

Somerset Small-bore Shooting Association

Affiliated to NSRA No.2505



RIFLE AND AIRGUN

COMPETITION RULES AND FORMAT

Revisions

<u>Feb .2001</u>	Disciplinary Matters
<u>Nov .2006</u>	Air Gun Rules Modified
<u>May .2007</u>	AGM confirmed Air Gun Rules modification Shoulder to Shoulder finals.
<u>June.2008</u>	AGM confirmed the inclusion of the Winter Individual League as well as Medals for the top average in the Winter Leagues.
<u>June.2009</u>	Junior age limit reduced to 18 years. Winter League confirmed at 18 rounds. Mulling Cup handicap to be base on first 6 rounds Of the current Winter League.
<u>June.2010</u>	Competition organiser to decide on the format of shoots. Cup Competitions rule change.
<u>June 2011</u>	Several changes both Rifle and Airgun including central scoring.
<u>August 2012</u>	Unification of both sections issued Aug.

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1.0 Eligibility

- 1.1 To be eligible to shoot, a member must be a fully paid-up member of a club affiliated to the **SSBSA** and their name must be entered in the Club Register.
- 1.2 Club Captains are expected to ensure that a team member is only relegated to a lower team in the same League if their average in that Competition for the last three shoots before relegation is lower than that of a member who replaces that person in a higher team. However, a member of a lower team may shoot for a higher team any number of times without losing the lower team status. A reserve (who must be a Registered Club Member), not normally a member of any team may be included in any team at the Club Captains discretion. N.S.R.A. Rule 7.
- 1.3 Individual competitions: No substitutions are permitted.
- 1.4 For the purposes of Junior Competitions organised by the SSBSA the age limit for Juniors is to be under 21 years of age at 31st December in the year of entry.
- 1.5 For the purposes of Veteran Competitions organised by the SSBSA the age entry of Veterans is to be 60 years of age at 31st December in the year of entry.

2.0 Equipment

- 2.1 As specified in the NSRA Rules and Regulations - Rifle section 8 and Pistol section 9.
- 2.2 **Automatic Rifles and Pistols** are **not allowed** to be used in SSBSA competitions.
- 2.3 **Multishot** air/gas airguns must conform to the same specifications as their single shot version unless a separate set of specifications exist in the NSRA or ISSF rules. The shooter must lower the airgun to the stand/bench between each shot.

3.0 Scoring

- 3.1 N.S.R.A. rules apply, especially with regard to scoring and gauges, except where otherwise stated (the new large N.S.R.A. gauge is recommended for accuracy).
- 3.2 **Centralised scoring when implemented:** Each Club will send their shot cards to a nominated central scorer for the Association by the date specified. Cards not received by the central scorer by the date specified may be disqualified.

3.3 Club Secretary or other Club Official to ensure that all cards have the relevant labels fixed to the front of each card and the competitor's name entered in capital letters to the card BEFORE the cards are shot

3.4 All challenges should be made within 21 days from receipt of published results as per rule 7.11.2 of the N.S.R.A. rules.

4.0 Witnessing.

All targets shot in any team or individual competition must bear the signature of the competitor on the front of the card; the duly appointed witness must also sign and date the target. The witness may be the Captain, Range Officer or other officially appointed person in accordance with N.S.R.A. rule 7.5.2.5. These signatures will be taken as a guarantee that the target was shot by the member named thereon and that the conditions governing the competition have been faithfully observed.

5.0 Submitted averages:

Averages for both the Summer and Winter League Competitions MUST be based on the best 5 of the last 6 S.S.B.S.A. League scores (including Summer League), and calculated to one decimal place.

In the case of a new member who is unable to provide a comparable average from a previous Club, the submitted average is to be based on the best 5 of the 6 most recently shot cards.

6.0 County Silver Medal

6.1 A Winter Competition run concurrently with the Winter League, open to shooters resident within the County, who are Affiliated to the S.S.B.S.A. either directly or through a Club Affiliated to the S.S.B.S.A. N.S.R.A. Rule 3.3

6.2 The course of fire will consist of the total number of Winter League rounds for that year, all rounds to count. The winner being the shooter with the highest average.

6.3 Individuals who have won a Silver Medal cannot win it in future years. However, a Replica will be awarded should they win the Competition again.

6.4 In the event of a shooter winning the Competition who is not a resident of the County, a Replica will be awarded.

7.0 County Badge

7.1 To qualify for a County Badge or a Reserve Badge members of the County Team (or Reserves) must have completed all 10 rounds of the I/C Leagues.

7.2 Competitors must live inside the Somerset County and are selected from the aggregate ranking in the most current Somerset league tables.

NB Only one county badge is issued to any individual shooter.

8.0 Format Of Shoot

8.1 The Organiser of any competition may decide the Format of the Shoot and any other such matters. (Noted AGM June2010)

8.2 Each competition organiser to publish conditions of shoot for each competition at time of invitation to enter.

9.0 Specific Competition Rules/Format For Postal Competitions

9.1 Rifle League & Cup Competitions

In both the Summer and Winter League Competitions any number of rounds may be shot in advance. Competition entries must be received by the date stipulated. Entries accompanied by incorrect fee may NOT be accepted.

9.1.1 Winter Team League.

The course of fire will be 15 rounds.

Range 15/20/25 yds. 10 shots per team member per round, 4 members per team, all scores to count. Clubs to register the names of team members, together with their individual and team averages. Any other scores and information obtained may be used by the Stats Officer or Competition Organiser at their discretion.

The top individual (average in all rounds) in each Division of the Winter League will be awarded a medal.

9.1.2 Winter Individual League.

Course of fire 18 rounds.

Range 15/20/25 yds. 10 shots per competitor per round. Clubs to register the names of competitors, together with their individual averages. Any other scores and information obtained may be used by the Stats Officer or Competition Organiser at their discretion.

The competition may be shot concurrently with the Winter Team League.

9.1.3 Winter Junior Individual League.

Juniors will be included in the main Individual League competitions, with the following prizes being awarded to the three juniors with the highest aggregate gun scores, regardless of division:

- 1st The Barclay Cup and Gold medal
- 2nd Silver medal
- 3rd Bronze medal

9.1.4 Davey Cup. Scratch knockout Competition. Teams of 8 best 6 to count.

9.1.5 The Mullings Cup is handicapped, using the N.S.R.A. 'percentage of dropped points' system, on the best 5 of the last 6 S.S.B.S.A. League scores (including Summer League). Teams of 4.

9.1.6 The Sally Lunn is handicapped using the Individual Macrae System, on the best 5 of the last 6 S.S.B.S.A. League scores (including Summer League).

9.1.7 The Curry Rivel Junior Cup handicapped using the Individual Macrae System, on the best 5 of the last 6 S.S.B.S.A. League scores (including Summer League). Open to juniors as required by the conditions of shoot.

9.1.8 The Curry Rivel Senior Competition is handicapped using the Team of Four Macrae System, on the best 5 of the last 6 S.S.B.S.A. League scores (including Summer League). Teams of 4.

The S.S.B.S.A. Winter Cup Finals date is scheduled for Mid March.

9.1.9 Summer Individual League.

Course of fire 11 rounds.

Range 15/20/25 yds. 10 shots per round. In the case of a new member who is unable to provide a comparable average from a previous Club, the submitted average is to be based on the last 5 of the last 6 most recently shot cards. Eligibility to shoot is as for the winter League.

9.1.10 Summer Junior individual League

Juniors will be included in the main Individual League competitions, with the following prizes being awarded to the three juniors with the highest aggregate gun scores, regardless of division:

- 1st Trophy (to be determined) and Gold medal
- 2nd Silver medal
- 3rd Bronze medal

9.1.11 The Bryan Jones Memorial Knockout Trophy

Teams of THREE, all scores to count. Name your own team start with a minimum start of 15. Fully postal shoot with all rounds scored by central scorer. Invites to be sent out close to the end of the Winter League.

9.2 Airgun Competitions

9.2.1 Winter Individual League.

Course of fire 10 rounds.

Range 10m. 20 shots per round Air Pistol & Air Rifle: 5 shots per target.

Range 20 yard Air Pistol: 20 shots per round; 10 shots per PL15 target.

9.2.2 Summer Individual League.

Course of fire 10 rounds.

Range 10m. 20 shots per round Air Pistol & Air Rifle: 5 shots per target.

Range 20 yard Air Pistol: 20 shots per round; 10 shots per PL15 target.

9.2.3 Airgun Major Hutchinson (An individual postal competition.)

Course of fire 2 X 40 shot courses.

Range 10m: for both Air Pistol and Air Rifle.

Time allowance will be 1 hr 20min per 40 shots.

Classes A,B or C dependent on **submitted averages.**

10.0 LONG RANGE RIFLE COMPETITIONS.

10.1 Open Competition.

Usually held April/May and open to all-comers.

Course of fire – English Match (60 shots at 50m/yds.).

Shot in 4 Classes - X, A, B, C.

All Class winners will automatically shoot in the next higher Class the following year.

10.2 Gordon Chamberlain Cup and Medal.

Open Champion(Highest Aggregate score)

10.3 British Cellophane Cup and Medal.

Ladies Champion (Highest Aggregate score)

10.4 Baker Cup and Medal.

Highest score in X class.

10.5 Colborne Cup and Medal.

Highest score in A class.

10.6 Westland Cup and Medal.

Highest score in B class.

10.7 Britannia Shield and Medal.

Highest score in C class.

10.8 L.S. Powell Clock Tower Tray and Medal.

Highest score by a Junior

10.9 Veteran's Tankard and Medal.

Highest score by a shooter who has reached the age of 60 yrs at the time of entry.

10.10 Boney Trophy and 4 Medals

Highest aggregate for a team of 4.

10.11 Philip Mitchell Memorial Trophy and Medal.

Highest aggregate score by a competitor who is resident within the current Somerset shooting boundary.

10.12 Handicap Long Range Shield and 4 Medals.

Highest aggregate for a Somerset Club team of 4.

The Somerset Champion will be decided at this competition, top Somerset shooter regardless of class will represent Somerset in the Champion of Champions at Bisley.

Medals will be awarded to runners-up where entries permit. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the Shoot.

10.13 Major Hutchinson Memorial Shoot.

An open shoot held in the Autumn. Trophies restricted to members of Affiliated Clubs within the current Somerset Shooting boundary (as recognised by the N.S.R.A.).

Course of fire - Double Dewar (40 shots at 50m/yds and 40 shots at 100yds).
Shot in 5 Classes

All Class winners will automatically shoot in the next higher Class the following year.

10.14 Silver Cup and Medal.

Highest Aggregate score in each Class.

10.15 John Brown Rose Bowl And Medal

Highest Aggregate Ladies score.

10.16 Russ Shield and Medal.

Highest Aggregate score for Juniors

10.17 Astor Cup and 6 Medals.

Highest Aggregate score for team of 6 (from Clubs within the current Somerset boundary).

The winners will represent Somerset in the Final at Bisley.

10.18 Veteran's Tankard and Medal.

Highest score by a shooter who has reached the age of 60 yrs at the time of entry.

Medals will be presented to runners-up where entries permit. Trophies will be presented at the end of the Shoot.

11.0 Discipline Matters.

11.1. It is the responsibility of the nominated Official Organiser to inform the Executive Committee of any conduct on a range in use at the time by any person, whether or not they are a member of an Affiliated Club, that is illegal, unsafe, dishonest, discreditable, un-gentlemanly or contrary to the conditions of the range safety certificate.

11.2. Such reports must be made to the County Secretary, or if that person is not available the Chairman or Treasurer, at the earliest opportunity.

11.3. If the incident is such that the Police Firearms Department should be notified of it, it is the duty of the County Secretary (Chairman or treasurer) to give such notice within 24 hours of receiving the report. This step shall be taken in addition to any disciplinary action against the accused person as provided for below.

11.4. The County Secretary (Chairman or Treasurer) shall convene a meeting of three members of the Executive Committee, to sit as a Sub-Committee to consider the matter no later than 14 days after notification of the incident

11.5. The County Secretary (Chairman or Treasurer) shall in the intervening period obtain statements in writing from both the accused and accuser, and if necessary from any witness/es, and will lay those statements before the Sub-Committee when it meets.

11.6. The Sub Committee, having examined the evidence, may decide:

i That there is no case to answer, in which case the accuser and accused will be informed by the County Secretary that the matter is closed, or

ii. That there is a case to answer in which case the matter shall be subject of a disciplinary hearing.

11.7. If there is a case to answer a Disciplinary Committee comprising five members of the Executive Committee shall conduct the disciplinary hearing within 28 days of the meeting held under 4 above.

11.8. At the disciplinary hearing all parties to the incident may attend in person, and the accused may have with them a friend or advisor. If the accused does not attend they shall be entitled to receive a copy of the record of the hearing within 7 days of it taking place, or within 5 days of requesting the same, whichever is later.

11.9. The Disciplinary Committee will consider all written evidence as well as oral submissions when reaching their decision,

11.10. The Disciplinary Committee shall first decide whether the allegation has been proved or not.

11.11. If it decides that the allegation has not been proved it shall declare formally that the matter is closed. The accused shall be entitled to ask for notice to that effect to be given to Affiliated Clubs, and if they do so, such notice must be given within 7 days of the decision being made.

11.12. If it decides that the allegation has been proved, the Disciplinary Committee may impose one or more of the following penalties:

i A verbal warning.

ii A written reprimand

iii. Suspension of the right to use ranges hired for County use for a fixed period of time.

iv. Suspension of all County Membership rights for a fixed period of time.

v. Immediate termination of membership of the County, or in the case of a non-member of the right to make use of any of the County's facilities.

11.13. If it finds that the allegation has been proved the Disciplinary Committee must decide whether the circumstances are such that the matter should be reported to the NSRA or other national governing body, which may consider whether further disciplinary action should be taken. If the Disciplinary Committee decides that the matter should be so reported, the County Secretary shall make the report within 7 days of the Disciplinary Committee's decision.

11.14. All proceedings of the Sub-Committee under 4 and 6 above, and of the Disciplinary Committee, shall be fully minuted, and copies of the minutes shall accompany any report to the NSRA or other national governing body.

11.15 Any person who disputes any decision, whether as to liability or penalty, by the Disciplinary Committee may appeal against that decision by serving upon the County Secretary within 7 days a notice of appeal

11.16. Upon receipt of such a notice of appeal the County Secretary will invoke the procedure set out in the constitution for the purposes of calling an extraordinary general meeting of the members of the Association to hear the appeal.

11.17. The appeal shall take the form of a re-hearing, so the meeting shall not be entitled to enquire into the manner in which the Disciplinary Committee reached its decision.

11.18. On hearing of the appeal by the extraordinary general meeting the provisions of clauses 8 to 14 inclusive shall apply.

11.19. All decisions on disciplinary matters by the initial Sub-Committee, the Disciplinary Committee and the members in extraordinary general meeting shall be reached by means of a vote by those attending and eligible to vote. A simple majority will decide the issue and if necessary the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

11.20. The person who is the subject of the disciplinary action shall not be entitled to vote on any aspect of the disciplinary action taken against them.

11.21. When any penalty is imposed on a member by a Disciplinary Committee, or at an extraordinary general meeting, or by the NSRA or other national governing body, the County Secretary shall inform all affiliated Clubs, setting out the precise nature and terms of the penalty.

11.22. The Executive Committee shall report to each annual general meeting any penalty imposed on any person as a result of disciplinary action by the County or by the NSRA or other national governing body since the last annual general meeting.