## **NRA Law Enforcement Division**



## **Law Enforcement Assistance Committee**



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## **National Police Shooting Championships Task Force Recommendations**

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At the November 21, 2015 Law Enforcement Assistance Committee Meeting, the Committee decided to establish a Task Force to develop recommendations for the Committee concerning the National Police Shooting Championships to respond to competitor suggestions from the 2015 Championships. These included actions desired in regards to the Committee's decision to allow competitors to fire in only one Open Class Division Match, elimination of the Open Class 3000 Championship Match, competitors having to elect to fire in either the Stock Service Revolver Championship or the Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship and the phasing out of all revolver matches within five years.

The goal of the NPSC Task Force was to utilize the 2015 competitor feedback and suggestions to form recommendations for review by the Committee with the Committee forwarding any adopted recommendations to the Executive Director of NRA General Operations for consideration.

On Thursday April 28, 2016 a Teleconference Meeting of the NRA Law Enforcement Assistance Committee was held and the final NPSC Task Force Recommendations were presented.

## The Law Enforcement Assistance Committee approved the following recommendations;

- 1. The NRA Tactical Police Competition be relocated to another host location and will not be conducted during the dates that NPSC is held.
- 2. Open Class Championship Matches: Competitors will be allowed to compete in both the Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol and Open Class Revolver Championships.
- 3. The Open Class 3000 Championship Aggregate will be reinstated and be comprised of the individual's Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol score and Open Class Revolver score.
- 4. NPSC National Champion Determination: The winner of the NPSC Open Class 3000 Championship will be the NPSC National Champion and be recognized as such.
- 5. On-Range Firearm Inspections: The compliance inspection process will be changed to a random inspection process.

After each match relay a Match Official will draw one card from a group of ten cards that have been numbered 0 through 9. The card number will then be announced prior to competitors leaving the range for the Target Scoring Tents. Any competitor with that number as a LAST number in their Assigned Target Number will report to the Referee Tent and have their firearm inspected. Should their firearm fail inspection, or they fail to report, they will be Disqualified from the Match and their fired score recorded as a Zero.

Random Firearm Inspections will be conducted after the Distinguished Matches, the Off Duty Sidearm Match, Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol Match and the Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Match.

Referees will be available on Sunday afternoon during the Practice Day Relays to inspect firearms and weigh triggers of any competitor who desires to have their handgun checked. The Sunday check will not be mandatory.

- 6. Range Daily Schedule and Match Relay time allotments: The Assigned Relay Time system done in the past will be eliminated. <u>Each relay will begin when the one before it is finished</u> with the exception that there will be several short periods allocated for refires and range maintenance after the end of all the relays for a given championship match.
  - Monday will be a revolver day beginning at 0800 with the Open Class Revolver Relays, which should take 60 minutes each. After a 30 minute open time for refires, the Distinguished Revolver relays will begin and allocated 30 minutes per relay. There will be a 15 minute open refire period and then the Stock Service Revolver Match relays will be fired which should take 25 minutes per relay allowed.
  - Tuesday will be a semi-automatic pistol day beginning with the Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Relays which are expected to take 60 minutes per relay and with a 30 minute open refire period after the last relay is fired. Then the Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol relays will begin and should take 30 minutes per relay. After a 15 minute open time for refires the Stock Duty Gun Semi-Automatic Pistol matches will then be held with an expectation that they will take 25 minutes for each relay. Competitors will not be allowed to sign up for both the Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol and the Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Championships. Competitors must select one or the other.
  - Wednesday will be the Off Duty Sidearm Championship and team match day. Off Duty Sidearm relays which should take 25 minutes per relay with an open refire period at the end for 35 minutes. The first call for the team relays is expected to be at 1000 with the first relay starting at 1015 for the Four and Two Officer Open Class Revolver Team matches with two relays expected to take 60 minutes. The Four and Two Officer Matches will be fired at the same time as done in years past. The Four and Two Officer Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Team Match relays will then be fired in the same manner, taking approximately 60 minutes. After the Open Class Team Matches the Four and Two Officer Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol and Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Team Match relays will be fired. As with the individual Stock Duty Gun Semi-Automatic Pistol matches, competitors cannot fire both the Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol Team Match and the Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Team Match. Team Captains must decide which match their team members will fire.
- 7. NPSC Registration Fee Increase: The Task Force and NRA Staff agree not to implement any increases at this time. However, since the 2015 NPSC Early, Regular and Late Registration Fees were lowered from 2014 because matches had been deleted from the Championship and it is the Task Force's recommendation to add the matches back into the program, the 2016 fees will be based on the 2014 NPSC package fee structure. Any fee increase will be announced at least one year in advance as necessary.

8. The majority of competitors requested that the NPSC Law Enforcement Shotgun Championship be removed from the Non-Fired NPSC Grand Aggregate, Match 21.

The recommendation is to eliminate non-fired events in an effort to clarify that the NPSC Grand National Champion is the winner of the Open Class 3000 Aggregate.

By phasing out the Match 21 and Match 16 non-fired aggregate, the recommended trophy savings can be used to fund the Trophy Schedule for both Open Class Championships and the Open Class 3000 Championship aggregate as recommended.

The Task Force considered the elimination of sub-trophies in Open Class Matches 1 thru 5 and 8 thru 12. The Task Force recommends leaving these as they currently are in the Award Schedule, which is First through Third Place Overall and First through Third Place by Classification.

9. The history of having a competitors meeting will be continued and listed in the NPSC Program as the "Competitors Meeting" and that a "NPSC Suggestion Form" will be included in each competitor's packet with forms also available at the Statistical Office.

The Law Enforcement Assistance Committee's adopted NPSC Task Force Recommendations were presented to NRA General Operations Executive Director. The changes were accepted and will be implemented and managed by NRA staff in 2016. The Law Enforcement Assistance Committee and Task Force will continue to evaluate the NPSC program with the goal of improving and growing on it's success.