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From: Officer in Charge, U.S. Navy Marksmanship Team  
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Subj: NAVY ACTION EXCELLENCE IN COMPETITION (EIC) AWARDS AND ACTION  
DISTINGUISHED PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3591.1G  
(b) OPNAVINST 3590.26A  
(c) USNMTINST 3590.26  
(d) NAVPERS 15665J United States Navy Uniform Regulations  
(e) USNMTNOTE 3590.26

1. Purpose. This policy outlines a *probationary* program and will be reviewed annually by the Officer in Charge (OIC), fleet directors, action director and distinguished coordinator. Each year a decision will be made to continue the program on probation, cancel the program or establish a permanent program. The OIC will have final authority over the distinguished action program.

2. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to all Navy personnel, active, reserve, retired, Naval Academy midshipmen and Reserve Officer Training Corps midshipmen. All naval personnel participating in action sponsored competition must be qualified for such activities per reference (a) chapter 1.

3. Action Distinguished Program.

a. Navy action EIC points or distinguished badges are not tracked or recognized by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Action EIC devices will be labeled "U.S. Navy" on the device regardless of the competition level (not 'fleet' or "national"). The current Navy Distinguished Marksman and Distinguished Pistol badges will be awarded in lieu of new action distinguished medals. Medal procurement will be the responsibility of the action program director and not the responsibility of the OIC or fleet directors.

b. The USNMT distinguished coordinator will maintain a separate list of action distinguished badges apart from the current distinguished marksman and distinguished pistol lists. Members that earn distinguished in action shooting will have their badge number annotated with an "ARxxx" for action rifle or "APxxx" for action pistol next to the number in USNMT records to indicate the action category.

c. While this instruction is in a probationary status, only one distinguished marksman badge and one distinguished pistol badge can be earned and worn. Example: A competitor who earns a distinguished pistol badge for CMP bullseye cannot pursue the distinguished pistol badge again with action and cannot accumulate action badges. They will be treated as two separate paths to one single distinguished designation. A non-distinguished competitor can pursue both

distinguished paths at the same time, however once distinguished status is achieved all non-distinguished competition will cease for the other path.

(1) Wearing of medals will be in accordance with reference (d) and (e).

(2) No more than three badges/medals may be worn at a time.

(3) If the distinguished badge for a discipline is worn, no EIC medals from that discipline will be worn. Example: If a distinguished marksman badge is worn, no high-power or action rifle EIC badges previously won may be worn. Same applies for distinguished pistol shot badge.

(4) No more than two EIC medals from a discipline will be worn at the same time. Multiple awards of the same precedence (i.e. two rifle EICs) may be worn simultaneously provided that they are the highest precedence awards earned in that discipline and all other rules are followed.

d. Navy competitors are limited to six Action EIC eligible matches, per weapons system, in a calendar year provided one of the six matches is a national level match. The competitor must inform the action shooting director *before* the match that they intend to compete for EIC credit. This prevents a competitor from shooting a match poorly and not counting it as one of the six yearly matches.

#### 4. Criteria for Action EIC points:

a. The following disciplines are recognized towards Action EIC points:

(1) United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA).

(2) Steel Challenge Shooting Association (SCSA).

(3) International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC).

(4) International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA).

(5) 3-Gun/Multigun (3GN/UML) Note: Credit will only be given for one weapon system. Competitor must select pistol or rifle (not both) before the match.

(6) Precision Rifle (PR/PRS). Centerfire only.

Note: 1 Pistol Caliber Carbine (PCC), Rimfire Rifle and Rimfire Pistol divisions are not recognized for action EIC points.

b. Points will be awarded based on the number of all competitors in the equipment division, not the classification division. To calculate the award level, all classifications in a division will be added together to compute the division total competitor number. See paragraph 5 below for medal distribution.

#### 5. Action EIC Point Breakdown and Eligibility

a. To be awarded points, members must participate in a match in accordance with paragraph 4.a with no less than 15 competitors in their division and place high enough in accordance with the EIC table below. To standardize and establish medal award criteria, the below point table will be used to calculate EIC awards. Scoresheets will be emailed to [navyactions shooting@gmail.com](mailto:navyactions shooting@gmail.com) and reviewed by the action shooting director to ensure eligibility.

b. Gold (10 points) is top 3%, Silver (8 points) is next 5% and Bronze (6 points) is the last 7% of the top 15% of division competitors.

Action Medal Breakdown			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<b>1-14</b>	NO AWARDS		
<b>15</b>			1
<b>20</b>		1	2
<b>30</b>	1	2	2
<b>40</b>	1	2	3
<b>50</b>	1	3	4
<b>60</b>	2	3	4
<b>70</b>	2	4	5
<b>80</b>	2	4	6
<b>90</b>	3	5	6
<b>100</b>	3	5	7
<b>110</b>	3	6	8
<b>120</b>	4	6	8
<b>130</b>	4	7	9
<b>140</b>	4	7	10
<b>150</b>	5	8	10
<b>160</b>	5	8	11
<b>170</b>	5	9	12
<b>180</b>	5	9	13
<b>190</b>	6	10	13
<b>200</b>	6	10	14

Note 2: For matches with a single competitor or small number of Navy action competitors their medal will correspond to their final ranking. (Example: 2 Navy in a 100 group finish 8th and 16th, one will win the last silver medal and the other will not receive an award).

c. Standings do not count competitors that were disqualified (DQ) or did not finish the match.

d. Navy distinguished marksman or pistol competitors will not be removed from the overall competitor list.

6. Qualification Criteria for Navy Action Distinguished Badges. Navy Action Distinguished Marksman or Navy Action Distinguished Pistol Shot badge will be awarded when a member has been awarded 30 EIC credit points and the below requirements are met. Four point awards from a small arms firing school will not count toward the 30 point total.

a. The member must earn at least one gold or silver award from a national level match in action shooting.

b. The member must earn a traditional highpower rifle/bullseye pistol gold, silver or bronze medal at either a fleet (not FCA/R), all Navy, inter-service or national CMP level completion as outlined below:

(1) A precision pistol/bullseye pistol EIC medal will count toward the Navy Action Distinguished Pistol Shot badge. A highpower rifle EIC medal will count toward the Navy Action Distinguished Marksman badge.

(2) Based on requirement 5.b, an action competitor must earn between 20-24 “action only” points provided six to ten points will be filled with a “traditional” highpower or bullseye medal. If no traditional medal is awarded by the 24 point limit and requirement 6.a (national level gold or silver action EIC award) is met, the action competitor will be ineligible for any further action EIC medals. If requirement 6.a is not met, then the action competitor must accumulate action bronze medals until a national level gold or silver is achieved.

c. Individuals meeting the criteria for earning a distinguished designation per this enclosure are responsible for submitting an email or letter to the USNMT distinguished coordinator via the action distinguished coordinator to receive official recognition. Instructions can be found at [www.usnmt.org](http://www.usnmt.org).



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