

To be inserted as the last section (2.6) of Chapter 2

2.6 *MLAIC PACIFIC ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT*

Due to the wide geographic separation of the MLAIC Pacific Zone member nations, as well as the continuing increase in both the expense and complexity of travel by air with firearms, the Pacific Zone Championships shall be held by mail (i.e., Postal Match Championships).

Please note that this **does not** preclude invitational shoulder-to-shoulder matches among nations, including those such as Can-Am, Trans-Tasman and, perhaps in the future, Latin American matches. Should those competing nations so choose, those scores could be submitted as their Zone Championship scores. The following rules shall apply.

- a. The Pacific Zone Championships shall be overseen by a Coordinator to be chosen from qualified applicants by a simple majority of the Pacific Zone's delegates' votes. This selection shall ideally take place at the MLAIC Short Range World Championships in the non-zone year, or electronically immediately afterwards, to allow invitations to be transmitted as early as possible in the zone year. One of the objectives in the selection will be an administrator who would desire to continue through multiple championships.
- b. This will allow the administrator to prepare and transmit the championship particulars to all nations in order to allow them to set their internal match schedules for their "prime time". The selected match dates shall be returned to the Zone Match Coordinator no less than 30 days prior to the local competition.
- c. Match fees shall be determined by the Pacific Zone countries every two (2) years and shall comprise an amount per country, plus an entry fee per individual and team event. This shall be sufficient to cover the costs of awards, printing and mailing expenses and shall be payable at the time of registration.
- d. Due to the differing range needs and availabilities, the shotgun venues and dates may be different from those used for the precision shooting events.
- e. MLAIC rules shall apply. No more than sixteen (16) competitors per event from each nation shall be registered (please see MLAIC rules, chapter 2, section 2.3, regarding numbers of original vs replica participants per event). Selection of team event members shall be transmitted to the Zone Office no less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.
- f. Scores from each match shall be transmitted to the Zone Office within five (5) days of the completion of the events. Scores shall include the total, along with the number of 10s, 9s, 8s, etc. The local match director shall also take digital photos of the top three targets in each entered event and retain both the targets and the photographs for a period of three (3) months from the conclusion of the Zone Championships.
- g. After all competing nations have submitted their scores, the Coordinator shall publish a consolidated Zone Championships Results compilation, including Zone records set, and transmit it to all Zone delegates and to the MLAIC Secretary-General. The final match results should also include details of the makes and calibers of firearms used by all competitors in each event. Additional information, such as bullet type, weight and size, powder type and weight, and type of sights (open or aperture), may be requested by the Coordinator if necessary.
- h. Medals and certificates will be awarded as follows:
 - i) Individual competitors: Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and certificate for 1st to 6th place.
 - ii) Team competitions: Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and certificate for 1st to 3rd place.

SELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE PACIFIC ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS COORDINATOR

- a. Pacific Zone delegates are requested to nominate applicants from among their memberships.
- b. Pacific Zone delegates are requested to review candidates and select one via a simple majority vote.
- c. Candidates should have adequate knowledge of MLAIC Rules with particular regard to match operations.
- d. Candidates should have demonstrated clerical skills and good references.
- e. Candidates should express a desire to continue in the position through at least two (2) or more championships.
- f. The Coordinator shall be reviewed by the delegates following each Zone Championship.
- g. The Coordinator can be removed from the position by a simple majority vote of all Zone delegates.
- h. Medal costs (if prescribed), printing and mailing charges are to be covered by match fees.
- i. Duties of the Championships Coordinator:
 - i) Be responsive to the questions and needs of the Zone delegates or alternates.
 - ii) Set up a Zone Match Program utilizing the MLAIC rules.
 - iii) Set up a Pacific Zone Postal Championship Program and schedule each zone year. In so doing, assure that the schedule accommodates seasonal variations in the hemispheres and will allow a reasonable window of opportunity for the matches to be shot.
 - iv) Transmit the postal championship information to all member nations by 31 January of the zone year.
 - v) Verify that all nations have received the invitations and rules.
 - vi) Verify the receipt of all entries.
 - vii) Receive individual names for team matches at least 48 hours **prior** to the event.
 - viii) Receive scores from the competing nations.
 - ix) Hold the scores unannounced until all competing nations have completed the program.
 - x) Receive digital photos of top targets when necessary to resolve ties.
 - xi) Where necessary to break difficult ties, request the assistance of non-involved Zone delegates.
 - xii) Mail the medals and/or certificates to the delegates of the winning nations.
 - xiii) Decisions of the Zone Championships Coordinator shall be final and without appeal, although it is the prerogative of the Coordinator to consult with the MLAIC Secretary-General if the need arises prior to making a decision.
 - xiv) Transmit the results to all Zone member nations and to the MLAIC Secretary General.
 - xv) Maintain ongoing permanent records.