

EASTERN COLORADO SECTION NATIONALS SLOT AWARD POLICY

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1. PURPOSE

This policy codifies the process used by the Eastern Colorado (ECO) Section of the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) to award slots to USPSA national championships. Award is based on the previous section's prior year qualifier series (QS) matches and the number of slots USPSA awards to the section.

2. POLICY

2.1. Slots will be distributed in order of finish in each division to participants who completed the minimum required number of QS matches. Individuals not completing the required number of matches may request a slot based on their overall position standings. All requests must be in writing or by e-mail and submitted to the SC no later than two weeks after the qualifier series final standings are published.

2.2. A competitor may not pass or give a slot to another competitor. Doing so, makes both competitors involved with the transfer ineligible to earn section slots the following year.

2.3 Should the SC learn of a slot being gifted after the competitor registered for the match, the SC will contact USPSA and attempt revocation of the gifted slot.

2.3 If a competitor is eligible for a slot through other means (i.e., Area 2 or placement at previous USPSA nationals), the competitor is not eligible for a slot awarded via the QS matches.

2.4 Slots not awarded to QS competitors automatically revert to USPSA.

2.5 Slots can only be assigned to ECO section residents. *Eastern Colorado Section Resident* shall be defined as "any member in good standing of an affiliated Eastern Colorado Section Club whose primary residence is in Colorado and who has participated in, at least, four matches at section clubs in the previous calendar year they are applying for a slot."

2.6 Any competitor failing to use a section and failing to return the slot to the SC in sufficient time to be re-assigned, will be required to explain the circumstances in writing to the SC. The SC will present the matter to the SEC and, after consideration of all attendant circumstances, may impose restrictions on the competitor's eligibility for future slots.

2.7 Match results in the USPSA website “Results” section will be used for compiling qualifier series results and competitor standings.

2.7 The SC, or a designated member of the ECO SEC, shall be responsible for compiling qualifier series data, and forwarding results to the section membership using the ECO Google group, ECOUSPSA. The SC is responsible for ensuring the report’s accuracy.

2.8 Upon completion of qualifier series, the SC will forward final results to the section within two (2) weeks of the final match results being posted to the USPSA website.

2.9 The slot award criteria requires at least three (3) qualifier matches to be completed. The ECO SEC may change this requirement by majority vote taken prior to the first qualifier series match of the year. The SEC vote to change the minimum number of matches may be done at a formal SEC meeting, or via a recommendation for a change, discussion, and vote via email. The ECO section secretary shall compile the email results, notify the SEC, and document the results via a memorandum for record documenting the change and the vote. Changes during a scheduled SEC meeting will be documented in the meeting minutes. The SC shall be responsible for notifying section membership of the change via the section Google group.

2.10 For multiple division matches, slots are awarded to the match not a specific division. A competitor who earns a slot one division, i.e., Limited, may use the slot for any division in the match.

2.11 A competitor may receive only one slot for a match regardless of QS placement for the match divisions.

2.12 Competitors may receive more than one slot if the slots are for different matches.

3. SLOT AWARD PROCESS

3.1 The USPSA Section Activity Report shall be used to determine the points cost of a slot.

3.1.1 The prior year activity report (January 1 to December 31) will be used for calculating the slot cost for each nationals match using the divisions with that match.

3.1.2 Should the need arise to award slots before the end of the calendar year, the activity report for the preceding 12 full months shall be used for calculating slot points cost.

3.1.3 Exclude from slot consideration any division not accruing sufficient activity credit to cover the cost of at least one slot. No further consideration of activity credit and slot award will be performed after this step.

3.2 Rank order each division using the highest average scores for the number of required matches.

3.3 Delete all participants on the list who complete fewer than the required number of matches and ***did not request*** consideration for a slot. See para. 2.1.

3.3 Allocate slots in one of the following manners based on the national match structure.

3.1.1 For a single division match, award slots based on order of finish.

3.1.2 Offer slots to each 100% qualifier. Should the number of slots not cover all the 100% score participants, award slots using a random draw.

3.1.3 After award to 100% participants, award remaining slots in order of finish. Should there be a tie for last slot, break the tie using the fourth highest score continue with next highest scores until the tie is broke. Should the competitors still be tied, use a coin flip to resolve the tie.

3.1.4 For a multiple division match, calculate the percentage of participation by division using the competitors who complete the minimum number of qualifier series matches. Round results to whole numbers and multiple the percentage times the number of slots. Rounding errors may require manual adjustment to meet minimum slots per division.

3.1.5 Award slots in order of finish to competitors meeting the minimum match requirements ensuring each division receives the appropriate minimum number of slots. Ties are broken using procedures in paragraphs 3.1.2 and 3.1.3

3.1.6 Should slots remain unallocated after para. 3.1.5 offer the slots to competitors based on the overall order of finish.

3.1.7 Unallocated slots automatically revert to USPSA for open match enrollment.