



THE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA



REGULATIONS GOVERNING NATIONAL TRIALS AND APPLICATIONS FOR NATIONAL PROTEA COLOURS

Latest update : December 2018

Upon completion of the relevant National Trial, and provided that all trial requirements have been fulfilled, an application for National Protea Colours will be sent to SASCOC via the South African Shooting Sport Confederation (SASSCO) with the recommendation of the CTSASA. The final decision for approval or otherwise rests with SASCOC (or its successors) and not the CTSASA.

National Colours may only be applied in the case of "World Class Status" events. This is a SASCOC ruling. The awards are made to Members of the Association who qualify in terms of the following conditions:-

1. Ordinary, Dedicated or Special Members of the CTSASA in good standing.
2. Amateurs in terms of the rules laid down by the International Ruling Body.
3. South African Citizens. Trialists who have not done so previously will supply the Executive Officer of the Association with proof of Citizenship (in the form of a South African passport which is required by SASCOC) at the time of entering the Trials and payment of the Trial levy (where appropriate). All Members of the CTSASA are entitled to shoot the trials, but in the event of them not being South African Citizens at the time of entering the Trials, they will not qualify for National Colours and cannot participate in the National Team. They will however, receive CTSASA Merit Colours should they fulfill the necessary requirements, participate in the designated event and comply with the regulations governing the awarding of CTSASA Merit Colours.
4. Members who are under disciplinary action are not eligible for either National Colours or participation in a National Team.
5. Members who are under investigation for suspected use of banned substances are not eligible for either National Colours or participation in a National Team.

Applications for National Colours are submitted to SASSCO/SASCOC under the following circumstances:-

1. For persons who have been selected by the CTSASA to represent South Africa as a Member of a team or an individual in an international competition, both in South Africa and abroad.

2. Manager's Colours will be awarded to the Manager appointed by the CTSASA with the proviso that should a participating Captain/Manager obtain his National Colours by merit, he will not be awarded Manager's Colours. All Management appointments will be handled by the CTSASA President.
3. The Certificates for National Colours are presented at the Chairman's Cup (Inter-Provincial) or sent by registered mail if the recipient is not able to be present. For Junior Members unable to attend the Chairman's Cup, an alternative presentation ceremony may be organised.
4. National Colours will be awarded once only (per discipline) during the calendar year and will be for the first event which the trialist qualifies for if the trialist has not already previously been awarded National Colours.
5. For existing holders of National Colours they will receive National Colours upon qualifying for one designated event to be decided upon by the Executive Committee.
6. **Junior Team Members** will be under the control of the Senior Team Captain/Manager. Junior Team Members will receive **Junior Protea Colours**. Where a Junior qualifies for a Senior Team, if there is a Junior event, the Junior shall shoot in the Junior event. Where a Junior qualifies for a Senior Team and there is **no** Junior event, the Junior shall be awarded **National Protea Colours** and shall shoot as part of the Senior Team.
7. Once a Junior has been awarded Senior Protea Colours, no further Junior awards may be made. (Added March 2017).
8. National Protea Colours may only be awarded to an individual in one category for a designated event. (Added March 2017).
9. If a Junior qualifies to shoot as a Senior in a designated event where :
 - a) There is no Junior category or
 - b) The Junior participates in the Senior team as well as participates as a Junior individual

The Junior will be listed in the application for National Protea Colours as a Senior. (Added March 2017).

SELECTION OF NATIONAL TEAMS

TRIAL SYSTEM

1. Trial Levy (where applicable)

- a. Where a trial levy is stipulated (see Schedule A), the trial levy will be determined each year by the Executive Committee of the CTSASA. Payment to be made by **registered post** or bank transfer directly to the CTSASA. The registration document is available on the CTSASA web site. A copy of the trialist's ID and passport is required to be submitted with the registration document.
- b. Trial levies may NOT be paid to CTSASA clubs. Payment to a third party does not constitute registration in any national trial. Only payment of a trial levy direct to the CTSASA, with the accompanying trial registration form, will be accepted as a trial registration.

- c. Only Members who have paid the Trial Levy by the due date will be eligible for the Trials. Trial schedules are published on the CTSASA web site and updated after each trial event. Trial scores will only count provided that the trial levy has been paid. The onus is on the trialist to ensure that the CTSASA office receives the trial levy.

2. National Protea Team Trial Reports

- a. **With effect from September 2017 all the National Protea Team trial schedules (trial report) will be generated via reports on the CTSASA web site.**
- b. **Registered trialists will be denoted on the trial report(s) as PAID.**
- c. **Only PAID trialists, as denoted on the trial report(s) will be considered for selection.**
- d. **Any member listed as UNPAID on the trial report(s) is not eligible for team selection.**
- e. **All members who have participated in CTSASA trial events will be listed on the National Protea Team trial report.**

3. FITASC and ICTSF National Teams

- a. FITASC and ICTSF allow any category of shooter to be in the Senior/Open team. If a Lady, Junior, Veteran or Super-Veteran qualifies for a place in the Senior/Open team, then he/she may take up a place in the Senior/Open team at the sole discretion of the CTSASA Executive Committee. The qualified Lady, Junior, Veteran or Super-Veteran is not obliged to participate in the Senior/Open team.
- b. FITASC allows a Super-Veteran to participate in a Veteran team. If a Super-Veteran qualifies for a place in the Veteran team, then he/she may take up a place in the Veteran team at the sole discretion of the CTSASA Executive Committee. The qualified Super-Veteran is not obliged to participate in the Veteran team. (Added March 2017).

4. Official Notifications to Trialists

- a. All national trialists must provide a valid email address to the CTSASA office where all official notices and invitations may be sent. The onus is on the national trialist to ensure that the CTSASA office has their current valid email address.

5. Trials

- a. For the selection of the National Team, the minimum number of Registered Targets must be shot – refer to Schedule A for specific disciplines.
- b. The Targets may be registered at specified Championships held under the auspices of the CTSASA which take place **during the specified trial period.**
- c. The date for Registration shall be **specified in Schedule A.** All scores shot during the trial period will be included in the trialists scores. The National Team will be selected after the Trials have been completed.
- d. **Tie Breaking** - In the event of a tie occurring in the Trials, the scores from the South African National Championships will be used to break the tie. The range score sheets must be kept by the hosting club in case a count back is required.
- e. **Part Scores** - no part scores will be accepted for Trial purposes.

- f. **Top score definition** – where trial scores are expressed as a percentage of the winning score, the top score is the score shot per day. The top score is the highest score of the day, irrelevant of whether the top score is shot by a trialist or not.
- g. **Trial Period** - National Trials will *generally* (but not always) run from 1st August through to 31st May – please see Schedule A for specific disciplines. Several disciplines are run on a “roll-over” system. See Schedule A for specific details or the individual discipline trial schedule. **Only targets dating back one year from the cut-off date for a designated event may be used to calculate results for National Teams.**
- h. Notification of New or Amended Trial Systems – the CTSASA will give at least two months written notice (via the Enewsletter or Clay News) of any impending changes or new systems. However, failure to provide two months written notice will not nullify any new systems or amended systems, provided that the first trial event has not been shot.
- i. Under no circumstances may a trial system be amended or introduced retrospectively.
- j. At all times, the onus is on the trialist or interested shooter to ensure that they are aware of the current requirements.
- k. Once the annual calendar has been approved, no further trials may be added.

6. Olympic Trials

- a. ***From July 2013, are all provincial championships where Olympic disciplines are shot. If a province cannot host a trial event then that trial will be replaced with a separate/ad-hoc event. Trial targets are 125 (OT & OS) and 150 (ODT) at provincial/ad-hoc trials and 125 plus final (OT & OS) and 150 plus final (ODT) at SA Championships. The CTSASA Olympic Sub-Committee to find the date for an ad-hoc event.***
- b. Olympic Skeet and Olympic Double-Trap: where an Olympic Skeet trial and/or Olympic Double-Trap trial has been advertised, the hosting club must stage the event(s), even if only one shooter in either discipline has entered.
- c. From January 2015 : where an international designated event clashes with a local national trial, the trialist may use the international score for national trial purposes. The time frame for designating an event clash is 7 (seven) days before the designated event and 7 (seven) days after the designated event. Subject to approval by the Executive Committee when the annual calendar is set for the following year. Unless a date for a designated event changes, no further substitution of an international event for a trial score may be accepted. The 'designated event' is defined as the actual days on which the trialist will participate in his/her discipline.

2. NATIONAL TEAMS

- 2.1 No limitation is placed on the number of National Teams for which a shooter attempts to qualify or qualifies.
- 2.2 Minimum Percentage:
To qualify for the National Team there is a **minimum percentage to achieve**. Please see Schedule A for specific disciplines.
- 2.3 Participation - National Colours will only be presented if the Shooter has participated in the designated event which has been nominated by the Executive Committee of the CTSASA. Only World Cups, World Championships and European Championships will be used to calculate any financial incentives. Specifically excluded are the African Games, African Sporting Championships and African Shooting Championships.

- 2.4 Special Occasion - In the event of a World Championship taking place in South Africa, the Executive Committee of the CTSASA shall have the right to award additional Colours.
- 2.5 Clothing - Badges and Blazers - A National Badge will be awarded to a Shooter on the first occasion he/she is presented with his/her National Colours. National Protea clothing **may not be worn until departure for the designated event.** All items of clothing will be for the account of the team member. All National Protea Clothing must conform to the SASCO Dress Code.
- 2.5.1 Clothing – participation in events – it is a strong recommendation that all team members wear khaki shorts for shooting in hot weather and khaki trousers for shooting in cooler weather.
- 2.5.2 Shooters may not wear National Protea Colours at an international event unless they are in the current South African team or have been selected to represent South Africa.
- 2.5.3 Team Uniform: Formal uniform to be worn where applicable; tracksuits may be worn where applicable.
- 2.6 National Team – Please see Schedule A for numbers in each team. Applications for National Protea Colours will be submitted provided that the Minimum Percentage has been achieved.
- 2.7 Replacement
Where insufficient trialists have qualified to fill a complete team, i.e. where a trialist(s) has(have) not achieved the local minimum required percentage, then the National Team may include such trialists on the following basis:-
1. National Protea Colours are not awarded.
 2. Unqualified trialists are invited to participate in the National Team, in descending order of average achieved in the trial.
 3. Unqualified trialists may wear either CTSASA Colours if he/she has previously been awarded with such colours OR any other colour as determined by the CTSASA.
 4. Non-trialists may be offered participation in an official South African Team on the following basis:-
 - a) All trialists must have been given the opportunity to participate prior to any invitation extended to non-trialists.
 - b) National Protea Colours are not awarded.
 - c) CTSASA Colours are not awarded but can be worn if participant has previously been awarded such Colours OR another colour may be worn as determined by the CTSASA.
 - d) The criteria to determine selection shall be the CTSASA classification system where:-
 - i) A minimum of 400 targets must have been shot in the previous year at cut-off date.
 - ii) There is no maximum number of targets.
 - iii) The classification report shall be ordered in descending order of all shooters with a minimum of 400 registered targets.
 - iv) Invitations shall be extended to shooters starting with the shooter with the highest average.

- e) Events applicable to clause 2.7 (4) are:-
- i) FITASC African Sporting Championship
 - ii) FITASC African Universal Trench Championship
 - iii) South African Grand
 - iv) Any other event as determined by the CTSASA Executive Committee

5. At all times, the final decisions with regard to incomplete teams shall rest with the Executive Committee of the CTSASA.
6. All non-qualifiers who participate in official National Teams shall be governed by the CTSASA regulations, SASSCo regulations and SASCO regulations.
7. All non-qualifiers who participate in official National Teams will be required to sign the standard code of conduct document prior to participation. Failure to sign such document shall render the invitation to participate null and void.

2.8 Invitation to Participate

- 2.8.1 Within one week of the completion of the trial, and provided that there are no outstanding matters and that all results have been received by the CTSASA, an invitation will be emailed to the qualifier using the last email address supplied to the CTSASA. Included will be the document called the Code of Conduct and forms part of these National Trial Regulations. The onus is on the trialist to ensure that the CTSASA has his/her correct email address.
- 2.8.2 The invitation will contain a deadline for a written response to the invitation.
- 2.8.3 An invitation will only be deemed to be accepted once the **signed acceptance invitation document** has been received in writing by the CTSASA office. Verbal communication or any response without a **signed acceptance invitation document** in this regard cannot be accepted.
- 2.8.4 If the **signed acceptance invitation document** has not been received by the CTSASA office by the due date as stipulated on the formal invitation, then this will be deemed to be a refusal of the invitation.
- 2.8.5 The CTSASA cannot be held liable for any costs, inconvenience or exclusion from any National Team for any member due to a late acceptance or a lack of acceptance to an invitation.

2.9 Acceptance of Invitation

- 2.9.1 Upon acceptance of an invitation to participate in an SA National Team, the Team Member will be required to provide proof (either copy of the air ticket or a copy of a paid invoice) that an air ticket has been bought and paid for in his/her name, for the event in question and for the correct dates.
- 2.9.2 The above proof shall be provided to the Executive Officer of the CTSASA by the date stipulated in the invitation to the team member.
- 2.9.3 Alternatively, the sum of R5000 must be lodged with the CTSASA by the stipulated date.
- 2.9.4 Any deposit shall be refunded immediately upon production of proof of payment for the appropriate air ticket.

- 2.9.5 Should the team member be unable to produce either the proof of payment for the air ticket or the R5000 deposit by the due date, the entry for that team member will be automatically withdrawn from the designated event.
- 2.9.6 If a cancellation to participate is received after the cut-off date specified in the invitation, then any deposit will be immediately forfeited and the entry for that team member will be automatically cancelled.
- 2.10 Final Selection of Teams – For those disciplines **NOT** shooting under the “Roll-Over” system, the Team determined at the completion of Trials will last for three months, during which time they are eligible for competing as the South African National Team.

On completion of the event for which the team was chosen, a 'moving average' may be instigated whereupon the two oldest scores will be dropped in favour of the two newest scores. If a Team Member has not taken part in a Provincial competition (200 targets) within three months of the overseas/designated event then he/she is eliminated from the Team and the next qualified trialist Member may take his place. If no provincial competitions have taken place at the time when the nominations/entries must be given, then the existing Team will be used and the regulations governing selection thereof will apply. The replacement qualified trialist may only take his place if he/she has taken part in a Provincial competition (provided one is available). An application for National Colours may be submitted to SASCO via SASSCo for this person.

2.11 National Colours

- 2.11.1 An application for National Protea Colours will be submitted to SASCO via SASSCo for the qualified members of the National Team.
- 2.11.2 Designated events for ATA are Singles Class Championship, ATA Clay Target Championship and NRA Singles. Please note these names may change. The total number of targets is 600 is always in the week of the Grand.

2.12 Financial/Sponsorship

We no longer receive grants for national team participation, therefore prospective team members must be fully prepared to fund their own participation in overseas or local events.

2.13 Determination of Fitness to Compete

Selected National Team Members will be required to declare their fitness to compete in their designated event by signing the Code of Conduct. Team Members who do not declare any condition which could be detrimental to their shooting performance will be considered in serious breach of these regulations and will be subject to disciplinary action as well as the rescinding of National Colours.

2.14 Rules & Regulations

All National Team Members must acquaint themselves fully of all relevant regulations governing their participation in any National Team. This includes the CTSASA Regulations Governing the Award of National Protea Colours; the CTSASA Constitution; SASSCo Regulations; SASCO Regulations; ISSF Rules and any other regulations which come into play. Full responsibility rests with the National Team Member to ensure full knowledge of all regulations.

2.15 Acceptance of National Trials Regulations

All National Trialists will be required to sign to state that they are in receipt of this document and that they have fully understood the implications thereof.

2.16 Entering Teams or Individuals for Designated Events

All **Olympic Team** entries are handled by the CTSASA Executive Officer and sent to the relevant organising committee via SASSCo (the South African Shooting Sport Confederation). Individual team members may not arrange or change their own entries at their designated event without prior approval from the CTSASA President or his/her Deputy.

All **other National Team members** for all other disciplines must ensure the following:-

1. That the correct names for the National Team(s) have been entered
2. That the correct nationality (South Africa) has been recorded against the National Team.
3. If no National Team has been entered then the individual who has received National Protea Colours must ensure that the correct name and nationality has been recorded and entered.
4. Incomplete National Teams may not be filled with any shooter who has not qualified as a South African National Team Member except where clause 2.7 applies.
5. South African National Team Members may not shoot for any other country at any designated or overseas event, regardless of nationality of that Team Member.

Failure to comply with the above will result in disciplinary action taken against the National Team Member involved, irrespective of whether or not the entry was made by the National Team Member or another person.

Classifications for CPSA/ICTSF events : where competitors are required to have an individual classification, the CTSASA will use the prevailing **classification list as calculated on the CTSASA web site [added December 2018]**

2.17 National Flag and Anthem

The onus will be on the Team Captain/Manager to ensure that the Team has two South African flags (one for the flagpole and one to carry in the team parade) plus a copy of the South African National Anthem (this download can be used - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhUMsqei7kM>). The CTSASA has a stock of flags which the team may borrow for the duration of the designated event. All flags must be returned to the CTSASA immediately upon return of the team. All non-returned flags will be invoiced to the responsible person in the team.

2.18 Accommodation and Travel

It is a requirement that all National Team Members must stay together in the same accommodation for the duration of the designated event(s). Only under special circumstances will any deviation from this rule be allowed. If there are extenuating financial circumstances where a team feel they have no option but to have separate accommodation, then an application must be sent **in writing** to the CTSASA President at least two months prior to the designated event.

2.19 Approval of Designated Event(s)

All discipline sub-committees may put forward their recommendations as to which event(s) they wish to use for National Colours. Sub-committees must take into account the prestige of the event and must ensure that it conforms to the definition of "World Class Status" as per the directive from SASCOC (or its successors).

The final decision on which Designated Events will be used to apply for National Colour status rests with the CTSASA Executive Committee.

Upon reaching a decision on which Designated Events to use, the CTSASA Executive Officer shall apply to SASCOC (or its successors) for permission to participate and for National Colours status.

Provided that permission is granted by SASCOC (or its successors), the chosen Designated Event(s) will be eligible for National Colours.

The CTSASA cannot be held liable for any refusals given by SASCOC (or its successors). Any costs incurred by team members arising from any refusal to participate will remain the responsibility of the team member.