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Champion Shot Medal

The Champion Shots Medal recognises skill at arms in the Australian Defence Force.

About the award

Skill at arms is an important ability for military personnel and recognition of this skill has a long tradition in the defence forces.

The Champion Shots Medal encourages and rewards skill in arms shooting in the three Australian armed forces - the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force.

Each year, the armed forces conduct target-shooting competitions with standard issue weapons. Three medals – one for each force – are awarded to the winners.

The Champion Shots Medal was established on 13 September 1988 by Letters Patent.

How it is awarded

The Governor-General makes the awards on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or the Chief's delegate.

No more than three medals can be awarded in each calendar year.

Medal design

The Champion Shots Medal is a circular antiqued brass medal 38 millimetres in diameter. It is ensigned with the Crown of St Edward, also in antiqued brass. Two wreaths of laurel leaves surround a symbol of two crossed rifles superimposed on the stars of the Southern Cross. There is no design on the back of the medal.

Medal ribbon

The medal is suspended from a 32 millimetre wide ribbon. The ribbon has a central dark blue vertical band flanked by two vertical bands of red, which are in turn bordered by two vertical bands of light blue.

A clasp inscribed with the year awarded is attached to the ribbon.



If the same person receives a further Champion Shots award it is in the form of a date bar, which is attached to the ribbon of the original award.

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More information

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