



PORTSMOUTH & DISTRICT SMALLBORE RIFLE
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COMPETITION RULES

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GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

1. The National Smallbore Rifle Association's Rules and Regulations for Rifle, Air Rifle/Pistol and Sports Rifle Competitions shall apply as appropriate and as amplified by the specific rules for each competition laid down in the relevant sections below. In the event of any disagreement between these rules, the specific rules for the competition shall apply.
2. No-one may shoot for more than one club in any one competition in the same season without approval of the Committee.
3. Any breach of the rules may, at the discretion of the Committee, entail the disqualification of the competitor or the team involved. The alleged offender shall have the opportunity of stating his or her case to the Committee.
4. If any team fails to fulfill a fixture with another team, not having already re-arranged the fixture by mutual agreement, the team which is not at fault shall shoot its own cards and send them to the appropriate Statistical Officer for marking. It will be given a walk-over unless the Committee decides that the match should be re-arranged after hearing explanations from the representatives of the two teams.
5. Members of the Committee may attend any match arranged by the Association if they so wish.

6. In all matches the cards used shall be those currently adopted by the NSRA for the appropriate type of competition. In shoulder to shoulder matches the home team shall provide cards identical in all respects for both teams. A representative of each team shall initial the backs of all its opponents' cards before they are shot.
7. In shoulder to shoulder rifle matches an unbroken margin of white at least 50mm in width, shall surround each match card and sighter target. The latter shall be placed at the left hand side of the card, level with the top row of targets and approximately the same spacing.
8. After each detail in shoulder to shoulder matches all shot cards shall be placed in a suitable container in the room where the teams are assembled. When all details have shot, the cards shall be marked by the captains of the two teams using an authorized 0.22" gauge and (for rifle matches only) a marking board provided by the home team. Once the gauge has been inserted in a shot hole it shall not be removed until both captains have agreed on the value of the shot.
9. The scores of both teams shall be recorded on the card provided by the Association which shall be signed by both captains and sent to the appropriate Statistical Officer by the captain of the home team, or his club secretary, within 24 hours of the match being shot. If the captains cannot agree on the scores, the card shall not be signed but shall be sent with all the shot match cards to the appropriate Competition Secretary for the decision of the Committee. This decision shall be final.
10. Markers in shoulder to shoulder matches shall not coach or spot for other members of their team, nor shall they look at

the shot match cards before marking apart from those in the details in which they shoot.

11. Entry fees for competitions organised solely by the Association shall be decided by the Committee.

RIFLE LEAGUE RULES

1. The League shall be organised in Divisions, the number of Divisions depending upon the total number of teams entering and being decided by the Committee. The maximum number of teams in a Division shall normally be ten. All new entries shall be placed in the lowest Division, unless the Committee shall decide otherwise in exceptional cases. Teams in each Division shall normally shoot against each other twice in a season, once at home and once away. All matches shall be shot shoulder to shoulder on NSRA approved ranges at 15, 20 or 25 yards.
2. When submitting entries for the League, clubs shall state the day of the week on which each of their teams will normally shoot its home matches and the normal time of starting. This information will be included in the annual list of affiliated clubs that is distributed with the fixture list. Teams are expected to adhere to the dates given in the fixture list. If a team cannot shoot on the proper date it shall give its opponents the maximum possible notice and a new date shall be mutually agreed. If agreement cannot be reached then the matter shall be referred to the Committee through the Rifle Competition Secretary.
3. A team shall consist of eight firers, the five highest scores counting.

4. Each competitor shall fire one card of 10 shots, preceded by unlimited sighting shots. Sighter targets shall be placed on the butts with the match card as specified in the General Competition Rules para 7 above.
5. The time allowed for a match is two and a half hours.
6. Coaching and spotting are not allowed in Division 1.
7. The winning team in each match shall be awarded two match points. If there is a tie each team shall be awarded one match point. At the end of the season the team in each Division with the most match points shall be the winner. If two or more teams tie with the same number of match points the order shall be decided by the aggregates of gun scores for the season.
8. Normally, the teams finishing first and second in Division 2 and lower Divisions shall be promoted to the next higher Division at the start of the next season, and the two bottom teams in each Division shall be relegated to the next lower Division. The Committee shall have the power to modify this procedure if considered necessary. In this context, ties in match points and aggregate gun scores, for promotions or relegation. Shall be decided by shoot offs on neutral ranges.
9. When a club enters more than one team in the League, the best available firers at the start of the season shall form the 'A' team, the next the 'B' team, and so on.
10. Except in the case of a club's lowest team, firers forming a team in the first match of the season shall be considered to be registered members of that team, unless otherwise

stated. A firer shall continue to shoot in the team for which he, or she is registered, except that:

- i) A higher team member may be relegated to a lower team if his, or her, average for the last three matches is the lowest or equal lowest of the team, and also less than the corresponding average of the lower team member who takes his, or her, place.
- ii) A lower team member may shoot for a higher team any number of times without losing his, or her, lower team status.

11. No competitor may shoot for more than one team in the same week.

12. All matches shall be completed by 31st March, under ordinary circumstances. The Committee shall have the power to extend this period if special circumstances warrant an extension.

13. If a team withdraws from the League during the season its record shall be deleted from the divisional tables.

14. If a club enters fewer teams than in previous seasons the lowest team shall be withdrawn. The Committee shall have discretion to vary this rule depending upon the circumstances.

15. Individual averages shall be calculated from all league matches shot, irrespective of division. The qualifying number of matches is 75% of the possible total. With all scores counting.

16. The averages so calculated shall count in the Division in which the competitor fired the most matches. If he, or she,

fired an equal number in two or more Divisions, then the average shall count in the higher Division.

17. In the event of two or more competitors tying with the same average for an individual championship (See Individual Trophy Section below), the Rifle Competition Secretary shall arrange a two card tie shoot on a neutral range.

18. Any alterations to these Rifle League Rules shall be discussed and voted on by the Committee.

TROPHIES

The following Challenge Cups and Trophies shall be awarded:

a. **TEAM**

Division 1 Champions	The Peters Cup
Runner Up	The Day Memorial Cup
Division 2 Champions	The Division 2 Challenge Cup
Runner Up	The Lilley-Davis Cup (Div 2)
Division 3 Champions	The Smith Cup
Runner Up	The Lilley Davis Cup (Div 3)
Bottom of the League	The Davis Spoon

b. **INDIVIDUAL**

League Champion	The Vice President's Cup and NSRA Medal (See Note 1)
League Runner Up	The Portsmouth North End Cup (See Note 2)
Lady Champion	The Vice President's Cup
Division 2 Champion	The Shepard Cup
Division 3 Champion	The Davis Cup

Division 4 Champion The Davison Cup
Division 1 Lady Champion
or Runner up (See Note 3) The Roena Cup
Division 2 and 3, Lady Champion
or Runner up (See Note 3) The Percy Tuck Cup

NOTES

- 1) The NSRA Medal may not be won more than once by the same person. When the League Champion has already won this medal, it shall be awarded to the competitor with the next highest average who has not won it.
- 2) If the League Runner up is also Champion of Division 2, or 3. The Portsmouth North End Cup shall be awarded to the competitor with the next highest average in the League.
- 3) If the Lady Champion of the League shoots in Division 1, the Roena Cup shall be awarded to the lady with the next highest average in Division 1.
- 4) If the Lady Champion of the League shoots in Division 2 or 3, the Percy Tuck Cup shall be awarded to the lady with the next highest average in those divisions.
- 5) Eight gilt medals shall be awarded to the winning team and eight 'silver type' medals to the second team in each Division.
- 6) Replica cups shall be awarded to the Individual League Champion and the Divisional Champions, and plaques to the Lady Champions.

- 7) It is the responsibility of the winners of challenge cups and trophies to ensure they are correctly engraved before the next prize giving.

RIFLE CLUB COMPETITION RULES

A. THE WOOLGAR CHALLENGE CUP

1. This is a knockout competition open to club teams of six (all scores to count) composed of teams who do not shoot in Division 1 of the Portsmouth & District League.
2. Teams shall be drawn in pairs and matches shot shoulder to shoulder on a mutually agreed date on the range of the team drawn first. All byes shall be drawn in the first round. The final shall be shot on a neutral range.
3. Tied matches shall be fired within 14 days on the range of the visiting team in the first match. If the final results in a tie, it shall be fired again on a neutral range.
4. Coaching and spotting are allowed.
5. The winning club shall hold the Woolgar Challenge Cup for one year and each member of the winning team and the runners up shall be given a prize. The holders shall be responsible for having the cup correctly engraved before the next prize giving.

B. THE DUTTSON CHALLENGE CUP

1. This is a knockout competition open to club teams of four (all scores to count).

2. Teams shall be drawn in pairs and all matches up to and including the quarter finals shall be shot under postal conditions. All byes shall be drawn in the first round.
3. The semi-finals and the final shall be shot shoulder to shoulder on a neutral range on the same night.
4. Tied matches will be decided by the use of graduated gauges.
5. The winning club shall hold the Duttson Challenge Cup for one year and each member of the winning team and the runners-up shall be given a prize. The holders shall be responsible for having the cup engraved correctly before the next prize giving.

C. DISC BREAKING COMPETITIONS

1. Disc breaking competitions for individuals, club pairs and club teams of four shall be held annually by the Association subject to the availability of a suitable range.
2. These competitions shall be conducted on a knock out basis. The draw for the pairs and teams of four competitions shall not be disclosed until all teams have been nominated. All byes shall be drawn in the first round.
3. The targets shall be various sizes of white breakable discs mounted on a green background by suitable rivets at a range of 25 yards.
4. The individual, pair or team which breaks all the discs first in each heat shall be the winner. A disc shall not be considered broken until all fragments have been removed from the card. If neither team has broken all its discs at the

end of two minutes, the team which has broken the most discs shall be the winner. In the final of each competition, the contestants shall continue firing until one of them has broken all its discs.

5. Only single loading rifles may be used.
6. The Chief Range Officer (CRO), as the representative of the Association, is responsible for the conduct of all shooting and in particular for ensuring that all rifles are unloaded and breeches/bolts are open before competitors leave the firing point.
7. At the beginning of each heat, the rifles of all competitors on the firing point must be unloaded, with breeches/bolts open. When the CRO orders 'Take up your positions' competitors will prepare to shoot and, when ready, will hold one round, visible to the CRO, and ready to load.
8. When the CRO is satisfied, he will order 'Standby' followed by a short blast on his whistle to signal that firing may commence.
9. As soon as one competitor, or team, has cleared its target of discs, the Range Officer behind shall check the fire of its opponents. When all competitors have ceased firing, the Range Officers must check carefully that each competitor's rifle is unloaded and the breech/bolt open before allowing him/her to leave the firing point.
10. When he is satisfied that all rifles on the firing point have been inspected and are unloaded, the CRO may signal to the target party to change targets.

11. If a card becomes dislodged while a heat is being fired, the CRO will order 'Cease Fire' to those competitors involved (usually by tapping their foot/feet). Once the remainder of the detail has been completed the card will be replaced and re-shot with the same number of discs on the card as there was when the 'Cease Fire' was ordered.
12. The number of discs on each card for each competition shall be as follows:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Rounds Before Semi Finals</u>	<u>Semi Finals</u>	<u>Finals</u>
Individual	5	7	9
Pairs	7	9	13
Teams	9	13	21

13. Trophies

The following challenge trophies shall be awarded:

Winner of Individual Competition	The Young Bowl
Winning Pair	The Woolgar Shield
Winning Team of Four	The Portsmouth Times Shield

14. A replica bowl shall be awarded to the winner of the Individual Competition and a gilt medal to the losing finalist.
15. Gilt medals shall be awarded to the winners of the Woolgar and Portsmouth Times Shields.
16. Silver type medals shall be awarded to the losing finalists in the Woolgar and Portsmouth Times Shield Competitions

and to the losing semi-finalists in the Individual Competitions.

17. The winners of the trophies shall be responsible for having them engraved correctly before the next disc-breaking meeting.

D. SHOOTING DAY

1. The Association shall organize an annual long range prize meeting.
2. Affiliated clubs, and their members ONLY, may compete for the following challenge trophies:

a. Individuals

Class 'A'	The Swanston Cup)	40 shots @ 50m
Class 'B'	The Chairman's Cup)	and
Class 'C'	The Tipner Cup)	40 shots @ 100yds
Class 'D'	The Holdaway Cup)	
All Classes	The Stephens Memorial Cup –	40 shots @ 100yds
All Classes	The Sandra Wiltshire Trophy –	Ladies Highest Score

b. Individuals Not Having Previously Shot in Any Prize Meeting

The Cate Cup	20 shots @ 50m and 20 shots @ 100yds
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Entry for this competition shall be free provided that the competitor has entered for the aggregate (40 shots at 50 metres and 40 shots at 100 yards).

c. Teams of Four

The Captain Clay Memorial Trophy - 40 shots @ 50m
and 40 shots @ 100yds

The Edmunds Memorial Shield - 20 shots @ 50m
and 20 shots @ 100yds

The French Memorial Trophy - 40 shots @
100yds

3. The winners of challenge cups and trophies shall be responsible for having them engraved correctly before the next meeting.

E. ARTHUR LEE RIFLE COMPETITION RULES

1. This competition shall be open to all affiliated clubs of the Portsmouth & District, Gosport & District and Southampton & District Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Associations. Clubs may enter any number of teams.
2. The general conduct of the competition shall be in the hands of a committee of six – two members from each Association. The committee shall elect one of its members as Chairman.
3. The committee shall meet at the Inter Area Final each year to appoint the committee for the following year. Each Association will fund its own Grand Final and provide the souvenirs for that year in line with Rule 12.
4. Members of teams must be representative of the club for which they are registered in the Winter Leagues of

their respective Associations and may fire only for one team in any of the three Associations during the course of the competition. Transfers during the period of the competition are not allowed.

5. Teams shall be drawn in pairs to fire, the first drawn in each tie having the choice of range. To reduce travelling expenses teams in the same area i.e. Portsmouth, Gosport, Southampton, shall be matched against each other until one team is left from each area to contest the final. All byes shall be eliminated in the first round.
6. The teams shall fire shoulder to shoulder, six per side, all scores to count. All members of a team should be present within the two hours of the commencement time.
7. Any number of sighters may be fired. Twenty shots to count per competitor must be fired at the match card in the preliminary rounds. The Grand Final will also consist of twenty shots per competitor to count. All cards shall be 10 bull current NSRA pattern targets. Coaching and spotting are not allowed.
8. Tied matches shall be fired again within 14 days on the range of the visiting team in the first match. The final in each area shall be fired at an NSRA approved short range indoor neutral range, ties being fired again on the same range.
9. Each Association shall arrange the dates for matches between teams from its affiliated clubs and shall take it in turn each year to organize the Grand Final. The names of finalists shall be notified by the end of February to the Hon Secretary of the organising

Association by the Hon Secretaries of the other two associations.

10. The organising association shall be responsible for the final which shall be fired in March. If there is a tie for first place the teams involved shall shoot again on the same range. A tie for second place shall be decided by the use of graduated gauges.
11. An adjudicator for the Grand Final shall be appointed by the Hon Secretary of the organising Association after obtaining the agreement of the three finalists. The adjudicator shall mark the cards at the end of each detail, making known the scores and decide any problems which may arise.
12. The winning club shall hold the Arthur Lee Cup for one year and each member of the winning team shall be presented with a souvenir.
13. Any smallbore rifle conforming to the NSRA specification, and any sights except telescopic, may be used.
14. All shooting shall be conducted under NSRA Rules and Regulations except where these special rules apply.

F. SANKEY CUP RULES

1. This Competition is open to men and women aged 60 or over on 30th September, who are members of clubs affiliated to the Portsmouth & District SBR & PA.
2. The competition will be run on a handicap basis. At the time of entry each competitor must nominate a 'START'

which will be added to his or her gun score to give the net score for each card. If the total exceeds 100, the excess will be deducted from 100 to give the net score, e.g.

GUN SCORE	START	TOTAL	NET SCORE
94	5	99	99
96	5	101	99

3. The competition consists of 8 cards, four to be shot by 30th June and four by 31st August. The nominated start may be changed for the second half by contacting the competition secretary before the cards are shot. The winner will be the competitor with the highest aggregate of net scores. In the event of a tie the cup will be shared.

G. INDIVIDUAL RIFLE SUMMER COMPETITION RULES

1. This is a Postal Competition to be shot during the Summer months. It is open to members of Affiliated Clubs.
2. Competitors will be ranked according to an average taken from their last six Winter League scores (or others where no shots were fired in the Winter League). The lowest of the six scores will be deleted and an average of the rest will be listed and placed into Divisions of nine or ten shooters. Competitors who appear to be incorrectly placed may be re-allocated as appropriate.
3. Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for a tie. At the end of the competition the competitor with the highest points will win the Division and Trophy and be eligible to take part in the shoulder to shoulder final.

In the event of a tie the highest gun score will count and, if still a tie, then countback will be used.

4. The final will consist of a two card shoot with scores being converted using the Handicap Chart. The highest total will win the Championship Trophy. The Divisional trophies will be presented at the Portsmouth & District Smallbore Rifle & Pistol Association AGM.
5. Standard NSRA Targets must be used and NSRA Postal Rules will apply.
6. Targets may be shot in advance. The last day for the return of targets will be the 5th day after the closing date for that round. This will be strictly applied.

AIR PISTOL LEAGUE RULES

1. The Association includes a 20 yard air pistol shoulder to shoulder league.
2. Air pistols must conform to NSRA specifications, namely Calibre .177, maximum weight 1.5kg, minimum trigger weight 400gm, open sights and fit into a box 420 x 200 x 500mm.
3. The target specification is 2 x NSRA type PL15 targets per person per round.
4. The course of fire is two details, each of 10 rounds within 10 minutes from an unsupported standing position, 10 rounds onto 1 x PL15 target placed at 20 yards distance. Both details are to be completed within an overall period of 2 hours.
5. The home club will be responsible for Range Control.
6. Each team shall consist of up to 5 shooters (or more with agreement of the visiting team captain), one of whom shall be designated as Captain. The highest 3 scores will count as a team total.
7. Three copies of the score card are required – one to each captain and one to the Competition Statistical Officer.
8. Competitions and trophies are arranged by the Air Weapons Association Representative.

LIGHTWEIGHT SPORTS RIFLE RULES

1. Lightweight Sports Rifles must conform to NSRA specifications, namely Calibre up to .22 cartridge or air, maximum weight 4kg without sights, minimum trigger weight 500gm, any sights except laser and maximum of 10 rounds in a magazine.
2. NSRA Rules applying to the exclusion of SH2 shooters do not apply.
3. No slings or specialized shooting clothing to be worn. Gloves may be used although their weight will be included within the total weight of the rifle as stated in Paragraph 1.
4. The target specification is 4 x NSRA PL14 targets for able bodied. For SH2 exemption certificate holders 4 x Type AIR 4/89 targets per person per round.
5. The course of fire is two details, each of 10 rounds within 10 minutes from an unsupported standing position, unless the shooter is a holder of a SH2 exemption certificate, 5 rounds onto each of 2 targets placed at 20 yards distance. Magazines are not to be loaded until on the firing point. Both details are to be completed within a period of two hours.
6. The home club will be responsible for Range Control. A Range Officer must be present for all details. No shooters on range until after targets are changed.
7. Each team shall consist of up to 8 shooters, one of whom shall be designated as Captain. The highest 4 scores will count as a team total.

8. Three copies of the score card are required - one to each captain and one to the Competition Statistical Officer.
9. Competitions and trophies are arranged by the Sports Rifle Association Representative.