

NSRA

Club & Individual Postal Competitions

Section 7.1 – NSRA Handbook



CLUB & INDIVIDUAL POSTAL COMPETITIONS

Introduction	<p>The sport of small-bore rifle, pistol and airgun shooting has in the main been built up on postal competitions, with teams firing on their own home ranges, thus being able to compete conveniently against teams in other parts of the country and abroad.</p> <p>The success of postal shooting depends on mutual trust and good sportsmanship, and the existence of clear rules for the conduct of shooting, enabling teams and individuals of equal and any ability to compete against each other.</p> <p>Summer and Winter Booklets set out the postal competitions for club teams and individuals promoted by the NSRA. Further booklets cover the competitions for which entry is restricted to county organisations, the armed services and cadets, details of which are supplied separately to eligible applicants.</p> <p>Entry forms are supplied to Club Secretaries in November for summer competitions and June for winter competitions. Periodic reminders of the closing dates for entries are published in On Target, NSRA News, on the NSRA Website (www.nsra.co.uk) and via email.</p>
Competition Conditions	<p>All postal competitions promoted by the NSRA are governed by the relevant rules in NSRA Rules and Regulations (available on the NSRA website) and the general conditions as laid out below. Where the conditions applicable to a particular competition differ, they will be listed under the specific conditions later in this section, or in the instructions issued to entrants, and those special conditions shall take precedence.</p>
GENERAL CONDITIONS	
Qualification for Entry	<p>Individual Competitions</p> <p>Unless otherwise stated in the conditions of the competition, entry is restricted to Life and Annual Members of the NSRA.</p> <p>Club Team Competitions</p> <p>Entry is restricted to Category A Clubs which are currently affiliated to the NSRA. Team members must be Life, Annual or Associate Members of the NSRA. A team member must have been a member of the club for at least one month prior to the date of shooting in the team for the first time. A club may enter any number of teams.</p>
Entry Forms	<p>Entries should be made on the appropriate entry form. Entry forms are issued to clubs in two booklets annually, and cover all team and individual competitions in this section. The booklet for summer competitions (i.e. those numbered 100 to 199 and 300 to 399) is normally issued in November with the club re-affiliation forms. The booklet for winter competitions (i.e. those numbered 200 to 299 and 400 to 499) is issued to clubs in June with the Summer edition of On Target. In addition, entry forms for individual competitions are issued with the Summer and Winter editions of On Target. All entry forms are posted on the Competitions Section of the NSRA website (www.nsra.co.uk).</p>
Team & Individual Leagues	<p>Each division in the league will normally comprise six teams/individuals. The league will comprise of ten rounds, with each team/individual shooting against each other team/individual in the division twice. Where</p>

	<p>there are less than six teams/individuals in a division, the missing team(s)/individual(s) will be replaced with a bye (divisions of four may be considered in competitions with low numbers of entries). Teams/individuals must shoot the bye rounds to obtain match points.</p> <p>A reserve, i.e., an unregistered shooter, may be included in any team competition, but are not permissible in individual competitions. The current average of the reserve must be declared on the first occasion that he/she shoots for a team, but does not need to be declared in subsequent rounds. Where the current average of the reserve exceeds the registered average of the shooter being substituted, the team total shall be reduced by the difference between the shooter's registered current average and the reserve's registered average, rounded-up to the nearest whole number. However, this rule does not apply in Division 1 of a league, where a reserve with any current average may be used. (Note: "Current average" shall be interpreted as the average of a shooter's last three recorded scores.)</p> <p>Match periods are usually two weeks, finishing on a Monday. Longer periods may be given for Round 1 and at the time of a National Meeting or at Christmas.</p> <p>Cards may be shot upon receipt of stickers and must be shot in round number order.</p> <p>All team members must fire on the same range in the same round.</p> <p>Each team member must fire his or her cards within the following periods:-</p> <table data-bbox="774 1019 1268 1198" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">10 shots per round</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1 hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">20 shots per round</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">2 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">30 shots per round</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">3 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">40 shots per round</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">4 hours</td> </tr> </table>	10 shots per round	1 hour	20 shots per round	2 hours	30 shots per round	3 hours	40 shots per round	4 hours
10 shots per round	1 hour								
20 shots per round	2 hours								
30 shots per round	3 hours								
40 shots per round	4 hours								
Team Knock-Out Competitions	All cards for a team must be shot on the same range and on the same day. It is not permissible for the team to shoot before the first date specified for shooting that round.								
Shoulder-to-Shoulder Matches	<p>It is open to teams in a postal team league, or knock-out competition, to agree that a particular match between them be shot under shoulder-to-shoulder conditions. Arrangements for such matches are as specified in NSRA Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>Depending on availability of facilities, the final stage of Individual Championships and the semi-final and final rounds of Club Team Knock-out competitions may be held shoulder-to-shoulder.</p>								
Long Range Matches	All shooting at distances of 50 yards and over must take place on outdoor ranges as defined in NSRA Rule 1.10.4. Matches on shorter ranges may take place on either indoor or outdoor ranges.								
Calculation of Averages	<p>For competitions where a shooter's average is required, the average will be calculated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. In team leagues, the exact average achieved by the shooter in that league during the previous season. B. Where the shooter did not take part in the previous league, and for all individual competitions, the average of the best five of the last six courses specified on the competition entry form fired on 								

	<p>the shooter's home range.</p> <p>C. For all individual competitions the average of the best 10 of 12 confirmed scores in any relevant leagues.</p> <p>D. If a shooter has had a significant improvement or deterioration since last year, a more relevant average can be used (best 10 of 12, or taken as an average from any relevant league). If the average is lower than last year's, evidence to substantiate the reduction must be provided..</p> <p>The average for each shooter must be quoted to one decimal place, and <u>must not</u> be rounded to the nearest whole number.</p> <p>The team average will be the aggregate of the individual averages of the members of the team.</p> <p>If a club is unable to declare an average in accordance with the relevant conditions for a competition, an explanation of the cards used to obtain the average declared must be sent with the entry.</p> <p>Averages for all competitions shall be given as points scored, not points dropped, and must be certified as correct on the entry form by the Club Secretary, Captain or other appropriate club official.</p>
Period of Shooting	<p>The periods of shooting quoted in the Specific Conditions section are approximate. Periods may be shortened or extended, particularly in Knock-out competitions, to take account of the number of entries. Exact periods of shooting will be confirmed in the instructions sent to participants.</p>
Submission of Entries	<p>All team and individual entries should be on the official forms. "See attached sheet" is unacceptable. Entries not on the official forms may not be entered in the relevant competitions(s). Entries received after the closing date may not be accepted.</p> <p>An entry will not be deemed as received unless accompanied by any entry fee applicable. Entries are not transferable.</p>
Stickers	<p>The identification of competition targets will be by means of adhesive stickers. Targets of the appropriate design will be provided by the individual shooter or club.</p> <p>All stickers must be attached to the front of the targets by an accredited Club Official before being handed to the shooter.</p> <p>It is recommended that all stickers are affixed to targets at the beginning of the league or competition, and as soon as possible after receipt. Once affixed to a target, stickers should not be removed. If you have applied stickers to incorrect targets for the competition, please contact the Competitions Department for advice on how to proceed.</p> <p>One sticker will be issued for each target to be shot in a competition. Where the Three Card System is used in rifle competitions two stickers must be attached to each card. Where single-bull Air Rifle targets are used, the sticker must be attached to every fifth target starting with the first target of the set. Special requirements apply to the shooting and witnessing of competitions shot on electronic targets - see Rule 7.4.7.</p> <p>In the event of lost stickers, duplicate stickers may be issued on payment of the appropriate fee.</p>

Targets

The targets to be used for each individual competition are specified in the respective competitions booklets. However, for the record, a complete list of competition targets is given below:

RIFLE

Short Range

	Prone	Standing & Kneeling
15 yards	1510BM/89	1505BM/89
20 yards	2010BM/89	2005BM/89
25 yards	2510BM/89	2505BM/89
25 metres	25M10BM/89	

Short Range

25 yard Skirmisher X5

Short Range Tin Hat and Cadets & Schools

	Tin Hat	Cadets & Schools
25 yards	2505TH	2505CS

Long Range

	Single Card System	Three Card System
50 yards	5002BM/89 or 5002C 1996	5006BM/89
50 metres	MM12/89 or MM12C 1996 (or ISSF equivalent)	MM13/89
100 yards	1001BM/89 or 1001 centres	1003BM/89

Long Range Metric

50 yards MM8

LIGHTWEIGHT SPORT RIFLE

See Rifle or Pistol as indicated.

AIR RIFLE

6 yards	AIR7
10 metres	AIR1/89 (numbered), AIR2/89 or AIR3/89 or ISSF equivalent
10 metres (50m proportionate)	AIR11/99

PISTOL, AIR PISTOL

6 yards	AIR8
10 metres	Deliberate AIR4/89 or ISSF equivalent Timed AIR10/97
20 yards	Slowfire PL15 Free PL14
25 metres	Standard PL7 or PL8 Free PL19
50 metres	Free /Slowfire PL7 or ISSF equivalent

Cards prepared for use with mechanical changers and, in 10 metre airgun competitions, single-shot cards (which must be serially numbered by the manufacturer) or 5 target strips, may be used provided they have been previously approved by the NSRA.

Rifle cards with a printed trim-line may be trimmed prior to despatch to the scorer, but the whole of the trim-line **must** remain intact and clearly visible. Please re-attach if accidentally removed.

<p>Electronic Targets</p>	<p>The following electronic targets are currently approved by the ISSF and may be used in shooting appropriate NSRA competitions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sius Ascor 10m, 25m, 50m</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Spieth 10m, 50m</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Polytronic 10m, 50m</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Megalink 10m, 50m</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Meyton 10m, 50m</p> <p>Electronic targets must be registered with the NSRA. Please contact the Competitions Department for a registration form.</p>
<p>Witnessing</p>	<p>The shooting of every postal competition card must be witnessed by a person authorised to witness in accordance with NSRA Rule 7.5. The NSRA may appoint a special witness for any stage or match of any competition.</p> <p>The witness shall confirm that a card or set of cards has been shot in accordance with the Rules and Conditions governing the competition. They should sign and date each card after the shooter has signed the card and in doing so confirm that the rules/conditions of the competition have been complied with. As an alternative to the signature on each card, the completion of a full Witness Certificate will be accepted where such a certificate is provided by the NSRA. A short Witness Certificate, in the form issued by the NSRA, will be accepted in competitions where the competitor fires six or more cards in a match or round. Where either type of Witness Certificate is used, the shooter must still sign all of their cards.</p> <p>Any variation from the conditions of shooting shall be noted by the witness on the relevant cards or certificate and drawn to the attention of the scorer. The witness shall similarly report any other relevant occurrence such as cross-shooting, allowable pistol malfunctions resulting in excess shots on a card, and accidental damage to a card.</p> <p>The witness has responsibilities in relation to the custody of shot cards. In the case of leagues, where a team's cards may be shot over a period, arrangements should be made by the Club for the safe custody of shot cards prior to despatch to the scorer.</p>
<p>Submission of Shot Cards to Scorers</p>	<p>The final date for shooting any match is normally a Monday, and the cards must be received by the scorer not later than the Saturday following the last date for shooting. Where the final date for shooting a match is not a Monday (for example, the last day of a calendar month), a final date for receipt of cards by the scorer will be notified. In the event of cards arriving after the relevant day, they will not be accepted unless the cover or a certificate of posting carries a postmark not later than the day following the final date for shooting (normally a Tuesday).</p> <p>If cards are lost on the way to the scorer, a team or competitor may claim a re-shoot. For the claim to be agreed, it must be made within the stated challenge period following publication of the results and it must be accompanied by a receipt of posting confirming the posting of the cards to the correct scorer within the relevant timescale.</p> <p>Cards posted to scorers must be stamped at the full postage rate otherwise they may not be accepted by the scorer. Please do not send cards by recorded delivery.</p>

<p>Scoring</p>	<p>NSRA scoring rules apply to all Prone Rifle, Benchrest Rifle, Lightweight Sport Rifle, Club Pistol, 6 yard Air Rifle and 6 yard Air Pistol Competitions. ISSF scoring rules apply to all 3-Positions Rifle, Free Pistol, 10 metre Air Rifle and 10 metre Air Pistol Competitions unless stated otherwise in the specific competition conditions.</p> <p>In competitions where either PL7 or PL15 cards may be used, shots scoring from 1 to 9 on PL7 cards will be scored as one point higher than their normal value.</p> <p>In competitions where rifles or pistols of either .177 or .22 calibre may be used, all cards will be scored with a .22 gauge.</p> <p>Some competitions may have a local scoring option (under NSRA discretion).</p>
<p>Results</p>	<p>Results of all competitions will be sent to the person nominated on the entry form. Clubs are not required to supply stamped addressed envelopes. The results of Knock-out competitions and competitions shot in stages will be accompanied by any information and stickers required by the club for the next stage of the competition. Results of league competitions will include a current league table for the relevant divisions.</p> <p>From time to time there may be some delay in the issue of results when Headquarters staff are engaged in work connected with the National Meetings.</p> <p>The final results of NSRA Postal Competitions are published twice a year in a supplement which is made available on the Results section of the NSRA website (www.nsra.co.uk)</p>
<p>Prizes</p>	<p>Challenge Trophies</p> <p>All trophies are the property of the NSRA and may not be taken outside the United Kingdom. Challenge trophies will be held by the winner. A trophy must be sent by the holder to the NSRA, or to such other address as may be notified by the NSRA, immediately on receipt of a request to do so. The holder is responsible for the payment of carriage charges. Trophy winners are requested to arrange for engraving and to forward a receipt to the NSRA for reimbursement.</p> <p>Awards</p> <p>Awards will be retained by the winners permanently. Only the number of medals or other awards listed in the prize list for each competition will be issued, but extra awards of the same type, suitably engraved, may be purchased from the NSRA by any club wishing to recognise members who have shot as reserves in award winning teams.</p> <p>In Knock-out competitions, awards to losing semi-finalists will only be presented if the original entry is eight or more teams.</p> <p>In individual competitions the standard list of plaquettes, or other awards, issued is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2 to 5 competitors - Winner NSRA Gold Plaquette, plus</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6 to 10 competitors - 2nd NSRA Silver Plaquette, plus</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">more than 10 competitors - 3rd NSRA Bronze Plaquette.</p> <p>Additional bronze plaquettes may be given in the event of significantly higher entries. Where awards are listed as Gold, Silver or Bronze, this is a description of their colour, and not of their metal content.</p>

Disciplinary Action	<p>Competitors and teams whose scores unreasonably exceed their declared averages will be investigated and may be re-classified or disqualified from a competition.</p> <p>Failure to comply with the relevant NSRA Rules and Regulations or the General or Special Conditions applicable to any competition render a competitor's card or cards liable to disqualification. Dishonest, discreditable or dangerous conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of NSRA Rules and Regulations.</p>
----------------------------	--

August 2018