



In-house rules and guidelines

SAMSSA Sanctioned matches

SAMSSA sanctioned matches will be run according to the latest published IMSSU/SAMSSA rules.

The following matches are currently sanctioned by SAMSSA:

- Transvaal Classic Open Championship
- Gauteng Open Championship
- Free State Open Championship
- Free State Classic Championship
- Eastern Province Open Championship
- Eastern Province Classic Championship
- Western Province Open Championship
- Western Province Classic Championship
- SA National Championship/Africa championship

The results of these championships (only) are used in combination with trials to select Protea team members for international participation.

SAMSSA sanctioned matches are advertised via the secretariat of the individual provinces (except for direct members). The members enter these matches via the secretary of each provincial body, who will forward the entries to the hosting body (i.e. Provincial secretary for provincial championship and SAMSSA for National championship).

To compete in any sanctioned match, a shooter must be a fully paid-up member of SAMSSA. If a member does not pay his/her yearly membership fees for a particular year, but competes in any match during the whole year, his or her scores will not be entered into the SAMSSA database for record purposes, which then implies that it will not count towards accreditation for dedicated status.

SAMSSA may perform drug testing at any of the SAMSSA sanctioned matches.

As per the decision taken at the SAMSSA AGM of 2004, it is not required for an entrant to have a classification upon entering for any of the SAMSSA sanctioned championships. The individual will be classified according to the first score that he/she shot in a particular event. However, the shooter must be familiar with IMSSU and SAMSSA rules and general range safety practices. It is the obligation of the secretariat of each province (through whom the shooter enters a competition) to notify the hosting organization that the shooter is competent to participate in a SAMSSA sanctioned match.

SAMSSA sanctioned events

An event will be deemed a sanctioned event if the details of such events are included in this document. Any hosting organisation has the option to host other events, but those scores will not be kept by SAMSSA for record purposes. Should a general need arise to include a specific Event to the sanctioned event list, such proposal (inclusive of a technical specification) will be done in writing and submitted to SAMSSA secretariat. The SAMSSA secretariat will circulate the document to SAMSSA exec and SAMSSA councillors for evaluation and authorisation. Once the specific Event has been accepted, it will be added to this document, after which SAMSSA database will make provision for keeping relevant statistics as from the ensuing championship.



All Official Metallic Silhouette Shooting Championships in South Africa should host at least the IMSSU events, which currently are:

- Event 1: Big Bore Handgun Revolver
- Event 2: Big Bore Handgun Production
- Event 3: Big Bore Handgun Standing
- Event 4: Big Bore Handgun Unlimited
- Event 5: Small Bore Handgun Revolver
- Event 6: Small Bore Handgun Production
- Event 7: Small Bore Handgun Standing
- Event 8: Small Bore Handgun Unlimited
- Event 9: Field Pistol Production
- Event 10: Field Pistol Production Any Sights
- Event 11#: Big Bore Rifle Hunting
- Event 12#: Big Bore Rifle Silhouette
- Event 13: Small Bore Rifle Light
- Event 14: Small Bore Rifle Silhouette
- Event 15*: Small Bore Rifle Light (2nd round)
- Event 16*: Small Bore Rifle Silhouette (2nd round)

**Please note the Events 15 and 16 are there to complete the 80-shot events that are sometimes practice for Small Bore Rifle. The hosting organization has the option of including events 15 and 16 except for National Trials and National Championships where all four events will be competed in.*

**Big Bore Rifle events are only 40-shots each in SA, despite some countries hosting it as 80-shot events*

Each hosting organization has the option of hosting any of the following sanctioned "SAMSSA" events.

- Event 17: Big Bore Sport Handgun
- Event 18: Small Bore Sport Handgun
- Event 19: Sport Handgun Unlimited
- Event 20: Air Pistol Open Sight
- Event 21: Air Pistol Freestyle
- Event 22: Air Rifle Open Sight
- Event 23: Air Rifle Any Sights
- Event 24: Varmint Handgun
- Event 25: Varmint Rifle
- Event 26: Big Bore Rifle Open Sight
- Event 27: Small Bore Rifle Open Sight
- Event 28: Small Bore Rifle Unlimited
- Event 29: Lever Action Rifle
- Event 30: Big Bore Rifle Freestyle

Note: Not all of the above "SAMSSA" events has to be offered by hosting organisation

SAMSSA provides for the participation of junior, pee wee, minor and veteran shooters. The classification of such shooters is based on age in the following manner:

Minors: over 5 and under 9 (inclusive of the year that shooter turns 9)

Pee Wee: under 14 (inclusive of the year that shooter turns 14)

Junior: under 18 (inclusive of the year that shooter turns 18)

Veteran: over 54 (inclusive of the year in which shooter turns 55)

Note: All shooters u/18 can only participate with the consent of the range officer and under the supervision of a responsible adult.



The following aggregate results are derived from the above events:

Big Bore Handgun Aggregate comprising of events 1, 2, 3 & 4

Small Bore Handgun Aggregate comprising of events 5, 6, 7 & 8

Field Pistol Aggregate comprising of events 9 & 10

Standing Aggregate comprising of events 3, 7, 9 & 10

Big Bore Rifle Aggregate comprising of events 11 & 12

Small Bore 2 Rifle Aggregate comprising of events 13 & 14

4 Rifle Aggregate comprising of events 11, 12, 13 & 14

Note: not used in all championships – the inclusion of this depends on the relevant organising committee

Small Bore 4 Rifle Aggregate comprising of events 13, 14, 15 & 16

Note: not used in all championships – the inclusion of this depends on the relevant organising committee

Junior Small Bore Handgun Aggregate comprising of events 5, 6, 7 & 8

Junior Small Bore 2 Rifle Aggregate comprising of events 13 & 14

Pee Wee Aggregate comprising of events 8, 13 & 14

Note: not used in all championships – the inclusion of this depends on the relevant organising committee

The following victor/victrix ludorum are derived using the victor ludorum formula:

Senior Victor Ludorum (events 1-16)

Senior Victrix Ludorum (events 1-16)

Veteran Victor Ludorum (events 1-16)

Junior Victor Ludorum (events 5-8 & 13-14)

Minor competitors

It is the intention to introduce young shooters to the sport, aged 5 years to under 9 (year of 9th birthday included).

The young shooters will be able to enter for the following events:

Event 13: Small Bore Rifle Light (with double rest)

Event 14: Small Bore Rifle Silhouette (with double rest)

Event 22: Air Rifle Open Sights (with double rest)

Event 23: Air Rifle Any Sights (with double rest)

The rules for these events are exactly the same as for the relevant IMSSU/SAMSSA event, except that the shooter uses the double rest as an aid. Furthermore, due to the very young age of the shooters, it is extremely important from a safety perspective that the child is under direct adult supervision and guidance. It is a prerequisite that the child be deemed a "safe" shooter and the range officer will have the right to refuse the participation if such a child should pose a safety risk to other shooters.

Please note that these events are, in the spirit of Metallic Silhouette Shooting, standing events and that the child will not be allowed to have any support other than the rifle resting on two rests. Not any part of the body is allowed to come into contact with the rests, inclusive of both hands.

A child in this age group can enter as a Pee Wee, but then only as a Pee Wee. A minor cannot enter the competition as a minor for some events and as a pee wee in other events.

Minor entrants are only eligible for the Minor Class Medals.



Pee Wee competitors

It is the intention to introduce young shooters to the sport, aged under 10 to under 14 (year of 10th and 14th birthdays included). The young shooters will be able to enter for the following events (the inclusion of a Pee Wee Class for the following SAMSSA events at a specific championship is optional and is subject to the judgment of the relevant organizing committee):

- Event 8: Small Bore Handgun Unlimited
- Event 13: Small Bore Rifle Light (with single rest)
- Event 14: Small Bore Rifle Silhouette (with single rest)
- Event 19: Sport Handgun Unlimited
- Event 20: Air Pistol Open Sights
- Event 21: Air Pistol Freestyle
- Event 22: Air Rifle Open Sights (with single rest)
- Event 23: Air Rifle Any Sights (with single rest)
- Event 25: Varmint Rifle (with single rest)
- Event 27: Small Bore Rifle Open Sights (with single rest)

The rules for these events are exactly the same as for the relevant IMSSU or SAMSSA event, except that the shooter uses the single rest as an aid in the rifle events. Furthermore, due to the very young age of the shooters, it is extremely important from a safety perspective that the child is under direct adult supervision and guidance. It is a prerequisite that the child be deemed a "safe" shooter and the range officer will have the right to refuse the participation if such a child should pose a safety risk to other shooters.

Please note that the rifle events are, in the spirit of Metallic Silhouette Shooting, standing events and that the child will not be allowed to have any support other than the rifle resting on the rest. **Not any part of the body is allowed to come into contact with the rests, inclusive of both hands.**

A child in this age group can enter as a Junior, but then only as a Junior. A Pee Wee cannot enter the competition as a Pee Wee for some events and as a Junior in other events.

Pee Wee entrants are only eligible for the Pee Wee Class Medals.

Junior competitors

It is the intention for scholars from under 15 to under 18 to participate in silhouette shooting, applying the same rules relevant to seniors participants (year of 15th and 18th birthdays included). The junior shooters will be able to enter for the following events (the inclusion of a Junior Class for the following SAMSSA events at a specific championship is optional and is subject to the judgement of the relevant organising committee):

- Event 5: Small Bore Handgun Revolver
- Event 6: Small Bore Handgun Production
- Event 7: Small Bore Handgun Standing
- Event 8: Small Bore Handgun Unlimited
- Event 13: Small Bore Rifle Light
- Event 14: Small Bore Rifle Silhouette
- Event 19: Sport Handgun Unlimited
- Event 20: Air Pistol Open Sights
- Event 21: Air Pistol Freestyle
- Event 22: Air Rifle Open Sights
- Event 23: Air Rifle Any Sights
- Event 25: Varmint Rifle
- Event 27: Small Bore Rifle Open Sights
- Event 28: Small Bore Rifle Unlimited



The rules for these events are exactly the same as for the relevant IMSSU or SAMSSA events. Furthermore, due to the age of the shooters, it is extremely important from a safety perspective that the child is under direct adult supervision. It is a prerequisite that the child be deemed a "safe" shooter and the range officer will have the right to refuse the participation of such a child should pose a safety risk to other shooters.

A child in this age group can enter as a Senior, but then only as a Senior. A Junior cannot enter the competition as a Junior for some events and as a Senior in other events.

Depending on the ruling of the relevant organizing committee, Junior entrants can be eligible for the Junior Class Medals and Overall medals. The relevant organizing committee must state their intention up front. The default ruling is that junior entrants will be eligible for both Junior Class and Overall medals.

Veteran competitors

It is the intention for participants 55 and older (inclusive of the year of the 55th birthday) to be competing for the best veteran competitor of the competition using the VL formula. A veteran will still be eligible for overall and class medals per Event.

Technical specification for single rest (used by Pee Wee Competitors)

A Pee Wee stand normally comprises of a telescopic stand on which an 8cm wide support is mounted. The stand used must be such that the event can be shot standing. A maximum of 83mm may be in contact with the rifle. The support should be of such nature that it does not support the rifle on the sides.

Technical specification for double rest (used by Minor Competitors)

A minor stand normally comprises of a stand with two supports of 8cm, front and back. The stand used for Minors must be such that the event can be shot standing. At each support point, a maximum of 2 x 83mm may be in contact with the rifle. The support should be of such nature that it does not support the rifle on the sides.



IMSSU and SAMSSA event classifications

| | | | |
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| <p>1 BBHG Revolver I Class: 31-40 A Class: 21-30 B Class: 0-20</p> | <p>2 BBHG Production I Class: 31-40 A Class: 21-30 B Class: 0-20</p> | <p>3 BBHG Standing I Class: 23-40 A Class: 11-23 B Class: 0-10</p> | <p>4 BBHG Unlimited I Class: 31-40 A Class: 21-30 B Class: 0-20</p> |
| <p>5 SBHG Revolver I Class: 31-40 A Class: 21-30 B Class: 0-20</p> | <p>6 SBHG Production I Class: 31-40 A Class: 21-30 B Class: 0-20</p> | <p>7 SBHG Standing I Class: 23-40 A Class: 11-23 B Class: 0-10</p> | <p>8 SBHG Unlimited I Class: 31-40 A Class: 21-30 B Class: 0-20</p> |
| <p>9 FP Production I Class: 23-40 A Class: 11-23 B Class: 0-10</p> | <p>10 FP Prod. Any Sights I Class: 23-40 A Class: 11-23 B Class: 0-10</p> | <p>11 BBR Hunting I Class: 29-40 M Class: 22-28 A Class: 14-21 B Class: 0-13</p> | <p>12 BBR Silhouette I Class: 32-40 M Class: 24-31 A Class: 16-23 B Class: 0-15</p> |
| <p>13 SBR Light (1st try) I Class: 32-40 M Class: 25-31 A Class: 18-24 B Class: 0-17</p> | <p>14 SBR Silhouette (1st try) I Class: 34-40 M Class: 27-33 A Class: 20-26 B Class: 0-19</p> | <p>15 SBR Light (2nd try) I Class: 32-40 M Class: 25-31 A Class: 18-24 B Class: 0-17</p> | <p>16 SBR Silhouette (2nd try) I Class: 34-40 M Class: 27-33 A Class: 20-26 B Class: 0-19</p> |

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| <p>17 BB Sport Handgun I Class: 23-40 A Class: 11-22 B Class: 0-10</p> | <p>18 SB Sport Handgun I Class: 23-40 A Class: 11-22 B Class: 0-10</p> | <p>19 Sport Handgun Unlimited No Classes</p> | <p>20 Air Pistol Open Sight No Classes</p> |
| <p>21 Air Pistol Freestyle No Classes</p> | <p>22 Air Rifle Open Sight No Classes</p> | <p>23 Air Rifle Any Sights I Class: 32-40 M Class: 25-31 A Class: 18-24 B Class: 0-17</p> | <p>24 Varmint Handgun No Classes</p> |
| <p>25 Varmint Rifle I Class: 29-40 M Class: 22-28 A Class: 14-21 B Class: 0-13</p> | <p>26 BBR Open Sight No Classes</p> | <p>27 SBR Open Sight I Class: 31-40 A Class: 21-30 B Class: 0-20</p> | <p>28 SBR Unlimited I Class: 31-40 A Class: 21-30 B Class: 0-20</p> |
| <p>29 Lever Action Rifle No classes</p> | <p>30 Big Bore Rifle Freestyle No Classes</p> | | |



Important General Range Rules

1. No Club, range officer or range owner can be held accountable for any accidents, except where negligence is proven.
2. The chief range officer is in total control of the range.
3. No firearm may be removed from its bag or case, except at the shooting point and with the permission of the chief range officer.
4. Keep all firearms on the firing line pointed down the range at all times.
5. The range officer is entitled to declare a firearm unsafe and to prohibit the use thereof.
6. Under no circumstances should a loaded firearm be transported to or from the range or shooting points.
7. When a range has been closed, nobody is allowed to go beyond the shooting line. A red flag or light should indicate that a range is closed.
8. When a range has been declared safe (i.e. open), nobody is allowed to handle any firearms under any circumstance. A green light or flag should indicate that the range is safe.
9. Any shooters under the age of 18 will only be allowed to shoot with the permission of the range officer and even then only under the direct supervision of a responsible senior.
10. No ammunition that causes damage to the targets may be used. The range officer will have the right to prohibit the use of certain calibres, should they find that it causes damage to the targets (except where the targets are not of the correct steel). The following general guidelines apply (but not limited to):
 - a. Centrefire rifles 6mm and up should only be used on Big Bore Targets at a minimum distance of 200m.
 - b. Supersonic .22 ammunition (stingers, blitzer etc.) is not allowed on the Small Bore Rifle or Handgun targets.
 - c. Only air rifle no.1 pellets may be used on air rifle targets.
 - d. Due to close proximity to the firing line, no rifles should shoot at Big Bore Handgun targets, however, the 30-30 Thompson and .44 Lever action rifle calibres are generally safe to be used on the Big Bore Handgun targets. The 30-30 lever action rifle, however, is not allowed.
11. The hosting organization will have the right to impose penalties on shooters who damage targets.
12. Shooters may never practice alone.
13. Shooters must behave at all times on the range. Foul language and/or insolent behaviour will not be tolerated.
14. Any complaints should be submitted in writing to a committee member or the range officer. The letter should indicate your name in block letters, be dated and signed.
15. Vehicles and possessions are brought to the range at own risk.
16. No alcohol or drugs may be consumed during practice or competition. If any such behaviour is noticed, it must be reported to the range office, who must remove the shooter from the firing point.
17. No shooter may use the title Metallic Silhouette Shooting if he/she does not keep to the rules of the sport.
18. The firearm license holder must be present when other competitors are utilising his or her firearms to comply with firearms regulations.



SUID-AFRIKAANSE METAALSILHOEËT SKIETVERENIGING

SOUTH AFRICAN METALLIC SILHOUETTE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Appendix A

TECHNICAL RULES AND TARGET SPECS OF SAMSSA EVENTS



SAMSSA Target specifications

Sport targets

Targets shall be 3/8 scale of "full size" silhouettes as per official IMSSU templates (the same size as IMSSU Small Bore Handgun targets) using steel of a thickness of 10-12mm for chickens and pigs and 8-10mm for turkeys and rams.

Varmint targets

Targets shall be 1/2 scale of "full size" silhouettes as per official IMSSU templates (the same size as IMSSU Field Pistol target) using steel of a thickness of 10-12mm.

Air targets

Targets shall be 1/10th scale of "full size" silhouettes as per official IMSSU templates manufactured out of 3-4mm steel plate. Air Rifle target feet should be:

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| Chicken | - 3/4" W x 3/4" L or 3/4" W x 1" L (19.05mm x 19.05mm or 19.05mm x 25.4mm) |
| Pig | - 3/4" W x 1" L (19.05mm x 25.4mm) |
| Turkey | - 3/4" W x 3/4" L or 3/4" W x 1" L (19.05mm x 19.05mm or 19.05mm x 25.4mm) |
| Ram | - 3/4" W x 2" L (19.05mm x 50.8mm) |

Event 17: Big Bore Sport Handgun

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The event is intended for the use a self defence carry handgun with a barrel length of no more than 6". The handgun will conform to the following production rules:

- A pistol which has been in production for at least one year and is or was a catalogue item readily available to the general public, with a proven manufacture of at least 100.
- No aperture or optical sights will be allowed.
- Barrel length should not exceed 152.2mm (6").
- The pistol may be of any action type, but may not be a single shot
- Any safe trigger will be allowed
- Any centrefire calibre above .22 to .455 is allowed, on condition that the load does not cause damage to the steel plates.
- A pistol with build-in compensators (factory fitted porting as an integral part to the design) and vented barrels (manufactured as standard and bought as such is allowed).
- Race guns, as used in practical pistol shooting, are not allowed.

At the National Championship, only A & B class medals will be awarded as decided at the AGM of 2004. International class competitors are not entitled to medals or prizes.

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Sport Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|-----------|---|
| Chickens | 20 meters | <i>NOTE: For safety this rail should be level with the ground to prevent ricochets.</i> |
| Pigs | 30 meters | |
| Turkeys | 40 meters | |
| Rams | 50 meters | |

Classifications (The same as Field Pistol Production)

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| International: | 23 - 40 |
| Class A: | 11 - 22 |
| Class B: | 0 - 10 |



Event 18: Small Bore Sport Handgun

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The event is intended for the use of a self defence carry handgun with a barrel length of no more than 6". The handgun will conform to the following production rules:

- A pistol which has been in production for at least one year and is or was a catalogue item readily available to the general public, with a proven manufacture of at least 100.
- No aperture or optical sights will be allowed.
- Barrel length should not exceed 177.8mm (7").
- The pistol may be of any action type, but may not be a single shot
- Any safe trigger will be allowed
- Only rimfire calibres will be allowed
- A pistol with build-in compensators (factory fitted porting as an integral part to the design) and vented barrels (manufactured as standard and bought as such) is allowed.

At the National Championship, only A & B class medals will be awarded as decided at the AGM of 2004. International class competitors are not entitled to medals or prizes.

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Sport Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|-----------|--|
| Chickens | 20 meters | NOTE: For safety this rail should be level with the ground to prevent ricochets. |
| Pigs | 30 meters | |
| Turkeys | 40 meters | |
| Rams | 50 meters | |

Classifications (The same as Field Pistol Production)

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| International: | 23 - 40 |
| Class A: | 11 - 22 |
| Class B: | 0 - 10 |

Event 19: Sport Handgun Unlimited

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. Any pistol with a barrel length of 7" or less will be allowed. Any safe trigger will be allowed. The pistol will conform to the following rules:

- Any open sight may be used
- No optical sights will be allowed
- Aperture sights will be allowed for up to .22 calibre (in accordance with IMSSU stance)
- Any action will be allowed
- Barrel length should not exceed 177.8mm (7") inclusive of build-in compensators and other devices.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed
- Any calibre up to .455 (rimfire or centerfire) is allowed, on condition that the load does not cause damage to the steel plates.

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Sport Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|-----------|--|
| Chickens | 20 meters | NOTE: For safety this rail should be level with the ground to prevent ricochets. |
| Pigs | 30 meters | |
| Turkeys | 40 meters | |
| Rams | 50 meters | |

Classifications:

No classes



Event 20: Air Pistol Open Sight

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. Any pistol with a barrel length of 10" or less will be allowed. Any safe trigger will be allowed. The pistol will conform to the following production rules:

- Any open or aperture sight will be allowed.
- Barrel length should not exceed 254mm (10").
- Any safe trigger will be allowed

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Air Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances (IHMSA distances):

| | | |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| Chickens | - | 10 m (10.9 yards) |
| Pigs | - | 12.5 m (13.7 yards) |
| Turkeys | - | 15 m (16.4 yards) |
| Rams | - | 18.29 m (20 yards) |

A 1% variance is permitted.

Classifications:

No Classes

Event 21: Air Pistol Freestyle

General

This event will be a freestyle (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The pistol will conform to the following rules:

- The barrel must not exceed 254mm (10")
- Any open or aperture sight will be allowed..
- No optical sights will be allowed.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Air Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances (IHMSA distances):

| | | |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| Chickens | - | 10 m (10.9 yards) |
| Pigs | - | 12.5 m (13.7 yards) |
| Turkeys | - | 15 m (16.4 yards) |
| Rams | - | 18.29 m (20 yards) |

A 1% variance is permitted.

Classifications:

No Classes

Event 22: Air Rifle Open Sight

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The rifle will conform to the following rules:

- Only spring-loaded No.1 Air Rifles may be used.
- No recoilless spring-loaded air rifles may be used.
- No air accumulated type air rifles will be allowed - only spring operated.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed.
- Any open or aperture sight will be allowed.
- No optical devices will be allowed.

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Air Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances (IHMSA distances):



| | | |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| Chickens | - | 10 m (10.9 yards) |
| Pigs | - | 12.5 m (13.7 yards) |
| Turkeys | - | 15 m (16.4 yards) |
| Rams | - | 18.29 m (20 yards) |

A 1% variance is permitted.

Classifications:

No Classes

Event 23: Air Rifle Any Sights

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The rifle will conform to the following rules:

- Only No.1 Air Rifles may be used.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed.
- Open, aperture and optical sights will be allowed

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Air Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|---|-------------------------|
| Chickens | - | 18,29 meters (20 yards) |
| Pigs | - | 27,43 meters (30 yards) |
| Turkeys | - | 32,90 meters (36 yards) |
| Rams | - | 41,13 meters (45 yards) |

A 1% variance is permitted.

Classifications: *(The same as SBR Light)*

| | |
|----------|---------|
| INT | 32 - 40 |
| Master: | 25 - 31 |
| Class A: | 18 - 24 |
| Class B: | 0 - 17 |

Event 24 - Varmint Handgun

General

This event will be a freestyle (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The pistol will conform to the following rules:

- The barrel must not exceed 355 mm (14")
- Any safe trigger will be allowed
- Any centrefire calibre will be allowed with the proviso that the load does not cause damage to the targets.

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Varmint Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|---|------------|
| Chickens | - | 125 meters |
| Pigs | - | 150 meters |
| Turkeys | - | 175 meters |
| Rams | - | 200 meters |

Classifications:

No classes



Event 25 - Varmint Rifle

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The rifle will conform to the following rules:

- The following calibres are allowed: .22 Hornet, .222 Remington, .223 Remington, .357 Magnum and .44 Magnum, with the proviso that loads do not damage the targets.
- Calibres that are excluded: .22-250 Remington, .220 Swift and .25-06 Remington, due to target damage.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed.

Targets

The SAMSSA defined Varmint Targets will be used. Targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|---|------------|
| Chickens | - | 125 meters |
| Pigs | - | 150 meters |
| Turkeys | - | 175 meters |
| Rams | - | 200 meters |

Classifications: *(The same as Big Bore Rifle Hunting)*

| | |
|----------|---------|
| INT | 29 - 40 |
| Master: | 22 - 28 |
| Class A: | 14 - 21 |
| Class B: | 0 - 13 |

Event 26 - Big Bore Rifle Open Sights

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The rifle will conform to the following rules:

- Any Big Bore Rifle with cartridge using 6mm (.243) or larger can be used, with the proviso that loads do not damage the targets.
- Any open or aperture sights will be allowed.
- No optical devices will be allowed.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed.

Targets

The IMSSU defined Big Bore Rifle targets will be used. The targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|---|------------|
| Chickens | - | 200 meters |
| Pigs | - | 300 meters |
| Turkeys | - | 385 meters |
| Rams | - | 500 meters |

Classifications:

No Classes

Event 27 - Small Bore Rifle Open Sights

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The rifle will conform to the following rules:

- Any rimfire rifle may be used.
- Only open (v-type iron) sights will be allowed.
- No optical devices will be allowed.
- IMSSU rules for palm rests, buttplates, cheekpieces, compensators, muzzle breaks and general equipment, applies.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed.



Targets

The IMSSU defined Small Bore Handgun targets will be used. The targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|---|------------|
| Chickens | - | 25 meters |
| Pigs | - | 50 meters |
| Turkeys | - | 75 meters |
| Rams | - | 100 meters |

Classifications: (Same as SBHG Production)

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| International: | 31 - 40 |
| Class A: | 21 - 30 |
| Class B: | 0 - 20 |

Event 28 - Small Bore Rifle Unlimited

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The rifle will conform to the following rules:

- Any rimfire rifle may be used.
- Any open or aperture sights will be allowed.
- No optical devices will be allowed.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed.

Targets

The IMSSU defined Small Bore Handgun targets will be used. The targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|---|------------|
| Chickens | - | 25 meters |
| Pigs | - | 50 meters |
| Turkeys | - | 75 meters |
| Rams | - | 100 meters |

Classifications: (Same as SBHG Production)

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| International: | 31 - 40 |
| Class A: | 21 - 30 |
| Class B: | 0 - 20 |

Event 29 - Lever Action Rifle

General

This event will be a standing (as defined in IMSSU rules) event. The rifle will conform to the following rules:

- Any Lever Action Rifle with straight-wall case, with the proviso that loads do not damage the targets.
- Any open or aperture sights will be allowed.
- No optical devices will be allowed.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed.

Targets

The IMSSU defined Big Bore Handgun targets will be used. The targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|---|------------|
| Chickens | - | 50 meters |
| Pigs | - | 100 meters |
| Turkeys | - | 150 meters |
| Rams | - | 200 meters |

Classifications:

No Classes

Event 30 - Big Bore Rifle Freestyle

General

This event will be a freestyle event. The competitor can shoot from a prone, sitting, kneeling or standing position, but not from a table. The rifle will conform to the following rules:



- Any Big Bore Rifle with cartridge using 6mm (.243) or larger can be used, with the proviso that loads do not damage the targets.
- Any open, aperture or optical sights will be allowed.
- The competitor will not be allowed to use artificial support for any of the positions.
- No belts of tight jackets may be used.
- Any safe trigger will be allowed.
- Shooting mats as used for handguns are permitted.

Targets

The IMSSU defined Big Bore Rifle targets will be used. The targets will be set at the following distances:

| | | |
|----------|---|------------|
| Chickens | - | 200 meters |
| Pigs | - | 300 meters |
| Turkeys | - | 385 meters |
| Rams | - | 500 meters |

Classifications:

No Classes



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Appendix B

Guidelines for the Selection of South African National Team/s



Definitions

- **National team** - A team or individual selected by the National Selection Panel to represent the South Africa in an international competition. The team members may participate in official national colours, subject to Government approval.
- **National Selection Panel** - The committee responsible for selecting the National Team(s) to represent the South Africa at an International Competition. The panel will be in accordance with Clause 16.2 of the SAMSSA constitution. Each Provincial Association will nominate a representative to serve as a member of the National Selection Panel.
- **National breakpoint** - The minimum aggregate score to qualify for trials and consideration for National Team selection.
- **National Trials** - All the candidates who achieved the minimum standards will be invited to this event as a last opportunity to be included in the National Team.
- **Aggregate** - The combined scores of all the Events in a category, as prescribed by IMSSU. (Section vi - Clause J of "General technical Rules for all Metallic Silhouette Discipline Shooting Categories" - 2nd revised edition)
- **SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championship** - A Provincial, National or International championship which is approved by SAMSSA and shot on the IMSSU rules where breakpoints can be achieved. The scores of these competitions will also be used for the National Ranking as well as for inclusion in a National Team. All the SAMSSA members should have the opportunity to compete in these competitions as a member of a team or as an individual. Competitions hosted outside the borders of South Africa can not be considered to be SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned due to the limited number of South African participation.
- **SAMSSA** - The national controlling body - South African Metallic Silhouette Shooting Association
- **IMSSU** - The international controlling body - International Metallic Silhouette Shooting Union

Objective

The purpose of the National Teams is not only to bring home medals, but the team members are also ambassadors of the country as well as for the sport. Metallic Silhouette Shooting is as much a team sport as it is an individual effort and this must be taken into consideration with the selection of a team. The main consideration should be on the performance of the candidates with the focus on the performance at the time of team selection. The behaviour and loyalty to the sport should not be discarded, especially in the case of candidates with comparative scores.



General criteria

1. Senior team(s) will only be selected for aggregate IMSSU events. Junior rifle (events 13, 14) and junior handgun (events 5-8) teams will also be selected.
2. A member will only be considered once he/she has stated his/her intention to enter for the specific International Championship by accepting the invitation and participation in the National Trails.
3. The member should be a fully paid up member of current year for both his province and SAMSSA. This implies that a member should have paid all membership fees before being considered for selection.
4. The member should be actively participating in SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned competitions. The following criteria must be adhered to:
 - a. The competitor should have participated in at least 2 SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championships since the National Trials of the preceding World Championships.
 - b. In the case of a National Team to participate in a Championship other than the World Championship the competitor should have participated in at least 2 SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championships during the preceding 24 months.
5. A team will consist of 3 competitors plus 1 reserve (or less). If more than one National Team is entered, then the reserve may be part of the next team, only if the same colours are awarded to all the teams.
6. Aggregates are shot over 2 or 4 events as listed below, thus if the participant does not compete in all the required events, it will not be counted as an aggregate. Aggregate scores will be calculated using:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ➤ Big-Bore Handgun (BBHG): | Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 |
| ➤ Small-bore Handgun (SBHG): | Events 5, 6, 7 and 8 |
| ➤ Small-bore Handgun (SBHG) Juniors: | Events 5, 6, 7 and 8 |
| ➤ Field Pistol (FP): | Events 9 and 10 |
| ➤ Standing (SP): | Events 3, 7, 9 and 10 |
| ➤ Big-bore Rifle (BBR): | Events 11 and 12 |
| ➤ Small-bore Rifle (SBR): | Events 13 and 14 |
| ➤ Small-bore Rifle (SBR) juniors: | Events 13 and 14. |

Aggregates shot competing as a junior competitor, will be counted only toward selection for junior teams. Such aggregate score will not count towards the selection for senior teams.
7. Inclusion in a Provincial Team will not be a prerequisite for selection as a member of the National Team, but the Selection Panel must consider it. Candidates can participate as



individuals in SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned competitions to achieve 2 breakpoints for consideration.

8. All the candidates achieving or exceeding the qualifying criteria of 2 breakpoints will be invited to participate in the National Trials.
9. A timeously appointed **National Selection Panel** will monitor the performance of the individual members and will select the National Team.
10. The Team Manager will be appointed by the SAMSSA Executive Committee whilst the team members will appoint the Team Captain and Vice Captain.
11. The National Selection Panel will rank members and the ranking will be updated after each SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned Provincial, National and International Championship.
12. The National Trials will be the same format as a SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championship and can be shot back to back with a SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championship. The scores at this sanctioned championship will also be considered for breakpoints for inclusion in the next National Trials.



Specific criteria for Nationals team(s)

1. The National Team that will participate at the International Championship will be selected not less than two months prior to the International Championship.
2. A "breakpoint" system will come into effect to qualify for National Trials. This implies that the following scores should be reached at least twice:

| Event (Aggregate) | Senior breakpoint | Junior breakpoint |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| BBHG | 135/160 | |
| SBHG | 130/160 | 95/160 |
| FP | 50/80 | |
| Standing | 100/160 | |
| BBR | 40/80 | |
| SBR | 50/80 | 30/80 |

Note: These Break points may be amended from time to time by the Provincial Councillors

3. The competitors will be ranked for each aggregate based on the following:
 - The best 2 aggregate scores shot at SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championships in the period from after the last National Trials for the selection of the National Team to participate in the World Championship up to but not including the National Trials before the next World Championship. This will not include scores of any National Trials.
 - If a National Team is to be selected for any other International Championship, excluding the World Championship, the best 2 aggregates shot at SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championships during the preceding 24 months will be considered for breakpoints. This will not include scores of any National Trials.
 - For all aggregates the ranking score will be derived by using:
 - **The average of the two best aggregate scores achieved at SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championships from after the National Trials of the preceding World Championship.**
4. To qualify for National Trials, the National Breakpoint must be reached at least twice. However it is the prerogative of the SAMSSA Executive Committee to invite more top performers per aggregate.
5. National Colours may be awarded to more than 1 team per aggregate. Such a decision will be made by the SAMSSA Executive Committee. Federation and Association team colours may also be awarded.



6. The final ranking for inclusion in the National team will be derived from.
 - The average of the two best aggregate scores achieved at SAMSSA/IMSSU sanctioned championships from and including the preceding World Championship.
Plus
 - The aggregate 80 shot scores per Event achieved at the National Trials.
7. Each participant at the National Trials will be considered for inclusion in the National Team based on the scores achieved as indicated in clause 6 above.



Appendix C

List of changes to document



23 May 2005

- Page 12: Remove “*No aperture or optical sights will be allowed*” in Varmint Handgun event.
- Pages 2 & 4: Replace “*fun*” with “SAMSSA”

30 June 2005

- Page 4: Replace *Event 18: Small Bore Sport Handgun* with *Event 19: Sport Handgun Unlimited* for Pee Wee and Juniors
- Page 4: Replace Event 6: Small Bore Handgun Production with Event 8: Small Bore Handgun Unlimited

25 October 2005

- Page 3: Add Standing Aggregate to list
- Page 3: Add Air Rifle Events for Minor competitors
- Page 9: Add Standing Aggregate
- Page 11: Include aperture sights for Air Pistol
- Page 17: Add: “Aggregates shot competing as a junior competitor, will be counted only toward selection for junior teams. Such aggregate scores will not count towards the selection for senior teams.”
- Page 19: Include Standing breakpoint of 100/160

7 October 2007

- Page 2: Hosting organization may include events 15 and 16, all four small bore rifle events will be competed in at National trials and National championships.
- Page 18: Updated Small Bore Rifle breakpoint aggregate.
- Page 20: Updated Small Bore Rifle breakpoint.

11 October 2008

- Page 2: Added Small Bore Rifle Unlimited as event 28, renumbered events 28 and 29 to one number higher.
- Page 6: Added Small Bore Rifle Unlimited with same classifications as SBR Open Sights.
- Page 10: Updated SB Handgun barrel length to 177.8mm (7”).
- Page 13: Updated SBR Open Sights to exclude aperture sights and comply
- Page 14: Added Small Bore Rifle Unlimited to technical specification.