

2024-25 Rule Changes Approved by NSCA Delegates

1. Below is a summary of the approved classification changes. Below this summary is the current written rule for each followed by the approved rule change as it will be written in the NSCA Rule Book.

- Remove E Class starting January 1, 2025. All members in E class for both 12 gauge and sub-gauge will be moved up to D class and start with zero (0) punches. • A New Member who has never shot any registered clay targets will be assigned Class "C". (Old rule was assigned Class "D")

- Starting January 1, 2025 - New punch requirements to punch up in 12-gauge class. D

- C 4 punches (old was 6 punches)

- C – B 6 punches (old was 8 punches)

- B – A 10 punches (old was 12 punches)

- A – AA 14 punches (no change)

- AA – Master 20 punches (no change)

- On January 1, 2025: All members sub-gauge classification will be automatically reclassified to one class lower than their 12-gauge classification UNLESS their current sub-gauge classification is equal to or greater than their 12-gauge classification.
- A shooter's sub-gauge classification may never be more than one (1) class lower than their 12-gauge classification. As a shooter moves up in their 12-gauge classification their sub-gauge classification will automatically move up also, starting the new class with zero (0) punches UNLESS their sub-gauge classification is:
 - Already one class lower than their new 12-gauge classification
 - equal to their new 12-gauge classification
 - higher than their new 12-gauge classification
- Starting immediately a shooter may request a 1,000-target review of their sub-gauge classification ONLY if their sub-gauge classification is equal to or higher than their 12-gauge classification.

V-A-2 Determining Class - Current rule as written in the 2024 NSCA Rule Book

2. Determining Class

- a. There are seven (7) classes a shooter can classify into: Master-AA-A-B-C-D-E.

All registered events using the NSCA Classification system will offer all classes (including Master).

b. Non-Classified and New Members

1) A shooter who has never shot any registered clay targets will be assigned Class "D" in 12 gauge & Class E in sub-gauge.

i. After the first 300 targets shot in 12-gauge events with no punches, a Classification Review may be performed for 12 gauge classification at the request of the shooter in 16 writing. The rules governing "Moving up in Class", "Reclassification/Known Ability" and "Classification Reviews" will apply.

2) A first-time NSCA member who has shot registered targets with any clay target organization other than a Sporting Clays Association (i.e. NSSA, ATA, NRA, International skeet or trap) and has been classified in "A," "AA" or "AAA" class will be assigned a NSCA 12 gauge class that is one class lower and sub-gauge class that is two classes lower than his/her highest class attained in that clay target association. After 300 12 gauge targets have been shot and input into the NSCA database, the shooter can request a class review for down-classing purposes in their 12 gauge class. If the first-time member has not shot a sufficient number of targets in any other clay target association to be assigned a class, or if their class is "B" or below, they will be placed in NSCA "D" class for 12 gauge and NSCA "E" class for sub-gauge.

V-A-2 Determining Class - Approved rule change (changes highlighted)

Determining Class

a. There are six (6) classes a shooter can classify into: Master-AA-A-B-C-D. All registered events using the NSCA Classification system will offer all classes (including Master).

b. Non-Classified and New Members

1) A shooter who has never shot any registered clay targets will be assigned Class "C" in 12 gauge & Class "D" in sub-gauge.

i. After the first 300 targets shot in 12-gauge events with no

punches, a Classification Review may be performed for 12-gauge classification at the request of the shooter in writing. The rules governing “Moving up in Class”, “Reclassification/Known Ability” and “Classification Reviews” will apply.

2) A first-time NSCA member who has shot registered targets with any clay target organization other than a Sporting Clays Association (i.e. NSSA, ATA, NRA, International skeet or trap) and has been classified in "A," "AA" or "AAA" class will be assigned a NSCA 12-gauge class that is one class lower and sub-gauge class that is two classes lower than his/her highest class attained in that clay target association. After 300 12-gauge targets have been shot and input into the NSCA database, the shooter can request a class review for down-classing purposes in their 12-gauge class. If the first-time member has not shot a sufficient number of targets in any other clay target association to be assigned a class, or if their class is "B" or below, they will be placed in NSCA "C" class for 12 gauge and NSCA "D" class for sub-gauge.

V-A-3-b Moving Up in Class - Current rule as written in the 2024 NSCA Rule Book

b. It is the shooter’s responsibility to determine these punches and move up one class after reaching the following number of punches:

12 Gauge Classification

AA Class to Master Class 20 Punches

A Class to AA Class 14 Punches

B Class to A Class 12 Punches

C Class to B Class 8 Punches

D Class to C Class 6 Punches

E Class to D Class 4 Punches

Sub-Gauge Classification

AA Class to Master Class 18 Punches

A Class to AA Class 12 Punches

B Class to A Class 10 Punches

C Class to B Class 6 Punches

D Class to C Class 4 Punches

E Class to D Class 2 Punches

V-A-3-b & c Moving Up in Class - Approved rule change (changes highlighted)

b. It is the shooter's responsibility to determine these punches and move up one class after reaching the following number of punches:

12-Gauge Classification

AA Class to Master Class 20 Punches

A Class to AA Class 14 Punches

B Class to A Class 10 Punches

C Class to B Class 6 Punches

D Class to C Class 4 Punches

Sub-Gauge Classification

AA Class to Master Class 18 Punches

A Class to AA Class 12 Punches

B Class to A Class 10 Punches

C Class to B Class 6 Punches

D Class to C Class 4 Punches

c. A shooter's sub-gauge classification may never be more than one (1) class lower than their 12-gauge classification. As a shooter moves up in their 12-gauge classification their sub-gauge classification will automatically move up also, starting the new class with zero (0) punches UNLESS their sub-gauge classification is:

- Already one class lower than their new 12-gauge classification
- equal to their new 12-gauge classification
- higher than their new 12-gauge classification

V-A-5 Classification Review - Current rule as written in the 2024 NSCA Rule Book

5. Classification Review

a. A shooter's 12-gauge classification may be reviewed after each 1,000 registered targets in current class. Shooters must request such a review in writing. The 1,000-target review may be used to move a shooter down in their 12-gauge class. A shooter who has been reviewed down in class and then moves back up in class based on earned punches will only be allowed one (1) 1,000-target review down class per shoot year. This does not include annual end of year down class reviews, medical impairment reviews, or new shooter target reviews. (i.e., An AA class shooter gets reviewed down to A class in March of the current year, moves back up to AA class in August if the current year, requests a 1,000-target review in September of the current year to be moved back down to A class. Their request will be denied.)

V-A-5 Classification Review - Approved rule change starting immediately (changes highlighted)

5. Classification Review

a. A shooter's 12-gauge classification may be reviewed after each 1,000 registered targets in current class. Shooters must request such a review in writing. The 1,000-target review may be used to move a shooter down in their 12-gauge class.

b. A shooter's sub-gauge classification may be reviewed after each 1,000 registered targets ONLY if their sub-gauge classification is equal to or higher than their 12-gauge classification. Shooters must request such a review in writing. The 1,000-target review may be used to move a shooter down in their sub-gauge class.

c. A shooter who has been reviewed down in class and then moves back up in class based on earned punches will only be allowed one (1) 1,000-target review down class per shoot year. This does not include annual end of year down class reviews, medical impairment reviews, or new shooter target reviews. (i.e., An AA class shooter gets reviewed down to A class in March of the current year, moves back up to AA class in August of the current year, requests a 1,000-target review in September of the current year to be moved back down to A class. Their request will be denied.)

Below are two separate tournament rule changes that were approved. These go into effect immediately.

2. VII-D-1-a Shooting Order/Rotations – Current rule as written in the 2024 NSCA Rule Book

a. European Rotation- Individual competitors or groups of two (2) through (6) competitors will proceed to the various stations at random. Groups may shoot in any order of rotation selected by the shooters and may change the rotation from field to field. In European Rotation, a shoot start and shoot end time will be established. It will be the responsibility of each shooter to complete the entire event between these times.

VII-D-1-a Shooting Order/Rotations - Approved rule change (changes highlighted)

a. European Rotation- Individual competitors or groups of **three (3)** through (6) competitors will proceed to the various stations at random. Groups may shoot in any order of rotation selected by the shooters and may change the rotation from station to station. In European Rotation, a shoot start and shoot end time will be established. It will be the responsibility of each shooter to complete the entire event between these times.

3. VII-D-1-b Shooting Order/Rotations – Current rule as written in the 2024 NSCA Rule Book

b. Squadding—At the discretion of the Shoot Officials, groups of three (3) to six (6) shooters will be formed to proceed from field-to-field in a fixed sequence. Unless specified by Shoot Officials, squads may shoot in any order of rotation selected by the shooters and may change the rotation from field to field.

VII-D-1-b Shooting Order/Rotations – Approved rule change (changes highlighted)

b. Squadding—At the discretion of the Shoot Officials, squads of three (3) to six (6) shooters will be formed to proceed from station to station in a fixed sequence.

Once a rotation of shooters is selected and shooting commences, the original first shooter will rotate to the last shooter position; the rest of the shooters on the squad will move up one position, thus rotating the first shooter position at each subsequent station throughout the course.