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THE following Rules and Regulations are published
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COLONIAL PRIZES.

1. The firing for the Colonial Prizes will take place at Wellington, during the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh if possible, on a day to be named by the Government.

2. Competitors for the Colonial Prizes will fire for the

1st Set of Prizes:—At ranges of 400, 500, and 600 yards—three shots at each range, without artificial rest,—any position. No prize will be given for a less score than 18 marks. Highest possible score, 36 marks.

2nd Set of Prizes:—Three shots at a range of 300 yards, standing or kneeling only. No prizes will be given for a less score than 6 marks. Highest possible score, 12 marks.

3rd Set of Prizes:—At such distances not exceeding 600 yards, as may be appointed by the officer in command of the firing party. Three shots in the whole to be fired by each competitor, who will judge his own distances. No prize will be given for a less score than 6 marks,—any position. Highest possible score, 12 marks.

4th Set, the "Running" Prizes:—

Distance—About 120 yards.

Rifle—Any muzzle loader issued by the Government.

Position—Off shoulder.

Further conditions:—

1. Time, five minutes, to commence at first shot.
2. Competitors to come loaded, *but not capped*, to the firing point.
3. At the word "Commence," to cap and fire.
4. After every two shots, the competitor to carry his rifle, ammunition, rod, and everything he makes use of in firing, round a post fifty yards off, loading when he likes, *but not capping*, until he arrives at the firing point.

5. Competitors not to receive assistance from any person in loading or firing.

5th Set of Prizes:—

Rifle—Terry and Calisher's breech-loading carbine as issued by Government.

Distances—200 and 300 yards.

Time—Three minutes at each distance, to commence at first shot.

Position—Any.

Competitors not to receive assistance from any person in loading.

3. All officers of the Colonial Forces, all persons enrolled in the Militia or Armed Constabulary, and all members of Volunteer Corps, are eligible to become competitors for these Colonial Prizes. They will be selected from amongst the best shots in each Province or District, by preliminary competitive firing, as follows:—

At such time and place or places (of which at least fourteen days' public notice will be given) as may be named by the Officer Commanding the District, or such other person as may be appointed by the Government, every duly qualified person will fire three shots at each range of 400, 500, and 600 yards, any position, when the highest scorer will be a representative at the Colonial Prize firing. Highest possible score, 36 marks.

In addition to the above, each Province or District may send one representative for every twenty men who score 18 marks at the above ranges. For instance: if one hundred men compete in one District, the best shot of the whole is the first representative; if twenty of them score 18 marks each, the second best shot will also be a representative; and so on.

No Province or District will, however, be allowed to send more than five representatives.

No representative will be admissible who does not himself score 24 marks.

Winners of any of the 1st set of Colonial Prizes are debarred from competing for the 2nd set.

CADET PRIZES.

Five shots at a range of 150 yards, with breech or muzzle-loading carbines. Standing or kneeling only, without artificial rest. High-

est possible score, 28 marks. No prize will be given for a less score than 12 marks.

To be competed for by Members of Cadet Corps not exceeding seventeen years of age.

Each Corps to send one representative, who is to be selected by preliminary competitive firing (to be arranged by the Officer Commanding the District), at ranges of 100 and 150 yards. Five shots at each range.

The highest scorer to be the representative.

Size of the Targets.

For the 1st and 3rd Sets of Prizes:—6 x 6 feet; bull's eye, 2 feet; centre, 4 feet.

For the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sets, and for the Cadet Prizes:—6 x 4 feet; bull's eye, 8 inches; centre, 2 feet; bull's eyes and centres, square.

4. The cost of a saloon cabin passage to and from Wellington (calculated at the rates charged for return tickets) will be allowed to the competitors, together with a sum of ten shillings a day to each non-resident during his unavoidable detention at Wellington.

DISTRICT PRIZES.

5. Officers Commanding Corps of Militia and Volunteers, or Divisions of the Armed Constabulary will take the names of those who wish to compete for District Prizes, specifying the class in which each person is qualified or elects to fire. Printed forms will be supplied for this purpose, and when completed, must be sent to the Senior Officer in the Province or District (or through an Adjutant of the Permanent Staff when practicable), who will thereupon appoint the times and places at which the several corps will fire for the District Prizes. The lists of intending competitors must be prepared and sent in on or before 31st January next.

6. Competitors for the District Prizes will fire at ranges of 300, 400, and 500 yards—five shots at each range, without artificial rest. For First Class Prizes at the 300 yards range, standing or kneeling only; at the 400 and 500 yards ranges,—and for the Second Class Prizes, any position. Highest possible score, 60 marks.

7. No District Prizes will be given for which there are not at least twenty competitors, nor for a less score than 28 marks.

8. The District Prizes will be divided into two classes, viz. :—

First Class Prizes can only be competed for by officers and men of Militia on actual service, efficient Volunteers, and any member of the Armed Constabulary.

Second Class Prizes, for all persons who under clause 3 of these Regulations are eligible to become competitors for the Colonial Prizes.

Note.—Any person competent to fire for the First Class Prizes may, at his option, elect to fire for the Second Class; but no one will be allowed to compete for both classes of District Prizes.

9. The highest scorer in each Province will receive the medal for the Province. Ties for this Prize shall be decided as follows:—

1. By the score made at the longest distance.
2. If still a tie, by the score made at the two longest distances.
3. If still a tie, then by Wimbledon Regulations, 1866, section 13.

10. Size of the Targets:—The same as for the 1st and 3rd Sets of Colonial Prizes.

General Rules to be observed in firing for both the Colonial and District Prizes.

11. The long or medium Enfield rifle, the Lancaster rifle, and the breech or muzzle loading carbine, as issued by the General or Provincial Governments, must alone be used. Persons using the breech or muzzle loading carbine will be allowed one mark at the first range, two marks at the second range, and three marks at the third range, when firing for the District Prizes.

12. The minimum pull of trigger to be six pounds.

13. Ammunition will be provided by the Government.

14. The senior officer on the ground may direct the examination of the arms used by competitors, at any time before, during, or after the firing; and should any arm be found to have been tampered with, or the pull of trigger to be below the minimum, the competitor using such arm will be disqualified, and his score disallowed.

15. In the scoring, the value of shots will be:—Bull's eye, 4; centre, 3; outer, 2.

16. The firing for Government Prizes should be superintended, if possible, by a Field Officer; and in the absence of any Field Officer, there must be (exclusive of any Medical Officer) at least one Commissioned Officer on the ground besides the Adjutant.

17. A list, giving each competitor a number only, will be given to the officer and marker; another list will be made out with each competitor's name and corresponding number on it, to be kept by the senior officer stationed at the spot where the competitors fire from.

18. The senior officer present will appoint one person to call the names of competitors at the place of firing, and another to remain with the marker near the target.

19. The senior officer present will appoint a marker, who will be under the immediate supervision of the officer appointed to remain near the target. Markers will receive pay at the rate of 5s. per diem, if not in the employ of the Government.

20. Each competitor will fire his whole number of shots in the same day, unless the weather turns out unfavorable, when the senior officer present may, at any time, at his discretion, postpone the firing until the next favorable opportunity.

21. Should any competitor absent himself when his turn comes to fire, he is to forfeit his chance, and a shot is to be fired in the air (which the marker will score as a miss), in order to keep the numbers on the lists correct.

22. Any competitor leaving the ranges without the permission of the Commanding Officer will be disqualified.

23. One sighting shot at each range, for the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Sets of Colonial Prizes, and for the District Prizes, will be allowed.

24. Any shots which touch the ground before hitting the target (ricochets) are to be noted in the column for misses.

25. Ties will fire one shot at the 400 yards range until the best shot be returned, (except for medal for the Province. See section 9.)

26. All disputed points are to be decided by the senior officer present, whose decision will be final.

27. The Districts named in the Schedule of "District" Prizes will also be the Districts entitled to send competitors for the "Colonial" Prizes.

28. A return of the names of all competitors, with the number of marks scored by each, signed by the officer who superintended the firing, and the Adjutant, is to be forwarded by the Officer Commanding the District, or by the Adjutant, to the Under Secretary, Defence Department, Wellington, according to the accompanying form, as soon as possible after the firing has been concluded.

29. For preliminary private practice ten (10) rounds of ammunition per man will be issued gratuitously, and fifty (50) rounds will be supplied at the rate of 4s. per 100.

30. The attention of the Commanding Officers and Adjutants is particularly called to the following rules to prevent accidents:—

No competitor is to cap or cock his rifle before coming to the spot from which he is to fire.

No competitor is to let the cock of his rifle down when an unexploded cap is on the nipple, but to keep it at half-cock.

Competitors before firing are to take a few paces in front of all lookers on, and to see that no objects are in the line of fire.

Subject to the above Rules, Regulations, and Conditions, the following prizes will be awarded:—

COLONIAL PRIZES.

First Set— £ s. d.

The Champion Prize will consist of a Gold Medal, presented by the New Zealand Government, a Purse of Seventy-five Sovereigns, and the right to wear the Champion Belt until the next Colonial Prizes are decided ... 75 0 0

2nd Prize, the Silver Medal presented by the Council of the National Rifle Association, and a Purse of ... 50 0 0

3rd Prize, a Medal, and ... 30 0 0

4th Prize, ditto, and ... 20 0 0

Second Set—

1st Prize, Medal, and... 15 0 0

2nd Prize ... 10 0 0

Third Set—

1st Prize, Medal, and... 15 0 0

2nd Prize ... 10 0 0

Fourth Set—

1st Prize, Medal, and... 15 0 0

2nd Prize ... 10 0 0

Fifth Set—

1st Prize—A Green's patent breech or muzzle-loading Hay pattern rifle.

2nd Prize—A Green's patent breech or muzzle-loading cavalry carbine.

Cadet Prizes.

1st Prize, a Medal, and ... 10 0 0

2nd Prize ... 5 0 0

DISTRICT PRIZES.

Auckland—

1st Class Prizes.

1st Prize ... 12 0 0

2nd " ... 10 0 0

3rd " ... 9 0 0

4th " ... 8 0 0

5th " ... 7 0 0

2nd Class Prizes.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Prize ...	8	0	0			
2nd " ...	6	0	0			
3rd " ...	4	0	0			
4th " ...	2	0	0			
				66	0	0

Waikato—

1st Class Prizes.

1st Prize ...	12	0	0
2nd " ...	10	0	0

2nd Class Prizes.

1st Prize ...	8	0	0
2nd " ...	6	0	0
3rd " ...	2	0	0
	38	0	0

Tauranga and Opotiki—

1st Class Prizes.

1st Prize ...	10	0	0
2nd " ...	6	0	0

2nd Class Prizes.

1st Prize ...	5	0	0
2nd " ...	3	0	0
	24	0	0

Poverty Bay—

2nd Class Prizes.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Prize ...	10	0	0			
2nd " ...	5	0	0			
				15	0	0

Napier and Wairoa—

1st Class Prizes.

1st Prize ...	12	0	0
2nd " ...	10	0	0
3rd " ...	6	0	0
4th " ...	4	0	0

2nd Class Prizes.

1st Prize ...	8	0	0
2nd " ...	6	0	0
3rd " ...	4	0	0
4th " ...	2	0	0
	52	0	0

Wairarapa and Castle Point—

1st Class Prizes.

1st Prize ...	12	0	0
2nd " ...	10	0	0

2nd Class Prizes.

1st Prize ...	8	0	0
2nd " ...	6	0	0
3rd " ...	4	0	0
	40	0	0

Wellington, Porirua, Hutt, and Taita—

Same as Auckland ...	66	0	0
	66	0	0

Wanganui and Rangitikei—

Same as Tauranga and Opo- tiki ...	24	0	0
	24	0	0

Patea—

Same as Tauranga and Opo- tiki ...	24	0	0
	24	0	0

Taranaki, White Cliffs, and Warea—

Same as Napier and Wairoa ...	52	0	0
	52	0	0

Nelson—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Class Prizes.						
1st Prize	12	0	0			
2nd "	10	0	0			
3rd "	8	0	0			
2nd Class Prizes.						
1st Prize	8	0	0			
2nd "	6	0	0			
3rd "	4	0	0			
4th "	2	0	0			
				50	0	0

Marlborough—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Class Prizes.						
1st Prize	5	0	0			
2nd "	5	0	0			
2nd Class Prizes.						
1st Prize	5	0	0			
2nd "	2	10	0			
				20	0	0

Canterbury—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Class Prizes.						
First District, Christchurch:—						
1st Prize	12	0	0			
2nd "	9	0	0			
3rd "	6	0	0			
4th "	5	0	0			
5th "	3	0	0			
				35	0	0

Canterbury—continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Second District, Christchurch:—						
Ditto	35	0	0			
						35 0 0
Third District, Woodend:—						
1st Prize	12	0	0			
2nd "	10	0	0			
3rd "	8	0	0			
4th "	7	0	0			
5th "	6	0	0			
6th "	4	0	0			
7th "	2	0	0			
						50 0 0

Otago—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Class Prizes.						
Three Districts;— to be arranged by the Officer Commanding the District.						
						120 0 0

Southland—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Class Prizes.						
1st Prize	9	0	0			
2nd "	6	0	0			
2nd Class Prizes.						
1st Prize	6	0	0			
2nd "	3	0	0			
						24 0 0

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