

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

INDIA OPEN COMPETITION

The primary aim of hosting the INDIA OPEN COMPETITION is to enhance and diversify shooting opportunities across various locations throughout India. By organizing this competition, the goal is to create a platform that encourages widespread participation in shooting disciplines. This initiative not only fosters a sense of inclusivity within the shooting community but also contributes to the overall growth and development of the sport in the country.

The competition seeks to attract shooters from diverse backgrounds, skill levels, and regions, providing them with a chance to showcase their talent and compete at a national level. This not only promotes healthy competition but also serves as a catalyst for the improvement of individual and collective shooting skills.

Furthermore, the geographical distribution of the competition venues ensures accessibility for participants from different parts of India, reducing barriers to entry and fostering a more widespread interest in shooting. Ultimately, the INDIA OPEN COMPETITION aims to contribute to the promotion, development, and popularization of shooting sport across the nation.

1. NAME OF THE COMPETITION

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The Open competitions will be organized and conducted by and under direct supervision of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) at the venues, which are available at different parts of India. The name of every competition will include dialing code, name of the host city and year like – 022 INDIA OPEN SHOTGUN COMPETITION, Mumbai 2022 or 0755 INDIA OPEN SHOTGUN COMPETITION, Bhopal 2022.

2. PERIODICITY OF THE COMPETITION

- a. The India Open Competition will be conducted bi-monthly subject to availability of venue which are equipped with electronic target system. The shotgun events will be conducted on ranges equipped with automatic target system.
- b. It will be conducted during the months of January, March, May and September every year in air weapon events in air weapon and shotgun events.
- c. All Firearms events will be conducted during the months of July and October. Shooters achieving NR MQS, as per Rule 17.6 of NRAI Match Book, will be eligible to participate in NSCC.

3. LEVEL OF COMPETITION

- a. The level of the competition is Pre-National Level competition as defined under Rule 1.1.2.1 of NRAI Match Book.

4. CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

- a. The NRAI will select different venues, all over India.
- b. The matches will be conducted in accordance with NRAI Match Book under NR and ISSF Rules.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

a. Eligibility for Participate in India Open Competition

- (i) Shooters who have participated in Pre-State Championship/State Championship/AIGVMSC/ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP/INDIA OPEN COMPETITION or NSCC are eligible to participate. In case any State Association fails to conduct the Pre-State Championship, the NRAI reserves the right to allow shooters of that state to participate in India Open Competition.
- (ii) Renowned Shooters as per Rule 17.6 of NRAI Match Book, will be allowed to participate in ISSF Matches only.
- (iii) A shooter who has achieved NR MQS under 17.6 of NRAI Match Book, is not eligible to participate in ISSF Matches.

b. Eligibility to participate in NSCC

- (i) Shooters achieving MQS during one of the India Open Competitions, as per Rule 17.6 of NRAI, will be eligible to participate in next NSCC.
 - (ii) Shooters may participate in any number of India Open Competitions prior to NSCC and one of the highest scores, which is equal or above to NR MQS under Rule 17.6 of NRAI Match Book, will be considered for participation in NSCC. (Clarification – if a shooter fails to achieve MQS in subsequent Competitions, he/she still will be allowed to participate in NSCC based on said high score.)
- c. A penalty of Rs. 3000/- (plus GST, as applicable) per shooter per event will be imposed on shooter in case shooter's score is below 15% of the qualifying score as per NRAI Match Book rule 1.4 during the Competition. The State/Unit must recover this amount from the shooters. The State Rifle Association will be responsible for recovery of penalty and deposit the same with NRAI. Shooters will not be permitted to participate in any competition till the penalty amount is paid to NRAI.

6. REPRESENTATION AND ENTRY

- a. The representation and entry for participation in INDIA OPEN COMPETITION is as per Rule 6 of NRAI Match Book. The shooter would represent the State as per their registration on NRAI's "Online system". Entries will be accepted on NRAI portal.

7. AGE CRITERIA & CATEGORIES

- a. The age criteria will be as per Rule 11 of NRAI Match Book.
- b. The matches will be conducted in accordance with the age categories for Men and Women.

8. MATCHES

- a. NR and ISSF Matches, shall be conducted as per NRAI Match Book.

9. AWARD OF MEDALS

- a. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal will be awarded in each individual category.
- b. Winners of Finals shall be awarded "Champion of Champions" Trophy.
- c. Rule 10 of NRAI Match Book will apply for award of medals.

10. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TROPHY

- a. Finals will be conducted as per ISSF Rules in Olympic Events.
- b. The winner in each category will be awarded Champion of Champions Trophy.
- c. The Finals will be conducted with "fanfare". Traditional folk music may be played during the conduct of the Finals. Matches. Spectators will be allowed to support their shooters by using drums etc.

11. ENTRY FEE

- a. Entry Fee as prescribed in NRAI Match Book for NR and ISSF Matches

12. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. NRAI Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all participants, coaches, technical officials, and all others connected with the conduct of India Open Competition.

13. GOVERNANCE OF INDIA OPEN COMPETITION

- a. The Governing Body of NRAI shall be formulating and implementing the rules and regulations governing the India Open Competition. These comprehensive rules encompass eligibility criteria, competition formats, scoring systems, equipment regulations, and the code of conduct. The Governing Body holds the ultimate authority, having the final say on all matters related to the Competition.