

19. NATIONAL ACTION PISTOL CLASSIFICATION

19.1 Classified Competitors - Are all individuals who are officially classified by the NRA for Action Pistol Competition, or Rimfire Action Pistol Competition or who have a record of scores fired over courses of fire used for classification (see 19.4) which have been recorded in a Score Record Book.

19.2 Unclassified Competitor - Is a competitor who does not have a current NRA Action Pistol Classification, or Rimfire Action Pistol Competition either regular or temporary by Score Record Book (Rule 19.14), nor an "Assigned Classification" (Rule 19.6). Such competitor shall compete in the Master Class.

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19.4 Matches Used for Individual Classification - Scores used for Action Pistol classification and Rimfire Action Pistol or reclassification include all scores fired in NRA sanctioned individual and team competitions of the types defined in Rule 1.6 (except Postal Matches) over the following courses of fire:

- (a) Los Alamitos Pistol Match
- (b) The Moving Target
- (c) International Rapid Fire Modified
- (d) Advanced Military Pistol Match
- (e) Practical Event
- (f) Barricade Event
- (g) Moving Target Event (Mod.)
- (h) Falling Plate Event
- (I) Crawford Barricade Event
- (j) Combat Event
- (k) Ambidextrous Match.
- (l) The Unsupported Standard Match
- (m) The Speedload Challenge Event
- (n) The Tyro Match
- (o) Any component par1 of these courses when fired as single stage event.

Scores from Sanctioned League competitions may be used in Score Record Books if applicable (Rule 19.14) during the league season but will not be entered in the official classification or reclassification procedure until completion of the league season.

19.5 Compilation of Scores for Classification Averages - Scores fired in complete matches or stages over the above courses, will be combined and averaged to establish a competitor's classification, except that the scores from Action Pistol (Centerfire) and Rimfire Action Pistol will not be combined together. In Action Pistol, all calibers will be combined together.

19.6 Assigned Classification - A competitor who has no NRA Action Pistol Classification, or Rimfire Action Pistol Classification, either regular or temporary by Score Record Book (Rule 19.14), but who has an NRA classification in one or more of the Pistol categories listed below, will be given an "assigned classification" corresponding to his highest in those categories:

- (a) Outdoor Pistol
- (b) Indoor Pistol
- (c) Police Pistol Combat
- (d) International Pistol (Free, Air, Center, Rapid Fire or Standard)

This "assigned classification" will apply until superseded by a temporary or regular classification.

The use of an "assigned classification" does not exempt an individual from having to complete the Tyro Course, if required by the tournament sponsor.

19.7 Lack of Classification Evidence - It is the competitor's responsibility to have his NRA Official Classification Card or Score Record Book with required scores for temporary classification (Rules 19.1 and 19.14) and to present classification evidence when required. Any competitor who cannot present such evidence will fire in the Master Class. A competitor's classification will not change during a tournament. A competitor will enter a tournament under his correct classification and fire the entire tournament in that class. Should it be discovered during a tournament that a competitor has entered in a class lower than his current rating, the tournament records will be corrected to show the correct classification for the entire tournament.

19.8 Competing In a Higher Class - Any individual or team may elect, before firing, to compete in a higher classification than the one in which classified. Such individual or team must fire in such higher class throughout the tournament and may not revert to earned classification for any event in that tournament.

19.8.1 Combining Classes - When there are insufficient entries in any class to warrant an award in that class according to the match program conditions, the individual or team concerned may be moved by the Tournament Match Director to a higher class provided this change is made prior to the individual or team concerned having commenced firing in the tournament.

19.9 Obsolete Classification and Scores - All classifications and scores (including temporary, Rule 19.4) except Master, shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in NRA competition at least once during 3 successive calendar years. Master classifications and scores shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in NRA competition at least once during 5 successive calendar years.

19.10 Appeals - Any competitor having reason to believe he is improperly classified may file an appeal with the NRA stating all essential facts. Such appeal will be reviewed by the NRA Protest Committee.

19.11 Protests - Any person who believes that another competitor has been improperly classified may file a protest with the NRA stating all essential facts. Such protests will be reviewed by the NRA Protest Committee.

19.12 Team Classification - Teams are classified by computing the "team average" based on the classification of each firing member of the team. To compute this "team average" the key in Table No. I for the different classes will be used and the team total divided by the number of firing members of the team. Any fractional figure in the team average of one half or more will place the team in the next higher class. The "team average" will establish classification of the team as a unit, but will not affect in any way the individual classification of team members.

TABLE I - TEAM

Class	Key
High Master	5
Master	4
Expert	3
Sharpshooter	2
Marksman	1

9.13 Reporting Scores - NRA Competition (Rule 1.6) sponsors will report to the NRA all individual and fired team match scores fired over the courses stated in Rule 19.4. Scores fired in individual matches will be reported

as aggregate totals, and scores from fired team matches will be reported as a separate aggregate total. Scores from all tournaments and Sanctioned Leagues will be reported by each sponsor no more than 30 days following completion of the tournament firing schedule.

19.14 Score Record Book (Temporary Classification) - A Score Record Book will be obtained by each unclassified competitor from the Official Referee, Supervisor, Tournament Statistical Officer, or Sanctioned League Secretary at the time the competitor competes in his first tournament. He will record all scores fired by himself in all NRA competition (except Postal Matches) until such time as he receives his Official NRA Classification Card. The competitor will total all scores and divide that total by the number of 6-shot strings represented. The average so obtained will determine the competitor's NRA Classification at that time (see Rule 19.15 for average score for each classification).

Individual and team scores fired by the competitor during at least one tournament (Rule 1.1). or from the most recent league match (Rule 1.6 (h)) must be posted in the Score Record Book to establish a Temporary Classification. The Score Record Book will be presented by the holder at all NRA Competition entered until the competitor's Official NRA Classification Card becomes effective.

Note: It is the competitor's responsibility to obtain the Score Record Book, enter scores, and present it at each tournament until his Official NRA Classification Card becomes effective. When the NRA Classification Card becomes effective the Score Record Book becomes obsolete.

19.15 Individual Class Averages - Competitors classified or reclassified on the basis of scores fired under the conditions specified in Rule 19.4, reduced to 6-shot averages, those averages leading to classifications as shown in Table II below:

TABLE II - INDIVIDUAL

High Master	.....	59.40 TO 60.00 (99% - 100%)
Master	.....	57.60 TO 59.39 (96% - 98.99%)
Expert	.....	54.00 to 57.59 (90% to 95.99%)
Sharpshooter	.....	48.00 to 53.99 (80% to 89.99%)
Marksman	.....	Below 48.00 (80%)

The averages in Table II will apply to both Action Pistol and Rimfire Action Pistol Classification.

19.16 Establishing Classification - A competitor will be officially classified by the NRA when the total score for a minimum of 144 shots has been reported. However, classification averages will be computed only after the total score for a tournament or league has been posted, and, therefore, the average may be based on a greater number of shots, but will not be based upon a lesser number. Total scores so reported to the NRA will be posted to the Classification Record for the competitor concerned. When the scores for the stated minimum of 144 shots (or more if this minimum is reached during the scores of any tournament or league) have been so posted, the average score per 6-shot string will be computed. The competitor will be sent an Official NRA Classification Card for either Action Pistol, Rimfire Action Pistol, Metallic Action Pistol or Production Firearm, based on the average so computed and according to the table in Rule 19.15, which classification will become effective the date shown on the card issued by NRA.

19.17 Reclassification - A competitor who has been classified by the NRA will be reclassified as follows:

- (a) NRA Headquarters will record all scores which qualify for classification purposes according to Rule 19.4
- (b) A competitor will be considered for reclassification upward when his scores for not less than 288 shots, fired subsequent to the tournament date at which he earned his current classification, have been recorded as prescribed, except that such consideration will not include tournament or league scores until after all scores for the tournament or league competition have been recorded. If his average scores so justifies, he will be reclassified upward accordingly.
- (c) A competitor will be reclassified downward only upon a written request by him to the NRA, and only on the basis of at least 720 shots recorded as prescribed, fired subsequent to the effective date of his current classification. If his average on this basis so justifies, he will be reclassified downward accordingly.

- (d) If after reclassification downward, a competitor regains the classification thus vacated, he will not again be reclassified below the latter.
- (e) A reclassified competitor will be provided new Classification Card showing the effective date.