SAPRF 2027 national series, championships and qualifying for selection

Centrefire and PR22 Rimfire

29 October 2026

Scope

These rules govern the 2027 SAPRF national series and national championships for Centrefire and PR22 Rimfire. All competition is individual.

Divisions

Discipline	Division	Eligibility or equipment
Centrefire	Open	Open to all; no additional equipment rules
Centrefire	Ladies Open	Female shooters
Centrefire	Junior Open	PRS: 17 or younger on 1 January of the season. IPRF: aged 14 to 20 at the start of the calendar year, for IPRF team selection. Age verified by government issued ID; juniors must handle their rifle safely without hands-on assistance
Centrefire	Senior Open	Over 55
Centrefire	Mil/LEO	IPRF - Active full or part time military or law enforcement officers PRS - Active Duty & Full-Time LEO: Any shooter who is a full-time, Active Duty Service Member or a full-time Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) is eligible.
Centrefire	Limited	.308 Win/7.62x51 NATO only; projectile maximum 185 gr; velocity maximum 3,200 fps, the same as all Centrefire rifles
Centrefire	Factory	A commercially available, complete factory-manufactured rifle, originally supplied in the manufacturer's standard configuration, subject to the applicable PRS Production Division requirements and any accessories or modifications expressly permitted under the SAPRF Factory Division rules.
Centrefire	Hunter	South African only division. Production rifle with its factory synthetic or wooden stock (no chassis); minimum 2.5 lb trigger pull; rifle maximum US$3,000 and optic maximum US$2,500, based on the manufacturer's advertised price, not the purchase price
PR22 Rimfire	Open	Open to all; no additional equipment rules
PR22 Rimfire	Ladies Open	Female shooters
PR22 Rimfire	Junior Open	Aged 12 to 18 at the start of the calendar year
PR22 Rimfire	Senior Open	Over 55
PR22 Rimfire	Mil/LEO	Active full or part-time military or law enforcement officers
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All Centrefire rifles are limited to a maximum of .30 calibre and 3,200 fps.

Nationals and scoring

Each National is a 1 day, minimum 100 round match. The number of nationals, their dates and venues are set by the SAPRF match calendar.

Every match day is weighted against the highest overall score of that day, regardless of division. The top shooter receives 100 percentage points and everyone else a proportional share.

Weighted score = (shooter's raw score ÷ highest raw score of the day) × 100

Championships

To enter the championships, a shooter must be a fully paid up SAPRF member and have completed at least 1 national and 1 provincial match listed on the SAPRF match calendar. This ensures everyone at the championships has enough match experience to compete at that level.

The SA Championships is a 2-day match, weighted as a whole match to a maximum of 200 points. The Centrefire SA Championships are a minimum of 15 stages and 150 rounds, and the PR22 SA Championships a minimum of 18 stages and 200 rounds, both set out according to PRS requirements. The PRS International Match is worth a maximum of 100 points. Ties are resolved on designated skills stages, following PRS practice: more impacts wins, and equal impacts go to the faster time. Tiebreak results do not add points to the score.

Final ranking

The SA Championships count 40% of the year score (200 of 500 points) and are weighted this way to determine the champion in each division.

Component	Maximum points
Best 3 national results (100 each) and/or PRS International match	300
SA Championships (2 days)	200
Total	**500**

For selection of the National Team, the SA Championships are a mandatory match and count 25% of the total score (300 points for the year and 100 points for the SA Championships, 400 points in total).

Component	Maximum points
Best 3 national results (100 each) and/or PRS International match	300
SA Championships (2 days)	100
Total	**400**

Only a shooter's **best three national results** will count towards the final ranking. These may include a maximum of two results from their home province, with the remaining result(s) coming from outside their home province. All 3 best scores may be from outside their home province. Dates and venues are published separately on the SAPRF calendar.

International shooters must compete in at least three nationally qualifying PRS or IPRF National Selection Matches to be eligible for selection. Participation in the **South African Championships (SA Champs)** is also mandatory for selection eligibility.

Ties on final points go to the higher SA championship score, then to the SA championship skills stage tiebreak.

A shooter with fewer than 3 counting results, including one whose nationals were all in their home province, appears on the log wherever their points place them but is not eligible for selection.

A shooter moving from Factory to Open keeps their scores, as those rifles meet the Open rules. A shooter moving from Open to Factory starts again.

Selection and colours

Federation and Protea colours apply to Centrefire and PR22 on the same rules. The 2027 Centrefire ranking is used to select the Centrefire National Team for the 2028 IPRF Precision Rifle World Championships. See the SAPRF team selection process document.

Approved and signed



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