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# MULTI-PLATFORM DEFENSIVE SHOOTING DISCIPLINE CLASSIFICATION HANDBOOK OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSIVE PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## 1 Purpose of MPD Classifications

1. The purpose of the MPD Classifications are to allow competitors to compete against individuals that are of equal skill and proficiency, in attempt to level out the playing field.
2. To measure competitors in their ability to handle a firearm instead of equipment and gamesmanship.

## 2 Classifications Levels

1. MPD Classifications are split into four different classifications:
  1. Unclassified (UN)
  2. Marksman (MM)
  3. Expert (EX)
  4. Master (MA)

## 3 Single Platform Classifications

1. There are two ways a competitor can obtain a classification or a classification change.
  1. Competitor completes the relevant platform classification.
  2. Competitor gets promoted based on performance at a Tier-2 or higher competition.
2. Single Platform classification level will be used for single platform matches.

## 4 Multi-Platform Classifications

1. For Multi-Platform matches, points are awarded depending on your highest classification in a certain platform.
2. The combined score of all the single platform points will designate the classification you will compete in for Multi-Platform matches.
3. Points allocation for single platform are as follows:

	Unclassified	Marksman	Expert	Master
Handgun	0	1	2	3
Shotgun	0	1	2	3
Rifle	0	1	2	3

4. Multi-Platform classification will be based on the following points.

	Unclassified	Marksman	Expert	Master
Multi-Platform	0-2	3-5	6-7	8-9

- a. **Example:** Competitor holds the following classifications for the individual platforms:

- i. Handgun: Marksman
- ii. Shotgun: Expert
- iii. Rifle: Master

- b. His combined score will then be six (6) calculated by the following:

- i.  $1 \text{ (Handgun/Marksman)} + 2 \text{ (Shotgun/Expert)} + 3 \text{ (Rifle/Master)} = 6 \text{ (Multi/Expert)}$

- c. This will give the competitor an Expert Classification for Multi-Platform matches.

## 5 Classification Frequency

1. Every MPD Member must maintain a classification in the relevant division that is not older than 12 months.
  1. Completing a classifier in the relevant division counts as maintaining the classification.
  2. Competing in a Tier-2 or higher match in the relevant division counts towards maintaining the classification.
2. For Tier-1 matches, an up-to-date classification is NOT required. In this circumstance, the last classification in this division will be used, or highest classification in the relevant platform will be used if no previous classifications are available.

3. For Tier-2 matches, the classification for the relevant divisions and platforms that the competitor intends on competing in must be up-to-date.
4. A competitor may only complete one classifier per division per day. Reshooting a string of fire or multiple attempts at the classifier are strictly prohibited. The classifier or portion thereof may only be reshot if a firearm failure occurs.

## 6 Match Performance Promotion

1. A competitor's classification can be affected by the individual match performance at a Tier-2 or higher match. A competitor will be promoted if one of the following conditions are met.
  - a. One classification promotion will be awarded for every nine (9) competitors that a competitor beats in the current classification or any higher classifications. Example:
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Place finisher beats nine (9) competitors in the same class and division. Promoted to next classification level.
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finisher beats eighteen-teen (18) competitors in the same class and division. Promoted to next classification level.
  - b. Competitor's match score is within five-percent (5%) of the class winner of the next higher classification.

## 7 Classification Demotion

1. A competitor can go down in classification if one of the following conditions are met:
  - a. A competitor classifies in a lower classification.
  - b. A competitor's score is less than 30% of the class winner at a Tier-2 or higher event for two consecutive matches.

## 8 Universal Classification

### 8.1 Handgun Universal Classification

1. If a competitor classifies in any of the Service Pistol Divisions (SP15 or SP10). The time for that classification will be applied to both Service Pistol (SP15) and Service Pistol Limited (SP10).

### 8.2 Rifle Universal Classification

1. If a competitor classifies in Stock Service Rifle (SSR). The time for that classification will be applied to both Stock Service Rifle (SSR) and Enhanced Service Rifle (ESR). Not vice-versa.

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