

Slot Distribution Policy as revised March 2007

General

Slot distribution shall be based on participation within a particular division and the policy applies equally to all divisions. Slots may be used only at the match that recognizes the division within which it was won, but the competitor may enter any division competed at that match.

If, for example, a competitor earns a production slot and the match format calls for a Factory Gun Nationals recognizing L10, production, and revolver he can use his slot to enter any of those divisions. If the match were a stand-alone production championship, his slot would be recognized only at that event.

For the purposes of this policy divisions are:

- Limited
- Limited 10
- Open
- Production
- Revolver

Slots are allocated through USPSA in six different ways:

- Returning Champions (see page 1)
- Area Championships (see page 2)
- Other Level III Matches (see page 4)
- Clubs/Sections (see page 4)
- President's Discretion (see page 4)
- Wait List (see page 5)

Returning Champions

The number of returning champions slots is determined by participation within the Division at the previous national championship as illustrated in the following table.

Returning Champions Within Division			
Number of Competitors	Returning		
	Men	Women	Jr.
0-49	1	0	0
50-99	8	4	0
100+	16	8	1

- If a Division has 1-49 participants, the Division Champion will be invited to the following year's nationals.
- If attendance is 50-99, the top eight men and four women will be invited to the following year's nationals.
- If there are more than 100 shooters in a Division the top 16 men, eight women, and high junior will be invited to the following years nationals.

Area Championships

Slots Awarded Through Area Championships								
Number of Competitors	1 st OA	2 nd OA	1 st Woman	Class (M-D)	1 st JR	1 st SR	1 st SS	Total
<50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
50-99	1	0	1	5	1	1	1	10
=>100	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	16
Max per Match	5	5	5	25	5	5	5	55

If an area championship division has at least 50 but no more than 99 competitors, that division will receive slots for:

- First overall
- First in class (M-D)
- Top woman
- Top junior

- Top senior
- Top super senior.

If an area championship division has 100 or more competitors that division will receive slots for:

- First and second overall
- First and second in class (M-D)
- Top woman
- Top junior
- Top senior
- Top super senior

Only area residents are eligible to receive slots awarded through area championships except for first and second overall in each qualifying Division.

If the division has fewer than 50 competitors only the high overall finisher will receive a slot. In all divisions GM's compete for overall only and unclassified (U) is not considered a class and therefore will compete for overall as well.

Each category and class also requires a minimum of five (5) competitors to be eligible for slots per division. For example, the high junior in Limited at an area match is only eligible for the slot if there were five (5) or more juniors in that division. The top 'D' in Open at an area championship is eligible for a slot only if there were five (5) or more 'D' class shooters in that division.

Each slot will be offered to the first eligible recipient. If that person declines the slot the next person in line (e.g. 2nd woman) will be offered the slot and so on until the slot is accepted or until the top four potential recipients have declined it. If the slot remains unclaimed after the fourth contact it will be returned to the club/section pool.

Every effort will be made to contact the slot winners via telephone and email. However, it is the recipient's responsibility to insure that the Sedro Woolley office has the correct contact information on file. If the office staff is unable to contact the person eligible for the slot after a good faith effort, the slot will advance through the process described above.

Area Directors are encouraged to communicate this policy to the Area Match Director who are in turn encouraged to inform his/her competitors of the policy and procedures.

Other Level III Matches

The first six non-area championship matches to qualify as Level III Matches in a calendar year may award slots to the top three overall in each qualifying division. A division must have 20 or more competitors to qualify. The maximum number of slots to be distributed by a single match is 15 with an accumulated annual total of 90.

Division	Overall	Class	Total	Total for all Level III
Limited	3	0	3	18
Limited 10	3	0	3	18
Open	3	0	3	18
Production	3	0	3	18
Revolver	3	0	3	18
Total	15	0	15	90
20	Competitors per division required to qualify for slots			
6	Maximum # Level III annually			

Clubs and Sections

Clubs and sections receive all remaining slots according to their activity credits. Unused slots are to be returned by the slot deadline which is determined annually by the Executive Director.

President's Discretion

The USPSA President has authority to distribute no more than 20 Nationals slots, at his/her discretion, following initial distribution of slots to the sections. Those slots shall be obtained as needed from the general pool of unused/returned club/section slots, and unneeded slots will be released back into the pool as soon as practicable for distribution through the waiting list. President must report to the board of directors, no later than December 31st of each year, the individuals to whom those discretionary slots were distributed during that year.

Wait List

With the sole exception of the president's discretionary slots, those not returned by a competitor with payment, shall be distributed via the online wait list. The opening date of the wait list, and the wait list registration fee, shall be determined annually by the Executive Director.