

2013 NSSA Rules Ballot Results

1. Assisting a Shooter While on Station

The Rules Committee received a number of emails regarding the “legality” of holding an umbrella while an individual was in the act of shooting. Taking it one step further, it was agreed that holding an umbrella, or otherwise physically assisting a shooter while in the act of shooting, could not only result in interference to the shooter but, more importantly, is a safety issue. If approved by the Board of Directors, the following will added as III-G-18:

A shooter may not be assisted while in the act of shooting by any other shooter or the referee, apart from verbal encouragement. For example, holding an umbrella over a shooter on the station or shielding a shooter on the station with a piece of cardboard to block the sun is not permitted.

New Rule III-G-18 – Prohibit assisting a shooter while on station

95 For 15 Against 2 Abstain

2. Referee Use of “Ear Buds” in Lieu of Hearing Protection

The rules only state that “...some form...” of hearing protection is required for all persons on a skeet field. The Rules Committee agreed that if a referee is listening to a portable MP3 player or music on their cell phone there is a significant probability the referee would be distracted from the task at hand. If approved by the Board of Directors, current rule IV-D-1 will be renumbered to IV-D-1-a and the following will be added as IV-D-1-b:

While on the skeet field, the referee must wear some form of eye and ear protection, and is prohibited from using any type of listening device (e.g., MP3 player or cell phone) “ear-buds” in lieu of hearing protection.

New Rule IV-D-1-b – Prohibit referee use of “ear buds”

113 For _____ Against _____ Abstain

3. Military Veteran (MV) Concurrent

There are a vast number of individuals who have served in the Armed Forces who are no longer on active duty and did not retire who therefore, go unrecognized in our shooting sport. The Armed Forces Skeet Association has proposed the addition of a “Military Veteran” concurrent, which will not include individuals otherwise qualified for either Military or Retired Military. The proposal was presented at the May 30, 2013 Executive Committee meeting by the Zone 9 representative, Col Chris Naler. If approved, current rules II-C-4-q and II-C-4-r will be renumbered II-C-4-r and II-C-4-s, respectively, and the following will be added as II-C-4-q:

A military veteran (MV) is any uniformed service member with an “honorable discharge,” not on active duty or reserve status (including National Guard), and not on the eligible retired list.

Current rule II-C-4-q (new II-C-4-r) will be reworded to:

Where shoot programs offer concurrent events for any category of military shooters, shooters are only eligible to compete in the event for which they are qualified, even if that event is not offered (i.e., a military shooter (ML) cannot compete in a military veteran (MV) when ML is not offered and MV is offered; likewise, a retired military shooter (RM) cannot compete in a military event (ML) when RM is not offered and ML is offered).

New Rule – Add Military Veteran (MV) concurrent

106 For 5 Against 2 Abstain