



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 5-2015

TO : All Area Directors, PPSA Area Coordinators, NROI Area Coordinators, Gun Club Presidents, and PPSA members

SUBJECT : PPSA Classification System

I. Rationale

The Philippine Practical Shooting Association in consultation with the Chairman of the IPSC Handgun Rules Committee designed its own unique Shooter Classification System to determine the true skill level, ability, and ranking of individual shooters compared to the best shooters in the Philippine Region per Division.

Unlike other Shooter Classification Systems, the PPSA Classification System is not restricted in using classifier stages during Classifier Matches. The System measures the skill level of shooters based on the actual courses of fire.

II. Objectives

1. To classify shooters so that they can compete against other shooters of the same skill level.
2. To motivate shooters to improve their shooting skills to reach the prestigious Grand Master and Master Class ranking.

III. Guidelines & Procedure

A shooter can be classified by simply joining and getting a score(percentile) in at least two(2) of the Classifier Matches. The PPSA will ensure that at least one Grand Master will shoot the match per Division. The scores of each shooter will be compared against the top and would reflect the true ranking of each shooter in an actual match.

The PPSA will enforce guidelines for the Qualifier matches that will test the shooting skills of shooters with the Grand Masters and Masters. The result of the whole match will be the basis for classification of the score/percentile bracket:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Grand Master	95% to 100%
Master	85% to 94.999%
A	75% to 84.999%
B	60% to 74.999%
C	40% to 59.999%
D	39.999% and below

The Classification of shooters under this system will need to shoot two(2) Classifier Matches to be classified under the new system.

For unclassified shooters, their average score in two(2) Classifier Matches will be the basis for their classification.

In order to maintain their PPSA Classification, shooters must keep current their PPSA membership and achieve an average score percentile within the bracket of his original classification.

After two(2) Classifier Matches, the classification of the shooter will be his permanent Classification Class. A shooter can no longer be demoted to a lower class but can be promoted to a higher class if he/she achieves an average score/percentile higher than his/her current class.

After the Qualifier Matches for the 2016 Australasia, some Level II and III matches that meet the guidelines similar to Qualifier Matches may also be considered as Classifier Matches for unclassified shooters provided one Grand Master will shoot in the match per Division. For unclassified shooters, they can get their classification after two(2) approved classifier matches.

For a Division to qualify, it must have at least 10 competitors and one Grand Master.

Any circular inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed or amended, accordingly.

IV. Effectivity

The Classification System will be implemented immediately.