

***At the February NRAA meeting the Board approved the following rules be inserted in the in the Standard Shooting Rules, and be adopted as from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011.”***

**12.8 METHOD OF GRADING – F CLASS STANDARD**

- (a) The object is to provide a method of grading for F Class Standard Competitors where grades are calculated using scores from all available Open Competitions and at all distances shot in those competitions.
- (b) A grading percentage is calculated by comparing an individual competitor’s aggregate score against the top score for the day, irrespective of grade. This will give a truer indication of a competitor’s ability as conditions on the day will influence scores.
- (c) The system used for F Class Standard takes into account (to some degree) the weather conditions prevalent on any particular day, as well as the range difficulty. All scores used for grading are directly related to the TOP SCORE OF THE DAY regardless of Grade.

**12.8.1 METHOD OF CALCULATING A PERCENTAGE FOR EACH SHOOT.**

12.8.1.1 Shooter A scores: 179 = 100% (top score for day)

Shooter B scores: 179 = 100%

Shooter C scores: 176 = 98.32% ( $176/179 \times 100 = 98.32\%$ )

Shooter D scores: 169 = 94.41% ( $169/179 \times 100 = 94.41\%$ )

12.8.1.2 The Average of the last 8 percentages will be used to arrive at the final average for the competitor.

12.8.1.3 A competitor’s average will be calculated on their performance over the last two years, using the aggregates from Open Competitions regardless of the distances shot in those competitions. Where a competitor has attended more than eight shoots in the preceding two years the most recent eight aggregate scores will be used.

12.8.1.4 Where competitions run over more than one day, averages will be calculated from the top total aggregate score obtained over the multiple days. A lead-up completion at a Queens Meeting of two days is regarded as one aggregate. A three day Queens Prize is another aggregate.

12.8.1.5 Rifle Clubs may have F Class competitors who do not enter in in Open Competitions. In order to grade these competitors, the last eight daily aggregates at club competitions should be used to calculate averages in the same way as scores in Open Competitions are being used in these rules.

12.8.1.6 Officials should be aware that averages obtained by only shooting in Club Competitions could be misleading. If all the Club Competitors were at a B Grade level when compared to more widely spread Open Competitions, they could be graded A if they were the consistent top performers within their own club.

**12.9 INSUFFICIENT PERFORMANCES**

12.9.1 Where a competitor does not have eight scores the State Association shall use as many scores as available.

12.9.2 In cases of competitors without scores or insufficient scores then the State Association shall decide the grading on an assessment of the competitor's ability and using as many scores as are available.

#### 12.10 GRADING TABLES

12.10.1 F Class Standard Competitors will be graded using their final calculated averages according to the tables below:

"A" Grade	94.5% and over
"B" Grade	Under 94.5%

12.10.2 A State Association may vary the table of averages to suit local conditions and where this is done the State Grading Register, shall in addition to his grade, show in a box the average on which a competitor's grading is based

#### 12.10.3 APPEALS

12.10.3.1 A competitor who is dissatisfied with his grading may appeal to the Executive of the State Association whose decision shall be final.

#### 12.11 GRADING INFORMATION

12.11.1 State Associations shall be responsible for obtaining scores and keeping an up-to-date register of grades. A Grading Table should be published on their Web Site

12.11.2 Registers and Web Pages should be upgraded after the results of any Open Competition in their State become available. Grading Registers shall also be available from State Associations upon request.

12.11.3 Scores from Interstate Open Competitions should be included when results are obtainable, especially Interstate Queens and Lead-up Competitions.

12.11.4 Organising bodies of Open Competitions within each State are expected to, and have an obligation to forward results from their competitions to their State Association so that results can be included in grading calculations.

12.11.5 Associations should consider not using results from competitions where there are 5 or fewer A Grade competitors. If ONLY B Grade shooters were present, the final percentages would be unfairly inflated.

#### 12.12 RE-GRADING

12.12.1 Competitor's grades may change whenever their average rises or falls below the cut-off point between A & B grades. This can occur at any time throughout a year.

12.12.2 Competitors will only be regraded if their average rises or falls to the next level. A Competitor will not be upgraded if he wins an aggregate, only if his winning score, when included in his last eight scores, causes his average to rise to the next grading level.

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