

Rules and Classification Committee Minutes for May 20,2009
By Conference call on May 20.2009.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM by King Heiple. Present were Trish Bruck Magyar, Debbi Perry, John Bratty, Sid Miller, Ron Wilson and Don Kelly. Woody Andersen was absent. Also present were Don Snyder, Rick Stockstill and EC liaison Louise Terry.

Four items were presented for discussion: Age concurrent dates, World Record requirements for Concurrents, clarification of Requirements for Rookie eligibility for both All American and single shoots and finally the current classification level for AA and AAA in the 12 gauge.

Concurrence was reached on Items #1,#2 and #3 with unanimous approval to submit these three items to the EC for approval for a National Directors ballot.

Item #4: It was felt that the current break point in classification between AA and AAA in 12 gauge was appropriate and no change was recommended.

Further discussion was held as to the advisability of recommending that we return to the prior system of allowing unlimited up and down re-averaging between AA and AAA during a shooting year based on an excellent data study by Trish Bruck Magyar and Debbi Perry. It was decided to hold this item for more thorough study and discussion at our January 2010 meeting.

The summary of reasons for the approved items and the suggested wording for a June 2009 National Directors ballot on these items is submitted to the EC:

To: THE NATIONAL DIRECTORS OF NSSA
June XX, 2009

The Rules and Classification Committee met in San Antonio on Jan. 31, 2009 and again by conference call on May 20, 2009.

The following items are submitted to the National Directors for their vote. These items have been reviewed and approved by the NSSA Executive Committee for this vote. Explanations for the recommendations are included.

NOTE: Your signed ballot must be returned to NSSA in the enclosed envelope not later than XXX , XXXX and the changes will become effective as indicated for each item.

Item #1: . Age Concurrent Dates. The current rule is the way it is, because we needed to make the transition from one age concurrent to the next consistent and uniform; hence, using a shooter's age as of the beginning of the shooting year.

However, since we'd like to encourage people to keep shooting as long as they can, why not allow older age shooters the option of selecting, at the beginning of the shooting year, if they want to move into the age concurrent based upon the age they *will be* during the shooting year; i.e., a shooter who turns 70 during the shooting year who would normally remain a Senior shooter for the entire year would have the option of declaring Veteran.

Proposed:

Add: II-C-4.a.2. - Any shooter turning 70, 80 or 90 years old during the NSSA shooting year has the option of declaring into the next older age concurrent category. Such declaration must occur prior to the individual's first registered shoot of the year; must be so indicated on their classification card; and they must provide *written* notification to NSSA Headquarters of their selection. If a shooter elects to move up into the next age concurrent category, they cannot subsequently change back to their previous age concurrent. Such qualified individuals who do not so choose, will remain in their current age concurrent category until the end of that shooting year.

Add to II-H-6, "See exception under II-C-4.a.2. for Veteran, Senior Veteran and Super Veteran."

Approve: _____

Disapprove: _____

Effective: If approved by the Board of Directors, the current exception for Military Reserve Component will be renumbered 4.a.1. and the change will be effective November 1, 2009.

Item #2: World Record Requirements. At the January 30, 2009 Executive Committee meeting, it was recommended to allow the non-open (i.e., age, lady, military and retired military) team concurrent records to stand. After reviewing the rules, the Rules Committee felt the original intent to restrict open team

competition was not intended to apply to concurrent teams. Further it was recommended that because of the very inconsistent application of the World Record rules over the past 25+ years in regard to concurrents, that records previously established will stand, i.e. they will be “grandfathered”. Any subsequent applications for World record recognition received that could be affected by this will be held at NSSA Headquarters until the ballot results are known.

Proposed:

Add to **II-C-4** as **r** , and to **II-D-4** as **f**: **Concurrent teams have no club and/or domicile restrictions to establish official or world records.**

Prior accepted world records for concurrents will stand, i.e. will be “grandfathered”.

Approve: _____

Disapprove: _____

Effective: Immediately if approved.

Item #3: There have been significant problems at various clubs across the country with interpreting the Rookie eligibility rule. It is clear to the Rules Committee that as written that it was only meant to apply to eligibility for Rookie All American recognition, and not to individual shoots. But it is also apparent that there is perhaps a need to clarify a reasonable definition of who is still a rookie for NSSA shooting purposes.

Proposed: As follows:**II-I-7-a. Rookie for All American Honors is an individual who shoots NSSA standards for concurrent categories and was not a “classified shooter” [see definition in V-A-7a] in any gauge with receipt of their current classification card, and has never had an “initial classification” or “regular classification” in 2006 or a classification in 2004 or prior years in any gauge. A shooter is only eligible to compete for Rookie All American Honors for one shooting year during their lifetime.**

Add: *b. A shooter is eligible for single-shoot rookie awards as long as they were not a “classified shooter” in any gauge with receipt of their current*

classification card. A Rookie may enter rookie concurrent events for the remainder of that year or subsequent years in which they first become a “classified shooter”.

Approve: _____

Disapprove: _____

Effective: Immediately if approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

King Heiple, Chairman

Rules and Classification Committee