



Referee Certification Initiative

- **Two International Referees in each NSCA Region will be appointed to certify F.I.T.A.S.C. referees.**
- **A minimum of three certification classes will be offered in each region annually.**
- **A minimum of two recertification classes will be offered in each region annually.**
- **A cost standard will be set for putting on certification classes.**
- **The ten International Referees from the five regions and the NSCA Chief FITASC Referee will be invited to referee the FITASC events at the National Championship. These eleven individuals will meet the day prior to the Nationals to review the year and set goals for the next year.**
- **NSCA Chief FITASC Referee and NSCA Director will oversee this initiative.**
- **GOAL – Maintain the highest quality referee standards in FITASC.**



Fédération Internationale de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse

**SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE
NORTH AMERICA SPORTING
CHAMPIONSHIP**

2018 North America Beretta Cup Final

**National Sporting Clays Association
M&M Hunting & sporting Clays, Pennsville (NJ), USA
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An international federation created in 1921

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INTRODUCTION

After examining the applications, the Fitasc has awarded the North America Sporting Championship to the National Sporting Clays Association (N.S.C.A.), which is given overall responsibility for the organisation of the championship and undertakes to accept the conditions laid down by the Fitasc and to apply the rules in full.

The N.S.C.A. has empowered M&M Hunting & sporting Clays, 2 Winslow Rd, Pennsville, NJ 08070, USA (referred to hereafter as the "club"), to organise the championship, though the N.S.C.A. (referred to hereafter as the "organiser") will have sole responsibility for applying the international rules.

The North America Sporting Championship will take place over 4 (four days), from 16th to 20th May 2018.

The competition will be open, without any restriction on national origins, to all shooters belonging to federations or other national groups **properly affiliated to the Fitasc** (referred to hereafter as the "Fitasc") **and up to date with their membership fees.**

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

		SPORTING (LINE)							
		4 lines				8 lines			
		10'	11'	12'	13'	10'	11'	12'	13'
Two days	Shooters	336	306	282	258	672	576	528	480
	Squads	56	51	47	43	112	96	88	80
	Shooting duration (hrs:mins)	9:55	9:55	9:57	9:51	9:55	9:22	9:21	9:12
		372	336	312	288	720	672	624	576
		62	56	52	48	120	112	104	96
		10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56	10:35	10:50	10:57	10:56
		408	372	342	312	816	720	672	624
		68	62	57	52	136	120	112	104
		11:55	11:56	11:57	11:48	11:55	11:34	11:45	11:48
		432	408	360	336	864	816	720	672
Three days		72	68	60	56	144	136	120	112
		9:35	9:55	9:33	9:38	9:35	9:55	9:33	9:38
		480	432	408	384	960	864	816	768
		80	72	68	64	160	144	136	128
		10:35	10:28	10:45	10:56	10:35	10:28	10:45	10:56
		528	480	456	408	1056	960	912	816
		88	80	76	68	176	160	152	136
		11:35	11:34	11:57	11:35	11:35	11:34	11:57	11:35
		672	600	552	504	1344	1200	1104	1008
		112	100	92	84	224	200	184	168
Four days		9:55	9:44	9:45	9:38	9:55	9:44	9:45	9:38
		744	672	624	576	1488	1344	1248	1152
		124	112	104	96	248	224	208	192
		10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56	10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56
		816	744	672	624	1632	1488	1344	1248
		136	124	112	104	272	248	224	208
		11:55	11:56	11:45	11:48	11:55	11:56	11:45	11:48

sporting (PREVIOUS SYSTEM)

		4 layouts	8 layouts
		45'	45'
Two days	Shooters	78	144
	Squads	13	24
	Shooting duration (hrs:mins)	9:45	9:00
		84	192
		14	32
		10:30	12:00
		96	192
		16	32
		12:00	12:00
Three days		96	192
		16	32
		9:00	9:00
		120	240
		20	40
		11:15	11:15
		120	240
		20	40
		11:15	11:15
Four days		168	336
		28	56
		10:30	10:30
		168	336
		28	56
		10:30	10:30
		192	384
		32	64
		12:00	12:00

SHOOTING FACILITIES

Shooting equipment and facilities

The number of the shooting facilities will be defined by the vice-president Mr Joe Cantey, in agreement with the organiser, depending on his expectation of participation.

Each shooting position will be marked by either a one-metre diameter circle or a one-metre sided square, planned and gravelled in advance, with a bin for the empty cartridges.

In the vicinity of each shooting position, a waiting area with a tent for shelter, a gun rack, chairs and, if possible, a cool box with cold water will be provided for shooters.

Clearly visible signage will be put in place to guide shooters from the clubhouse to each line.

The shooting facilities and trajectories must comply with the technical rules.

The Chairman of the Fitasc technical commission or his/her deputy may cooperate at any time with the head of the club in order to provide any necessary technical assistance or check that the facilities and trajectories comply with the rules.

A special shooting position for testing weapons (unshotted charges) must be installed near the clubhouse so that the shooters can try out their guns in complete safety. Gun testing is not permitted on the competition shooting ranges.

Enough cleaning rods and oil should be put at the disposal of shooters free of charge.

All the facilities must be capable of operating at the same time without interfering in any way with the others.

All launchers must be fitted with a manual triggering button and wire; radio remote control may be accepted only in exceptional cases where it is impossible to fit a machine with a wire.

The personnel, including pullers, must be qualified and sufficient in number to avoid any hold-ups that might endanger the smooth running of the competition. A sufficient number of mechanics and an electrician, all completely familiar with the equipment, must be present at the stand in order to intervene immediately in the event of a launcher breakdown and they must do everything to ensure that there are no shooting delays.

It is essential to arrange for sufficient replacement equipment in the event of a breakdown or breakage (launcher, arm, etc).

Shuttles

- For shooting layouts situated more than 300 metres from the clubhouse, the organiser must provide a sufficient number of shuttles to take shooters to shooting position 1 of each shooting layout and bring them back.
- There must be enough shuttles to enable each shooter to arrive at his/her line on time.
- Someone must be in charge of managing and coordinating the shuttles and drivers throughout the competition.
- The first shuttles in the morning must be ready to start their trips one hour before shooting is due to begin.

First aid

A first aid team must be present throughout the competition, including the practice sessions, ready to intervene if necessary. A list of the hospitals in the area, with their addresses, must be available at the club and be distributed to all the referees.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Procedures

All shooters must enter and pay their entry fees via the Fitasc's website (www.fitasc.com), as must all national teams, though they may be entered solely by their home federations.

If, after agreement of FITASC, the organizing club is allowed to take entries directly on the spot, this club or the organizing federation commits itself to gradually forward to FITASC, the shooter's cards of the ones entered on the spot, so that these shooters be taken into account in FITASC entry list.

The Fitasc will send the entry fees to the organiser by bank transfer every two months or once a significant amount has been received. The Fitasc may send money transfers directly to the club, though only with the organiser's prior agreement in writing.

All shooters taking part in international competition under the Fitasc's auspices must have a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation in the country of their nationality. Any shooters domiciled in a country other than their nationality holding solely a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation of their country of residence will not be entitled to take part in international competitions under their nationality. National federations have to check whether the entrants via the Fitasc site comply with these rules. Any shooters with dual nationality, must, when registering their first entry, choose the nationality for which they are entered (and must shoot under this nationality for the following three years) and have a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation of the chosen country.

Entries by elected Fitasc officials

Elected members of the Management Committee and of the technical commission of the discipline concerned as well as any Fitasc guests that take part in any championship will be entered at the expense of the Fitasc, which will pay the organizer €40 per official or Fitasc guest entered.

Categories

Juniors (male or female) are authorised to take part in championships held under the auspices of the Fitasc from 1st January of the year when they reach their 13 years of age except in the case of a special waiver.

Female junior can chose registration as junior or as Lady. Women born before 01/01/99 (as far as 2019 is concerned), has to register as Ladies.

Male juniors fall into category "man" from 1st January of the year when they reach their 21st birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Shooters in the category "man" become seniors from 1st January of the year when they reach their 56th birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Seniors become veterans from 1st January of the year when they reach their 66th birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Veterans become masters from 1st January of the year when they reach their 73rd birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

For competitions on any date in 2018:

- Junior: born between 1st January 1998 and 31st December 2004
- Man: born between 1st January 1963 and 31st December 1997
- Senior: born between 1st January 1953 and 31st December 1962
- Veteran: born between 1st January 1946 and 31st December 1952
- Master: born before 1st January 1946

ENTRY FEES

The maximum entry fees for the North America Sporting Championship will be as follows:

Category	Maximum	
Masters Seniors Veterans Men Ladies	€230	including shooter charge (€30)
Juniors	€140	including shooter charge (€30)
National teams	€100	

The organiser will receive €200 out of the €230 entry fee paid to the Fitasc by seniors, veterans, master, men and ladies and €103 out of the €140 entry fee paid to the Fitasc by juniors.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The Fitasc will make its website available to the organiser free of charge to promote the competition and provide information to shooters wishing to take part. A printed programme is no longer required but the organiser must send the Fitasc a brochure in the form of a Word, text or pdf file **no later than 31st December 2017**. The file information, which will be put on line on the www.fitasc.com website, must include at least the following:

- championship logo and denomination, to be approved by Fitasc;
- organiser and club logos;
- detailed competition programme, whose first page shall include both logos « Beretta Fitasc Cups » and « Gamebore Fitasc World Ranking » (vectorized logos will be provided by Fitasc),
- name of the competition organiser to be contacted, with his/her telephone number and e-mail address;
- dates, venue (access map) and club's website address;
- Fitasc management committee;
- technical commission for the discipline concerned;
- organising federation's executive committee;
- organising committee;
- entry fee amount defined in accordance with the maximum specified in the particular specifications for the competition;
- prizes;
- nearest airport;
- car hire firms;
- list of hotels and, if possible, links to their websites (important: the organising club must not handle hotel bookings directly under any circumstances and must provide a list of hotels with full contact details and fully licensed travel agents so that each shooter can choose a hotel and contact it directly);
- campsites;
- bed and breakfasts;
- recommended restaurants;
- names of competition sponsors and donors;
- formalities for importing weapons and ammunition for EU and non-EU residents (form to be provided);
- letter of invitation signed by the Chairman of the organising federation.
- Price list of available ammunition. If possible, the organizer will provide fitasc with the internet link or email address allowing shooters to book their ammunition in advance (which is highly appreciated by shooters).

OPENING CEREMONY PROCEDURE

The flag of each country represented and the Fitasc flag must be flown on the shooting stand at all times during the competition.

The opening ceremony will be held on a site of sufficient size and with suitable facilities for the number of entrants plus the officials, with a covered podium including chairs for the officials and two microphones for the speeches. The ceremony will be managed by a team led by a coordinator.

Sound system

A powerful professional sound system must be installed for the opening ceremony so that all the participants can hear the speeches, national anthems and competition information. The sound system must be managed by a specialised professional technician, who must be present throughout the ceremony.

National teams parade

The national teams, each led by its delegation leader carrying the nation's flag, will be presented in alphabetical order in parade form. The organising country's team will close the presentation.

The club must supply a flag and a placard with the country's name for each nation present. The country's national anthem will be played during the presentation of each team. Each national team's position must be clearly marked on the ground and a parade organising team and hostesses will guide each national team to its position.

Speeches

Speeches should be short (two minutes maximum) and limited in number. The Fitasc Chairman or his representative will close the speeches.

Entertainment

Depending on the size of the competition, entertainment (folk music or other) will be arranged for the participants.

The opening ceremony will be closed by the Fitasc Chairman and the Chairman of the organising federation.

Introductory cocktail party

All those present will be invited by the organiser to attend an introductory cocktail party with cold drinks and canapés. This cocktail will be rather located close to tables for distribution the shooting vests.

Issue of shooting vests, shooting documents and souvenir gifts

Recommended method:

Tables for distributing the shooting vests, spread as widely apart as possible, should be set up in a sufficiently large room or area, with marked passages the width of a person leading to each table and channelling the shooters.

The list of shooting vests must be displayed just before the opening ceremony and they will be allocated in increasing order.

The shooting vest numbers must be displayed in large print above each table, e.g. 1-100, 101-200 and 201-300. The shooting vests must be provided in a bag with the gifts and competition documents (draw, times, etc). Two people should man each table: one to distribute the vests and the other to tick off the vests issued.

The minimum dimensions of back numbers to comply with will be A5 (148 x 210 mm); and they must be coated with plastic to be waterproof and tear-proof.

The organiser should provide souvenir badges or customised items to be distributed to all the participants.

The competition referees will help maintain order as far as possible.

CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRIZE AWARDS

Closing ceremony

At the end of the competition, the results will be announced on the last day in a sufficiently large area with chairs for the officials, prize winners and referees. The part reserved for the public must be marked out.

A podium able to hold three groups of four people must be installed with flagpoles and the flags of the winning nationalities placed on the side of the podium. The winner's national anthem (short version) will be played.

Shall be set behind the podium a board of at least 2 x 3 meters mentioning:

- The Fitasc logo, the one of the organizing federation and the one of the club,
- The logos of all sponsors of the championship.

No other ad will be authorized on the podium.

Speeches should be short (two minutes maximum each) and limited in number. The Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative will close the prize award ceremony speeches.

No prizes other than the official cups and medals may be awarded on the podium before the national anthems. Prizes in kind (guns, cartridges or others) must be offered after the award of the official Fitasc prizes by the donors.

A list of the results will be displayed once they are known and will be given to the captain of each nation that has entered a team. The Fitasc must receive the results by e-mail on the day after the end of the competition in the form of Excel files according to a format provided by the Fitasc. They will be put on line immediately on the www.fitasc.com site by the Fitasc secretariat.

Cocktails will be offered by the organisers after the announcement of the results.

Powerful lighting must be provided in the podium area if the prize awards are delayed.

Sound system

A powerful professional sound system must be installed for the closing ceremony so that all the participants can hear the speeches, national anthems and competition results information. The sound system must be managed by a specialised professional technician, who must be present throughout the ceremony.

Prize rankings

The following rankings will be established and announced in this order at the prize awards:

Individual

- Masters
- Veterans
- Seniors
- Juniors
- Ladies
- Open (all categories)

The title of "Master North America champion" is awarded in the order of the classification Master, to the first shooter holding a nationality of the North American continent.

The title of "Veteran North America champion" is awarded in the order of the classification veteran, to the first shooter holding a nationality of the North American continent.

The title of "Senior North America champion" is awarded in the order of the classification senior, to the first shooter holding a nationality of the North American continent.

The title of "Junior North America champion" is awarded in the order of the classification Junior, to the first shooter holding a nationality of the North American continent.

The title of "Lady North America champion" is awarded in the order of the classification Lady, to the first shooter holding a nationality of the North American continent.

The title of "North America champion" is awarded in the order of the classification open, to the first shooter holding a nationality of the North American continent.

National teams ⁽¹⁾

Veteran teams	Three shooters
Senior teams	Three shooters
Junior teams	Three shooters
Lady teams	Three shooters
Man teams	Four shooters

- 1) National teams can only be ranked if at least three teams have entered for the category, unless the jury decides otherwise.

Cups and trophies supplied free of charge by the organiser and/or club

1. The organiser and/or club must provide cups and/or trophies free of charge for each category for the individual ranking. Cups will be awarded to the top three finalists, with cups or artistic trophies for those ranked below as follows:

	Cups	Cups or trophies	
Category	Podium shooters	Prizewinning shooters ranked below the podium	Total number of prize winning shooters
Open	1 st - 3 rd	Next 12 ranked shooters	15
Masters	1 st - 3 rd	Next 3 ranked shooters	6
Veterans	1 st - 3 rd	Next 3 ranked shooters	6
Seniors	1 st - 3 rd	Next 3 ranked shooters	6
Ladies	1 st - 3 rd	Next 3 ranked shooters	6
Juniors	1 st - 3 rd	Next 3 ranked shooters	6
Total	18	27	45

2. For the team ranking, the organiser and/or club must provide a cup or a medal for each team member and a cup or trophy for the federation represented.

6 months before the championship, the organiser and/or the club will have to send to FITASC pictures of suggested cups and trophies for approval.

Medals provided by the Fitasc

Ranking	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Open	1	1	1
Masters	1	1	1
Veterans	1	1	1
Seniors	1	1	1
Ladies	1	1	1
Juniors	1	1	1
Veteran teams	3	3	3
Senior teams	3	3	3
Man teams	4	4	4
Ladies teams	3	3	3
Junior teams	3	3	3
Total	22	22	22

SHOOTING PROCEDURE

Practice sessions

A sufficient number of practice positions to meet demand must be provided for shooters two days before competition.

A practice position comprises four single clays and two doubles. The practice positions and trajectories must be different from the competition shooting positions and trajectories.

The maximum practice charge is set at €11 per series of 25 clays, with a recommendation of €10 per series. The maximum price of practice tickets for eight clays will be €4.

Shoot-offs

Shoot-offs are held solely for shooters with equal scores for one of the top three scratch ranking places in each category.

Shoot-offs will be held with a series of 25 clays and if the scores are equal a second shoot-off will be held. The first zero will eliminate the shooter concerned, provided that the same number of clays has been shot by each shooter at the same shooting position.

Below the third place in the ranking and concerning the tied shooters to be awarded, the tie will be broken by taking the score on the 8th layout, then in case still tied, by counting back from the 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st layout.

Tied shooters without award will be ranked as equals.

Where the top three in the scratch ranking are in the same category, the ranking shoot-off in the category will also determine the scratch ranking. If they are in different categories, a shoot-off will be held under the same condition as for the category ranking.

No shoot-off will be held between national teams. In the case of teams tying, the ranking is done by taking the overall score of the team members on the 8th layout, then in case still tied, by counting back from the 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st layout.

NORTH AMERICA CUP

Reminder: North America Cup rankings are based on the total scores for four hundred clays, a Grand Prix in North America (American Grand Prix 2017 or US Grand Prix 2018 in Palm City) + the North America championship 2018.

North America Cup trophies are provided by the Fitasc:

Category	NORTH AMERICA CUP				
	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	5th place
Open	1	1	1	1	1
Masters	1	1	1		
Veterans	1	1	1		
Seniors	1	1	1		
Ladies	1	1	1		
Juniors	1	1	1		
Total	6	6	6	1	1

In the case of score equality between shooters to be awarded, a tie breaker should be used by counting back the scores from layout #8 to #1 at the North America Sporting Championship.

The company Beretta will be allowed to place, free of charge and by its good offices, a board « Beretta Fitasc Cup », close to the table where the trophy awards of continental and world Cups take place.

COMPETITION SECRETARIAT

The administrative management of the championship is ensured by the organiser.

Two assistants/secretaries must be made available to the secretariat on the day before the opening ceremony and on the actual day to make photocopies and prepare the shooters' packs.

The club must provide the secretariat with an isolated and quiet office including the following:

- PC with Windows installed;
- An internet connection;
- fast black and white laser printer (at least twenty pages per minute), with spare toner cartridges and driver for Windows Vista;
- photocopier including enlargement and sorting facilities, with spare toner cartridges;
- guillotine;
- sufficient number of electrical sockets;
- Paper format A4, minimum requirements:

Number of sheets of white paper	800
Number of sheets of paper colour #1	200
Number of sheets of paper colour #2	200
Number of sheets of paper colour #3	200
Number of sheets of paper colour #4	200

At the end of each day, the provisional results will be displayed regularly and each national delegate will receive a copy on request.

A display board for announcements and the results must be installed near the secretariat.

VENUE INFRASTRUCTURES

Road signs

Arrow signs marked "Fitasc" must be put at junctions on the roads to the shooting club to show shooters the way.

Car parks

A sufficiently large car park must be provided and marked, able to contain eighty cars per one hundred shooters plus the vehicles of the referees and competition staff, with a team to ensure that vehicles are parked efficiently present at the car park every day at least one and a half hours before the start of the competition. A car park must be provided for officials as close as possible to the clubhouse, with access restricted to vehicles with a pass issued by the organiser.

Clubhouse

The clubhouse must be large enough and fitted out in such a way as to provide all the necessary services and accommodate the competitors and accompanying persons.

- Armoury:

If possible, the stand must have a secure room of sufficient size to store the participants' weapons. The cleaning and safekeeping of these weapons must be organised by a professional in return for a fee defined in advance and stated in the programme, otherwise the club must inform the Fitasc. This professional must take out special insurance for the safekeeping of the weapons during the competition.

The organizers of championship should have for sale, in sufficient quantities, at least 3 of the 4 most popular brands of cartridges, provided that they are available in the organizing country, that is to say:

GAMEBORE
FIOCCHI
HULL
RC
BASCHIERI & PELLAGRI

Cartridge sales must be organised at a fixed site, managed by a sufficient number of sales assistants to avoid long queues.

Practice ticket sales must be organised at a fixed site, managed by a sufficient number of sales assistants to avoid long queues. Unused practice tickets will be refunded.

- Changing rooms.
- A sufficient number of toilets, constantly maintained and cleaned throughout the competition, with free access for shooters, must be provided at the clubhouse and on the shooting lines.
- Meeting room for jury members and referees.

- Catering:

For large competitions, we recommend several catering areas, preferable in buffet form, with varying price levels:

- sandwiches and soft drinks will be served throughout the day to participants, accompanying persons and officials;
- hot meals of high quality in terms of flavour and quantity will be served at fixed prices throughout the competition.

All strict hygienic measures should be taken as far as food is concerned.

- Bars, with a cold room and ice makers, in case of extreme heat.
- One or more locations used solely for distributing mineral water.
- Comfortable facilities for all shooters (tables and chairs in the shade).
- Sufficient lighting.

JURY AND APPEAL JURY

Jury

In accordance with the international rules, a jury formed by the following must be set up at the start of the competition:

- those members of the Fitasc Management Committee and the technical commission that are present;
- a representative from each country entering a senior national team.

The jury is chaired by the Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative. It will settle any disputes arising during the competition.

Each jury member must wear a name badge for recognition purposes.

Participants' protests to the jury must be accompanied by a deposit of 60% of the senior entry fee rounded down to the nearest ten, which will be returned to the complainant if the protest is accepted.

If the jury is forced to interrupt shooting for reasons of *force majeure* before the series under way has been completed, the competition must resume at the point where it was interrupted, with all existing results applying. If, due to a case of *force majeure*, a competition cannot take place with the initially scheduled number of clays, the jury may determine the number of clays necessary to award the title. If the jury considers that the organisers are at fault for the competition not taking place with the scheduled number of clays, they must reimburse the participants for the clays not shot at the practice series rate. If the jury considers that the reason for the competition not taking place with the scheduled number of clays is outside the organisers' control (storm, lightning, heavy rain, etc), no reimbursement will be made.

Appeal jury

If a jury decision is disputed by a shooter or by the Fitasc, an appeal jury will be formed by:

- the Chairman of the Fitasc or his representative;
- the Chairman of the discipline's technical committee or his/her representative;
- the Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative.

This appeal jury will be created at the same time as the jury. No jury member may belong to the appeal jury under any circumstances.

REFEREEING

The organiser undertakes to assemble a sufficient number of qualified referees for the entire duration of the competition. At continental and world competitions, the chief referee is assisted by the following numbers of referees:

Discipline	Installation	Number of referees
Sporting	One layout of four positions	Minimum of six
Sporting	One layout of five positions	Fifteen for two lines
Sporting	One layout (old system)	Two

The organiser federation must appoint a qualified Fitasc international referee as the chief referee for the competition five months in advance.

At least five months before the start of the competition, the organiser federation must select the competition referees from within its own federation and ask the Fitasc office for the number of foreign referees that it needs. Foreign referees must be internationally qualified. In all cases, the Fitasc will communicate the list of selected referees at least two months before the competition, stating the full name, nationality and qualification level (national or international) of each referee.

Under special circumstances, and provided the prior agreement of the competition jury, a shooter taking part in the competition can referee.

A Fitasc member federation may voluntarily enter national referees for the Fitasc international referee examination taking place during the championship, in which case their expenses will be borne by their national federation. The list of national referees wishing to become international referees must reach the Chairman of the technical commission at least two months before the competition so that the examinations can be organised and planned.

The club must supply the necessary equipment to the referees.

The costs of all referees will be borne by the organiser and/or club and foreign referees will be paid at the rate of €1,050.00.

The organiser must supply all necessary equipment for checking cartridges: precision scale and measuring calipers.

INSURANCE

For all competitions organised under the auspices of the Fitasc, the organiser must send the Fitasc, with a signed copy of the present specifications, the document below, duly completed, certifying that it has taken out civil liability insurance with a reputable company discharging the Fitasc and its representatives from all risks and all liability in the organisation of the competition and any consequences thereof.

Insurance company	<i>Farm Family Insurance</i>
Policy number	<i>#MOPK08927900</i>
Type	<i>Property & General Liability</i>
Period	<i>1/1/17 - 1/1/19</i>

AUTHORISATIONS

The organiser must send the Fitasc, along with the present specifications (signed), an attestation signed by the club certifying that it is the lawful or provisional owner or tenant of the locations used for the event and that its tenancy agreement authorises it to organise the competition at these locations.

(Specimen attestation hereafter)

ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned, Anthony I. Matarese Jr

Chairman of the following club or owner of the following stand:

M & M Sporting Clays

organising the following competition:

North American FITASC Championship

from May 16th to 20th 2018,

hereby certify that I am the:

- owner of the land used and hold all irrevocable authorisations necessary for the
organisation of the said competition on this land

and/or:

- tenant of the land used, in whole or in part, and hold all irrevocable authorisations
necessary for the organisation of the said competition on this land.

Signed in November 7th 2017, this ... day of

Signature:

Anthony Matarese Jr

SPONSORING & EXHIBITORS VILLAGE

In accordance with the decision made by the Fitasc general assembly on 13th July 2010:

1. The rates proposed by the organiser or club for any championship sponsoring operation and the exhibitor rate in the "village" must be communicated to the organiser and the Fitasc six months before the start of the competition.
2. Companies whose business is connected with our sport may not be offered any exclusive access to the "exhibitor village", though exclusivity may be granted to a company for a product not directly connected with our sport, e.g. a motor car.

In accordance with the decision made by the Fitasc general assembly on 12th July 2011:

3. The organizers must make themselves aware of the current legislation pertaining to the exhibition and sale of arms during a championship, and should inform the exhibiting companies well in advance.

COSTS

Fees and charges

Borne by the organiser (to be paid to the Fitasc):

▪ Fee	€865
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Borne by the participants (Fitasc charges) but included in the entry fee:

▪ Individual charge	€30
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CANCELLATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

In the event of a competition being cancelled by the organiser or club after entries have opened on the Fitasc website, the organiser undertakes to repay all the advance revenue transferred to it so that the Fitasc can refund shooters.

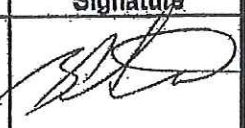

The organiser must also refund shooters for the expenses that they have already incurred on presentation of supporting documents (air tickets, down payments for hotel accommodation, etc), as the Fitasc may not be held liable for refunding such expenses under any circumstances.

In order to avoid any financial risk, we strongly advise the organiser and/or club to take out cancellation insurance to cover such risks.

SIGNATURES

North America Sporting Championship
National Sporting Clays Association
M&M Hunting & sporting Clays, Pennsville (NJ), USA
16 – 20 May 2018

SIGNATURES¹

Name	Signature	Name	Signature
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Name	Signature
Jean-François Palinkas, President, Fitasc	

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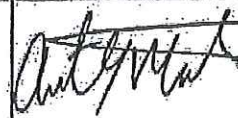
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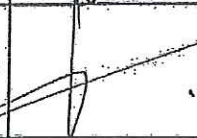
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Fédération Internationale de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse

**SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
THE US SPORTING GRAND PRIX**

2018

**National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA)
South Florida Shooting Club, Palm City (FL), USA**

1st – 4th February 2018

This English translation is provided for information only. In the event of a dispute, the French version will be the sole authentic text.

An international federation created in 1921

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INTRODUCTION

After examining the applications, the Fitasc has awarded the US Sporting Grand Prix to the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA), which is given overall responsibility for the organisation of the championship and undertakes to accept the conditions laid down by the Fitasc and to apply the rules in full.

The N.S.C.A. has empowered South Florida Shooting Club, 500 SW Long Dr, Palm City, FL 34990, United States (referred to hereafter as the "club"), to organise the championship, though the N.S.C.A. (referred to hereafter as the "organiser") will have sole responsibility for applying the international rules.

The US Sporting Grand Prix will take place over 4 (four) days, from 1st to 4th February 2018.

The competition will be open, without any restriction on national origins, to all shooters belonging to federations or other national groups **properly affiliated to the Fitasc** (referred to hereafter as the "Fitasc") **and up to date with their membership fees.**

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

		SPORTING (LINE)							
		4 lines				8 lines			
		10'	11'	12'	13'	10'	11'	12'	13'
Two days	Shooters	336	306	282	258	672	576	528	480
	Squads	56	51	47	43	112	96	88	80
	Shooting duration (hrs:mins)	9:55	9:55	9:57	9:51	9:55	9:22	9:21	9:12
		372	336	312	288	720	672	624	576
		62	56	52	48	120	112	104	96
		10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56	10:35	10:50	10:57	10:56
		408	372	342	312	816	720	672	624
		68	62	57	52	136	120	112	104
		11:55	11:56	11:57	11:48	11:55	11:34	11:45	11:48
		432	408	360	336	864	816	720	672
Three days		72	68	60	56	144	136	120	112
		9:35	9:55	9:33	9:38	9:35	9:55	9:33	9:38
		480	432	408	384	960	864	816	768
		80	72	68	64	160	144	136	128
		10:35	10:28	10:45	10:56	10:35	10:28	10:45	10:56
		528	480	456	408	1056	960	912	816
		88	80	76	68	176	160	152	136
		11:35	11:34	11:57	11:35	11:35	11:34	11:57	11:35
		672	600	552	504	1344	1200	1104	1008
		112	100	92	84	224	200	184	168
Four days		9:55	9:44	9:45	9:38	9:55	9:44	9:45	9:38
		744	672	624	576	1488	1344	1248	1152
		124	112	104	96	248	224	208	192
		10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56	10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56
		816	744	672	624	1632	1488	1344	1248
		136	124	112	104	272	248	224	208
		11:55	11:56	11:45	11:48	11:55	11:56	11:45	11:48

sporting (PREVIOUS SYSTEM)

		4 layouts	8 layouts
		45'	45'
Two days	Shooters	78	144
	Squads	13	24
	Shooting duration (hrs:mins)	9:45	9:00
		84	192
		14	32
		10:30	12:00
		96	192
		16	32
		12:00	12:00
Three days		96	192
		16	32
		9:00	9:00
		120	240
		20	40
		11:15	11:15
		120	240
		20	40
		11:15	11:15
Four days		168	336
		28	56
		10:30	10:30
		168	336
		28	56
		10:30	10:30
		192	384
		32	64
		12:00	12:00

SHOOTING FACILITIES

Shooting equipment and facilities

The number of the shooting facilities will be defined by the vice-president M. Joe Cantey, in agreement with the organiser, depending on his expectation of participation.

Each shooting position will be marked by either a one-metre diameter circle or a one-metre sided square, planned and gravelled in advance, with a bin for the empty cartridges.

In the vicinity of each shooting position, a waiting area with a tent for shelter, a gun rack, chairs and, if possible, a cool box with cold water will be provided for shooters.

Clearly visible signage will be put in place to guide shooters from the clubhouse to each line.

The shooting facilities and trajectories must comply with the technical rules.

The Chairman of the Fitasc technical commission or his/her deputy may cooperate at any time with the head of the club in order to provide any necessary technical assistance or check that the facilities and trajectories comply with the rules.

A special shooting position for testing weapons (unshotted charges) must be installed near the clubhouse so that the shooters can try out their guns in complete safety. Gun testing is not permitted on the competition shooting ranges.

Enough cleaning rods and oil should be put at the disposal of shooters free of charge.

All the facilities must be capable of operating at the same time without interfering in any way with the others.

All launchers must be fitted with a manual triggering button and wire; radio remote control may be accepted only in exceptional cases where it is impossible to fit a machine with a wire.

The personnel, including pullers, must be qualified and sufficient in number to avoid any hold-ups that might endanger the smooth running of the competition. A sufficient number of mechanics and an electrician, all completely familiar with the equipment, must be present at the stand in order to intervene immediately in the event of a launcher breakdown and they must do everything to ensure that there are no shooting delays.

It is essential to arrange for sufficient replacement equipment in the event of a breakdown or breakage (launcher, arm, etc).

Shuttles

- For shooting layouts situated more than 300 metres from the clubhouse, the organiser must provide a sufficient number of shuttles to take shooters to shooting position 1 of each shooting layout and bring them back.
- There must be enough shuttles to enable each shooter to arrive at his/her line on time.

First aid

A first aid team must be present throughout the competition, including the practice sessions, ready to intervene if necessary. A list of the hospitals in the area, with their addresses, must be available at the club and be distributed to all the referees.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Procedures

The shooters can enter and pay their entry fees either via the Fitasc's website (www.fitasc.com), or directly to the organiser or to the club.

The club and/or the organiser commit themselves to gradually forward to FITASC, the shooter's cards of the ones entered on the spot, so that these shooters be taken into account in FITASC entry list.

All shooters taking part in international competition under the Fitasc's auspices must have a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation in the country of their nationality.

Any shooters domiciled in a country other than their nationality holding solely a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation of their country of residence will not be entitled to take part in international competitions under their nationality.

National federations may check at any time whether the entrants via the Fitasc site comply with these rules. Any shooters with dual nationality, must, when registering their first entry, choose the nationality for which they are entered (and must shoot under this nationality for the following three years) and have a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation of the chosen country.

Following the decision of the Ordinary General Meeting of August 14, 2012, any federation member of FITASC is committed to deliver for free to expatriate:

- A license for the duration of the Championship concerned
- As well as liability insurance if the National Federation covers its affiliates in the country shooters.

Entries by elected Fitasc officials

Elected members of the Management Committee and of the technical commission of the discipline concerned as well as any Fitasc guests that take part in any championship will be entered at the expense of the Fitasc, which will pay the organizer €40 per official or Fitasc guest entered.

Categories

Juniors (male or female) are authorised to take part in championships held under the auspices of the Fitasc from 1st January of the year when they reach their 13 years of age except in the case of a special waiver.

Female junior can chose registration as junior or as Lady. Women born before 01/01/99 (as far as 2019 is concerned), has to register as Ladies.

Male juniors fall into category "man" from 1st January of the year when they reach their 21st birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Shooters in the category "man" become seniors from 1st January of the year when they reach their 56th birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Seniors become veterans from 1st January of the year when they reach their 66th birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Veterans become masters from 1st January of the year when they reach their 73rd birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

For competitions on any date in 2018:

- Junior: born between 1st January 1998 and 31st December 2004
- Man: born between 1st January 1963 and 31st December 1997
- Senior: born between 1st January 1953 and 31st December 1962
- Veteran: born between 1st January 1946 and 31st December 1952
- Master: born before 1st January 1946

ENTRY FEES

The maximum entry fees for the US Sporting Grand Prix will be as follows:

Category	Maximum	
Seniors Veterans Super-veterans Ladies	€190	including shooter charge (€15)
Juniors	€115	including shooter charge (€15)

The organiser will receive €175 out of the €190 entry fee paid to the Fitasc by seniors, veterans, super-veterans and ladies and €100 out of the €115 entry fee paid to the Fitasc by juniors.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The Fitasc will make its website available to the organiser free of charge to promote the competition and provide information to shooters wishing to take part. A printed programme is no longer required but the organiser must send the Fitasc a brochure in the form of a Word, text or pdf file **at least six months before the start of the competition**. The file information, which will be put on line on the www.fitasc.com website, must include at least the following:

- championship logo and denomination, to be approved by Fitasc;
- organiser and club logos;
- detailed competition programme, whose first page shall include both logos « Beretta Fitasc Cups » and « Fitasc World Ranking » (vectorized logos will be provided by Fitasc),
- name of the competition organiser to be contacted, with his/her telephone number and e-mail address;
- dates, venue (access map) and club's website address;
- Fitasc management committee;
- technical commission for the discipline concerned;
- organising federation's executive committee;
- organising committee;
- entry fee amount defined in accordance with the maximum specified in the particular specifications for the competition;
- prizes;
- nearest airport;
- car hire firms;
- list of hotels and, if possible, links to their websites (important: the organising club must not handle hotel bookings directly under any circumstances and must provide a list of hotels with full contact details and fully licensed travel agents so that each shooter can choose a hotel and contact it directly);
- campsites;
- bed and breakfasts;
- recommended restaurants;
- names of competition sponsors and donors;
- formalities for importing weapons and ammunition for EU and non-EU residents (form to be provided);
- letter of invitation signed by the Chairman of the organising federation.

OPENING CEREMONY PROCEDURE

The flag of each country represented and the Fitasc flag must be flown on the shooting stand at all times during the competition.

According to the organiser's wishes, an opening ceremony can be organised.

Sound system

A sufficient sound system must be installed for the opening ceremony so that all the participants can hear the welcome speeches, national anthems and competition information.

Introductory cocktail party

All those present will be invited by the organiser to attend an introductory cocktail party with cold drinks and canapés.

Issue of shooting vests, shooting documents and souvenir gifts

The list of shooting vests must be displayed just after the drawing of lots.

Tables for distributing the shooting vests should be set up in a sufficiently large room or area to welcome the shooters.

The minimum dimensions of back numbers to comply with will be A5 (148 x 210 mm), and they must be coated with plastic to be waterproof and tear-proof.

CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRIZE AWARDS

Closing ceremony

At the end of the competition, the results will be announced on the last day in a sufficiently large area with chairs for the officials, prize winners and referees.

A podium must be installed with flagpoles and the flags of the winning nationalities placed on the side of the podium. The winner's national anthem (short version) will be played.

Shall be set behind the podium a board of at least 2 x 3 meters mentioning:

- The Fitasc logo, the one of the organizing federation and the one of the club,
- The logos of all sponsors of the championship.

No other ad will be authorized on the podium.

Speeches should be short (two minutes maximum each) and limited in number. The Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative will close the prize award ceremony speeches.

No prizes other than the official cups and medals may be awarded on the podium before the national anthems. Prizes in kind (guns, cartridges or others) must be offered after the award of the official Fitasc prizes by the donors.

A list of the results will be displayed once they are known. The Fitasc must receive the results by e-mail on the day after the end of the competition in the form of Excel files according to a format provided by the Fitasc. They will be put on line immediately on the www.fitasc.com site by the Fitasc secretariat.

Cocktails will be offered by the organisers after the announcement of the results.

Powerful lighting must be provided in the podium area if the prize awards are delayed.

Sound system

A sufficient sound system must be installed for the closing ceremony so that all the participants can hear the speeches, national anthems and competition results information.

Prize rankings

The individual ranking will be established and announced in this order at the prize awards:

- Masters
- Veterans
- Seniors
- Juniors
- Ladies
- Open (all categories)

Cups and trophies supplied free of charge by the organiser and/or club

The organiser and/or club must provide cups and/or trophies free of charge for each category for the individual ranking. Cups will be awarded to the top three finalists, with cups or artistic trophies for those ranked below as follows:

	Cups	
Category	Podium shooters	Total number of prizewinning shooters
Open	1 st - 3 rd	3
Masters	1 st - 3 rd	3
Veterans	1 st - 3 rd	3
Seniors	1 st - 3 rd	3
Ladies	1 st - 3 rd	3
Juniors	1 st - 3 rd	3
Total	18	18

Medals provided by the Fitasc

Ranking	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Open	1	1	1
Masters	1	1	1
Veterans	1	1	1
Seniors	1	1	1
Ladies	1	1	1
Juniors	1	1	1
Total	6	6	6

SHOOTING PROCEDURE

Practice sessions

A sufficient number of practice positions to meet demand must be provided for shooters two days before the beginning of the competition.

A practice position comprises four single clays and two doubles. The practice positions and trajectories must be different from the competition shooting positions and trajectories.

The maximum practice charge is set at €10 per series of 25 clays. The maximum price of practice tickets for eight clays will be €4.

Shoot-offs

Shoot-offs are held solely for shooters with equal scores for one of the top three open ranking places in each category.

Shoot-offs will be held with a series of 25 clays and if the scores are equal a second shoot-off will be held. The first zero will eliminate the shooter concerned, provided that the same number of clays has been shot by each shooter at the same shooting position.

Below the third place in the ranking and concerning the tied shooters to be awarded, the tie will be broken by taking the score on the 8th layout, then in case still tied, by counting back from the 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st layout.

Tied shooters without award will be ranked as equals.

Where the top three in the open ranking are in the same category, the ranking shoot-off in the category will also determine the open ranking. If they are in different categories, a shoot-off will be held under the same condition as for the category ranking.

VENUE INFRASTRUCTURES

Road signs

Arrow signs marked "Fitasc" must be put at junctions on the roads to the shooting club to show shooters the way.

Car parks

A sufficiently large car park must be provided and marked, able to contain eighty cars per one hundred shooters plus the vehicles of the referees and competition staff, with a team to ensure that vehicles are parked efficiently present at the car park every day at least one and a half hours before the start of the competition. A car park must be provided for officials as close as possible to the clubhouse, with access restricted to vehicles with a pass issued by the organiser.

Clubhouse

The clubhouse must be large enough and fitted out in such a way as to provide all the necessary services and accommodate the competitors and accompanying persons.

- Competition secretariat:

The administrative management of the championship is ensured by the organiser.

The club must provide the secretariat with an office including the necessary equipment for the competition.

At the end of each day, the provisional results will be displayed regularly and each national delegate will receive a copy on request.

A display board for announcements and the results must be installed near the secretariat.

- Armoury:

If possible, the stand must have a secure room of sufficient size to store the participants' weapons. The cleaning and safekeeping of these weapons must be organised by a professional in return for a fee defined in advance and stated in the programme, otherwise the club must inform the Fitasc. This professional must take out special insurance for the safekeeping of the weapons during the competition.

The organizers of championship should have for sale, in sufficient quantities, at least 3 of the 4 most popular brands of cartridges, provided that they are available in the organizing country, that is to say:

GAMEBORE
FIOCCHI
HULL
BASCHIERI & PELLAGRI

Cartridge sales must be organised at a fixed site, managed by a sufficient number of sales assistants to avoid long queues.

- Changing rooms.
- A sufficient number of toilets fixed or provisional, constantly maintained and cleaned throughout the competition, with free access for shooters, must be provided at the clubhouse and on the shooting lines.
- Meeting room for jury members and referees.
- Catering: for Grand Prix, we recommend to set, in a catering area, a buffet, offering sandwiches and soft drinks will be served throughout the day to participants. All strict hygienic measures should be taken as far as food is concerned.
- A Bar, with a cold room and ice makers.
- Comfortable facilities for all shooters (tables and chairs in the shade).
- Sufficient lighting.

JURY AND APPEAL JURY

Jury

In accordance with the international rules, a jury formed by the following must be set up at the start of the competition:

- those members of the Fitasc Management Committee and the technical commission that are present;
- a representative from each country.

The jury is chaired by the Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative. It will settle any disputes arising during the competition.

Each jury member must wear a name badge for recognition purposes.

Participants' protests to the jury must be accompanied by a deposit of 60% of the senior entry fee rounded down to the nearest ten, which will be returned to the complainant if the protest is accepted.

If the jury is forced to interrupt shooting for reasons of *force majeure* before the series under way has been completed, the competition must resume at the point where it was interrupted, with all existing results applying. If, due to a case of *force majeure*, a competition cannot take place with the initially scheduled number of clays, the jury may determine the number of clays necessary to award the title. If the jury considers that the organisers are at fault for the competition not taking place with the scheduled number of clays, they must reimburse the participants for the clays not shot at the practice series rate. If the jury considers that the reason for the competition not taking place with the scheduled number of clays is outside the organisers' control (storm, lightning, heavy rain, etc), no reimbursement will be made.

Appeal jury

If a jury decision is disputed by a shooter or by the Fitasc, an appeal jury will be formed by:

- the Chairman of the Fitasc or his representative;
- the Chairman of the discipline's technical committee or his/her representative;
- the Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative.

This appeal jury will be created at the same time as the jury. No jury member may belong to the appeal jury under any circumstances.

REFEREEING

The organiser federation must appoint a qualified Fitasc international referee as the chief referee for the competition. The chief referee supervises the referee organization and sees to the general quality of refereeing.

The organiser undertakes to assemble a sufficient number of qualified referees for the entire duration of the competition. The chief referee is assisted by a sufficient number of qualified referees:

Under special circumstances, and provided the prior agreement of the competition jury, a shooter taking part in the competition can referee.

The club must supply the necessary equipment to the referees.

The costs of all referees will be borne by the organiser and/or club and foreign referees will be paid the following expenses:

- Additional foreign international referee requested by the organiser: €1050

The organiser must supply all necessary equipment for checking cartridges: precision scale and measuring calipers.

INSURANCE AND AUTHORISATIONS

Insurance

For all competitions organised under the auspices of the Fitasc, the organiser must send the Fitasc, with a signed copy of the present specifications, the document below, duly completed, certifying that it has taken out civil liability insurance with a reputable company discharging the Fitasc and its representatives from all risks and all liability in the organisation of the competition and any consequences thereof.

Insurance company	Sportsman's Insurance Agency
Policy number	AGL 2092
Type	GL EGL Inland Marine & WC
Period	10/5/2017 Thru 10/5/2018

Authorisations

The organiser must send the Fitasc, along with the present specifications (signed), an attestation signed by the club certifying that it is the lawful or provisional owner or tenant of the locations used for the event and that its tenancy agreement authorises it to organise the competition at these locations.

(Specimen attestation hereafter)

ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned, Joseph Fasulo

Chairman of the following club or owner of the following stand:

South Florida Shooting Club

organising the following competition:

US Sporting Grand Prix

from 2/1/18 to 2/4/18 2018.

hereby certify that I am the:

- owner of the land used and hold all irrevocable authorisations necessary for the organisation of the said competition on this land

and/or

- tenant of the land used, in whole or in part, and hold all irrevocable authorisations necessary for the organisation of the said competition on this land.

Signed in 2017, this 5th day of October

Signature:

Joseph Fasulo

SPONSORING & EXHIBITORS VILLAGE

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COSTS

Fees and charges

Borne by the organiser (to be paid to the Fitasc):

▪ Fee	€710
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Borne by the participants (Fitasc charges) but included in the entry fee:

▪ Individual charge	€15
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CANCELLATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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In order to avoid any financial risk, we strongly advise the organiser and/or club to take out cancellation insurance to cover such risks.


SIGNATURES

US Sporting Grand Prix

**National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA)
South Florida Shooting Club, Palm City (FL), USA
1st – 4th February 2018**

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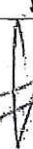
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Fédération Internationale de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse

**SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
THE AMERICAN GRAND PRIX OF
SPORTING**

2017

**National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA)
Hermitage Farm Shooting Sports, Camden (SC), USA
10th – 12th November 2017**

This English translation is provided for information only. In the event of a dispute, the French version will be the sole authentic text.

An international federation created in 1921

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INTRODUCTION

After examining the applications, the Fitasc has awarded the American Grand Prix of Sporting to the National Sporting Clays Association (N.S.C.A.), which is given overall responsibility for the organisation of the championship and undertakes to accept the conditions laid down by the Fitasc and to apply the rules in full.

The N.S.C.A. has empowered Hermitage Farm Shooting Sports, Post Office Box 1258 2362 Tickle Hill Rd. Camden, SC 29020 (referred to hereafter as the "club"), to organise the championship, though the N.S.C.A. (referred to hereafter as the "organiser") will have sole responsibility for applying the international rules.

The American Grand Prix of Sporting will take place over 3 (three) days, from 10th to 12th November 2017.

The competition will be open, without any restriction on national origins, to all shooters belonging to federations or other national groups **properly affiliated to the Fitasc** (referred to hereafter as the "Fitasc") **and up to date with their membership fees.**

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

		SPORTING (LINE)							
		4 lines				8 lines			
		10'	11'	12'	13'	10'	11'	12'	13'
Two days	Shooters	336	306	282	258	672	576	528	480
	Squads	56	51	47	43	112	96	88	80
	Shooting duration (hrs:mins)	9:55	9:55	9:57	9:51	9:55	9:22	9:21	9:12
		372	336	312	288	720	672	624	576
		62	56	52	48	120	112	104	96
		10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56	10:35	10:50	10:57	10:56
		408	372	342	312	816	720	672	624
		68	62	57	52	136	120	112	104
		11:55	11:56	11:57	11:48	11:55	11:34	11:45	11:48
Three days		432	408	360	336	864	816	720	672
		72	68	60	56	144	136	120	112
		9:35	9:55	9:33	9:38	9:35	9:55	9:33	9:38
		480	432	408	384	960	864	816	768
		80	72	68	64	160	144	136	128
		10:35	10:28	10:45	10:56	10:35	10:28	10:45	10:56
		528	480	456	408	1056	960	912	816
		88	80	76	68	176	160	152	136
		11:35	11:34	11:57	11:35	11:35	11:34	11:57	11:35
Four days		672	600	552	504	1344	1200	1104	1008
		112	100	92	84	224	200	184	168
		9:55	9:44	9:45	9:38	9:55	9:44	9:45	9:38
		744	672	624	576	1488	1344	1248	1152
		124	112	104	96	248	224	208	192
		10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56	10:55	10:50	10:57	10:56
		816	744	672	624	1632	1488	1344	1248
		136	124	112	104	272	248	224	208
		11:55	11:56	11:45	11:48	11:55	11:56	11:45	11:48

Sporting (PREVIOUS SYSTEM)

		4 layouts	8 layouts
		45'	45'
Two days	Shooters	78	144
	Squads	13	24
	Shooting duration (hrs:mins)	9:45	9:00
		84	192
		14	32
		10:30	12:00
		96	192
		16	32
		12:00	12:00
Three days		96	192
		16	32
		9:00	9:00
		120	240
		20	40
		11:15	11:15
		120	240
		20	40
		11:15	11:15
Four days		168	336
		28	56
		10:30	10:30
		168	336
		28	56
		10:30	10:30
		192	384
		32	64
		12:00	12:00

SHOOTING FACILITIES

Shooting equipment and facilities

The number of the shooting facilities will be defined by the vice-president M. Joe Cantey, in agreement with the organiser, depending on his expectation of participation.

Each shooting position will be marked by either a one-metre diameter circle or a one-metre sided square, planned and gravelled in advance, with a bin for the empty cartridges.

In the vicinity of each shooting position, a waiting area with a tent for shelter, a gun rack, chairs and, if possible, a cool box with cold water will be provided for shooters.

Clearly visible signage will be put in place to guide shooters from the clubhouse to each line.

The shooting facilities and trajectories must comply with the technical rules.

The Chairman of the Fitasc technical commission or his/her deputy may cooperate at any time with the head of the club in order to provide any necessary technical assistance or check that the facilities and trajectories comply with the rules.

A special shooting position for testing weapons (unshotted charges) must be installed near the clubhouse so that the shooters can try out their guns in complete safety. Gun testing is not permitted on the competition shooting ranges.

Enough cleaning rods and oil should be put at the disposal of shooters free of charge.

All the facilities must be capable of operating at the same time without interfering in any way with the others.

All launchers must be fitted with a manual triggering button and wire; radio remote control may be accepted only in exceptional cases where it is impossible to fit a machine with a wire.

The personnel, including pullers, must be qualified and sufficient in number to avoid any hold-ups that might endanger the smooth running of the competition. A sufficient number of mechanics and an electrician, all completely familiar with the equipment, must be present at the stand in order to intervene immediately in the event of a launcher breakdown and they must do everything to ensure that there are no shooting delays.

It is essential to arrange for sufficient replacement equipment in the event of a breakdown or breakage (launcher, arm, etc).

Shuttles

- For shooting layouts situated more than 300 metres from the clubhouse, the organiser must provide a sufficient number of shuttles to take shooters to shooting position 1 of each shooting layout and bring them back.
- There must be enough shuttles to enable each shooter to arrive at his/her line on time.
- Someone must be in charge of managing and coordinating the shuttles and drivers throughout the competition.
- The first shuttles in the morning must be ready to start their trips one hour before shooting is due to begin.

First aid

A first aid team must be present throughout the competition, including the practice sessions, ready to intervene if necessary. A list of the hospitals in the area, with their addresses, must be available at the club and be distributed to all the referees.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Procedures

The shooters can enter and pay their entry fees either via the Fitasc's website (www.fitasc.com), or directly to the organiser or to the club.

The club and/or the organiser commit themselves to gradually forward to FITASC, the shooter's cards of the ones entered on the spot, so that these shooters be taken into account in FITASC entry list.

All shooters taking part in international competition under the Fitasc's auspices must have a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation in the country of their nationality.

Any shooters domiciled in a country other than their nationality holding solely a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation of their country of residence will not be entitled to take part in international competitions under their nationality.

National federations may check at any time whether the entrants via the Fitasc site comply with these rules. Any shooters with dual nationality, must, when registering their first entry, choose the nationality for which they are entered (and must shoot under this nationality for the following three years) and have a licence issued by the Fitasc member federation of the chosen country.

Entries by elected Fitasc officials

Elected members of the Management Committee and of the technical commission of the discipline concerned as well as any Fitasc guests that take part in any championship will be entered at the expense of the Fitasc, which will pay the organizer €40 per official or Fitasc guest entered.

Categories

Juniors (male or female) are authorised to take part in championships held under the auspices of the Fitasc from 1st January of the year when they reach their 13 years of age except in the case of a special waiver.

Female junior can chose registration as junior or as Lady. Women born before 01/01/99 (as far as 2019 is concerned), has to register as Ladies.

Male juniors fall into category "man" from 1st January of the year when they reach their 21st birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Shooters in the category "man" become seniors from 1st January of the year when they reach their 56th birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Seniors become veterans from 1st January of the year when they reach their 66th birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

Veterans become masters from 1st January of the year when they reach their 73rd birthday, whichever are the day and month of birth.

For competitions on any date in 2018:

Junior: born between 1st January 1998 and 31st December 2004

Man: born between 1st January 1963 and 31st December 1997

Senior: born between 1st January 1953 and 31st December 1962

Veteran: born between 1st January 1946 and 31st December 1952

Master: born before 1st January 1946

ENTRY FEES

The maximum entry fees for the American Grand Prix of Sporting will be as follows, equivalent to:

Category	Maximum
Man Master Veteran Senior Lady	€170
Juniors	€102

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The Fitasc will make its website available to the organiser free of charge to promote the competition and provide information to shooters wishing to take part. A printed programme is no longer required but the organiser must send the Fitasc a brochure in the form of a Word, text or pdf file **at least six months before the start of the competition**. The file information, which will be put on line on the www.fitasc.com website, must include at least the following:

- championship logo and denomination, to be approved by Fitasc;
- organiser and club logos;
- detailed competition programme, whose first page shall include both logos « Beretta Fitasc Cups » and «Fitasc World Ranking » (vectorized logos will be provided by Fitasc),
- name of the competition organiser to be contacted, with his/her telephone number and e-mail address;
- dates, venue (access map) and club's website address;
- Fitasc management committee;
- technical commission for the discipline concerned;
- organising federation's executive committee;
- organising committee;
- entry fee amount defined in accordance with the maximum specified in the particular specifications for the competition;
- prizes;
- nearest airport;
- car hire firms;
- list of hotels and, if possible, links to their websites (important: the organising club must not handle hotel bookings directly under any circumstances and must provide a list of hotels with full contact details and fully licensed travel agents so that each shooter can choose a hotel and contact it directly);
- campsites;
- bed and breakfasts;
- recommended restaurants;
- names of competition sponsors and donors;
- formalities for importing weapons and ammunition for EU and non-EU residents (form to be provided);
- letter of invitation signed by the Chairman of the organising federation.

OPENING CEREMONY PROCEDURE

The flag of each country represented and the Fitasc flag must be flown on the shooting stand at all times during the competition.

According to the organiser's wishes, an opening ceremony can be organised.

Sound system

A sufficient sound system must be installed for the opening ceremony so that all the participants can hear the welcome speeches, national anthems and competition information.

Introductory cocktail party

All those present will be invited by the organiser to attend an introductory cocktail party with cold drinks and canapés.

Issue of shooting vests, shooting documents and souvenir gifts

The list of shooting vests must be displayed just after the drawing of lots.

Tables for distributing the shooting vests should be set up in a sufficiently large room or area to welcome the shooters.

The minimum dimensions of back numbers to comply with will be A5 (148 x 210 mm), and they must be coated with plastic to be waterproof and tear-proof.

The organiser should provide souvenir badges or customised items to be distributed to all the participants.

CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRIZE AWARDS

Closing ceremony

At the end of the competition, the results will be announced on the last day in a sufficiently large area with chairs for the officials, prize winners and referees.

A podium must be installed with flagpoles and the flags of the winning nationalities placed on the side of the podium. The winner's national anthem (short version) will be played.

Shall be set behind the podium a board of at least 2 x 3 meters mentioning:

- The Fitasc logo, the one of the organizing federation and the one of the club,
- The logos of all sponsors of the championship.

No other ad will be authorized on the podium.

Speeches should be short (two minutes maximum each) and limited in number. The Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative will close the prize award ceremony speeches.

No prizes other than the official cups and medals may be awarded on the podium before the national anthems. Prizes in kind (guns, cartridges or others) must be offered after the award of the official Fitasc prizes by the donors.

A list of the results will be displayed once they are known. The Fitasc must receive the results by e-mail on the day after the end of the competition in the form of Excel files according to a format provided by the Fitasc. They will be put on line immediately on the www.fitasc.com site by the Fitasc secretariat.

Cocktails will be offered by the organisers after the announcement of the results.

Powerful lighting must be provided in the podium area if the prize awards are delayed.

Sound system

A sufficient sound system must be installed for the closing ceremony so that all the participants can hear the speeches, national anthems and competition results information.

Prize rankings

The individual ranking will be established and announced in this order at the prize awards:

- Masters
- Veterans
- Seniors
- Juniors
- Ladies
- Open (all categories)

Cups and trophies supplied free of charge by the organiser and/or club

The organiser and/or club must provide cups and/or trophies free of charge for each category for the individual ranking. Cups will be awarded to the top three finalists, with cups or artistic trophies for those ranked below as follows:

	Cups	Cups or trophies	
Category	Podium shooters	Prizewinning shooters ranked below the podium	Total number of prizewinning shooters
Open	1 st - 3 rd	Next 3 ranked shooters	6
Masters	1 st - 3 rd		3
Veterans	1 st - 3 rd		3
Seniors	1 st - 3 rd		3
Ladies	1 st - 3 rd		3
Juniors	1 st - 3 rd		3
Total	18	3	21

Medals provided by the Fitasc

Ranking	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Open	1	1	1
Masters	1	1	1
Veterans	1	1	1
Seniors	1	1	1
Ladies	1	1	1
Juniors	1	1	1
Total	6	6	6

SHOOTING PROCEDURE

Practice sessions

A sufficient number of practice positions to meet demand must be provided for shooters two days before the beginning of the competition.

A practice position comprises four single clays and two doubles. The practice positions and trajectories must be different from the competition shooting positions and trajectories.

The maximum practice charge is set at €10 per series of 25 clays. The maximum price of practice tickets for eight clays will be €4.

Shoot-offs

Shoot-offs are held solely for shooters with equal scores for one of the top three open ranking places in each category.

Shoot-offs will be held with a series of 25 clays and if the scores are equal a second shoot-off will be held. The first zero will eliminate the shooter concerned, provided that the same number of clays has been shot by each shooter at the same shooting position.

Below the third place in the ranking and concerning the tied shooters to be awarded, the tie will be broken by taking the score on the 8th layout, then in case still tied, by counting back from the 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st layout.

Tied shooters without award will be ranked as equals.

Where the top three in the open ranking are in the same category, the ranking shoot-off in the category will also determine the open ranking. If they are in different categories, a shoot-off will be held under the same condition as for the category ranking.

VENUE INFRASTRUCTURES

Road signs

Arrow signs marked "Fitasc" must be put at junctions on the roads to the shooting club to show shooters the way.

Car parks

A sufficiently large car park must be provided and marked, able to contain eighty cars per one hundred shooters plus the vehicles of the referees and competition staff, with a team to ensure that vehicles are parked efficiently present at the car park every day at least one and a half hours before the start of the competition. A car park must be provided for officials as close as possible to the clubhouse, with access restricted to vehicles with a pass issued by the organiser.

Clubhouse

The clubhouse must be large enough and fitted out in such a way as to provide all the necessary services and accommodate the competitors and accompanying persons.

- Competition secretariat:

The administrative management of the championship is ensured by the organiser.

The club must provide the secretariat with an office including the necessary equipment for the competition.

At the end of each day, the provisional results will be displayed regularly and each national delegate will receive a copy on request.

A display board for announcements and the results must be installed near the secretariat.

- Armoury:

If possible, the stand must have a secure room of sufficient size to store the participants' weapons. The cleaning and safekeeping of these weapons must be organised by a professional in return for a fee defined in advance and stated in the programme, otherwise the club must inform the Fitasc. This professional must take out special insurance for the safekeeping of the weapons during the competition.

The organizers of championship should have for sale, in sufficient quantities, at least 3 of the 4 most popular brands of cartridges, provided that they are available in the organizing country, that is to say:

GAMEBORE
FIOCCHI
HULL
BASCHIERI & PELLAGRI

Cartridge sales must be organised at a fixed site, managed by a sufficient number of sales assistants to avoid long queues.

- Changing rooms.
- A sufficient number of toilets fixed or provisional, constantly maintained and cleaned throughout the competition, with free access for shooters, must be provided at the clubhouse and on the shooting lines.
- Meeting room for jury members and referees.
- Catering: for Grand Prix, we recommend to set, in a catering area, a buffet, offering sandwiches and soft drinks will be served throughout the day to participants. All strict hygienic measures should be taken as far as food is concerned.
- A Bar, with a cold room and ice makers.
- Comfortable facilities for all shooters (tables and chairs in the shade).
- Sufficient lighting.

JURY AND APPEAL JURY

Jury

In accordance with the international rules, a jury formed by the following must be set up at the start of the competition:

- those members of the Fitasc Management Committee and the technical commission that are present;
- a representative from each country.

The jury is chaired by the Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative. It will settle any disputes arising during the competition.

Each jury member must wear a name badge for recognition purposes.

Participants' protests to the jury must be accompanied by a deposit of 60% of the senior entry fee rounded down to the nearest ten, which will be returned to the complainant if the protest is accepted.

If the jury is forced to interrupt shooting for reasons of *force majeure* before the series under way has been completed, the competition must resume at the point where it was interrupted, with all existing results applying. If, due to a case of *force majeure*, a competition cannot take place with the initially scheduled number of clays, the jury may determine the number of clays necessary to award the title. If the jury considers that the organisers are at fault for the competition not taking place with the scheduled number of clays, they must reimburse the participants for the clays not shot at the practice series rate. If the jury considers that the reason for the competition not taking place with the scheduled number of clays is outside the organisers' control (storm, lightning, heavy rain, etc), no reimbursement will be made.

Appeal jury

If a jury decision is disputed by a shooter or by the Fitasc, an appeal jury will be formed by:

- the Chairman of the Fitasc or his representative;
- the Chairman of the discipline's technical committee or his/her representative;
- the Chairman of the organising federation or his/her representative.

This appeal jury will be created at the same time as the jury. No jury member may belong to the appeal jury under any circumstances.

REFEREEING

The organiser federation must appoint a qualified Fitasc international referee as the chief referee for the competition. The chief referee supervises the referee organization and sees to the general quality of refereeing.

The organiser undertakes to assemble a sufficient number of qualified referees for the entire duration of the competition. The chief referee is assisted by a sufficient number of qualified referees:

Under special circumstances, and provided the prior agreement of the competition jury, a shooter taking part in the competition can referee.

The club must supply the necessary equipment to the referees.

The costs of all referees will be borne by the organiser and/or club and foreign referees will be paid the following expenses:

- Additional foreign international referee requested by the organiser: €960

The organiser must supply all necessary equipment for checking cartridges: precision scale and measuring calipers.

INSURANCE AND AUTHORISATIONS

Insurance

For all competitions organised under the auspices of the Fitasc, the organiser must send the Fitasc, with a signed copy of the present specifications, the document below, duly completed, certifying that it has taken out civil liability insurance with a reputable company discharging the Fitasc and its representatives from all risks and all liability in the organisation of the competition and any consequences thereof.

Insurance company	Covington Specialty Ins.
Policy number	VBA 4126 242
Type	Liability
Period	11/14/16 - 11/14/17 Nov. 14 th , 2017

Authorisations

The organiser must send the Fitasc, along with the present specifications (signed), an attestation signed by the club certifying that it is the lawful or provisional owner or tenant of the locations used for the event and that its tenancy agreement authorises it to organise the competition at these locations.

(Specimen attestation hereafter)

ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned, Joe Cantey

Chairman of the following club or owner of the following stand:

Hermitage Farm Shooting Sports

organising the following competition:

American Grand Prix

from Nov. 10 to Nov. 12 2017,

hereby certify that I am the:

- owner of the land used and hold all irrevocable authorisations necessary for the organisation of the said competition on this land

and/or

- tenant of the land used, in whole or in part, and hold all irrevocable authorisations necessary for the organisation of the said competition on this land.

Signed in September this 18 day of 2017

Signature: Joe Cantey

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The organiser must also refund shooters for the expenses that they have already incurred on presentation of supporting documents (air tickets, down payments for hotel accommodation, etc), as the Fitasc may not be held liable for refunding such expenses under any circumstances.

In order to avoid any financial risk, we strongly advise the organiser and/or club to take out cancellation insurance to cover such risks.

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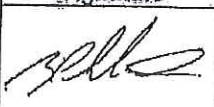
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