

# **The following rule changes were voted in by the National Delegates and will take effect January 1, 2009.**

*1. Safety Zone- When a shooter is in the process of shooting, no one (other than the Referee/Trapper) is allowed within three feet (3') of the shooter. There will be an imaginary line three feet behind the shooter that will extend along the entire station. This will be referred to as the Safety Zone.*

*2. The shooter with the highest score and all ties in an event, where there is a minimum of ten (10) total shooters, shall receive a minimum of one (1) punch no matter what class the shooter is in.*

Explanation: The addition was proposed to help shooters who only go to small shoots get punches to move up in class. For example, an A class shooter may have the highest score for the event (beating Master & AA shooters), but there may not be enough people in his/her class to receive any punches. This would make one punch mandatory for all who posted the highest score. If there are enough people in that person's class for more punches, the higher of the two would be awarded. This high score punch would NOT be in addition to normal class punches.

*3. Number of Entries in class: Punches earned*

*0-2 No Punch*

*3-9 One (1) punch for high score and all ties*

Explanation: This will change the minimum number of shooters required from 5 to 3 in class for earning punches. This too will help shooters at small events to move up in class.

*4. Multiple Layouts – When the squad moves to the next layout, the original first shooter will rotate to the end of the line; the rest of the shooters on the squad will move up (toward the first cage) one position, thus rotating who is the first shooter at each subsequent layout.*

Explanation: The shooting order of a squad is rotated in Sporting and Parcours de Chasse. By rotating the starting order of NSCA 5-Stand, 4 out of 5 shooters (for a full squad) will take turns going first instead of the same person on all of the layouts.

*5. Hunter class shooters at events run concurrently with registered NSCA events will be charged the same entry fees as those paid by NSCA members including all target fees.*

Explanation: Many times, NSCA members are charged more than Hunter class shooters. The NSCA Advisory Council agreed that there should not be a discount for these shooters at NSCA registered events.

*6. Annually, the voting record of all National Delegates will be reviewed by the NSCA Executive Council. Any Delegate found to have missed more than one (1) vote during the previous year will be removed from office and replaced as outlined in section I-C-d. A Delegate that has been removed from office may not run again for a Delegate position in any State for the next term.*

Explanation: There were seven (7) Delegates that did not vote once during 2007, and 11 more that only voted once; there were five (5) ballots sent out last year. A total of 36 Delegates or 29 percent missed more than one ballot. The core of the governance of this sport depends on the National Delegates voting on the issues of the organization. The NSCA Advisory Council feels that if someone is not voting on all the issue he/she should be replaced with someone who will fulfill the obligations. One missed vote would be allowed.