

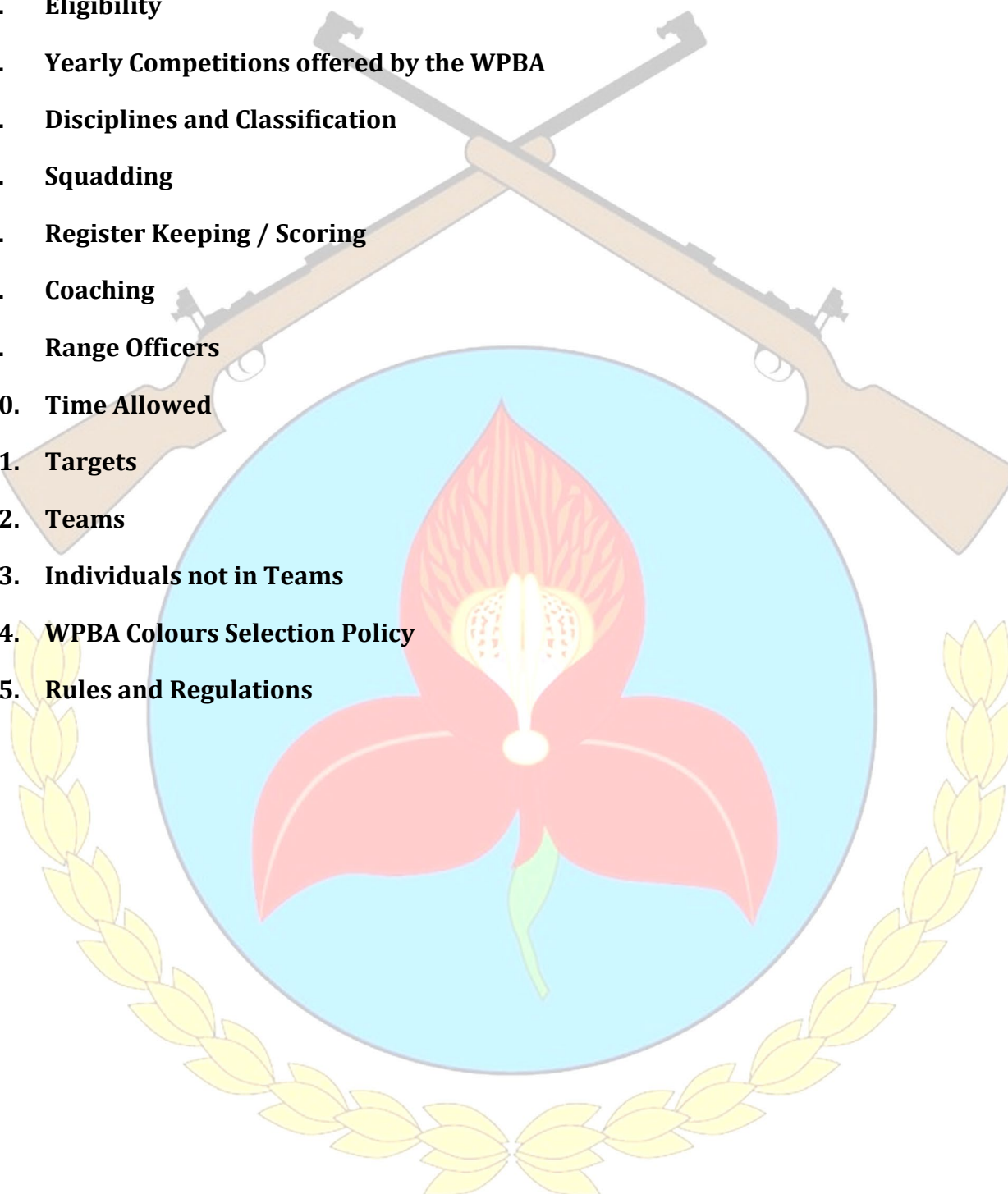
WESTERN PROVINCE BISLEY ASSOCIATION

Shooting Rules
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WESTERN PROVINCE BISLEY ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS

Rules and Regulations governing shooting competitions hosted by the Western Province Bisley Association (WPBA) under the auspices of the South African Bisley Union (SABU). Where these Rules and Regulations are silent on specific issues, the SABU Rules will apply.

1. Organisation

All WPBA shooting competitions shall be governed by the WPBA Committee.

2. General

SABU Rules and Regulations which govern all Bisley shooting will be applicable and will be enforced at all times. Safety regulations are of paramount importance.

3. Eligibility

An individual may take part in the WPBA competitions if he/she is a member of an affiliated club and a paid-up member of SABU. An individual who is not a member may shoot three (3) times as a visitor before having to join SABU. A Temporary SABU Membership Fee must be paid by all visitors. Affiliation and entry fees will be determined by the WPBA Committee. Once an individual becomes a member of SABU, such an individual will not be allowed to shoot as a visitor in a particular year when his/her membership has not been paid and needs to pay the full SABU membership fees in order to participate.

4. Yearly Competitions offered by the WPBA

Individual and Team League matches will be hosted on the on the 1st and/or 3rd Saturday of each month, except January and December. A program for the year will be drawn up and approved by the WPBA Committee and this will be adhered to as far as possible.

An Individual League consisting of 3 stages, as well as Spoon and Pairs shoots will be organised. The format of the Team League (number of shoots, size and composition of teams, and number of scores to count towards the total team score) will be determined by the WPBA committee before the commencement of the first Team League shoot of the year.

Three (3) stages of the George Bramley Winter Championship will be fired at 700m and 800m during June, July and August. Club Bisley competitions and practices will be organised as per the agreed shooting programme.

Discipline-specific Aggregate Matches (Ted Stigant [target rifle], Waldo Rust [F Open and F-TR], Stefan Budricks [F Sporting], Colin Leon [black powder] and AH Carver [303]) will be calculated by the top five (5) scores of the league (individual and team), and George Bramley shoots.

A 3-Year Aggregate will be calculated on the Aggregate Match Totals from the previous three (3) years.

5. Disciplines and Classification

The following disciplines will be accommodated during all activities organised by the WPBA and all disciplines will compete under the same conditions and rules:

- Target Rifle – A and B Class. For all Provincial and National events the classification according to SABU Rules will apply. For all other competitions organised by the WPBA, the following classification will be used:
 - *A Class* – as per SABU Rules, as well as previously assigned A Class by the WPBA;
 - *B Class* – all competitors who do not qualify as A Class;
 - *Promotion from B to A Class*:
 - Promotion to A Class according to SABU Rules;
 - Obtaining five (5) merits in the annual Western Province Bisley Championship;
 - Winning the B Class Championship at the annual Western Province Bisley Championship; or
 - Winning the annual B Class League;
 - An individual may request to be reclassified from A Class to B Class. Such written request to the WPBA Committee must be properly motivated and the decision by the WPBA Committee will be final.
- F Class – F Open, F-TR and F Sporting as per SABU definitions and rules.
- Black Powder – as per BPSU and SABU definition and rules.
- 303 – as per SABU definition and rules.

6. Squadding

Shooting is normally conducted shoulder-to-shoulder, with up to three (3) shooters per target per detail for individual matches. This will be done by random allocation in order to equalise each competitor's exposure to the various sections of the range and to ensure different companions for different competitions. No-one is allowed to change their squadding without the approval of the Range Officer.

Should circumstances demand it, string shooting may be used.

Teams will be squadded in one group together.

7. Register Keeping / Scoring

Individual competitions will be fired shoulder-to-shoulder and the competitors will mark / keep score for each other. Teams will use string shooting, and supply register keepers for their own team's scores. In all instances the scorer must inspect the shooter's rifle to ensure that it is safe (e.g. bolt removed or any other measure accepted by SABU) before the shooter leaves the firing point and confirm this by signing the score card. The competitor must sign his/her own scorecard as acceptance of the scores – no changes will be allowed afterwards, except where a calculation error was made.

A shot fired on the wrong target will be scored a miss.

A shot fired out of turn will be scored as the value of the shot less one (1) point penalty, as long as this does not create a negative score for that shot. A V-bull minus one (1) point becomes a four (4) and thus loses its V-bull status.

If two (2) shots strike the target during one exposure, the competitor who fired in his/her proper turn will be credited with the higher value of the two shots. A competitor may not claim the value of a cross-fire unless he/she also shot at the same time.

Resolving tied scores will be done on the number of V-bulls shot for the match and if still unresolved, the tie will be resolved from the total on the furthest distance in reverse order. Major competitions may require a shoot off.

8. Coaching

No coaching is allowed in individual matches. A coach (shooting / non-shooting) may be used for team shoots.

9. Range Officers

Members volunteering to conduct Range Officers' duties will be required to complete the official Range Officers' course hosted by SABU. Range Officers will decide on any problems which may arise during a competition. Should their decision be disputed, the matter will be referred to and decided by the WPBA committee.

10. Time Allowed

All shooting will commence when given the "ALL CLEAR" command by the Range Officer. After the expiration of the allotted time for the distance being fired all targets will be lowered.

A strict time limit is applicable for every shot. From the moment the target is in position, a competitor will be allowed 45 seconds where there are three (3) shooters on a target, or 60 seconds where there are two (2) shooters on a target. Should any competitor not have fired all their shots at the end of the time allocated, the Range Officer may allow these shots to be fired if they consider that circumstances justify it. In the event of a dispute the additional shots will be fired but will only be allowed to count should the range committee so decide.

The time allowed per range will be as follows:-

- Short ranges (300m, 500m and 600m) - the number of minutes equal to the number of shots required plus 25%.
- Long ranges (700m, 800m and 900m) - the number of minutes equal to the number of shots required plus 33.33%.

11. Targets

Depending on the number of competitors and availability of electronic equipment, manual or electronic targets will be used. Rules for the use of electronic targets as per SABU definitions and policies will apply. Every possible effort will be made to provide the same type of target for competitors in the same discipline (i.e., Target Rifle and / or F Class).

12. Teams

The format and constitution of teams will be determined by the number of available shooters for a particular year. Teams may either consist of club members or mixed in order to create teams of equal strength. Any team may include up to seven (7) members with the top four (4) scores to count. In the event of a team having fewer than four (4) members, the lowest score shall count twice.

Medals will be provided for a particular event and may be changed by the committee from time to time according to the format of that specific year.

13. Individuals not in Teams

In the event where individuals are not included in a specific team or where disciplines elect not to shoot the team format, such members will shoot individually and the scores will count towards the discipline-specific Aggregate Matches (as specified in Section 4). On every league fixture day one or two targets will be available for club members not in teams who may make use of these facilities on payment of markers fees.

14. WPBA Colours Selection Policy

• Selection Committees

There shall be a separate selection committee for each of the disciplines, namely Target Rifle, F Class and .303. Each selection committee shall comprise of 3 members, i.e.:

- A *convenor* who shall be elected by members present at the Annual General Meeting of the WPBA.
- *One other member* appointed by the convenor. These appointees may vary from time to time, depending on the event.
- The *captain* of the team to be selected. If the convenor is also the captain, another member needs to be appointed.

• Eligibility for Selection of Provincial and WPBA Federation Teams

- Members who are in good standing with the WPBA, i.e. paid up members of affiliated clubs of the WPBA who reside in the Western Cape;
- In the event of there not being sufficient Western Cape members to be selected for the team, any SABU member born in the Western Cape may be considered for the team, as provided for in the SABU rules, as long as such permission is granted by SABU; and
- Should a member belong to another club not affiliated to the WPBA, the clubs affiliated to the WPBA shall have first call on their members, as defined in 1.1. above, for selection to their respective teams. Any club member not selected for such club team may then shoot for any other club of which they are a member. Should any member of a WPBA affiliated club choose not to make themselves available for such club team at any specific meeting then this member shall not be eligible for selection for the Provincial or WPBA Federation Team at that specific shooting meeting.

• Selection Criteria

- Teams will be selected from those members attending the SA Open Championships based on their ranking in the Thomas Theron Aggregate and their performance in the SA Club Teams championship at the same event.
- In the case where scores/performances are tied, the selection committee will use other available scores which have been attained over the last 2 years in official events, such as the South African Championships, International Championships, Provincial Championships, Western Province Club Bisley competitions, Western

Province league competitions and Provincial Team matches. These scores may be those achieved in individual and/or team events within the specific discipline.

- The selection committee shall have the discretion to weight and/or group scores in order to determine the importance of any score or grouping in their selection process.

- **Approval and Awarding of Provincial and WPBA Federation Colours**

The selection committee is duly authorised by the WPBA executive committee to select teams to represent the Western Cape or WPBA at official SABU sanctioned events.

The selection committees shall submit the selected team(s) to the WPBA Executive Committee for consideration to award colours and certificates will be presented annually at the Association AGM. In case of provincial colours, the selection committee will forward the details of the selection process, names of selected members and recommendation to SASSCo Western Cape to submit to the Western Cape Provincial Sport Confederation to award official provincial colours.

15. Rules and Regulations

In terms of the WPBA Constitution, the WPBA Committee is empowered to, at any time, amend the rules, the conditions for any match and the overall meeting programme.

Approved by the WPBA Committee on

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CHAIRMAN: WPBA

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SECRETARY: WPBA