

**WORLD
DOWN THE LINE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

RULES

**AS AMENDED
APRIL 2006**

GENERAL

These rules pertain to the conducting of the WORLD DOWN THE LINE TRAP SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

These rules in general were agreed to at a meeting of the participating countries at Christchurch, New Zealand in March 2002. The countries represented were New Zealand, England, Australia, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, Norfolk Island and Wales.

VENUES

The Championships will be held by rotation, approximately every 2 years, alternating between the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.

The next event shall be in the Northern Hemisphere in 2004. The venue is to be decided at a meeting of International Clay Pigeon Shooting Council for Great Britain & Ireland in June/July 2002 and advised to all interested Countries.

The possibility of the World Championships in the Northern Hemisphere immediately following the European Championships is to be considered by the meeting to enable visiting overseas competitors more events to participate in.

The allocation of the championships will be a responsibility of an Official Technical Meeting, which will be held at each Championship. The venue will be allocated two championships ahead from the meeting.

The World DTL Championships must be allocated to the parent body of the host country.

All venues for the World DTL Championships must have a minimum of 10 layouts for the competition plus 2 separate practice traps and be able to accept at least 450 entries.

CHANGING OF RULES, DELEGATES AND VOTING

Any rules put in place at an Official Technical Meeting, stay in place until the closure of the next event.

An Official Technical Meeting should be held towards the completion of each Championship to review the rules for the next event.

Every Championship will have an opening technical meeting at least 24 hrs prior to the beginning of the event, to clarify and explain the rules. The host country must give prior notice of the time and venue of this meeting.

All participating countries will advise the host country of their delegates' names.

Prior notice should be given of any proposed rule changes.

All countries with either individuals or teams participating are entitled to have up to two delegates at any meeting.

Each country participating shall be entitled to have only one vote at any meeting.

JURY

An International Jury will be established at the Technical meeting prior to each event. All participating countries will be allowed up to one member on the Jury.

The Jury will have the power to nominate representatives of the Jury e.g. trap setters.

A minimum of two thirds of the Jury must be assembled to resolve any disputes.

Responsibilities of the Jury.

The Jury is responsible for assisting and directing the staff of the Organising committee in conducting the competition during the championship. In general the match staff are responsible for the actual conduct of competition while the Jury advises and directs the staff.

The Jury will administer the rules that are currently in place. Any variance to these rules must be done with the approval of the Jury.

The Jury will hear and adjudicate on any disputes. Their decision is final.

CATAGORIES

Individual Ladies, Juniors and Veterans categories will be conducted in conjunction with the Open Championship.

JUNIORS must be under the age of 21 years at the start of competition.
VETERANS must be over the age of 60 years at the start of competition.

Any Lady Junior or Veteran can win an Open or Grading prize as well as any Category prize.

TEAMS

Team competitions will be conducted over the first 200 targets of competition.

All individuals in any one team must be registered to the same parent body and be able to prove, if required, eligibility to represent the country of that parent body.

An OPEN team shall be made up of 5 competitors.

Each LADIES, JUNIORS and VETERANS teams shall be made up of 3 competitors.

The maximum number of teams a country may enter in the Open, Juniors, Veterans and Ladies shall be 3.

Team tie breaking

If two or more teams have the same score in the first three places, ranking must be decided by the combined score of the team members in the last round of 25 targets, then by the next to last round, etc. until the tie is broken.

GRADING (CLASSIFICATION)

An individuals Points Score (or DTL in the event of not having a Points Score) grading in their own country will be used for Grading purposes at any World DTL Championship that they enter, i.e. if the shooter is AA at home then they will shoot AA in the Championship.

In the event that a competitor does not have a comparable grading in their home country, then their percentage will be used to establish a grading according to the grading system of the host country.

In the event that a competitor does not have a percentage or grading in their home country, then they are to be graded on the 1st days' competition over 100 targets on a Points basis according to the grading system of the host country.

All gradings or percentages to be used must be current at the time of competition (not at the time of pre-nominating) and as notified by the competitors' governing body.

REFEREES AND MARKERS

One referee and one marker should be available on each layout.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The event shall be one of 250 targets International Points Score plus a 50 target final.

After the first 250 targets, the top 10% in each class shall go through to the 50 target final. The top 10% of shooters including competitors tying with the same cut off score, shall go through. In addition, the top 10% of Ladies, Juniors and Veterans (or a minimum of 5 shooters in each category) shall qualify to go through to the final, regardless of whether or not they have qualified for the final in their own grade.

The Open (Overall) category prizes shall be limited to 3 places i.e. World Champion, Runner Up and Third both in the Individual and Team events.

Medals in each individual grade (AA, A, B, C) shall be awarded to 3 places.

Medals in each of the Ladies, Juniors and Veterans categories shall be awarded to 3 places both in Individuals and in Team events.

The host country may pay out money or other prizes to an undetermined number of places in each class and category.

TARGETS

The setting of targets is to be as per existing Mackintosh Postal event rules (i.e. CPSA rules for DTL).

Any alterations to target settings must be done with the approval of the International Jury.

The targets shall be Blaze Orange in colour.

SHOOT OFFS

Individual shoot offs shall be in multiples of 25 targets, on a Points Score basis, to a maximum of 50 targets then the shoot off shall be completed under single barrel, sudden death conditions.

RULES

The DTL rules of the host Country will be used where any rule is not specified in this rulebook or covered in the Mackintosh Trophy rules.

These rules, and any of the host country rules that are to be used, must be made available to all team managers prior to the event commencing and be available to delegates at the pre event technical meeting.