

June 1, 2012

Dear National Delegate,

The following rule changes for the 2013 Rule Book need your vote. Please **complete, sign and date your ballot, include your NSCA number** and return it to Headquarters. Ballots may be mailed in the enclosed envelope, scanned and emailed to [gmoseley@nssa-nzca.com](mailto:gmoseley@nssa-nzca.com) or faxed to Headquarters at 210-688-3014. All ballots **must be returned by midnight, Friday, June 22, 2012**. Proposals 1-5, if adopted, will become effective January 1, 2013. Proposal 6, if adopted, will become effective July 1, 2012. Thank you for your time and effort.

### 2012 NSCA Rules Change Ballot

#### 1. Moving up in Class - Should the following punch changes be made, in order to move up in class? Rule III-A-2-b pg. 17 Proposed

AA to Master Class –	20	(12.10 average punches per year)
A to AA Class –	14	(7.88 average punches per year)
B to A Class –	12	(6.64 average punches per year)
C to B Class –	8	(5.24 average punches per year)
D to C Class –	6	(4.12 average punches per year)
E to D Class –	4	(3.11 average punches per year)

\*All averages are based on the 2011 shoot year. The number of punches to move from class to class should be reviewed annually and changed every two years according to statistics. Current punches required to move up are as follows:

#### Current

AA to Master Class –	16
A to AA Class –	10
B to A Class –	8
C to B Class –	6
D to C Class –	4
E to D Class –	4

Explanation: The last time punches were changed was 2004. This will help slow the movement to Master Class.

**106 - YES**

**10 - NO**

#### 2. Classification Review - Remove rule III-A-4-a on page 18 of the 2012 Rule Book that states:

“A shooter who has moved up in class, based on punches, will not be reviewed for the year he/she moved up in and the following year (No review for more than 2 full target years.). This disqualifies the shooter from the 1,000 target review and the end of year review.”

Explanation: The End of Year Review criteria and 1,000 target reviews are tight enough without adding an additional layer to not allow shooters to be reviewed for two full years. This is why we have had a drastic decline in the number of people that went through the end of year review. (This rule was added in 2010)

**97 - YES**

**19 - NO**

#### 3. Determining Class - Should we start all new shooters, with no prior shooting experience, in E Class instead of D Class? Rule III-A-1-b-1 pg. 15

Explanation: All new shooters with no prior shooting experience will start in E Class, the lowest class and will earn punches to move up in class. This will avoid having to down class anyone from D to E class and avoid any stigma of E class being a “penalty class”. Shooters may also self declare up and out of E Class with a written request to HQ.

**104 - YES**

**12 - NO**

**4. Determining Class - Add the following statement (italics) after the first sentence of the rule: - Rule III-A-1-b-2 pg. 15**

A first time NSCA member who has shot registered targets with any clay target organization other than a Sporting Clays Association (i.e. NSSA, ATA, NRA, International skeet or trap) and has been classified in "A", "AA", or "AAA" class will be assigned a NSCA class that is one class lower than his/her highest class attained in that clay target association. *After 300 targets have been shot and input into the NSCA database, the shooter can request a class review for down classing purposes.* The rest of the rule will stand as is.

Explanation: There is a feeling that we are discouraging shooters from shooting NSCA targets by placing them in an unrealistic class due to their performance in shooting targets with other clay target associations.

**108 - YES**

**8 - NO**

**5. Should we count the previous year's last quarter (October 1 – December 31) of a shooter's shoot history to count toward target minimums in the new shoot year?**

The current rule IV-b-3-e, page 23 states: To be eligible for class prizes, monies and/or awards at State Championships, a shooter must have shot a minimum of **300** registered targets in the current year, prior to the shoot. League and monthly targets no longer count towards penalty class minimums.

This would also apply to rules; IV-b-4-b, page 24 (Regional Championships); IV-b-5-c, page 24 (US Open) and IV-b-6-b, page 25 (NSCA Nationals).

Explanation: Some of the State and Regional Championships are so early in the year the shooters don't have time to shoot their target minimums before these shoots are held. Since we no longer accept targets from league and monthly targets to count toward target totals, this would help shooters reach their target totals without being penalized.

**89 - YES**

**27 - NO**

**6. Adopt the following rules for Super Sporting events:**

Use current Sporting Clay rules as well as: must have minimum 3 traps on each station and only view single targets.

Explanation: We currently have no official rules for Super Sporting.

**107 - YES**

**9 - NO**

**Proposals 1-5, if adopted, will become effective January 1, 2013.**

**Proposal 6 (Super Sporting Rules), if adopted, will become effective July 1, 2012.**