

19. CLASSIFICATION

19.1 Classified Competitors - All competitors who are officially classified in Silhouette competition.

19.2 Unclassified Competitor - A person who does not have a current NRA Silhouette Classification.

19.3 Foreign Competitor Classification - Non-U.S. Citizens are not required to possess an NRA classification score record book, but must have score information that can be converted to the current NRA classification scores so such competitors can compete in the correct class.

19.4 Scores used for Classification - Scores used for Silhouette Classification are those scores fired in NRA Sanctioned Silhouette Tournaments. These must be tournaments of at least 40 shots which include an equal number of shots at each of the 4 types of targets. Courses of fire other than the standard 40-shot course may be scheduled by the sponsor provided that such courses of fire are combinations of 5-shot strings at authorized distances and that an equal number of shots are fired on each of the 4 types of targets.

19.5 NRA Silhouette Classification Books - Silhouette Classification Books are to be sold on a calendar year basis by NRA Affiliated Clubs sponsoring NRA Sanctioned Tournaments. NRA Classification Books are not to be used to record scores fired in non-NRA sanctioned tournaments. The two highest scores from the last year fired in each discipline will be entered at the top of the appropriate page. The competitor's classification will be carried forward from the last year fired to the current year. Scores fired in sanctioned tournaments are to be recorded in each competitor's book at the conclusion of the tournament by the Tournament Statistical Officer. Any required classification change will also be noted by the Statistical Officer at that time on the Classification Record. A competitor will not be required to purchase more than one Classification Book per calendar year, unless the originally purchased book is lost by the competitor. Classification Books lost by a sponsoring Club must be replaced by the Club at no cost to the Competitor.

The following data must be entered in the indicated blanks on the Classification Book cover and fee payment stub prior to the first match of the year.

1. Competitor name and address
2. NRA Membership No. (Encouraged not required)
3. Issuing Club Name.

The stub which is indicated as the "Fee Payment Stub" must be completed and sent to the NRA Silhouette Dept. with the payment within 5 days of the completion of the tournament.

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19.7 Lack of Classification Evidence - It is the competitor's responsibility to have an NRA Official Classification Book containing scores of prior matches. Any competitor who cannot present a classification book containing prior scores will fire in the highest available class and will be required to purchase a book. A competitor's classification will not change during a tournament, except under conditions listed in Rule 19.17.1. A competitor will enter a tournament under the currently 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 the one in which currently rated, 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 not revert to earned classification for any event in that tournament. 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.

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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. 1 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 NO. 1 - TEAM

Class	Key
Master	5
AAA	4
AA	3
A	2
B	1

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19.15 Individual Classification Scores - 40 Shot Matches

(a) Long Range Pistol - Conventional Standing:

Master	32 to 40
AAA	25 to 31
AA	15 to 24
A	8 to 14
B	0 to 7

(b) Long Range Pistol - Unlimited Standing:

Master	37 to 40
AAA	31 to 36
AA	25 to 30
A	15 to 24
B	0 to 14

(c) Long Range Pistol - Conventional Pistol:

Master	40
AAA	34 to 39
AA	27 to 33
A	18 to 26
B	0 to 17

(d) Long Range Pistol - Conventional Revolver:

Master	39 to 40
AAA	33 to 38
AA	26 to 32
A	19 to 25
B	0 to 18

(e) Long Range Pistol - Unlimited Freestyle (full-size):

Master	40
AAA	38 to 39
AA	32 to 37
A	26 to 31
B	0 to 25

(f) Long Range Pistol - Unlimited Freestyle (½-size):

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Master	39 to 40
AAA	35 to 38
AA	31 to 34
A	22 to 30
B	0 to 21

(g) Smallbore Pistol - Standing:

Master	28 to 40
AAA	22 to 27
AA	16 to 21
A	8 to 15
B	0 to 7

(h) Smallbore Pistol - Conventional:

Master	38 to 40
AAA	33 to 37
AA	24 to 32
A	18 to 23
B	0 to 17

(l) Smallbore Pistol - Conventional Revolver:

Master	36 to 40
AAA	32 to 35
AA	24 to 31
A	17 to 23
B	0 to 16

(j) Smallbore Pistol - Unlimited:

Master	40
AAA	37 to 39
AA	30 to 36
A	25 to 29
B	0 to 24

(k) Hunter's Pistol, Smallbore Hunter's Pistol, Air Pistol Standing and Freestyle (Indoor and Outdoor) and Smallbore Pistol -Unlimited Standing:

Master	36 to 40
AAA	30 to 35
AA	22 to 29
A	15 to 21
B	0 to 14

(l) Hunter's Pistol Open Sights, Smallbore Hunter's Pistol Open Sights and Air Pistol Open Sights Standing and Freestyle (Indoor and Outdoor):

Master	30 to 40
AAA	23 to 29
AA	16 to 22
A	8 to 15
B	0 to 7

19.16 Establishing Classification - Competitors will receive their first classification on the basis of the first 40-shot match fired. In the event the match consists of more than 40 shots, multiply actual hits by 40 and divide the result by the number of actual shots fired to obtain equivalent score on 40-shot course.

Example: A score of 42 in a 60-shot match equates to a score of 28 in a 40-shot match -

(actual hits)	42	X	(equivalent score)
		X	
(shots in a course)	60	40	(shots in 40 shot course)
$40 \times 42 = 1680$			$X = 1680/60 = 28$

60 and 80 shot classification scores are shown in the classification score record book.

Competitors entering an NRA Sanctioned match that have scores from another sanctioning body will use those scores, if virtually identical to the match entered, to establish their initial NRA classification in that discipline.

19.16.1 Retaining Classification - Classification once achieved, shall not change until reclassification criteria has been followed as in Rule 19.17 or 19.17.1.

19.17 Reclassification - Competitors will be reclassified to a higher classification when they fire two scores in any higher classification to go from B class upward or three scores in any higher classification to go from A, AA or AAA upward. In Unlimited Freestyle (Full Size), five scores will be needed to move from AAA to Master. If the two or three higher scores are in different classifications, reclassification shall be to the lower of the one or two; the higher scores will also be used toward any subsequent reclassification. Previously carried forward high scores will be used to reclassify upward. Reclassification to a lower classification will occur only by petition to the NRA Silhouette Department, and only if a competitor has fired 12 consecutive scores in a lower classification. Such downward reclassification may take place only once every two years. No competitor may be reclassified downward more than one class at a time. Also, if a shooter, once reclassified downward (example: AAA to AA), fires a score which falls into the previous higher class (AAA), that shooter will return to the previous higher class (AAA) at the conclusion of that tournament. No competitor will be changed in classification during the course of a tournament, except under conditions listed in Rule 19.17.1.

The competitor's classification in a State, Regional or National Championship will be the highest classification held in the 6 months prior to the first day of the Championship.

19.17.1 Reclassification During a Pistol Match - If a competitor shoots a score which is two or more classes above the currently held classification, that competitor shall be reclassified to one class below the class in which such high score falls, for that match and thereafter. Example: If a Class A competitor shoots a AAA score, that competitor will immediately be reclassified to AA for that match and thereafter.