT Competition shall be posted prior to the afternoon tea break on the Saturday of conference.
- (iii) Delegates will have the opportunity to lodge any protest in writing with the Competition Manager no later than 1 (one) hour after the afternoon tea break on that day after which the results will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

5.2 Entrants (or delegates to Conference) are requested to refrain from displaying entered trophies to judges prior to judging.

5.3 Identification of trophy must be attached only in a form that is removable (eg, label tied to antler/horn).

#### 6.

- (ii) The winning entry is to be decided after full and careful consideration of rules (2) and (4). Rule (1) will be attended to by entrant's branch.

- (ii) For all game trophy competitions except the Norman Douglas, Poverty Bay, the E Veronese, the Z Veronese, the Kaimanawa Branch, Putaruru Branch and Mel Larritt trophies, judging shall be based on the certified Douglas Score, but taking into consideration the visual judgement.
  - (iii) Second and third placings may be made at the discretion of the Competition Judges.
7. The Association will take all reasonable care of trophies while in the hands of the National Executive or judges, but will in no way be held responsible for loss or damage.
  8. All score cards and photographs entered for the competition will remain the property of, and may be used in publications by the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated
  9. Appropriate fees must accompany entries as indicated on the entry form. This fee is to be included with entry form and sent to:

NZDA National Office  
Attention: Competition Entry

PO Box 12015  
Thorndon  
Wellington 6011

- 9.1 In addition to the trophies for each competition, those heads that equal or exceed the Douglas Score standards for the various species as set out in the table below, shall with the unanimous recommendation of the judges be awarded the appropriate gold, silver, or bronze awards.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	
Red deer	350	335	320	
Wapiti	360	340	320	
Fallow deer	250	240	230	
Whitetailed deer	150	140	130	
Rusa	195	185	175	
Sambar	230	220	210	
Sika deer	205	195	185	
Chamois	29	28.5	28	
Tahr	45.5	45	44.5	
Goat	125	120	115	
Wild sheep	92	87	83	
Pig tusks (Drawn)	32	30.5	29	
Pig Tusks (Undrawn)	*25	*24	*23	*NZDA score

*The above Douglas Score standards are to be reviewed every five (5) years and changed where necessary by a panel made up of the Chief Judge, National Douglas Score Coordinator and Competition Manager/Secretary.*

10. A copy of the Douglas Score sheet scored by judges at the National Competitions is to be sent to the branches entering Antler, Horn or Tusks at an appropriate time following Conference.
11. The chief judge shall advise the National Executive in writing immediately after the national antler, horn and tusk judging has been completed of any apparent breaches of the rules. Any person found deliberately contravening these rules shall have all entries disqualified and shall be automatically barred from participation in the following year or such period as determined by the National Executive – usually a 2 (two) year stand down period.

12. The New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated will only accept the five (5) highest scoring trophies as rated by the Douglas Scoring System in each and every species for the Association's New Zealand records, if measured by a panel of three (3) qualified measurers, two (2) of who are at national judging level.

**ANTLER, HORN AND TUSK TROPHY COMPETITIONS**

**A Antlered Game**

Best Deer Head All Species	Orbell Trophy (President's Cup in Memory of Michael Collins)
Fallow Deer	McGowan Shield
Red Deer	Mel Larritt Memorial Trophy
Rusa Deer	Seddon Shield Trophy
Sambar Deer	Henderson Trophy
Sika Deer	Cliff Marshall Memorial Trophy
Fiordland Wapiti	Keith Severinsen Trophy
Whitetail Deer	Manawatu Branch Trophy
Best Red Deer Antlered Species	D Bruce Banwell Trophy

**B Horned Game**

Best of All Horned Species	Egmont Trophy
Chamois	McConochie Shield
Goat	Colin Porter Memorial Trophy
Wild Sheep	Trevor Chappell Trophy
Tahr	Mount Cook Trophy

**C Tusks**

Undrawn Pig Tusks	Putaruru Trophy
Drawn Pig Tusks	Dillon Shield

**D Special**

Best Game Animal Taken by a Junior	Poverty Bay Branch Trophy
Best Antlered Species Taken by a Junior	Z Veronese Cup
Best Horned Species Taken by a Junior	E Veronese Cup
Best Game Animal Taken by a Lady	Kaimanawa Branch Trophy
Antler, Horn & Tusk Branch Comp	Norman Douglas Trophy
Non-Typical	Leithen Award
Bowhunting	Female, Mens, Junior
Best entry by a person 65 and over	Waikato Branch Award
Best Red Deer Antlers – Judge's Choice	D Bruce Banwell Award
Best Game Animal Taken by a disabled/impaired person	Chaz Forsyth Cup

**A GUIDE FOR BRANCHES WHEN CONSIDERING ENTRIES FOR ANTLERED, HORNED AND TUSKED GAME FOR NZDA NATIONAL TROPHY COMPETITIONS**

Fiordland Wapiti	Not Under 270 Douglas Score
Red	Not Under 240 Douglas Score
Fallow	Not Under 140 Douglas Score
Rusa	Not Under 125 Douglas Score
Sika	Not Under 140 Douglas Score
Whitetail	Not Under 90 Douglas Score
Sambar	Not Under 130 Douglas Score
Tahr	Not Under 33 Douglas Score

Chamois	Not Under 23 Douglas Score
Goat	Not Under 83 Douglas Score
Wild sheep	Not Under 55 Douglas Score
Drawn pig tusks	Not Under 22 Douglas Score
Undrawn pig tusks	Not Under 18 NZDA Score

*These suggested minimum scores do not prevent the entry of any head scoring less than these given above.*

## **AHT SPECIAL COMPETITION RULES**

### **A ANTLERED GAME**

#### **A.1 Best Deer Head all Species – Orbell Trophy *The President's Cup – in memory of Michael Collin.*** **To be read in conjunction with the Special Rules applying to all entries.**

The winners of the various antlered species categories ie - Red, Fallow, Sambar, Rusa, Sika, Fiordland Wapiti, Whitetail, will be ranked by Red deer equivalent Douglas Score but should be finally ranked on the basis of visual attractiveness

#### **A.2 Keith Severinsen Trophy for Fiordland Wapiti**

**To be read in conjunction with the Special Rules applying to all entries.**

1. Open to all trophies of Wapiti taken within the area covered by the Wapiti Blocks that show typical antler characteristics of Wapiti.
2. Red deer and Red Deer Hybrids showing more Red Deer genetics in their antler formation than Wapiti are not eligible for this trophy.
3. The AHT Judging panel will have the final decision on entries to determine if they meet the criteria for this trophy.

#### **A.3 Red Deer, Mel Larritt Memorial Trophy**

**To be read in conjunction with the special Rules applying to all entries.**

Judging for Mel Larritt Trophy is made by Douglas Score only there is no provision in donor's rules for visual assessment.

#### **A.4 Sambar Deer, Henderson Trophy**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. All the rules applicable for antlered game heads apply to this competition - refer to pages 5, 6, 9 & 10 in the National Competition Rules handbook.
2. Sambar trophies from both the Wanganui/Manawatu and Bay of Plenty herds qualify for entry into this competition.

#### **A.5 D Bruce Banwell Trophy**

- 1 All Red deer entered into the AHT competition are eligible to be awarded this trophy.
- 2 The judging panel does not have to award the trophy if they feel no entry meets the criteria as set out in the guideline to judges – judges choice.

Judges Guidelines:

- To be judged taking into account the symmetry, the Douglas Score, the mass (beam), and the aesthetic value of the entry.
- The winning entry should be a classic example showing typical characteristics from the bloodline of the area it was secured. Possible outside influence should be taken into account in overall judgement.

## **B. HORNED GAME**

### **B.1 Best of all Horned Species, Egmont Trophy**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. All horned species winners are eligible for automatic consideration of Egmont Trophy.
2. Whilst judges will recognise the Douglas Scores of each entry, consideration will also be given to symmetrical shape (visual judgement) as determined by the Chief Judge in consultation with other judges.
3. The winners of the various horned species categories ie, tahr, chamois, wild sheep and goat will be ranked on Red deer equivalent Douglas Score but should be finally ranked on the basis of visual attractiveness

## **C. TUSKS**

### **C.1 Pig Tusks-Undrawn, Putaruru Trophy**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

Tusks MUST NOT be drawn.

### **C.2 Pig Tusks-Drawn, Dillon Shield**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

Tusks MUST be drawn and replaced in the jaw for presentation.

## **D. SPECIAL COMPETITIONS**

### **D.1 Poverty Bay Branch Trophy for Best Game Animal taken by a Junior Member**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

This competition is open to eligible members under the age of 18 (eighteen) as at the 1st March during that competition year.

1. Judging for the Poverty Bay Branch Trophy is made by Douglas Score only (no visual assessment)
2. Antlers and horns must be on a full unmounted skull and tusks in the full lower jaw.
3. Entries can include undrawn pig tusks measured by the Douglas Score system.

### **D.2 Veronese Cup Trophies for Best Antlered Species & Best Horned Species taken by a Junior Member**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

These competitions are open to eligible members under the age of 18 (eighteen) as at the 1st March during that competition year.

1. The Veronese Cups are to be awarded in conjunction with the Poverty Bay Branch Trophy.
2. All standing rules for that competition will also apply for these two cups, but they shall be awarded as per the following instructions (i) and (ii)
3. Judging for both the E Veronese and the Z Veronese Cup Trophies is made by Douglas Score only (no visual assessment).

#### **(i) The Z Veronese Cup (North Canterbury) - Best antlered species taken by a Junior Member**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries**

1. The Z VERONESE CUP for antlered game is to be awarded to the top antlered trophy (Douglas Score Equivalent) other than that species of deer which wins the Poverty Bay Branch Trophy.

**Example:** Should a Red deer win the Poverty Bay Branch Trophy, then this cup is to be for the top Whitetail, Sika, Rusa, Fallow, Sambar or Wapiti with the best Douglas Score Equivalent.

2. The E Veronese Cup will then be awarded to the top horned trophy (Douglas Score Equivalent) in the competition.

**(ii) The E Veronese Cup (North Canterbury) - Best horned species taken by a Junior member**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries**

1. The E VERONESE CUP for horned game is to be awarded to the top horned trophy (Douglas Score Equivalent) other than that species of horned game which wins the Poverty Bay Branch Trophy  
**Example:** Should a tahr win the Poverty Bay Branch Trophy, then this cup is to be for the top chamois, goat or sheep with the best Douglas Score Equivalent.
2. The Z Veronese cup will then be awarded to the top antlered trophy (Douglas Score Equivalent) in the Competition.
3. In the event that only one species of antlered or horned game is entered into the competition and that species wins the Poverty Bay Branch Trophy, then it will be up to the Judges to award the appropriate Veronese Cup to the best head in addition to the Poverty Bay Branch Trophy.

**D.3 Kaimanawa Branch Trophy - Best Game Animal taken by Female Member**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. This trophy is awarded to the game animal with the highest Douglas Score equivalent rating.
2. Open to all financial registered eligible female members of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated for any species of game animal taken in New Zealand during the year ended 31st May.
3. Judging for the Kaimanawa Branch Trophy is made by Douglas Score only (no visual assessment).
4. Entries can include undrawn pig tusks measured by the Douglas Score system.

**D.4 Norman Douglas Trophy Branch Competition - Antler Horn & Tusk Entries**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. The entry will consist of:
  - (a) One (1) set of antlers of any species
  - (b) One (1) set of horns being either chamois, tahr or goat or sheep
  - (c) One (1) set of drawn pig tusks
2. The winning entry will be that which totals the greatest aggregate number of points using the Douglas Score equivalents.
3. A copy of the official Douglas Score sheet for each set of antlers, horns and tusks entered in their relevant sections must be included.
4. Branches must ensure that they specify which branch entries are to be considered for this trophy when entries for the other sections of the National Antler Horn and Tusk Competitions are forwarded to the National Secretary.
5. Judging for the Norman Douglas Trophy is made by Douglas Score only (no visual assessment.)

**D. 5 Leithen Award – non typical**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. This award to be made by Conference Judges is for only special or outstanding entries in Antler Competition.
2. To be awarded at the discretion of configurations or mature antlers by the National Antler Horn & Tusk Judges for non-typical or unusual.
3. The Leithen Award is a framed certificate identifying winner and Judges' criteria for making the award.

**D. 6 NZDA Bow Hunting Competitions**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. Entries must meet all the conditions as outlined the Antlered, Horn & Tusk National Trophy Competitions as outlined in National Trophy Competitions, Rules 1-12.
2. Specific conditions as outlined in Antlered Game, Page 6, Horned Game, Page 7 and Pig Tusks, Page 7 must also be met.
3. Categories of competitions are Senior, Female and Junior (under the age of 18 (eighteen) as at 1 March.)
4. All Douglas Scoring will be made using the Inter species comparison (Douglas Score Equivalents) to determine trophy placings/winners.
5. Entries can include undrawn pig tusks measured by the Douglas Score system.

#### **D7. Waikato Branch Trophy**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. Entrants must have been aged 65 (sixty-five) years or over at the time of securing their trophy.
2. The trophy shall be awarded to the entrant with the highest scoring Douglas Score Red deer equivalent.
3. There will be no visual judgement and no penalty for non typical.
4. Placings for 2nd and 3rd may be awarded and receive certificates.
5. In the event of an equal score for 1st place the trophy shall be shared.
6. There is no minimum DS for entry but entrants should consider the NZDA guidelines for entry.
7. Entries can include undrawn pig tusks measured by the Douglas Score system.

#### **D8. D Bruce Banwell Trophy for best Red Deer Antlers – Judge’s Choice.**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. All Red deer entered into the AHT competition are eligible to be awarded this trophy.
2. The judging panel does not have to award the trophy if they feel no entry meets the criteria as set out in the guideline to judges.

Judges Guidelines:

3. To be judged taking into account the symmetry, the Douglas Score, the mass (beam), and the aesthetic value of the entry.
4. The winning entry should be a classic example showing typical characteristics from the bloodline of the area it was secured. Possible outside influence should be taken into account in overall judgement.

#### **D9. Best game animal taken by a disabled/legally impaired member called the Chaz Forsyth Cup (CFC).**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. All existing rules relating to AHT competitions apply, with the exception however that entrants in this class are permitted to pay a guiding/trophy fee.
2. A separate form shall be attached to the AHT competition entry form, explaining the disability/impairment and what Guiding/Trophy was paid.
3. Trophies of any species must be taken under current fair chase and free-range rules, with the exception that a guiding/trophy fee is permitted.
4. Heads will be scored and given a Red deer Douglas Score equivalent. The highest Douglas Score wins. There will be no visual judgement.
5. Any trophy entered into the CFC competition is not eligible for other AHT competitions.
6. Entries in the CFC competition are Not eligible for the Big Game Trophy Records.

**INTER SPECIES COMPARISON, ANTLER, HORNS AND TUSKS  
DOUGLAS SCORE EQUIVALENTS/CONVERSION**

<b><i>Species</i></b>	<b><i>Equivalent Score</i></b>	<b><i>Conversion Factor (Multiply By)</i></b>
Wapiti	450	.7777
Red	350	1.0
Sika	200	1.75
Fallow	230	1.5217
Rusa	190	1.8421
Sambar	230	1.5217
Whitetail	160	2.1875
Merino sheep	100	3.5000
Tahr	46	7.6086
Chamois	29	12.0689
Wild goat	130	2.6923
Pig tusks – Drawn	34	10.2941
Pig tusks –Undrawn	-	-

**THE WITHEY SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE SIKA ENTRIES ENTERED INTO NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS' NATIONAL ANTLER, HORN AND TUSK COMPETITIONS QUALIFY AS BEING SIKA AND NOT SIKA/RED HYBRID**

The Withey system as below including the guide notes be used by the National AHT judging panel as a guideline for determining whether the Sika entries entered into the AHT competition qualify as being Sika and not Sika/Red hybrid. The system would only be used as a guideline and as always the Panel's collective decision would be final.

***Skull Length***

The skull length of 13 ½" is measured from the lambdoidal ridge at the back of the skull to the front of the premaxilla bones at the tip of the nose.

The skull length measurement is considered to be a significant indicator for the identification of mixed genetics. Measurements below 13 ½" in length are typically very sikine in character. Once over the 13 ½" mark other character influences and antler conformation anomalies become more common. These discrepancies become increasingly noticeable as the skull length increases.

2 points are awarded for skulls 13 ½" or less. NO points are to be awarded for excessive length or to any skulls with damaged measuring ridges or bones (unless it is obvious that the skull would not have exceeded the 13 ½" mark).

***Skull Sutures***

The skull suture criterion is a visual assessment of the shape of the junction between the frontal and the parietofrontal sutures. This junction lies between the pedicles of the stags antlers. Typically a sikine skull will display a 'T' shaped junction, but variations in the length of the 'T' cross bar and the fusion of the sutures in older animals may make this discernment challenging. If in doubt points should not be awarded in this section.

***Brow Tines***

The angulation of the brow tines must be sloping upwards and outwards from the line of the main beam if the head is held in a natural position.

Both tines must be angulated correctly to attain a point in this section.

A distinguishable separation (gap) between the coronet and the base of the brow tine must be present. A good indicator of this is the shape of the coronet which should be round if a separation is present or distorted into an oval if there is no gap.

Both sides of the antler must conform to award the point.

### ***Trez Tines***

When the antler is viewed from the side-on position, the angulation of the trez tine should appear to be inline with the main beam, almost as if it were a continuation of the beams natural sweep and curve. The curvature and flow from the main beam into the trez tine is the critical factor and deviations and abrupt angle changes will not be awarded a point in this section. Both sides must be correct to attain the point.

The location of the trez tine along the main beam is considered sikine when it occurs at or above the halfway point of the beam. Measurements should be taken from the base of the coronet to the DS point of the trez, then from the main crotch of the tops down to the DS point. Both tines must be at or above halfway to be awarded the point.

### ***Top Tines***

Typically sikine 'tops' face almost dead square to the front, so that when the head is viewed from the side it is difficult to identify the inner tine as it is shadowed by the outer. Some very slight turning inward or outward may be acceptable if the 'tops' 'look' right in their overall shape. Both sets must be correct to be awarded the point.

The outer tops in Sika are typically longer than the inner ones. This configuration is conducive with the outers being an extension and continuation of the main beam toward its termination. But for the purpose of allocating the point here, both the outer tines must be at least fractionally longer than the inners. Care must be taken to focus on the main top tine when additional tines are present, i.e. inner off or outer off tines.

### ***Sikine Reinforcing Ridging & Texture***

The presence of sikine ridging on an antler is a key characteristic identifying Sika genetics. The ridging usually starts on top of the brow tine and runs up the front of the main beam, to various heights. The ridging distorts and strengthens the shape of the beam and tines into a tear dropped cross sectional shape.

Reasonable reinforcement signs must be present on both sides to award the point here.

Sikine type antler vein lines, the pearling and their stain colouration is noticeably different than other deer species. The antlers have a relatively deeply grooved vein line running up the back of the beam and the patterning is unique to Sika. The pearling is very rough where it cannot be worn down by the animals rubbing. Antlers taken early in the season will have more pearling present than heads taken later (caution should be used to ensure cleaned antlers are not favoured over dirty, mud encrusted sets that may still have velvet remains hiding the true texture). Finally the stain colouration on Sika antlers is usually significantly lighter than a Red deer's antler staining. This anomaly maybe due to a tree species preference each species chooses for rubbing or as a consequence of the known difference between their antler densities, either way the observation is quite useful in this section. A point may be awarded if the overall appearance is correct.

**THE WITHEY SYSTEM FOR THE CONFORMATION OF SIKA SKULL & ANTLERS SCORE SHEET**

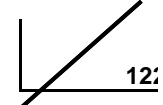
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Taken By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Features & Points	Recommended Characteristic Guidelines	Judges Comments	Score
<b>Skull length</b> <i>2 ( Two ) Points</i>	The animals skull length is 13 1/2" or less as measured over the curve.		
<b>Skull Sutures</b> <i>2 ( Two ) Points</i>	The junction of the skull sutures has formed with a distinguishable 'T' shaped union.		
<b>Brow tine angle</b> <i>1( One ) Point</i>	Both of the brow tines are angulated in an upward and outward direction.		
<b>Brow tine position</b> <i>1( One ) Point</i>	Both of the brow tines are separated by a distinguishable gap above the coronets.		
<b>Trez tine angle</b> <i>1( One ) Point</i>	Both trez tines are angulated upwards & appear inline with the beam when viewed side on.		
<b>Trez tine position</b> <i>1( One ) Point</i>	Both Trez tines are located at or above the halfway point along the main beam		
<b>Tops orientation</b> <i>1( One ) Point</i>	Both sets of top tines face reasonably square on when viewed from the front.		
<b>Tops configuration</b> <i>1( One ) Point</i>	Both of the outer top tines are longer than their adjoining inner top tine.		
<b>Sikine ridging</b> <i>1( One ) Point</i>	Sikine reinforcing ridges are present on brow tines & run up the front of the main beam		
<b>Texture/Colouration</b> <i>1( One ) Point</i>	The antlers have typical sikine type pearling, vein patterning and colouration.		

<b>TOTAL</b>

<b>12:</b>

A head eligible for the "Sika" section of the competition must score a total of **8** points or more.

## NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RULES

### **GENERAL RULES Applying to all entries**

1. The competitions are open to all full financial national life, branch life, senior, junior, superannuant, student, endowment members of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Incorporated. Registered eligible family members of the above are also eligible to enter.
2. Entrants must have been fully financial at the time the entry was taken and at the time of entry.
  - Entries must have been taken in accordance with the national competition rules.
3. With the exception of video/film entries, all entries must have been taken by the entrant in New Zealand within the year ending on the 31st May of the year of the competition. In the case of video/film entries this period is three (3) years, ending 31 May of the year of entry.
4. All entries are to be the work of the entrant only. With the exception of printing of the final image, no professional may be involved in the editing, dubbing compilation or other production of the entry.
5. Entries taken in a manner or of a subject that is not in the spirit or is a violation of NZDA ethics and game rules will not be considered.
6. All entries are to be accompanied by the prescribed form and will close with the National Secretary on the gazetted date as shown on the current entry form.
  - Appropriate fees must accompany entries as indicated on the entry form.
  - **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
7. The judges shall advise the National Executive in writing, prior to Conference of any apparent breaches of the rules. Any person found deliberately contravening these rules shall have all entries disqualified and shall be automatically barred from participation in the following year or such period as determined by the National Executive – usually a 2 (two) year stand down period.
8. The winner's name is to be engraved on the trophy (at the Association's expense), which will then be held by the recipient for one year. Winners and place getters of all sections will receive a certificate of status.
9. The lodging of any entry will be deemed as acceptance of the rules of the competition.
10. Any objections to the competition results should be made in writing, to the National Secretary prior to the closing of day one of Conference.
11. It is the condition of this competition that prints and videos will be retained by the Association and may be used in any NZDA publication without charge to the Association.
12. The photographer retains copyright. Any photos or videos used by the Association in any publication will award credit to the photographer.

## **SPECIAL RULES – PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS**

### **A Black & White and Colour Prints**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. An entrant may not submit more than three (3) photographs in any one section except photographic essay six (6). None of these may be copies of any existing photograph entered in the competition.
2. Any photograph may be entered in more than one division.
3. Prints may be derived from film or digital media.
4. There shall be no restriction on equipment used to take the photographs but trick photos will not be accepted and, with the exception of the printing of the final image, must be the work of the entrant only.
5. Superimposing of negatives is not permitted.
6. All categories are automatically eligible for consideration in the premier award in both categories (Section F – Carter Cup - Best Colour or Black & White Print of all Sections)
7. Maximum size of photograph is 5 inches by 7 inches (127mm x 178mm) or 5 inches by 7 inches (127 mm x 178 mm) Photographs must be un-mounted.
8. The owner's name, branch and title or description corresponding to the entry form must be written on the rear of the print.
9. It is a condition of acceptance of these rules that each print is kept by the Association.

### **B Best Photographic Essay on Big Game Hunting Wellington Branch Trophy**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. Entrants are required to submit a photo essay of six (6) images with captions.
2. Captions (descriptions of each image) supplied must be true and accurate.
3. One entry fee only will be payable for the entry of six (6) images to this category.

### **C New Zealand Hunting & Wildlife Cover Athol Hood Memorial Trophy**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. The Athol Hood Memorial Trophy for *NZDA Hunting and Wildlife* cover may be awarded by the judges to the PRINT of all those entered in the annual competition, judged most worthy to be on the cover of *NZDA Hunting & Wildlife*.
2. No entry fee will be charged and entry in this section will not have to be noted on the entry form.

### **D Videos North Canterbury Branch Trophy John Anderson Memorial Trophy Ramsay Trophy**

**These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.**

1. The competition is restricted to amateur filmmakers only; the use of any professional filmmaker in any part of the production is prohibited.
2. All entries are to be made within a three- (3) year period prior to judging to be eligible.
3. There will be no restriction on the equipment used in producing the film.
4. A maximum of twenty (20) minutes video running time should be adhered to.
5. For **the North Canterbury Branch Trophy** material is to be either of Promotional or Instructional in nature, ie  
PROMOTIONAL: Shall include Branch or Association activities or any subject that promotes the NZDA.  
INSTRUCTIONAL: Shall include any subject related to the sport of hunting eg, how to take head skins, bush survival etc.
6. **The John Anderson Memorial Trophy** is "for video film taken of New Zealand only Flora and Fauna with particular emphasis placed on photographing and recording the big game animals of this country in their natural environment"
7. **The Ramsay Trophy** is for general hunting – camps, huts, flying, hunting/scenery, animals etc.
8. The National Executive will appoint three (3) judges who must be independent of entry.

9. All entries are to be clearly marked with the entrant's name and/or Branch and the title or titles.
10. While every care will be taken with the film whilst in the hands of the Association, it cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss thereof.
11. The judges will decide any questionable points, and their decision will be final.
12. It is the condition of this competition that all videos shall remain within the archives of the Association and may be used for any advertising or promotion form.  
The submitting branch or the cinematographer will retain copyright.

### **E Supreme Branch Photographic Award. Ian D Wright Award**

These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules applying to all entries.

1. The entries must have been taken in accordance with the national competition rules.
2. Each entry submitted (with maximum of three (3) per each section) will be awarded 1 (one) point.
3. Place getters in each section will be awarded the following points:
  - 1st - 5 points
  - 2nd - 4 points
  - 3rd - 3 points
  - Highly commended - 2 points.
4. The branch with the greatest accumulated points will be deemed winner.
5. No individual (one person) can win this trophy for the branch ie two (2) or more participants are required.
6. If there should be a draw, the branch having the greatest number of entries will be declared to winner.

## **CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION**

### **Photographs**

Subject matter to be relevant to hunting, hunting country and/or associated activities of NZDA members and have been taken from land within New Zealand and, in respect to Section A only, not taken from any form of conveyance.

1. In **Sections A, B1, B2, B3**, subject matter to be in its wild outdoor state and not in any form of captivity. Photographs of wounded or dead animals, birds, insects, reptiles or amphibians will be disqualified.
2. In **Section C** the subject matter is to be scenic and relative to hunting country, any human activity should be of minor importance.
3. In **Section D**, the subject matter is to be of any NZ floral (tree, plant, vegetation, bush etc) subject in its natural environment.
4. In **Section E**, the main component of the subject matter is to be human activity, ie camp scenes, hunting or NZDA associated activities. Human interaction must be the main feature of the photograph and should tell or indicate a story.
5. **Section F**- Best print of all Sections
6. **Section G** -Thames Valley Deerstalkers' Association Junior Photography Trophy - All junior photographs entered into any existing NZDA photography category are eligible for inclusion in this section of the competition. The judges/organisers have the right to place any junior photographic entry into the competition even if they have not specifically requested to enter this competition so long as their validity as a junior is confirmed.
7. **Section H**. Wellington Branch Trophy for the Best Digital Colour or Black & White
8. **NZ Hunting and Wildlife** - Athol Hood Memorial Trophy
9. **Supreme branch photograph award** - Ian D Wright Trophy  
All existing NZDA photographic section entry criteria must be applied.
10. **Section J**. - Kurt W. Briggs Memorial Trophy – Best Game Camera Photo  
Best game animal photograph taken using a remote game camera or trail camera. All existing NZDA photographic Section A entry criteria must be applied.

## **NZDA NATIONAL TROPHY COMPETITIONS**

### **Colour And Black & White Prints**

Section A	Game Animals	Taupo Branch Trophy
Section B1	Other Wildlife – Birds	North Otago Branch Trophy
Section B2	Other Wildlife – Mammals	Jock McQuilkan Cup

Section B3	Other Wildlife – Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians	WH Robinson Trophy
Section C	Scenic	Veronese Trophy
Section D	Flora	Harris Trophy
Section E	Human Interest	Gore & District Branch Trophy
Section F	Best Colour or B&W Print of all sections	Carter Cup
Section G	Best Junior Colour or B&W Print	Thames Valley Branch Trophy
Section H	Best Photographic Essay - Big Game Hunting	Wellington Branch Trophy
Section I	Supreme Branch Photographic Award	Ian D Wright Award
Section J	Best Game Camera Photo Award	Kurt W. Briggs Memorial Trophy

### **New Zealand Hunting & Wildlife Cover**

#### **Video Films**

Section A	Training/Promotional	North Canterbury Branch Trophy
Section B	Hunting	Ramsay Trophy
Section C	New Zealand Wildlife	John Anderson Memorial Trophy

#### **NZDA Supreme Branch Photographic Award**

Athol Hood Memorial Trophy

Ian D Wright Trophy

### **GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES AND COORDINATORS.**

- 1 The National Executive shall appoint three (3) Judges and a Competition Manager for judging the photographic competitions. It is expected that one (1) of these Judges be a professional photographer, if available, otherwise three (3) Judges as appointed by the National Executive. Wherever possible, Judges should be changed each year and do not themselves have entries in the competitions.
- 2 It is the duty of the Competition Manager to arrange a time and a place for judging, arrange for entries to be sent from the National Office and to also return all entries on completion of judging. It will also be the duty of the Competition Manager to set out entries of each section for the judges, advise the judges of the rules of the competition and to note all winning entries in order for each section. Any questions or disputes can be put in writing and returned with the entries to the National Office. It is expected that the Competition Manager be well versed with the rules.
- 3 Judges may confer with each other while selecting winning entries.
- 4 First, second and third placings must be awarded. Judges should also award a further three (3) placings (4th, 5th and 6th) or Highly Commended, for record only. These latter placings will only be used in the instance of any one or all of the first three (3) placings being disqualified at a later date.
- 5 Prior to the commencement of judging, the Competition Manager is to set out entries for each section for judges to place winning prints. At the completion of judging all seven sections, the entries placed first in each section are to be laid out by the Competition Manager for judges to award placings for Section F, once again awarding six (6) placings.
- 6 The judges shall decide all doubts, questions and disputes during judging which may arise and their majority decision will be final.

## LITERARY COMPETITION RULES

Competition to be in three sections:

**L.01 SECTION A: PHILIP HOLDEN TROPHY** - approximately 1500 words or more

A hunting story or article of interest to stalkers –. No restriction on year or locality of trip.

**L.02 SECTION B: TONY ORMAN TROPHY** - Cameos of up to 1500 words.

Subject may be observation of wild life behaviour, hunting experiences, etc.

1. It is a condition of the entry that the Association may publish any entry in the “New Zealand Hunting & Wildlife” if it so wishes, and that material submitted to the Editor by a financial national life, branch life, senior, junior, superannuant, student, endowment or their registered eligible family members of the Association will be regarded as an entry in the competition.
2. Entrant must be a financial national life, branch life, senior, junior, superannuant, student, endowment or their registered eligible family members of the New Zealand Deerstalkers’ Association Incorporated. The entrant must be financial at the time of submitting the story and also at the time of the judging. The entry must be in accordance with the national competition rules.
3. Entrants shall certify that the entry is written by them and, if a hunting story, is true.
4. Illustration, whether hand drawn or photographs need not be the work of the author, but if not, permission for publication must have been obtained.
5. Entries to close with the National Secretary 31st May.
6. Three (3) judges shall be appointed by the National Executive, one of whom shall be the Editor of the “NZ Hunting & Wildlife”.
7. Results to be announced at Annual Conference.
8. Judging points:

➤ Value of story	70
➤ Quality of prose	20
➤ Geographical accuracy	10
➤ Illustrations	30
➤ Total	130 points.
9. The judges to point the entries separately and advise the convenor. In the event of a tie or ties, the convenor shall consult the other judges to decide the placings.
10. Entrants must accept the judges’ decision as final.
11. The right is reserved for judges to make no awards if they do not consider entries are up to standard.
12. Stories published in Branch Newsletters, as well as “Bugle” and the “NZ Hunting & Wildlife” are eligible for literary awards

**L. 03 SECTION C: HALCYON PUBLISHING TROPHY – BUSH POETRY**

1. Open to all financial members of NZDA, whether national life, branch life, senior, junior, superannuant, student, endowment and their registered eligible family members. The entrant must be financial at the time of writing the poem and also at the time of entry into the competition. The entry must be in accordance with the national competition rules.
2. There is no restriction on the number of entries per annum.
3. Poems compiled in past years are eligible for entry.
4. Authorship (being the writer of the poems) must be verified by branch president/secretary on the official entry form – no plagiarism!!
5. Poems to be compiled by the NZDA member/hunters – ie Bush Poets. No professionally recognised poets will have works accepted.
6. There is no restriction on length of poem – four (4) to six (6) lines to two (2) pages or more etc. Poem content should reflect hunting aspects, eg - scenery, human interaction, the stalk/hunt, camp life, weather experiences (snow, storm floods etc) New Zealand flora/fauna. The New Zealand Deerstalkers’ Association Incorporated reserves the right to use poems entered in competition, while recognising author’s ownership right.

### L.03 ROTORUA BRANCH TROPHY FOR BRANCH NEWSLETTERS

1. A copy of each newsletter produced by a branch must be sent to the NZDA National Office on issue.
2. At completion of the Association's financial year (February 28th) a month for the preceding year will be selected at random by the National Executive. All branch newsletters received for that month will be eligible for judging.
3. A branch's newsletter must be compiled and edited by financial branch members and must clearly show the month of issue.
4. A branch may only submit one newsletter per month and the first copy received will be that branch's entry for the month. Should the trophy be won in any year by cooperating branches producing a combined newsletter and stated as such in each issue shall have both branch names included on the trophy and certificate.
5. Branches are encouraged to produce their own newsletter.
6. Judging to be done by a member of the Association appointed by the National Executive (probably the National Secretary).
7. The selection of the month of issue of newsletters to be judged will be at the National Executive's prerogative.
8. Judging to be completed by the date as gazetted in the conference notices each year with placings being awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
9. Acknowledgment is to be made as the source of articles (eg editor, branch member etc). This should particularly apply to items summarised or re-printed in full from non-association sources.
10. Advertisements are not to be included in judging.
11. The National Executive may extract articles from placed branch newsletters to include in the "NZ Hunting & Wildlife."
12. The awarding of points for entries shall be on the following basis:

(a) 20 points:	Attractiveness	- 5
	Eye appeal	- 5
	Layout	- 5
	Absence of errors	- 5
(b) 60 points:	Articles reprinted from National Executive material	- 20
	Items of local and branch interest/activity	- 20
	Articles contributed by branch members	- 20
(c) 20 points:	Articles submitted for reprinting in <i>Hunting &amp; Wildlife</i> and/or news releases	- 10
	General economy or resource usage (paper, pace and layout)	- 10
	TOTAL	100
13. The results must be announced during the trophy presentations during the Saturday night function.
14. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
15. A copy of the winning newsletter along with the criteria for awarding of points will be forwarded to the branches as soon as practical after the competition.

## **SPECIAL SECTION COMPETITION RULES**

### **SP.1 JOHN MURPHY MEMORIAL AWARD**

#### **For Administrative Excellence On The Part Of A Branch Committee Member**

1. One award each year may be made to a financial national life, branch life, senior, junior, superannuant, student, endowment or their registered eligible family members of any branch of New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated who is currently holding a position on his/her "Branch Committee".
2. The National Secretary, shall prior to the May Executive meeting, recommend for consideration to the National Executive, a Branch Committee Member who, in the opinion of the National Secretary, has the Association's previous financial year, shown initiative, drive and administrative expertise in the running and affairs of his/her branch.
3. In recommending a Branch Committee Member for the National Executive's endorsement for receipt of this award, the National Secretary shall take due note of the following: -
  - Communication/correspondence
  - Branch Administration
  - Personal dedication and input to the branch and national association.
  - Participation in Association activities, debates and meetings.
  - Organisational expertise
  - Any other matters that are of importance and relevance to the smooth running and/or administration of a branch.
4. The National Secretary shall place the nominee's name before the National Executive at its May meeting at which time the meeting may at the National Executive's discretion, endorse the nomination.
5. The National Executive's decision shall be final, with no correspondence being entered into.
6. Joint awards may be made on the recommendation of the National Executive or in the case where two Branch Committee Members share the same duties.
7. Second and third placings shall not be awarded.
8. The North Canterbury Award and an additional certificate status will be awarded to the winner at the trophy presentation at conference.
9. A Branch Committee Member, having won the award once, may not be eligible for further consideration until a period of five (5) years has lapsed from conferment of the previous award.

### **SP.2 NEWTON MCCONOCHIE AWARD – For the Most Outstanding Young Deerstalker of the Year**

1. One award each year may be made to a financial member of any branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated who has not attained the age of twenty-one (21) years at 28th February in the year of the competition.
2. All branches of the Association may in a manner decided by the branch of the branch committee, nominate one (1) member who in the opinion of the branch should be considered for the award. The nominee need not be a member of the nominating branch.
3. Nominations are to be forwarded on the prescribed form, which shall contain provisions for the supply of all relevant information on the nominee and the reason for the nomination. These must be submitted through the National Secretary to a panel of three (3) judges to be appointed by the National President.
4. The panel of judges shall select one (1) nominee for receipt of the award and shall base their decision solely on the written evidence supplied to them and shall not interview or communicate with the nominee or nominating branch except through the National Secretary. Such communication shall be solely for the purposes of clarifying information previously submitted.
5. The lodging of any entry for the award shall be deemed acceptance of these rules.
6. The judges shall consider any questionable point relating to the nominee's suitability for the award on which their decision shall be final.
7. In the event of the judges being unable to reach a unanimous decision regarding which nominee should be granted the award, no award shall be made. The matter is at the judge's discretion.
8. Joint awards will not be made.
9. An entry fee, of five dollars (\$5.00) per entry is payable to:

Competitions Section -Young Deerstalker of the Year  
NZDA National Office, P O Box 6514, WELLINGTON 6141

## **GUIDELINES TO BRANCHES WHEN CONSIDERING ENTRIES FOR THE YOUNG DEERSTALKER OF THE YEAR AWARD.**

Has your nomination: -

- Been a member of the branch for at least two years?
- Been involved in hunting trips?
- Been involved in shooting events?
- Been involved in branch working parties?
- Obtained at least one 'trophy' of a game species?
- Shown above average hunting or shooting ability?
- Shown above average initiative at branch meetings and/or hunting trips?
- Demonstrated the ability to work with others?

### **SP.3 MORROW TROPHY – For Branch Membership Percentage Increase**

- 1 To be awarded to the branch gaining the highest percentage increase in membership.
- 2 The percentage increase shall be calculated by comparing the current annual branch membership above the average annual branch membership for the preceding two years.
- 3 Annual branch membership will be assessed based upon the final capitation reconciliation furnished. Note that any branch, which has not paid final capitation, will not be eligible for this award, and that any capitation received in arrears for a preceding period will be discounted.
- 4 For the purposes of this assessment, membership is deemed to include only active financial senior, junior, superannuant, and student members.  
That is, honorary, family and associate members will not be included, nor any class of member for which capitation is not paid.
- 5 Where a member has subscribed for only part of a given year, that membership will be counted as if he was a member for the full year for the purposes of assessing this award.
- 6 Formal assessment will be made by either the Honorary Auditor or the National Treasurer, applying final capitation reconciliations paid as at 31 May following financial year-end. Their decision as determined will be final.
- 7 In the event of a new branch being formed, the branch will not be eligible for competition in the first year of formation but can enter in its second year of existence using the annual branch membership at the end of its first year as its two-year average. Where an existing branch has lost active members to a newly formed branch, the existing branch may forward a declaration showing that number of members who were financial with them during each of the previous two years and who are now financial with the new branch. The existing branch shall be entitled to have the declared members deducted from their (2) two-year average.

### **SP.4 HARVEY MORROW AWARD - For NZDA Research**

To be awarded annually to a Branch or an individual member for Research that enhances the objectives of the NZDA in such areas as game animals, their environment, history and future as well as for Association promotion/publicity.

### **SP.5 JOHN T DILLON MEMORIAL TROPHY - Branch With the Greatest Numerical Increase in Members**

- 1 To be awarded to the branch gaining the highest numerical increase in membership.
- 2 The numerical increase shall be calculated by subtracting the annual branch membership for the preceding year from the current annual branch membership.
- 3 Annual branch membership will be assessed based upon the final capitation reconciliation furnished. Note that any branch that has not paid final capitation will not be eligible for this award, and that any capitation received in arrears for a preceding period will be discounted.
- 4 For the purposes of this assessment, membership is deemed to include only active financial senior, junior, superannuant and student members. That is, honorary, family and associate members will not be included, nor any class of member for which capitation is not paid.
- 5 Where a member has subscribed for only part of a given year, that membership will be counted as if he was a member for the full year for the purposes of assessing this award.

- 6 Formal assessment will be made by either the Honorary Auditor or the National Treasurer, applying final capitation reconciliations paid as at 31 May following financial year-end. Their decision as determined will be final.
- 7 In the event of a new branch being formed, the branch will not be eligible for competition in the first year of formation. Where an existing branch has lost active members to a newly formed branch, the existing branch may forward a declaration showing that number of members who were financial with them during each of the previous two years and who are now financial with the new branch. The existing branch shall be entitled to have the declared members deducted from their annual membership for the preceding year.

**SP.6 NORMAN DOUGLAS MEMORIAL AWARD for Promotion of the Douglas Score System**

To be awarded annually to the person who has contributed most to the promotion of the Douglas Score system.

## SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1. J M WILKINSON CUP POSTAL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP - OPEN

#### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Open only to financial members of the NZDA
- 1.2 Competition to be held on any Branch or Sub-Branch range day from 21st June to 10th June the following year.
- 1.3 Only one entry accepted per member per year. Sub-Branch members who compete in a Sub-Branch competition may not compete in the main branch competition. Members holding dual membership may compete at one branch competition only.
- 1.4 Competition to be supervised by a Range Officer appointed by the Branch Committee and scores to be recorded on Official NZDA Score Cards (*Appendix 30*) for the competition. All cards are to be verified and countersigned by the Branch President, Secretary and officiating Range Officer.
- 1.5 The three highest cards from each Branch are to be forwarded to the National Secretary not later than **5pm 20th of June each year**. Cards from Sub-Branches are to be forwarded through their main branch.
- 1.6 Score cards are to be scrutinised by the National President or the Chair of the NSDC and the National Secretary. The winner, second and third place-getters are to be announced at the Annual Conference.
- 1.7 The winner is to receive the J M Wilkinson Cup and a Certificate of Achievement, the Second and Third place-getters are to receive a Certificate of Achievement.

#### 2. PROGRAMME

- 2.1 The match shall be as follows:

All five (5) shot matches at 100 Metres, or 100 yards. (*Changed 2004*)

5 shots	prone	scored for group (a), and application (b)	50.5
5 shots	sitting	scored for application	25.5
5 shots	kneeling	scored for application	25.5
5 shots	standing	scored for application	25.5
Total			125.20

(a) Measuring with the scoring plate centred on the group centre.

(b) Measured with the scoring plate centred on the target marking centre.

Possible score:

(a) 25

(b) 25

50 points

- 2.2 One optional non-scoring sighting shot to be fired in the prone position at one hundred metres (yards). The shot is to be indicated by a spotting disk, which must be removed and shot hole covered before proceeding with the match.

#### 3. RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Restricted to any type or calibre of rifle weighing not more than 4.5 kilograms. No restriction on sights except telescopic sight power restricted to 12 x or less.

Competitors are restricted to the use of one rifle for the duration of the match, but in the case of a malfunction, the officiating Range Officer may allow the use of a substitute rifle. Where the use of a substitute rifle is permitted, the competitor shall be allowed one non-scoring sighting shot from the prone position, following the same procedures as in the normal sighting shots (2.2).

- 3.3 No slings, palm rests, butt hooks or any specialist target clothing. No gloves to be used.

- 3.4 The use of spotting scopes and/or signalling from the butts is not permitted.

#### 4. SHOOTING POSITIONS

- 4.1 The competition to be fired in the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions, as defined in the National Championships Rule Book. (NSRIM)

#### 5. TARGET SCORING

- 5.1 The competition to be fired on the Official J M Wilkinson deer target (see *Appendix 31*) No scoring rings or aiming marks to be visible to the competitor, but a light 425 mm ring may be marked on the target in case the marking centre hole is shot out.

- 5.2 Scoring will be measured by the use of a scoring plate made of perspex or similar transparent material onto which scoring rings have been scribed.

- 5.3 Scoring ring dimensions and values are as follows:

Diameter of rings	Score value
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75 mm	5.1 points
125 mm	5 points
200 mm	4 points
275 mm	3 points
350 mm	2 points
425 mm	1 point

5.4 (a) Group scoring will be by centering the scoring plate with the centre of the shot group anywhere on the target but only shots falling within the 275 mm ring will count

(b) Marking will be by centering the scoring plate with the marking centre hole on the target except in the case of group scoring.

Scoring ring values for group scoring will be:

Five shots within the 125 mm ring	25 points
Five shots within the 200 mm ring	20 points
Five shots within the 275 mm ring	15 points
No points for group larger than 275 mm.	

## **J M WILKINSON CUP POSTAL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP, JUNIOR**

### **1 GENERAL**

- 1.1 Open only to financial members of the NZDA under the age of eighteen (18) years on the date of firing the competition.
- 1.2 Competition to be held on any Branch or Sub-Branch range day from 21st June to 10th June the following year.
- 1.3 Only one entry accepted per member per year. Sub-Branch members who compete in a Sub-Branch competition may not compete in the main branch competition. Members holding dual membership may compete at one branch competition only.
- 1.4 Competition to be supervised by a Range Officer appointed by the Branch Committee and scores to be recorded on Official NZDA Score Cards (*Appendix 30*) for the competition. All cards are to be verified and countersigned by the Branch President, Secretary and officiating Range Officer.
- 1.5 The three highest cards from each Branch are to be forwarded to the National Secretary not later than the 20th of June each year. Cards from Sub-Branches are to be forwarded through their main branch
- 1.6 Score cards are to be scrutinised by the National President or the Chair of the NSDC and the National Secretary. The winner, second and third place-getters are to be announced at the Annual Conference.
- 1.7 The winner to receive the J M Wilkinson Junior Cup and a certificate of achievement. The second and third place-getters to receive certificates of achievement.

### **2. PROGRAMME**

2.1 The match shall be as follows:

Five shots Prone at 75 Metres, or 75 yards if 75 metre range is unavailable. Scoring being:

- (a) Measuring with the scoring plate centred on the group centre.
- (b) Measured with the scoring plate centred on the target marking centre.

Possible score:

(a)	25	
(b)	25	50 points
Five shots sitting at	75 metres (yards)	25 points
Five shots standing at	75 metres (yards)	25 points
Total for match 15 shots	Total possible score	100 points

2.2 One optional non-scoring sighting shot to be fired in the prone position at one hundred metres (yards). The shot is to be indicated by a spotting disk, which must be removed and shot hole covered before proceeding with the match.

### **3. RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT**

3.1 Restricted to any type or calibre of rifle weighing not more than 4.5 kilograms. No restriction on sights except telescopic sight power restricted to 12 x or less.

Competitors are restricted to the use of one rifle for the duration of the match, but in the case of a malfunction, the officiating Range Officer may allow the use of a substitute rifle.

3.2 Where the use of a substitute rifle is permitted, the competitor shall be allowed one non-scoring sighting shot from the prone position, following the same procedures as in the normal sighting shots (2.2).

- 3.3 No slings, palm rests, butt hooks or any specialist target clothing. No gloves to be used.
- 3.4 The use of spotting scopes and/or signalling from the butts is not permitted.
4. **SHOOTING POSITIONS**
- 4.1 The competition to be fired in the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions, as defined in the National Championships Rule Book. (NSRIM)

5. **TARGET SCORING**

- 5.1 The competition to be fired on the Official J M Wilkinson deer target (see *Appendix 31*) No scoring rings or aiming marks to be visible to the competitor, but a light 425 mm ring may be marked on the target in case the marking centre hole is shot out.
- 5.2 Scoring will be measured by the use of a scoring plate made of perspex or similar transparent material onto which scoring rings have been scribed.
- 5.3 Scoring ring dimensions and values are as follows:
- |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Diameter of rings | Score value |
| 75 mm             | 5.1 points  |
| 125 mm            | 5 points    |
| 200 mm            | 4 points    |
| 275 mm            | 3 points    |
| 350 mm            | 2 points    |
| 425 mm            | 1 point     |
- 5.4 (a) Group scoring will be by centering the scoring plate with the centre of the shot group anywhere on the target but only shots falling within the 275 mm ring will count.
- (b) Marking will be by centering the scoring plate with the marking centre hole on the target except in the case of group scoring.

Scoring ring values for group scoring will be:

Five shots within the 125 mm ring	25 points
Five shots within the 200 mm ring	20 points
Five shots within the 275 mm ring	15 points
No points for group larger than 275 mm.	

**J M WILKINSON CUP POSTAL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP, LADIES - RIMFIRE**

1. **GENERAL**

- 1.1 Open to female financial members and wives, sisters or daughters of financial members of the NZDA
- 1.2 Competition to be held on any Branch or Sub-Branch range day from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> June the following year.
- 1.3 Only one entry accepted per member per year. Sub-Branch members who compete in a Sub-Branch competition may not compete in the main branch competition. Members holding dual membership may compete at one branch competition only.
- 1.4 Competition to be supervised by a Range Officer appointed by the Branch Committee and scores to be recorded on Official NZDA Score Cards (*Appendix 30*) for the competition. All cards are to be verified and countersigned by the Branch President, Secretary and officiating Range Officer.
- 1.5 The three highest cards from each Branch are to be forwarded to the National Secretary not later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of June each year. Cards from Sub-Branches are to be forwarded through their main branch
- 1.6 Score cards are to be scrutinised by the National President or the Chair of the NSDC and the National Secretary. The winner, second and third place-getters are to be announced at the Annual Conference.
- 1.7 The winner to receive the J M Wilkinson Ladies Cup and a certificate of achievement, the second and third place-getters are to receive a certificate of achievement.

2. **PROGRAMME**

2.1 The match shall be as follows:

Five shots Prone at 75 Metres, or 75 yards if 75 metre range is unavailable. Scoring being:

- (a) Measured with the scoring plate centred on the target marking centre.
- (b) Measuring with the scoring plate centred on the group centre.

Possible score:

(a) 25	
(b) 25	50 points
Five shots sitting at 75 metres (yards)	25 points
Five shots standing at 75 metres (yards)	25 points
Total for match 15 shots. Total possible score	100 points

2.2 One optional non-scoring sighting shot to be fired in the prone position at one hundred metres (yards). The shot is to be indicated by a spotting disk, which must be removed and shot hole covered before proceeding with the match.

### 3. RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT

3.1 Restricted to any rifle chambered for .22LR calibre cartridge only and weighing not more than 4.5 kilograms. No restriction on sights except telescopic sight power restricted to 12x or less.

Competitors are restricted to the use of one rifle for the duration of the match, but in the case of a malfunction, the officiating Range Officer may allow the use of a substitute rifle.

3.2 Where the use of a substitute rifle is permitted, the competitor shall be allowed one non-scoring sighting shot from the prone position, following the same procedures as in the normal sighting shots (2.2).

3.3 No slings, palm rests, butt hooks or any specialist target clothing. No gloves to be used.

3.2 The use of spotting scopes and/or signalling from the butts is not permitted.

### 4. SHOOTING POSITIONS

4.1 The competition to be fired in the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions, as defined in the National Championships Rule Book. (NSRIM)

### 5. TARGETS

5.1 The competition to be fired on the Official J M Wilkinson Cup deer target. No scoring rings or aiming marks to be visible to the competitor, but a light 250 mm ring may be marked upon the target in case the scoring centre hole is shot out.

5.2 Scoring will be measured by the use of a scoring plate made of perspex or similar material on which the scoring rings have been scribed.

5.3 Scoring ring dimensions and values are as follows:

Diameter of ring		Score value
(75 m)	(75 yards)	
100 mm	( 91 mm)	5 points
150 mm	(132 mm)	4 points
200 mm	(182 mm)	3 points
250 mm	(228 mm)	2 points

1.4.1 (a) Group scoring will be by centering the scoring plate with the centre of the group anywhere on the target but only shots falling within the 200 mm (182 mm) ring will count.

(b) Marking will be by centering the scoring plate with the marking centre hole on the target except in the case of group scoring.

Scoring ring values for group scoring will be:

Five shots within the 100 mm ( 91 mm) ring	25 points
Five shots within the 150 mm (132 mm) ring	20 points
Five shots within the 200 mm (182 mm) ring	15 points
No points for group larger than 200 mm (182 mm)	

## **HAWKE'S BAY CHALLENGE CUP, POSTAL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR JUNIORS**

This event is open to financial members of the NZDA under the age of eighteen (18) years on the date of firing of the competition.

### 1. GENERAL

1.1 Open only to financial members of the NZDA

1.2 Competition to be held on any Branch or Sub-Branch range day from 21st June to 10th June the following year.

1.3 Only one entry accepted per member per year. Sub-Branch members who compete in a Sub-Branch competition may not compete in the main branch competition. Members holding dual membership may compete at one branch competition only.

1.4 Competition to be supervised by a Range Officer appointed by the Branch Committee and scores to be recorded on Official NZDA Score Cards (*Appendix 30*) for the competition. All cards are to be verified and countersigned by the Branch President, Secretary and officiating Range Officer.

1.5 The three highest cards from each Branch are to be forwarded to the National Secretary not later than the 20th of June each year. Cards from Sub-Branches are to be forwarded through their main branch.

1.8 Score cards are to be scrutinised by the National President or the Chair of the NSDC and the National Secretary. The winner, second and third place-getters are to be announced at the Annual Conference.

1.9 The winner is to receive the J M Wilkinson Cup and a Certificate of Achievement, the Second and Third place-getters are to receive a Certificate of Achievement.

## 2. PROGRAMME

2.1 The match shall be as follows:

All five (5) shot matches at 100 Metres, or 100 yards. (*Changed 2004*)

5 shots	prone	scored for group (a), and application (b)	50.5	
5 shots	sitting	scored for application		25.5
5 shots	kneeling	scored for application		25.5
5 shots	standing	scored for application		25.5
		Total		125.20

(a) Measuring with the scoring plate centred on the group centre.

(b) Measured with the scoring plate centred on the target marking centre.

Possible score:

(a) 25

(b) 25

50 points

2.2 One optional non-scoring sighting shot to be fired in the prone position at one hundred metres (yards). The shot is to be indicated by a spotting disk, which must be removed and shot hole covered before proceeding with the match.

## 3. RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT

3.1 Restricted to any type or calibre of rifle weighing not more than 4.5 kilograms. No restriction on sights except telescopic sight power restricted to 12 x or less.

Competitors are restricted to the use of one rifle for the duration of the match, but in the case of a malfunction, the officiating Range Officer may allow the use of a substitute rifle. Where the use of a substitute rifle is permitted, the competitor shall be allowed one non-scoring sighting shot from the prone position, following the same procedures as in the normal sighting shots (2.2).

3.3 No slings, palm rests, butt hooks or any specialist target clothing. No gloves to be used.

3.4 The use of spotting scopes and/or signalling from the butts is not permitted.

## 4. SHOOTING POSITIONS

4.1 The competition to be fired in the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions, as defined in the National Championships Rule Book. (NSRIM)

## 5. TARGET SCORING

5.1 The competition to be fired on the Official J M Wilkinson deer target (see *Appendix 31*) No scoring rings or aiming marks to be visible to the competitor, but a light 425 mm ring may be marked on the target in case the marking centre hole is shot out.

5.2 Scoring will be measured by the use of a scoring plate made of perspex or similar transparent material onto which scoring rings have been scribed.

5.3 Scoring ring dimensions and values are as follows:

Diameter of rings	Score value
75 mm	5.1 points
125 mm	5 points
200 mm	4 points
275 mm	3 points
350 mm	2 points
425 mm	1 point

5.4 (a) Group scoring will be by centering the scoring plate with the centre of the shot group anywhere on the target but only shots falling within the 275 mm ring will count

(b) Marking will be by centering the scoring plate with the marking centre hole on the target except in the case of group scoring.

Scoring ring values for group scoring will be:

Five shots within the 125 mm ring	25 points
Five shots within the 200 mm ring	20 points
Five shots within the 275 mm ring	15 points
No points for group larger than 275 mm.	



## **TAUPO INTERBRANCH POSTAL SHOOT**

### **1 General**

- 1.1 Only financial members of the NZDA may shoot for a Branch team.
- 1.2 The match is to be held on any Branch or Sub-Branch range day from 21st June to 10th June the following year.
- 1.3 Only one (1) entry accepted per Branch per year. Sub-Branch members who compete in a Sub-Branch match may not compete in the main Branch match. Members holding dual membership may compete for one Branch only.
- 1.4 The match is to be supervised by a Range Officer appointed by the Branch Committee. All Team members, including Juniors, are to shoot the match on the same day. A register of scores of the individual shooters is to be recorded and verified by the Branch President, Secretary and the officiating Range Officer.  
The Team score is the total score of all shooters divided by the number of Team members.
- 1.5 The verified score register is to be forwarded to the National Secretary not later than the 20th June each year. Score registers from Sub-Branches should be forwarded through their main Branch.
- 1.6 Score registers are to be scrutinised by the National President, or Chair' of the NSDC and the National Secretary. The winning Branch is to be announced at the Annual Conference.
- 1.7 A list of Branch score averages, and any NSDC comments, if appropriate, should be included in the Association journal "*Hunting and Wildlife*" and "*Bugle*" newssheet.
- 1.8 The winning Branch is to receive the "Taupo Branch" Interbranch Postal Shoot Trophy.

### **2 Programme**

- 2.1 The match shall be as follows:
  - (a) Three shots Prone 100m Time allowed: - three minutes
  - (b) Three shots Sitting 100m Time allowed: - forty seconds
  - (c) Three shots Standing 100m Time allowed: -four seconds per shot.
- 2.2 Standing: - for each shot, the shooters are to start with a loaded rifle, in the "Ready Position" (as per ISSF Running Target). The Range Officer will then start and stop the four second interval with a whistle blast. After an interval of ten (10) seconds, during which time the shooter reloads and assumes the "ready position", the Range Officer repeats the sequence until the three shots are fired.
- 2.3 One (1) optional non-scoring sighting shot will be allowed, in the Prone position.

### **3. Rifles And Equipment**

- 3.1 Restricted to any type or calibre of commercially available centrefire rifle weighing not more than 4.5 kilograms. No restriction on sights except telescopic sight power restricted to 6x or less. Juniors may shoot a .22LR rifle having the same restrictions of weight and scope magnification.
- 3.2 The use of slings, single or two point, without handstops is permitted.
- 3.3 Specialist shooting clothing, or clothing adapted for that purpose, is to be used.

### **4 Shooting Positions**

- 4.1 The match is to be fired in the prone, sitting and standing positions, as defined in the NSRIM.

### **5 Targets And Scoring**

The match is to be fired on the Official NZDA 200 Metre, Type 5 or 6, target.

### **6 Team Composition**

- 6.1 Team numbers and composition are determined by the number of Branch members, not Including Associate members, as per the following table.
- 6.2A Junior is defined as "under the age of eighteen (18) years on the date of firing the competition".

<b>Branch Membership</b>	<b>Team</b>	
	<b>Seniors</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
7 – 25	2	1
26 – 50	3	1
51 – 75	4	2
76 – 100	5	3
101 – 125	6	3
126 – 150	7	4
151 – 175	8	4
176 – 200	9	5
201 – 225	10	5
226 – 250	11	6

## **FREE RIFLE COMPETITIONS**

### **1. BROWN TROPHY ‘SHORT F’ RIFLE RULES**

These rules apply to Brown Trophy Short F rifle shooting.

#### **1. General**

- 1.1. Open only to financial members of the NZDA.
- 1.2. Competition to be held on any Branch or Sub-Branch range day from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> June the following year.
- 1.3. Only one entry accepted per member per year. Sub-Branch members who compete in a Sub-Branch competition may not compete in the main branch competition. Members holding dual membership may compete at one branch competition only.
- 1.4. Competition to be supervised by a Range Officer appointed by the Branch Committee.
- 1.5. The highest scoring set of targets from each Branch is to be forwarded to the National Secretary not later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of June each year. All targets forwarded are to be verified and countersigned by the Branch President, Secretary and officiating Range Officer. Targets from Sub-Branches are to be forwarded through their main branch.
- 1.6. Targets are to be scrutinised by the National President or the Chair of the NSDC and the National Secretary and their decision shall be final. The winner is to be announced at the Annual Conference. In the event of a tie, the shooter with the most 11's is the winner.
- 1.7. The winner is to receive the Brown Trophy.

#### **2. Programme**

- 2.1. The match shall be four five (5) shot matches at 100 Metres, or 100 yards as the range permits.
- 2.2. Each match to be 5 shots scored for application. Max score per 5 bull target is 55 (score 11 for shots touching centre dot). 7 minutes per match.
- 2.3. A shot that touches the centre dot mark shall receive a score of 11.
- 2.4. Maximum total score is 220 (4x5x11).
- 2.5. A competitor may fire unlimited sighters on the sighter bull in the 7 minute time allowed.
- 2.6. The Range Officer will call competitors to the line at least five minutes before the commence fire command is to be given, in order to allow rests and other equipment to be set and adjusted. Before the first match of the day, on each relay, the Range Officer will explain the procedure that is in use at the Range to start and stop a match, including the procedures to be followed in case of an emergency cease-fire. If an emergency cease-fire is called, the reason for such should be corrected, and then the match should be restarted with an additional one minutes added to the remaining time.
- 2.7. The Range Officer will announce a one-minute warning and a 30 seconds warning before the end of each match.

### **3. Rifles And Equipment**

- 3.1. Any rifle that may be legally used by the competitor for use on the range may be used, excluding return-to-battery rigs or similar.
- 3.2. Competitors are restricted to the use of one rifle for the duration of the match, but in the case of a malfunction, the officiating Range Officer may allow the use of a substitute rifle.
- 3.3. Any calibre up to 8mm is permitted.
- 3.4. Any safe, mechanically operated trigger may be used. A trigger is deemed safe if vigorously cycling the action does not result in the firing pin being released. Triggers must be enclosed and protected by a trigger guard
- 3.5. Any type of rest (which may or may not be attached to the rifle) may be employed for either the rifle's fore-end or the forward hand. The use of any type of rear rest other than one or two sandbags or the shooter's hand or arm is prohibited, as is the use of a machine rest, benchrest or table (except where dispensation has been granted by the organising body for a disabled competitor).
- 3.6. Muzzle Brakes, where gas ports are installed to direct muzzle gases generally backwards for the purpose of reducing recoil, are not to be used. Flash eliminators and noise suppressors are permitted.
- 3.7. Shooting mats, where used, must comply with the current rules applying to NZDA scoped rifle shooting.
- 3.8. Clothing is unrestricted.
- 3.9. Any sights including telescopic sights of any magnification and the use of spotting scopes are permitted.

### **4. Shooting Positions**

- 4.1. The competition is to be fired in the prone position, using supports if desired as in 3.5 above.

### **5. Target Scoring**

- 5.1. T Scoring will be measured by the use of a plug gauges the calibre of rifle used by the competitor, and the calibre must be marked on the target by the Range Officer. Where scores are obvious from visual determination a plug gauge may not be necessary.
- 5.2. The competition to be fired on the IBS 100yd Hunter Score target (see Figure 1).
- 5.3. A maximum of 5 shots will be scored on any one target.
- 5.4. Where a target has more than 2 shots on a scoring bull, the lower score will be used.
- 5.5. Targets are to be scored in the usual manner: ie. a shot that touches a scoring ring shall be given the higher value if a gauge of the same calibre as that used to fire on the target, touches some part of the ring when the gauge is inserted in the bullet hole, or an overlay scoring slide of the same calibre as that used to fire on the target touches some part of the scoring ring when the slide is laid on the target. Tears in the paper are not counted, only the portion of the hole the size of the bullet. If a shot is in a target square but misses the outer most ring of the bull, the score is zero. Any shot touching target square's inside or outside border lines will be counted in that block as a zero. A hit that touches the center dot mark shall receive a score of 11.

### **6. Cross-fires**

- 6.1. A competitor firing on another competitor's target shall lose all the shots cross-fired. The competitor, whose target has been cross-fired on, shall not receive the benefit of the cross-fired shot when this can be identified. If the cross-fired shot cannot be identified, it is assumed to be the lowest valued shot on the target.

## **2. NZDA NATIONALS "SHORT F" COMPETITION**

### **1. Programme**

- 1.1 The match shall be a 60 shot match consisting of two matches of three five (5) shot targets at 100 meters (or 100 yds) and two matches of three five (5) shot targets at 200 meters (or 200 yds).
- 1.2 Each match at both distances is to use 3 targets. The targets will have 5 scoring bulls and one sighter bull. Each match is to be 15 shots scored for application. Max score per 5 bull target is 55 (score 11 for shots touching center dot). 15 minutes per match.
- 1.3 A shot that touches the center dot mark shall receive a score of 11.
- 1.4 Maximum total score is 660 (11 points max per bull x 5 bulls x 6 targets x2 distances)
- 1.5 A competitor may fire a maximum of 3 sighters in the 15 minutes allowed, and these must be on the sighter bull of each target. Only one shot is allowed per sighter bull however sighters may be fired consecutively.

- 1.6 There shall be a period of at least 30 minutes between the conclusion of one match and the commencement of the next match in which the shooter is required to participate.
- 1.7 The Range Officer will call competitors to the line at least 5 minutes before the commence fire command is given, to allow rests and other equipment to be set and adjusted. Before the first match of the day, on each relay, the Range Officer will explain the procedures to be followed in case of an emergency cease fire. If an emergency cease fire is called, the reason for such should be corrected, and the match should be restarted with an additional one minute added to the remaining time.

The orders shall be:

- *Are all shooters ready?*
- *This will be a 15 shot match, five shots on each of three targets. You may fire no more than three sighters, one per target, on the sighter bull.*
- *You may insert bolts.*
- *Commence fire*
- *You have one minute to complete your firing*
- *You have 30 seconds to complete your firing*
- *Cease fire.*
- *Remove your bolts and clear the firing mound please.*

(In the event of a pre-recorded CD or tape is used, same should include above messages as a minimum)

## **2. Rifles and Equipment**

- 2.1 Any rifle that may be legally used by the competitor on the range may be used excluding return to battery rigs or similar but should not exceed 7.75kgs.
- 2.2 Competitors are restricted to the use of one rifle for the duration of the match, but in the case of a malfunction, the Range Officer may allow the use of a substitute rifle
- 2.3 Any caliber up to 8mm is permitted.
- 2.4 Any safe mechanically operated trigger may be used. A trigger is deemed safe if vigorously cycling the action does not result in the firing pin being released. Triggers must be enclosed and protected by a trigger guard.
- 2.5 Any type of rest (which may or may not be attached to the rifle) may be employed for either the rifle's fore-end or the forward hand. The use of any type of rear rest other than one or two sandbags or the shooters hand or arm is prohibited, as is the use of a machine rest, benchrest or table (except where dispensation has been granted by NZDA NSC for a disabled competitor).
- 2.6 Muzzle brakes, where gas ports are installed to direct muzzle gases generally backwards for the purpose of reducing recoil are not to be used. Flash eliminators and noise suppressors are permitted.
- 2.7 Shooting mats where used must comply with current rules applying to NZDA scoped rifle shooting
- 2.8 Clothing is unrestricted
- 2.9 Any sights including telescopic sights of any magnification and the use of spotting scopes are permitted.

## **3. Shooting Position**

The competition is to be fired in the prone position using supports if desired as above.

## **4. Target Scoring**

- 4.1 The competition is to be fired on the IBS 100yd Hunter Score target at 100 metres or yards, and the IBS 200yd Hunter Score target at 200 metres or yards.
- 4.2 Scoring will be measured by the use of plug gauges or scoring slide, to the caliber of the rifle used by the competitor. Where scores are obvious from visual determination a plug gauge may not be necessary. No adjustment will be made for caliber.
- 4.3 A maximum of 5 shots will be scored on any one target
- 4.4 Where a target has more than 2 shots on a scoring bull, the lower score will be used.
- 4.5 Targets are scored with inward gauging i.e. a shot that touches a scoring ring shall be given the higher value if a gauge of the same caliber as that used to fire on the target touches some part of the ring when the gauge is inserted in the bullet hole. Tears in the paper are not counted, only the portion of the hole the size of the bullet. If a shot is in a target square but misses the outer most ring of the bull, the score is zero. Any shot touching the target squares inside or outside border lines will be counted in that block as zero. A shot that touches the center dot mark shall receive a score of 11. All targets that require the use of a plug gauge are to be scored before a witness who shall confirm the outcome. Targets duly plugged and witnessed are not appeal able.
- 4.6 A competitor firing on another competitors target shall lose all the shots cross fired. The competitor whose target has been cross fired on shall not receive the benefit of the cross fired shot when this

can be identified. The lowest scoring shot shall be assumed to be the cross fired shot if the cross fire cannot be identified.

4.7 All protest rights expire 30 minutes following the posting of results on the Championship Notice Board.

### **Wind Indicators**

The use of personal wind indicators will not be permitted. It is the responsibility of the Championship Organizer to establish adequate wind flags that are usable by all competitors.

### **Protest Provisions**

A protest committee of three (3) persons shall be established by the Championship Organizer who shall be empowered to administer these rules and hear any matters of protest, calling witness's or advisors as necessary.

The decisions of the protest committee are final, and there shall be no provision for appeal to any other committee or body of the organization.

## **3. NZDA INTERNAL BRANCH "SHORT F" RIFLE RULES**

### **1. General**

These rules apply to NZDA Internal Branch "Short F" target rifle shooting:

- 1.1 Weight "Short F" rifles shall be less than 7.75kg in weight
- 1.2 Grading Competitors will be ungraded.
- 1.3 Purpose The purpose of these rules is to provide a format for a target shooting competition for branch members who wish to shoot under conditions similar to a prone field situation where a pack or similar is used as a rest, or who wish to compete in branch competition but are not able or do not wish to develop position rifle shooting skills.

### **2. Equipment**

- 2.1 Rifles - Any rifle that may be legally used by the competitor for use on the range may be used, excluding return-to-battery rigs or similar, and subject to the following conditions:
  - 2.1.1 Calibre Any calibre up to 8mm is permitted.
  - 2.1.2 Trigger - Any safe, mechanically operated trigger may be used. A trigger is deemed safe if vigorously cycling the action does not result in the firing pin being released. Triggers must be enclosed and protected by a trigger guard. Existing safety catches may be removed.
  - 2.1.3 Sights - Any sight system is permitted, provided it must be aligned by eye for each shot.
  - 2.1.4 Support - Any type of rest (which may or may not be attached to the rifle) may be employed for either the rifle's fore-end or the forward hand. The use of any type of rear rest other than one or two sandbags or the shooter's hand or arm is prohibited, as is the use of a machine rest, benchrest or table (except where dispensation has been granted by the organising body for a disabled competitor).
  - 2.1.5 Muzzle Brakes - Muzzle Brakes, where gas ports are installed to direct muzzle gases generally backwards for the purpose of reducing recoil, are not to be used. Flash eliminators and noise suppressors are permitted.
- 2.2 Other equipment
  - 2.2.1 Shooting Mats - Shooting mats, where used, must comply with the current rules applying to NZDA scoped rifle shooting.
  - 2.2.2 Clothing - Clothing is generally unrestricted, except that if an article of clothing is used as a shooting aid (eg shooting jacket with hooks/buttons/etc. for slings) it must comply with the current rules applying to scoped rifle shooting.
  - 2.2.3 Optical Aids - Unrestricted.

### **3. Conduct of Matches**

- 3.1 Shooting Position

All shooting will be conducted from the prone position. However, the use of portable benches may be permitted when the competitor suffers a physical limitation making prone shooting impractical. Permission must be sought to use a bench prior to the match.
- 3.2 In all matches, each round will be loaded and discharged singly.
- 3.3 Trigger testing will be carried out randomly by the Range Officer.
- 3.4 Time Limits
  - 3.4.2 The following time limits include the firing of any sighting shots.
    - 3.4.2.1 5 shot match 5 minutes
    - 3.4.2.2 10 shot match 10 minutes

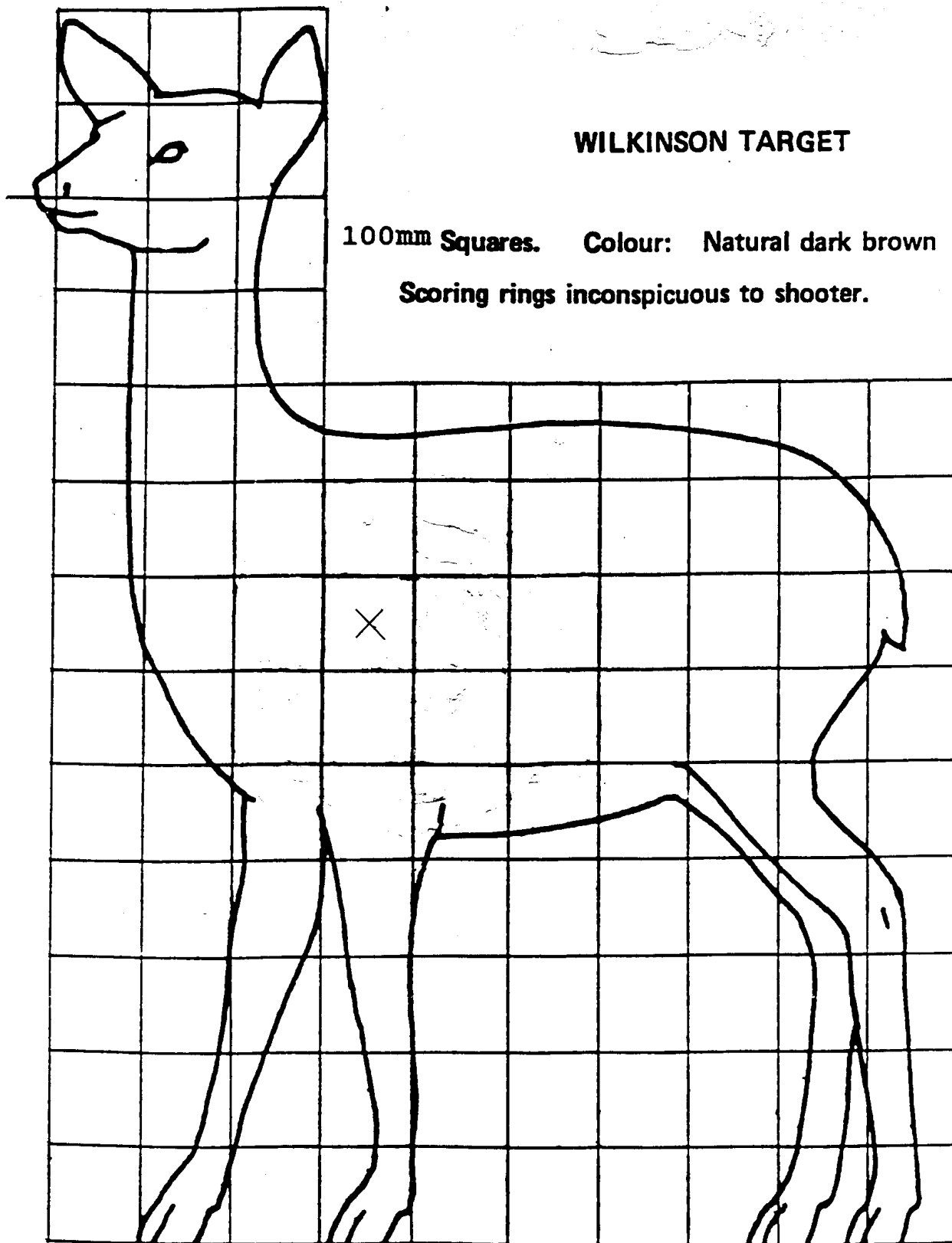
- 3.4.2.3 For matches other than those listed above, the time limit will be calculated as one minute for each business shot. An additional two minutes is to be allowed for the two sighting shots.
- 3.4.2.4 At its discretion a branch may shoot several 5 (or other multiple) shot matches over the time allocated for the competition.

### 3.5 Sighting Shots

Unless otherwise specified in the match conditions, the competitor shall be entitled to two convertible sighting shots for the first target of the day only.

## **4. Targets**

4.1 Targets shall be the NZDA 100 metre scoped rifle target and used at 100 metres



**WILKINSON TARGET**

**100mm Squares. Colour: Natural dark brown  
Scoring rings inconspicuous to shooter.**

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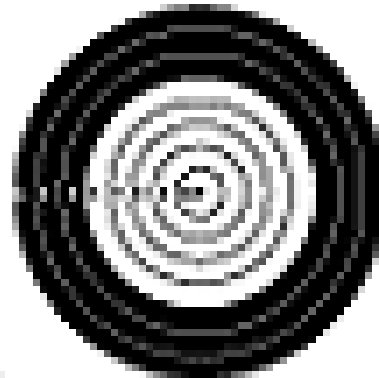
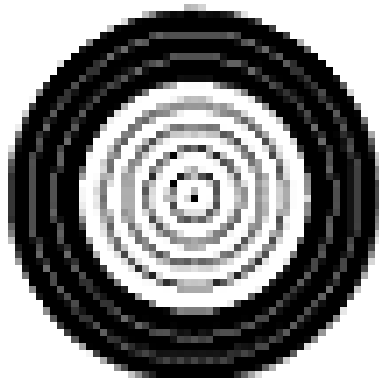
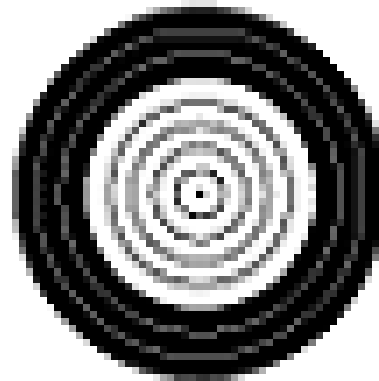
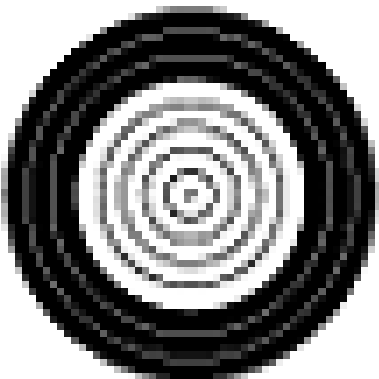
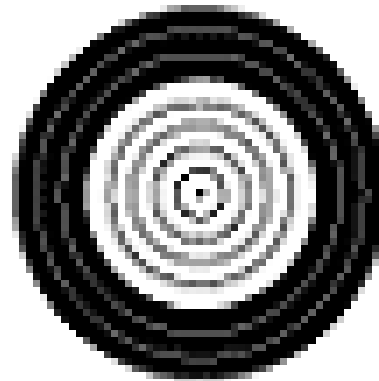
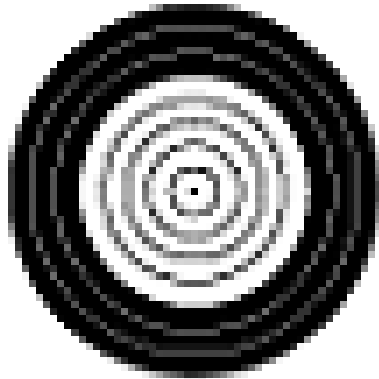
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SCORE	_____	TIME	_____
NAME	_____	TEAM	_____
DATE	_____	SCORE	_____