



WORLD BENCHREST SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

NELSON, NEW ZEALAND 2-12 November 2017



All country delegates – WBSF Meeting – St Louis 2015

This information is provided to assist members in their consideration to participate at the World Championships in 2017. The items covered in this memo is to provide an assurance that the arrangements for this Championship are in hand and we are able to be confident that an event of suitable status will be conducted.

Range size: I am able to confirm that our range will be extended from 20 to 25 benches as per the rules. Necessary earthworks are nearly complete and we expect all range preparations will be completed this summer.

Reloading Facilities: This will be by way of a large Marque, however on a different site to the last occasion. A suitable area has been shaped in front of the Clubhouse including drainage pipe installed. Be sure you and any visitors bring good hearing protection with you as it will be needed.

Reloading Supplies: We have already received 150lbs of V133 and this is in storage to be sure of our supply. Primers are on order from two sources and although they are in short supply in our country we are still confident that we will be ok.

Other supplies: It is our intention to have available supplies of solvent etc Later we will seek each countries requirement. Like the powder we may need to purchase in bulk and decant into suitable sizes but that should not cause any major concerns.

Berger Bullets: We are working on the idea of having available a supply of Berger Bullets (BT, s, Web, Column) and again we will seek requirements from countries

Sand: We have sourced a supply of Garnet and this will be available as needed.

Farley Bases: We can arrange to have bases cut if needed. I currently have no idea of costs but will let you know in due course.

Wind Flags: We will arrange to have all available sets of flags that are in our country at the range. This is approx 12 sets so if countries are likely to bring their own we would appreciate advise to ensure we have all lanes covered.

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Entry to New Zealand: For most countries entry to New Zealand will be of little difficulty with the Visa-Waiver program applicable. I attach to this memo a copy of the information available. If your country is not mentioned, we will need to go through a formal application process. Our Committee will do whatever we can to assist. It is important that we get the process going early.

Firearm entry to New Zealand: This again is a straight forward process and can be arranged on line. See www.police.govt.nz There is a fee of \$25 NZD at the moment. I made approaches to the Police to have the fee cancelled however I was unsuccessful for which I apologise. I do advise however that our Police Firearms Branch has been briefed on our championship together with our local Police Office. We will ensure that our Airport Police are aware of your arrivals to ensure a smooth passage into New Zealand when we have the information

Program of events: The following is the proposed program for you to plan around.

Friday 3 November 2017	Free Practice	9am – 5pm
Saturday 4 November	Free Practice	9am – 5pm
Sunday 5 November	Official Practice	9am – 3.30pm
	Technical Meeting	3.30 – 4.30pm
	WBSF Delegates Meeting	7.30pm
Monday 6 November	Official Practice	9am – 3pm
	Flag Set	3pm – 5pm
Tuesday 7 November	Light Varmint 100	8.30am (W-up)
	Opening Ceremony	9.30-10.00am
	Match Continues	10am
Wednesday 8 November	Heavy Varmint 100	8.30am
	Meet and Greet Function	6pm
Thursday 9 November	Light Varmint 200	8.30am
Friday 10 November	Heavy Varmint 200	8.30am
Saturday 11 November	Heavy Varmint 10 x 5	8.30am
	Awards Function	7.00pm

Firearm Security Storage in a secure container will be available at the range for the duration of the championship. We will have persons on site overnight acting as security.

Freighting of equipment: It is appreciated that the cost of excess baggage on airlines is becoming a major issue. If you wish to send items separately please use the address below.

Ladies programme It is intended that a programme will be arranged for visiting ladies/partners with full details to be advised in due course dependant on numbers etc

Accommodation Nelson is a Holiday town with a wide variety of accommodation available. Recommendations will be provided a little later as we test the market on price and availability.

Hire Vehicles All regular hire companies are available (Budget, Hertz, Avis etc) There are also some independent operators available. Again we will make recommendations when we have further. We need to determine what is available in the Mini-Van fleet.

Catering on Range: This will be available for purchase.

Meet and Greet Function: We have something different planned which at this stage we will not declare. It is however weather dependant and we will need to assess which actual day it will be held much closer to the event.

Scoring: For delegates information we currently plan to bring Max Coady (Chief Scorer – Australia) to the championship. Max is well known to many shooters and will be a welcome addition to our team.

Cell Phones Coverage is available at the range – it can be a little patchy but should operate.

Entry Fee: ~~This has currently been set at \$400 NZ Dollars. On current exchange rate this is approx \$275 US Dollars.~~ As agreed at the WBSF meeting in St Louis the agreed entry fee will be \$400 USD.

My contact information is per below. Please feel free to contact me with any queries, concerns or if you need advice. It is best to contact me by email but phone if it is urgent. We will do whatever we can to make this championship one to remember

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