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# **RULES & REGULATIONS**

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• Awards & Recognition

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# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

## A. NSCA ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

1. Each year NSCA will recognize up to three All-American Teams in each of the seven categories for seven different points races. Ten members will be assigned to each team for a total of 30 members per category, provided that a sufficient number of shooters qualify.

There will be seven separate points races:

**All-American Team (Sponsored by - Krieghoff):** points from all events.

**FITASC All-American (Sponsored by - B&P):** Points from all 12 gauge FITASC events.

**American Field Sporting “AFS” (Sponsored by - Apparel on Target):** points from all 12 gauge AFS events.

**12 Gauge All-American Team (Sponsored by - Fiocchi):** points from 12 gauge events.

**20 Gauge All-American Team (Sponsored by - Briley):** points from 20 gauge events.

**28 Gauge All-American Team (Sponsored by - Briley):** points from 28 gauge events.

**.410 Bore All-American Team (Sponsored by - Briley):** points from .410 bore events.

2. Teams will be selected solely by the All-American Point system. (See attached, Points Calculations #1)

3. To be eligible for the All-American Team, you must be a citizen of the United States and be eligible for a U.S. passport.

4. **Eligibility:**

- a. **Targets (All-American Teams - Krieghoff and FITASC):**

**Open Team:** Minimum 1,200 registered targets.

**Lady, Veteran, Super Veteran, Senior Super Veteran and Legacy Teams:** Minimum 1,000 registered targets.

**Junior and Sub-Junior Teams:** Minimum 800 registered targets.

**b. Targets (AFS, 12g., 20g., 28g., and .410 All-American Teams):**

**Open Team:** Minimum 200 registered targets.

**Lady, Veteran, Super Veteran, Senior Super Veteran, and Legacy Teams:** Minimum 200 registered targets.

**Junior and Sub-Junior Teams:** Minimum 200 registered targets.

**c.** NSCA All-American Team (Krieghoff and Blaser FITASC) members are not eligible for the NSCA All-Region Teams or NSCA All-State Teams.

**d.** NSCA All-American, AFS and gauge-specific team members are eligible for all teams (12, 20, 28, .410) as well as All-Region and All-State Teams.

## **B. NSCA ALL-REGION TEAMS**

NSCA will annually select an NSCA All-Region Team (**Sponsored by - Browning**) for each Region in order to recognize more shooters for their shooting ability. Selection is based on the following criteria:

- 1.** Teams will be selected based solely by All-Region Point system (see attached, Points Calculations #2)
- 2.** Team consists of 18 All-Region members as follows: Five from the Open = 5 (Master and /or AA Class). One person from each class = 7 (Master, AA, A, B, C, D and E Classes). One person from each concurrent = 7 (Lady, Sub-Junior, Junior, Veteran, Super Veteran, Senior Super Veteran, and Legacy).
- 3.** Persons who have been selected for an All-American (Krieghoff or FITASC) Team would be ineligible in order to recognize an entirely new category of shooters.
- 4.** A minimum number of 500 registered targets must be shot annually within the home region, by each individual.
- 5.** Mandatory participation is required at the Home Regional Championship for all categories. If there was not a Regional Championship, no team will be select-

ed for that region.

6. NSCA All-Region Teams may be in addition to any team that may have been selected by the State Association.
7. Team selection priority: Open, concurrent, then class.
8. Selection is based on wins, Regional Championship score and total shoot performance.
9. Team selection for each class is based on a shooter's beginning year class.
10. To be eligible for the Open Team, shooters must have attained Master or "AA" classification by year end.
11. End of year residence determines region status.

### **C. NSCA ALL-STATE TEAMS**

NSCA will annually select an NSCA All-State Team (**Sponsored by - duPont/Krieghoff**) for each state in order to recognize more shooters for their shooting ability. Selection is based on the following criteria:

1. Teams will be selected based solely by All-State Point system (see attached, Points Calculations #3).
2. Team consists of 18 All-State members as follows:  
Five from the Open = 5 (Master and /or AA Class).  
One person from each class = 7 (Master, AA, A, B, C, D or E Classes). One person from each concurrent = 7 (Lady, Sub-Junior, Junior, Veteran, Super Veteran, Senior Super Veteran, and Legacy).
3. Persons who have been selected for an All-American (Krieghoff or FITASC) or All-Region Team would be ineligible in order to recognize an entire new category of shooters.
4. A minimum number of 500 registered targets must be shot annually within the home state, by each individual.
5. Mandatory participation is required at the Home State Championship for all categories. If there was not a State Championship, no team will be selected for that state.
6. All-State Teams may be in addition to any team that may have been selected by the State Association.
7. Team selection priority: Open, concurrent, then class.

8. Selection is based on wins, State Championship score and total shoot performance.
9. Team selection for each class is based on a shooter's beginning year class.
10. To be eligible for the Open Team, shooters must have attained Master or "AA" classification by year end.
11. End of year residence determines state status.

#### **D. TARGET PARTICIPATION PIN**

An annual target participation pin provided to recognize shooters who have shot 5,000 or more targets during the year.

#### **E. USA SPORTING CLAYS TEAM (FITASC & SPORTING)**

these rules are voted on by the awards committee of the **E/C - Executive Council** and approved by the **E/C Officers**.

##### **1. FITASC**

Five (5) teams will be selected for USASC Team (FITASC) – Man (referring to the previous "Senior", qualified for the individual ranking "Open") - any male aged from January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year when they reach their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday), Lady - any female as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the year they reach their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Junior\*, Senior\*, Veteran\* and Master\*(see rule E-1-b). There will be only four members on the open team and three members on each of the concurrent teams. One alternate is named for each team.

##### **Minimum criteria for annual USASC Team FITASC:**

- a. Must be a U.S. citizen. A U.S. citizen is defined as anyone who is eligible for a U.S. passport.
- b. NSCA will annually publish a list of USASC Team FITASC selection shoots. Points procedures are published on the NSCA website.

Shooters earn points from the main FITASC event.

The point calculation for USASC Team is simple; it is your score divided by the HOA score. For example, if your score is 178 and the HOA score is 197, you would earn 0.9036 points. You may compete in as many of the USASC Team Selection shoots as you wish, but only a predefined number of scores will count toward placement on USASC Team. Please refer to [www.bit](http://www.bit).

lv/USASCT “USASC Team Qualification Process” for specific details for the current shooting year.

The USASC Team point race is updated regularly and can be found at www.bit.lv/USASCT “Team Selection Race Results.”

\*Concurrent Eligibility for USASC Team (FITASC) when a club hosting a FITASC event or if a shooter is participating in world cup event ( ie, FITASC, Grand Prix, FITASC North American, American Grand Prix); in all other cases where a FITASC event is shot under NSCA Rules ; NSCA concurrent ages apply:

**Lady**—any female shooter from January 1 of the year when they reach their 13th birthday the year of the competition.

**Junior**—any shooter, male or female, from January 1 of the year when they reach their 13th birthday, and who will not have their 21st birthday during the year of the competition.

**Man**—(Previously Senior Concurrent) any male shooter from January 1 of the year when they reach their 21st birthday the year of the competition.

**Senior**—(Previously Veteran Concurrent) any male shooter from January 1 of the year when they reach their 56th birthday and who is less than 66 years of age the year of the competition.

**Veteran**—(Previously Super Veteran Concurrent) any male shooter from January 1 of the year when they reach their 66th birthday and who is less than 73 years of age the year of the competition.

**Master**—(New from January 1, 2018 and forward) any male shooter from January 1 of the year when they reach their 73rd birthday the year of the competition.

## 2. **Sporting**

Five (5) teams will be selected for USASC Team (Sporting) – Open, Lady, Junior\*, Veteran\* and Super Veteran\*.

There will be only five members on the open team and three members on each of the concurrent teams.

**Minimum criteria for annual USASC Team Sporting:**

- a. Must be a U.S. citizen. A U.S. citizen is defined as anyone who is eligible for a U.S. passport.
- b. NSCA will annually publish a list of USASC Team Sporting selection shoots. Shooters earn points from the main Sporting event. The point calculation for USASC Team is simple; it is your score divided by the HOA score. For example, if your score is 178 and the HOA score is 197, you would earn 0.9036 points. You may compete in as many of the USASC Team Selection shoots as you wish, but only a predefined number of scores will count toward placement on USASC Team. Please refer to [www.bit.ly/USASCT](http://www.bit.ly/USASCT) “USASC Team Qualification Process” for specific details for the current shooting year. \*Concurrent Eligibility for USASC Team (Sporting): If you are 54 or 64 and will be 55 or 65 on or before the following January 1, you will be awarded points as if you were already in next year’s concurrent so that you do not have to sit out a year. Anyone who has not reached his or her 21st birthday on or before January 1st the year of the competition will be considered a Junior. Senior Super Veterans and Legacy will be competing to make Super Veteran Team. The Teams will be completely selected by this point system. The top 5 shooters in Open and the top 3 shooters in Junior, Lady, Veteran and Super Veteran will make the Team. One alternate is named for each team.

#### **F. MASTER CLASS PIN**

A pin sent to those shooters who have earned their way into Master Class honoring their accomplishment.



## Procedure for Awarding All American Points on 100 Target Events

*Note: Teams for the current year are chosen based on targets shot in the previous year. Monthly Targets and League Targets do not count towards any recognition program point's calculation process.*

**Open Team** - All points are multiplied by number of Master Class entries in event.

**100 or more in Event:**

1. Top score and all ties receive:	4 pts + 1 pt for finishing in top 10 for total of 5 pts
2. Second highest score and all ties receive:	3 pts + 1 pt for finishing in top 10 for total of 4 pts
3. Third highest score and all ties receive:	2 pts + 1 pt for finishing in top 10 for total of 3 pts
4. Fourth highest score and all ties receive:	1 pts + 1 pt for finishing in top 10 for total of 2 pts
5. Fifth to Tenth highest score and all ties receive:	1 pt for finishing in top 10 scores

**1 to 99 in an Event:**

1. Top score and all ties receive:	4 pts	2. Second highest score and all ties receive:	3 pts
3. Third highest score and all ties receive:	2 pts	4. Fourth highest score and all ties receive:	1 pts

**Concurrent Teams** - All points are multiplied by number of concurrent entries in event. *\*Please note that Sub-Junior, Sr. Super Vet, and Legacy All-American points are awarded at FITASC events.*

**100 or more in Event:**

1. Top score and all ties receive:	4 pts + 1 pt for finishing in top 10 for total of 5 pts
2. Second highest score and all ties receive:	3 pts + 1 pt for finishing in top 10 for total of 4 pts
3. Third highest score and all ties receive:	2 pts + 1 pt for finishing in top 10 for total of 3 pts
4. Fourth highest score and all ties receive:	1 pts + 1 pt for finishing in top 10 for total of 2 pts
5. Fifth to Tenth highest score and all ties receive:	1 pt for finishing in top 10 scores

**1 to 99 in an Event:**

1. Top score and all ties receive:	4 pts	2. Second highest score and all ties receive:	3 pts
3. Third highest score and all ties receive:	2 pts	4. Fourth highest score and all ties receive:	1 pts

**Starting January 1, 2018** - The same process above applies: any event with less than 100 targets, will receive half as many All-American points as 100 target event.

## All-Region Team Calculations

**Note: Teams for the current year are chosen based on targets shot in the previous year. Monthly Targets and League Targets do not count towards any recognition program point's calculation process.**

1. In all categories (Open, Class and Concurrent) points from both shoot sizes ( $\geq 100$  entries or  $< 100$ ) are added together, and that total becomes TOTAL WINS. *Note:* The method of calculating these points is outlined in later paragraphs: Open Team, Class Teams and Concurrent Teams. Each of these three teams will have a column for WINS IN EVENTS WITH 100+ ENTRIES and for WINS IN EVENTS WITH LESS THAN 100 ENTRIES.
2. Computer calculates targets shot within home region (to show they have satisfied requirement for minimum of 500 targets in home region) and puts that number in a column labeled REGION TARGETS and lists total targets shot (including REGION Targets) in a column labeled TOTAL TARGETS. *Note:* These target totals are not used in any calculations; they are only available as a reference.
3. TOTAL WINS are ranked highest to lowest, with highest TOTAL WINS getting 30 WIN POINTS, next

highest 29 WIN POINTS and so on down to 1 WIN POINT for 30th highest number of WIN POINTS (and ties, if any).

4. All ties are broken using method shown in the box below labeled “Ranking of Tied Scores.”

5. Top 10 REGION SHOOT SCORES (labeled REGION SCORE) in each category (Open, Class and Concurrent) are ranked high to low and given points. High score in each category receives 10 points, next high 9 points, and down to 1 for the 10th highest score.

6. Points for Region Shoot Scores (Main Event only) are labeled “SCORE PTS” and added to WIN POINTS for TOTAL POINTS, and shooters in each category are then listed in high to low order based on TOTAL POINTS. Highest possible TOTAL POINTS is 40, of course.

7. All ties for placement on any category of All-Region Team are broken by higher Region Shoot score. If there is still a tie, we will go to “Total Points,” then “Region Points.” If there is still a tie for the last or for the only place, both shooters will be given a place on the team.

8. Calculations are based on a shooter’s beginning year class. Shooters who have punched up in class,

since the beginning of the shoot year, will still have points earned, posted under their beginning year class.

### **Ranking of Tied Scores**

This is the method used to rank WIN POINTS and SCO PTS in all categories. Notice that tied points (or scores) are given the same number of points, but the next lower number is skipped so that only 30 WIN POINTS and 10 REGIONAL SHOOT SCORES are given a point value.

178 – 10

175 – 9

171 – 8

171 – 8 (7 skipped due to tie)

171 – 8 (6 skipped due to tie)

169 – 5

163 – 4

163 – 4 (3 skipped due to tie)

161 – 2

160 – 1

### **Open Team**

- Points awarded only to Master and AA shooters
- Points awarded based on rank of score in shoot

For shoots of more than 100 total entries:

Top score and all ties receive

**4 points x total number shooters in event**

2nd high score and all ties receive

**3 points x total number shooters in event**

3rd high score and all ties receive

**2 points x total number shooters in event**

4th high score and all ties receive

**1 point x total number shooters in event**

For shoots with less than 100 total entries:

Top score and all ties receive

**3 points x total number shooters in event**

2nd high score and all ties receive

**2 points x total number shooters in event**

3rd high score and all ties receive

**W1 point x total number shooters in  
event**

## **Class Teams**

Points are awarded for Class Teams using the same methodology as shown above with one exception: Points awarded are based on number of shooters in class in the event (rather than total entries in event).

## **Concurrent Teams**

Points are awarded for Concurrent Teams using the

same methodology as shown above with one exception: Points awarded are based on number of shooters in appropriate concurrent in the event (rather than total entries in event).

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## ALL STATE TEAM CALCULATIONS

**Note: Teams for the current year are chosen based on targets shot in the previous year. Monthly Targets and League Targets do not count towards any recognition program point's calculation process.**

1. In all categories (Open, Class and Concurrent) points from both shoot sizes ( $\geq 100$  entries or  $< 100$ ) are added together and that total becomes TOTAL WINS.  
**Note: Method of calculating these points is outlined in later paragraphs (Open Team, Class Teams and Concurrent Teams. Each of these three teams will have a column for WINS IN EVENTS WITH 100+ ENTRIES and for WINS IN EVENTS WITH LESS THAN 100 ENTRIES.)**
2. Computer calculates targets shot within home state (to show they have satisfied requirement for minimum of 500 targets in home state) and puts that number in column labeled STATE TARGETS and lists total targets shot (including State Targets) in a column labeled TOTAL TARGETS. **Note:**

**these target totals are not used in any calculations they are only available as a “reference”.**

- 3.** TOTAL WINS are ranked highest to lowest with highest TOTAL WINS getting 30 WIN POINTS, next highest 29 WIN POINTS and so on down to 1 WIN POINT for 30<sup>th</sup> highest number of WIN POINTS (and ties, if any)

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- 4.** All ties are broken using method shown in the box labeled “Ranking of Tied Scores” (see next page).
  
- 5.** Top 10 STATE SHOOT SCORES (labeled STATE SCORE) in each category (Open, Class and Concurrent) are ranked high to low and given points. High score in each category receives 10 points, next high 9 points and down to 1 for the 10<sup>th</sup> highest score.
  
- 6.** Points for State Shoot Scores (Main Event only) are labeled “SCORE PTS” and added



to WIN POINTS for TOTAL POINTS and shooters in each category are then listed in high to low order based on TOTAL POINTS. Highest possible TOTAL POINTS is 40, of course.

7. All ties for placement on any category of All State Team are broken by higher State Shoot score. If there is still a tie we will go to “Total Points”, then “State Points. If there is still a tie for the last or for the only place, both shooters will be given a place on team.
8. Calculations are based on a shooter’s beginning year class. Shooters who have punched up in class, since the beginning of the shoot year, will still have points earned, posted under their beginning year class.

## **All State Team Calculations**

### **Ranking of Tied Scores**

This is the method used to rank WIN POINTS and SCO PTS in all categories. Notice that tied points (or scores) are given same number of points but the next lower number is skipped so that only 30 WIN POINTS and 10 STATE SHOOT SCORES are given a point value.

## All State Team Calculations Continued

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175 - 9

171 - 8

171 - 8 (7skipped due to tie)

171 - 8 (6 skipped due to tie)

169 - 5

163 - 4

163 - 4 (3 skipped due to tie)

161 - 2

160 - 1

## OPEN TEAM

1) Points awarded only to Master and AA shooters

2) Points awarded based on rank of score in event

For shoots of more than 100 total entries:

Top score and all ties receive

**4 points x total number shooters in event**

2<sup>nd</sup> high score and all ties receive

**3 points x total number shooters in event**

3<sup>rd</sup> high score and all ties receive

**2 points x total number shooters in event**

4<sup>th</sup> high score and all ties receive

**1 point x total number shooters in event**

For shoots with less than 100 total entries:

Top score and all ties receive

**3 points x total number shooters in event**

2<sup>nd</sup> high score and all ties receive

**2 points x total number shooters in event**

3<sup>rd</sup> high score and all ties receive

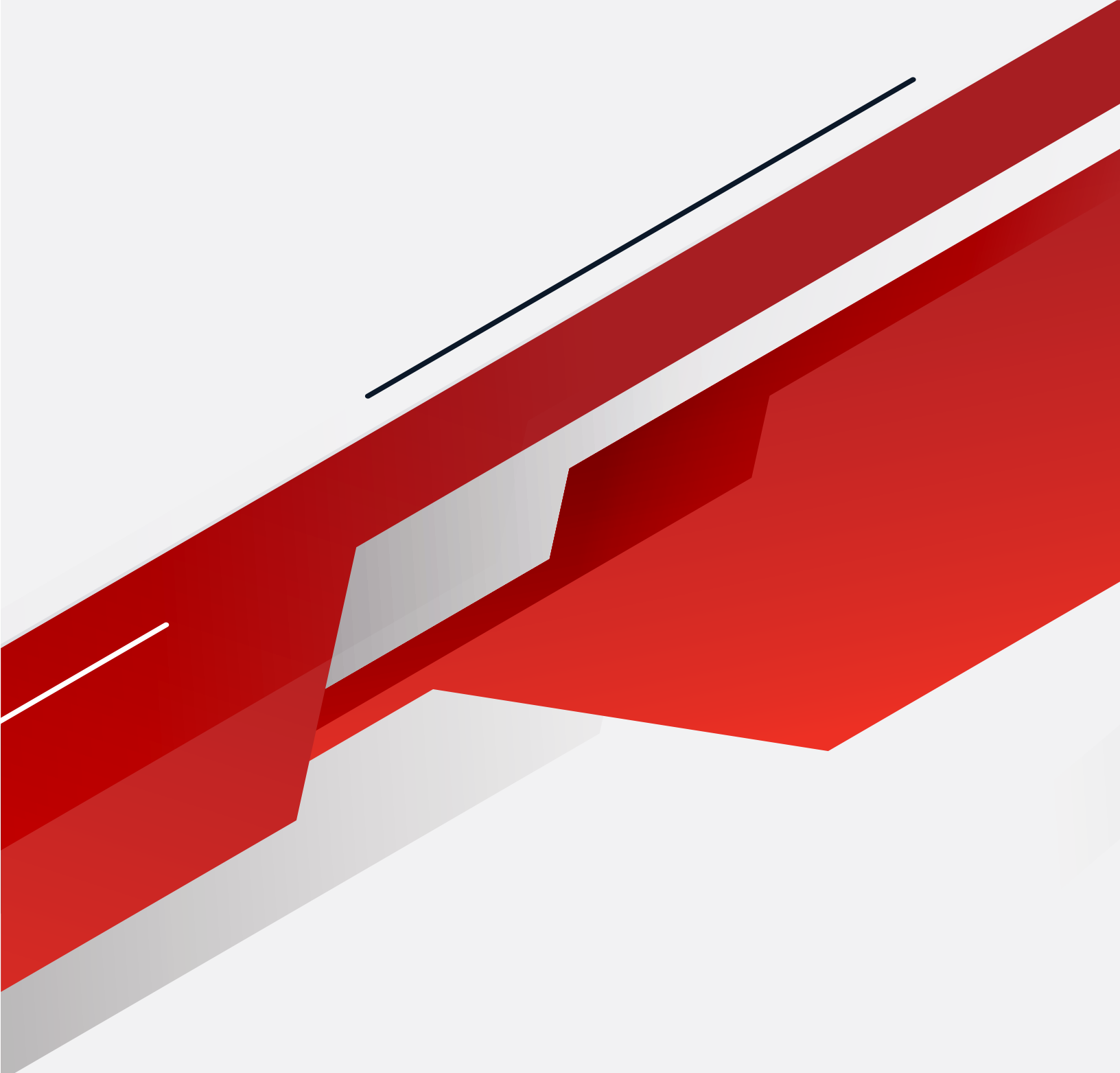
**1 point x total number shooters in event**

## CLASS TEAMS

Points are awarded for Class Teams using the same methodology as shown above with one exception: Points awarded are based on **number of shooters in class in the event** (rather than total entries in event).

## CONCURRENT TEAMS

Points are awarded for Concurrent Teams using the same methodology as shown above with one exception: Points awarded are based on **number of shooters in appropriate concurrent in the event** (rather than total entries in event).



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