

2026 Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules

Organised and administered by the Provincial Executive for member brigades



ENTRIES CLOSING DATE: Entries for the 2026 competition must be received by the NMPFBA Executive before Friday 10th July 2026.

All Brigades are requested to contact a Smallbore Rifle Club in their local area to arrange facilities and equipment to carry out the shoot. A list of certified smallbore clubs within the Nelson-Marlborough region is appended to this document.

1. General Conditions & Eligibility

- **Area Restriction:** The competition is strictly restricted to fire brigades operating within the Nelson Marlborough Provincial Fire Brigades Association (NMPFBA) boundary area.
- **Team Structure:** Each team shall consist of five (5) members belonging to the same brigade.
- **Multiple Entries:** Brigades are permitted and encouraged to enter more than one team; however, no individual competitor shall shoot for more than one team during the competition.
- **Roster Registration:** The names of each team member must be included on the team list for each entered team at the time of registration. Explicit permission must be sought from the executive to change the team structures during the competition period and will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances.

2. Course of Fire & Range Protocol

- **Match Format:** You can practice as much as you like but the official scorecard that you will photograph and email to the executive to record your score, **must have a NMPFBA competition sticker attached to the back of one of the targets prior to commencing your recorded competition shoot. This scorecard/sticker will be signed by a Smallbore club member to verify that the card was nominated prior to the shoot as the one to be scored for the competition.**
- **Governing Rules:** The competition shoot is to be conducted strictly under the official rules and guidelines of Target Shooting New Zealand (TSNZ).
- **Range Specifications:** All shooting must take place on a recognised, certified smallbore rifle range, and must be strictly supervised and witnessed by a recognised local Smallbore Club Official.
- **Shooting Style:** Shooters may elect to conduct their match using a standard rest, or a traditional shooting sling if preferred.
- **Range Expenses:** Participating brigades are fully responsible for covering any host smallbore club range fees, ammunition costs, or facility expenses as appropriate.

3. Target Labeling & Scoring Procedures

- **Official Stickers:** Official NMPFBA competition stickers will be distributed by the Executive to all correctly entered teams.
- **Placement:** The shooter's full name must be written clearly on the sticker, and the sticker must be firmly affixed to the back of the competition target card directly behind the sighting diagram before shooting begins.

- **Target Marking:** Targets must be marked and scored exclusively by an independent host smallbore club official.
- **Target Retention:** Completed targets must be securely held and retained by the participating brigade until the final official results are published across the province.

4. Entry Fees & Submission Deadlines

- **Entry Deadline:** Official team entries must be submitted to the NMPFBA Executive via email no later than July 10 2026.
- **Entry Fee:** An entry fee of \$10.00 per team is payable via direct credit to the NMPFBA Provincial Account. Please use your specific Brigade Name as the transaction payment reference.
- **Score Submission:** On completion of the shoot, the official, smallbore club witnessed score sheet must be photographed (both sides) and sent via email to the NMPFBA Executive at NMPFBA@fireandemergency.nz no later than **21 August 2026**.

5. Awards & Trophies

A Team Trophy will be awarded to the top-scoring brigade, and a Top Scorer Medal will be presented to the individual shooter with the highest single score. These awards will be officially presented at the 2026 NMPFBA Annual General Meeting (AGM). While only registered NMPFBA members are eligible to receive awards, the Executive warmly encourages all regional personnel to participate.

Regional Smallbore Club Contacts

Nelson Region Certified Clubs:

Club	Contact Person	Phone Number
Wakefield	Holly	022 406 1674
Richmond	Mike	021 229 4733
Tasman	Meyah	021 025 01541
Wood	Tania	021 340 0014
Defence	Gary	021 100 6820

Marlborough Region Certified Clubs:

Club	Contact Person	Phone Number
Blenheim	Eddie	021 0246 4417
Riverside	Val	021 667 746
Services	Steve	027 333 8914

Please email scanned copies or high-quality photos (Both Sides) of finished scorecards to NMPFBA@fireandemergency.nz by 21 August 2026. These photos must be received by this date to be eligible for awards.