

## **2021 North vs South – Proposal for Rescheduled Match**

The 2021 North vs South event due to be held in Christchurch on 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August was cancelled on 17<sup>th</sup> August due to the sudden Covid-19 outbreak and Alert Level 4 travel restrictions announced that day.

TSNZ acknowledges that this match is of supreme importance to Indoor Shooters, and 87% of the shooters who replied with feedback about the cancellation stated they wanted the match to be shot this year if possible.

Therefore, a Special General Meeting (SGM) has been called for 23<sup>rd</sup> September that, if the Remits are passed, will allow the usual match format to be changed so it can be rescheduled.

What follows is a PROPOSAL for the new North vs South format for 2021. Following the SGM all competitors involved in the event will be contacted before the match details are finalised, and the match format can only proceed if the majority of them agree to it.

### **PROPOSAL for new 2021 North vs South Inter-Island Match format:**

- The match will only be possible once all New Zealand is in Covid Alert Level 1.
- The rescheduled match will be held on ONE DAY only, either Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- If the match becomes unable to be held due to Covid Alert Levels, a final decision will be made at the TSNZ AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> October for a possible new date (which must be prior to 1 December 2021) or final cancellation.
- Locations will be Te Puke, Palmerston North, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, and Dunedin.
- Teams for the new format match will remain as those shooters who were to shoot at the cancelled match in Christchurch.
- Any shooters in the originally selected teams who had withdrawn prior to the Christchurch match will be returned to bottom of the ON CALL list in their selected order, so that each team again has five On Call shooters available.
- Any shooters who subsequently withdraw from the new match will be replaced with Emergency or On Call shooters in the same way as usual.
- Representative Date Bars and Badges will be awarded to those who shoot at the event.
- If the event is fully cancelled and no shooting takes place, no awards will be made.
- Trophies, Date Bars and Badges may be awarded at the 2022 Teams of Ten or Andrew & Faulkner events, or in other ways if preferred by those concerned and on the agreement of TSNZ.

### **For the INTER-ISLAND Matches:**

- ONLY the ISLAND teams will shoot on match day.
- Each team (Juniors, Veterans, Women, Men, Open) will shoot together and in the same order as the original event.
- Squad times will be confirmed once shooter numbers at each venue are established.
- Stickers will be sent by the TSNZ Office to be attached to all target cards prior to shooting.
- Cards will be marked on site as usual.
- The TSNZ Office is to be sent all scores as soon as targets are marked. This may be by email, text, or an online system yet to be devised.
- Scores, updates, announcements, and communication on the day will be shared via ZOOM.
- Each venue will need to appoint someone to manage their ZOOM facilities so that the spirit of the event can be maintained and shooters interact as much as possible.
- At the end of the day PROVISIONAL winning Island Teams and PROVISIONAL New Zealand Teams will be announced by TSNZ.
- All the shot cards will then be forwarded to the TSNZ Office for checking by an appointed Panel.
- Once scores have been verified, the winning Island Teams and New Zealand Teams will be CONFIRMED and announced.
- No Derby Match will be held for those not qualifying for NZ Teams.

### **For the NEW ZEALAND Matches:**

- Postal stickers will be sent to the NZ team shooters.
- The NZ matches can be shot at any TSNZ range, with all shooting being properly witnessed, and witness declarations signed.
- Separate cards must be shot for each NZ Team a shooter has qualified for.
- NZ cards are to be visually marked only at the ranges. No testers are to be used and no scores written on them.
- ALL NZ team cards are to be sent to TSNZ for marking by an appointed Panel.
- Confirmed scores will then be shared with all shooters and UK Home Counties.

This proposed format has been developed in consultation with both Island Selector Convenors and the UK Match Liaison, and with the intention of maintaining the spirit of the event as much as possible in these difficult times.