

Nationals slot policy

(abridged from the Board approved policy adopted in 2018, and available at https://uspsa.org/viewer/2018_USPSA_Slot_Policy.pdf)

The USPSA Rulebook, Appendix A2, which is mandatory for Level III and National Championships, has been the standard for recognizing divisions, classes, and categories. USPSA uses Appendix A2 exclusively at all USPSA National Championships.

To accurately award performance slots based on Area Championships and National Championships, Appendix A2 will be applied to each match. Qualifying divisions at National Championships will receive a National Champion slot, and one additional slot per ten competitors up to a maximum of nine more places, the top ten per qualifying divisions. Qualifying class and category winners will receive one performance based slot.

Qualifying divisions at Area Championships per Appendix A2, will receive an Area Champion slot, class winner slots, and category winner slots. The slots will be based on Appendix A2 match performance with regard for Area resident status.

The three phases of National match registration remain; performance slots, club activity slots, then open registration.

For slots earned through affiliate activity, the prior calendar year is used, with the exception of Nationals registrations that open before the end of the calendar year, in which any rolling 12 months activity may be used.

It is important to remember that three principles are supported within this policy:

- 1 USPSA recognizes accomplishments through major match performance
- 2 USPSA maintains a classification system, and recognizes the merits of classification
- 3 USPSA rewards affiliate clubs based on their paid activity

APPENDIX A2 (from the USPSA 2014 Handgun Rules)

USPSA Recognition Prior to the commencement of a match, the organizers must specify which Division(s) will be recognized. Unless otherwise specified, USPSA sanctioned matches will recognize Divisions and Categories based on the number of registered competitors who actually compete in the match, based on the following criteria:

1. Divisions

Level I and Level II A minimum of 5 competitors per Division (recommended)

Level III / Nationals A minimum of 10 competitors per Division (mandatory)

2. Categories

Division status must be achieved before Categories are recognized.

All level matches A minimum of 5 competitors per Division Category (see approved list below)

3. Individual Categories

Categories approved for individual recognition are as follows:

- a. Lady Gender as listed on a government issued ID.
- b. Junior Competitors under the age of 18 on the first day of the match.
- c. Senior Competitors over the age of 55 on the first day of the match
- d. Super Senior Competitors over the age of 65 on the first day of the match.
A competitor over the age of 65 on the first day of the match may enter Senior Category only if Super Senior is unavailable.
- e. Military Military personnel on current active duty orders.
- f. Law Full-time law enforcement officers with arrest powers.

4. Individual Classes

Division status must be achieved before Classes are recognized.

Level I and Level II A minimum of 5 competitors per Class (recommended)

Level III/Nationals A minimum of 10 competitors per Class (mandatory)