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G. Reimer
State Discipline Chairman – Rifle Metallic Silhouette

Hi Greg,

Please see below motion regarding the awarding of medals at the SSAA QLD State Lever Action Silhouette Championships held in Townsville in May 2021, which the Branch would like added to the agenda for Sub-Committee Meeting that will be held in October 2021 at the SSAA QLD Rifle Metallic Silhouette Championships.

The motion was “That notwithstanding a competitor’s overall position, grade medals should be presented.” This was moved at SSAA Townsville Branch Inc. General Meeting held Saturday 29th May 2021.

Rationale:

The notion that an overall medal is more prestigious than a grade medal is not a valid reason for a grade medal not to be presented.

This matter arose from the Discipline Chairman’s address prior to the winners being announced following the SSAA Queensland State Lever Action Silhouette Championships conducted at our range on the 15th and 16th of May 2021. Those present were informed that if a competitor gained an overall placing as well as a grade placing, a grade medal would not be presented. It was stated that this is the situation in the USA. The motion above confirms that the practise of non-presentation of a grade medal when a competitor gained an overall placing is not supported.

There is no SSAA Qld set of rules or handbook that governs Lever Action Silhouette, therefore national rules must apply.

National Rulebook RIFLE METALLIC SILHOUETTE OFFICIAL NATIONAL RULES Revised 2019 No. 8
Section 19 deals with awards and lists medals for each grade – 1st; 2nd & 3rd, and similarly aggregate medals for Open, Junior & Under 15.

There is no documentation that allows a divergence from the national rules in any substantial way. Any “rule” that is not published so as to be freely available to all who seek it, cannot be considered a valid rule.

The SSAA Standard Rules No.9 revised 2019 allows in section 2.7 for the Discipline Chairman to “to interpret the Rules and requirements to ensure the Championships are conducted in an acceptable and uniform manner.” The awarding of medals cannot come within the scope of *conducting the championships* and it certainly does not provide for conducting the Championships in a *uniform manner* as it directly conflicts with the approved information sheet/nomination form and National Rules.

Altering the awarding of medals does not aid conducting of the Championships in an “acceptable and uniform manner”.

It cannot be construed to allow a variation to the clearly documented awards in the National Rules and the approved information sheet/nomination form.

In respect to the recent Championships held at Townsville, the SSAA Qld approved information sheet/nomination form stated "State Competition Medals for first, second and third each grade each event".

I look forward to hearing of the outcome following this meeting.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH', written in a cursive style.

Michelle Herschfield
Secretary
SSAA Townsville Branch Inc.
11th July 2021

By email

CC: State Discipline Secretariat