



## **EXECUTIVE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024**

### **1) NZGTA Mailchimp Newsletters**

The Exec is aware that not all clubs share communications with their members, and we want a space to give individual members the option to receive Exec updates directly.

Mailchimp Newsletters give us this communication pathway.

It would be great if club secretaries can share this link with all their members.

We will also share it in the facebook group – but the Exec has been notified that the facebook group operates totally independently from the NZGTA Exec, and they don't wish to have any Exec on their admin team.

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If members have feedback from the newsletters, that should be channelled back through the clubs.

### **2) Constitution (NZGTA Rules) Redraft - Update**

The first draft of the NZGTA Constitution (Rules) has been completed and is currently being formatted prior to distribution to the Exec membership for feedback. We expect to socialise it around the clubs min-year.

To give a bit of background, the Incorporated Societies Act of 1908 was updated in 2022. All existing Incorporated Societies have to re-register before April 2026. In our case we must adopt some new processes to comply with the 2022 Act. The draft Constitution that is being prepared includes all of the Incorporated Societies mandatory and highly recommended components which have been obtained from the Incorporated Societies constitution template.

### **3) NZGTA Regulations.**

The 2024 version of our regulations has now been completed and will be replacing the 2023 version on the NZGTA website. This version is in A4 format and as such is much easier to read.

Please encourage your members to read and familiarise themselves with our rules and regulations.

### **4) Minor trials.**

The Executive would like to encourage clubs to use their minor trials to test any alternative ways of running trials, including firearms procedures that they might be considering implementing. These trials can be treated with more flexibility than the Championship events can. This will enable clubs to iron out any problems that might arise and cause conflict with our regulations.

#### **5) Notice to Judges.**

Judges should be aware of the expectations of judges for each of the disciplines that they are judging. In particular, the Executive would like to remind judges of the following:

“Judges should make their instructions to handlers clear and concise and ensure that handlers fully understand what is required of them before allowing them to begin the trial.”

This extract is taken from Pg 39 of the 2024 version of regulations but is equally applicable across all disciplines.

Some clubs are now implementing their own Firearm Safety policy. The Executive is aware of two clubs who have appointed gun stewards to take full responsibility for firearm safety procedures while the trial is in progress. Whilst a judge may need to consult with a gun steward prior to the trial starting, to ensure that all regulations are complied with to the judge's satisfaction, the judge must not override the club's wishes that the gun steward be solely responsible for firearm safety. The judge must adhere to the policy as presented by the club.

#### **6) Schedules.**

Those clubs wishing to use alternative blank shot firing devices instead of shotguns, must include notice of this on the schedule. The approved wording is:

“Shotguns will not be used in this trial. An alternative blank shot firing device will be used.”

Also, the version presented for approval must be in its final format inclusive of entry links etc.

#### **7) Remits and Recommendations.**

October might seem to be in the far distance; however, clubs need to be thinking about what, if any, changes they consider to be important for the ongoing wellbeing of our sport.

Remits and Recommendations need to be with the NZGTA Secretary 12 weeks before the AGM (ie mid-end July for 2024).

If clubs need help with the format of Remits they should reach out the Exec well before then to receive help.