Dear Match Directors and Competitors,

 This letter is to address the changes that are happening for 2019 in Silhouette. We are changing the classification system to maintain everything online. These classifications will be kept in the same database that we use for the other disciplines in the division. What will happen is, once a match is complete, the match directors will send in the scores and stat sheets along with any payments and reports required for hosting the match. Tournament Reporting (TR) will enter in the scores into the database along with any history sent for each competitor. Then TR will print classification cards to send out every two weeks. This will be on the same schedule as our other disciplines.

 Shooters are allowed to continue to use the 2018 score record books until they receive a new classification card in the mail. Keep in mind that for 2019 the prices for matches will remain the same but there may be a small fee added to ‘approved’ matches in 2020. With this happening, by the end of Nationals in 2018, there should not be a need to order score record books unless they are a new shooter and wish to keep a record of their shots on their own. This will keep the match directors and statisticians from having to collect books, write in them, and then make sure they are returned.

 As for initial score receipts we ask that match directors send in a copy of the current score record book so that we may input some history into the system. This will also allow us to issue out new classification cards based on current data. If someone is a new shooter and does not have a classification, they will receive one from their first match according to the current rules. Please keep in mind that it is imperative to submit these as soon as possible once the match is complete. We do ask that if you have any ‘break out’ scores that they are noted in the stats and the information is emailed to tournrpts@nrahq.org as soon as possible. This will allow us a chance to make sure they are in the system as quickly as possible.

 Automation is another value that will come out of this. You will be able to go online to look up your latest scores and see your current competitor activity. Our next step in with this is to make score submission for your matches much easier. We are working to have the ability to submit online scores for all tournaments, not just approved. We understand that not everyone has access to nearby internet on the range and for those few that cannot take advantage of this, the opportunity to submit via mail or email will still be available. The date for the score submissions will be forthcoming as soon as we ensure it is ready to go but it is coming and soon!

 We are excited about this change for the Silhouette program and look forward to working with everyone in the near future on this. We feel this will bring on a change that helps keep everyone honest and makes for an easier tracking of your classifications, as well as, save you time on your submissions. Thank you for your time and support and hope to see as many people as we can at the nationals for 2019!

 Please contact me at afarmer@nrahq.org or 703-267-1475.

 Sincerely,

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 Competitive Shooting Division