

Somerset Small-bore Shooting Association

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COMPETITION RULES

Version 11

Version Schedule		
1	Feb .2001	Disciplinary Matters
2	Nov .2006	Air Gun Rules Modified
3	May .2007	AGM confirmed Air Gun Rules modification Shoulder to Shoulder finals.
4	June.2008	AGM confirmed the inclusion of the Winter Individual League as well as Medals for the top average in the Winter Leagues.
5	June.2009	Junior age limit reduced to 18 years. Winter League confirmed at 18 rounds. Mullings Cup handicap to be base on first 6 rounds Of the current Winter League.
6	Jun-10	Competition organiser to decide on the format of shoots. Cup Competitions rule change.
7	Jun-11	Several changes both Rifle and Airgun including central scoring.
8	Aug-12	Unification of both sections issued Aug.
9	Jun-13	Minor changes to Cup competitions agreed at 2013 AGM.
10	Oct-13	Clarification re. witnessing
11	Jun-23	Re-worded and reformatted and Acoustic shooting added

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1 **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
- 1.3 Individual competitions: No substitutions are permitted.
- 1.4 The age for entry into the Junior or Veterans competitions must be specified in the competition conditions.
- 1.5 The date upon which the age of a shooter changes is specified in NSRA rule 3.5. Postal competitions, the last day of entry; for shoulder-to-shoulder, the day of the first shoot.

2 **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 **Scoring**

- 3.1 Scoring of Targets/Cards should be carried out in accordance with NSRA rules. Scorers should have attended a NSRA scoring course and be graded as: ‘A’ national level; ‘B’ county level or ‘C’ club level scorer. The minimum requirement is for any scorer of SSBSA competitions at club level to be a Class C scorer registered with the NSRA
- 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.
- 3.3.1 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
- 3.3.2 Stickers for acoustic targets should be fixed to the rear of the target
- 3.4 All challenges should be made within 21 days from receipt of published results as per rule 7.11.2 of the NSRA rules unless the challenge period is otherwise specified in the competition conditions

- 3.5 Excess and Fewer shots on targets/cards: To maintain consistency with penalty points across different weapons used in any competitions the SSBSA Excess and Fewer shot rules Annex A should be used.

4 **Witnessing.**

- 4.1 Persons qualified to act as Witness are specified under NSRA rule 7.5. Duties of the witness are specified in the NSRA rule 7.6.
- 4.2 The Witness qualification and duties are also detailed in the Range Conducting Officer training package purchased from the NSRA.
- 4.3 Should there be any conflict between rules as seen in para 4.1 and 4.2 the latest dated set are to take precedence.
- 4.4 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 NSRA 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.
- 4.5 Any infringement of the rules will be reported to the relevant bodies, investigated and appropriate disciplinary action taken; if proven, this could result in a ban from shooting for both competitor and witness.

5 **Submitted averages:**

- 5.1 Submitted averages must be based on the best 10 of last 12 rounds shot from the most recent SSBSA league (summer, winter, individual or team) or inter-county league. Team league averages to take precedent over Individual league averages when more than one average exists.
- 5.2 If a SSBSA league average is not available then an average calculated on the same bases can be used from another county or inter-county league.
- 5.3 Where the rounds are not of x100 then the average must be extrapolated up or down to x100.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 If the sub-paras above are not of the type for any discipline the competition organiser must specify the requirements for any submitted average.

6 **County Silver Medal**

- 6.1 A Winter Competition run concurrently with the winter team and winter individual leagues with team league aggregate taking precedence where individuals shoot multiple competitions. A silver medal will be awarded in disciplines having a minimum of 20 entries. In a discipline where no team league exists the aggregated individual scores will be used. Open to shooters resident within the County who have completed all nominated rounds of the winter team or individual competition and who are Affiliated to the SSBSA either directly or through a Club Affiliated to the SSBSA NSRA 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 (see 6.1). The winner being the shooter with the highest aggregate.
- 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 **County Badge**

- 7.1 To qualify for a County Badge, members of the County Team 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.
- 7.3 Only one county badge to be issued to any individual shooter.

8 **Format Of Shoot**

- 8.1 The Organiser of any competition may decide the Format of the Shoot and any other such matters.
- 8.2 Each competition organiser to publish conditions of shoot for each competition at time of invitation to enter.

9 Specific Competition Rules and Format

9.1 Rifle League 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 15 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 Summer Individual League.

Course of fire 12 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.

9.1.5 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

9.2 General Rules for the Rifle winter cups and Bryan Jones Memorial Competitions .

- 9.2.1 Range 15/20/25 yds. 10 shots per team member per round. Clubs may enter any number of teams, but no member of a team knocked out during the course of the Competition will be allowed to shoot for any other team remaining in the Competition. The final round is to be shot Shoulder to Shoulder with two cards per competitor in all competitions
- 9.2.2 **Davey Cup.** Scratch knockout Competition. Teams of 6 best 4 to count.
- 9.2.3 **The Mullings Cup** is handicapped, using the NSRA 'percentage of dropped points' system, averages to be declared as Para 5.1. Teams of 4.
- 9.2.4 **The Sally Lunn is a Ladies** handicapped competition using the Individual Macrae System, averages to be declared as Para 5.1.
- 9.2.5 **The Curry Rivel Junior Cup** handicapped using the Individual Macrae System, averages to be declared as Para 5.1. Open to juniors as required by the conditions of shoot.
- 9.2.6 **The Curry Rivel Senior Competition** is handicapped using the Team of Four Macrae System, averages to be declared as Para 5.1. Teams of 4.
- 9.2.7 **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 local scorer where available or by central scorer when none available. Invites to be sent out close to the end of the Winter League. Postal final.
- 9.2.8 The SSBSA Cup Finals date is scheduled for Mid March. Under exceptional circumstances when team members cannot get to the finals, and by prior arrangement with the organiser, previously shot cards, suitably witnessed and dated, will be acceptable. For individual competitions a missing competitor forfeits or if mutually agreeable, another venue can be arranged.

9.3 Airgun Competitions

9.3.1 Summer and Winter Individual League.

Shot on competitor's home range.

Course of fire: 10 rounds – 20 shots per round. ie x200

Ranges: 10m and 20 yards.

Each league will have Conditions of shot issued with the application form.

Competitors assigned to divisions according to submitted averages.

9.3.2 Airgun Major Hutchinson Memorial Competition

Shot on competitor's home range. Course of fire: 2 x 40 shot courses. Ranges: 10m and 20 yards. Time allowance will be 1 hour 20 minutes per 40 shots. Conditions of shoot will be issued with the application form. Competitors assigned to Classes A, B and C dependant on submitted averages.

- 9.3.3 In competitions where rimfire and air rifles are used, where excess or fewer shots occur on a target, SSBSA Annex A Excess and Fewer shots rules apply.

10 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)

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

Open Champion(Highest Aggregate score)

10.3 British Cellophane Cup

Ladies Champion (Highest Aggregate score)

10.4 Baker Cup

Highest score in X class.

10.5 Colborne Cup

Highest score in A class.

10.6 Westland Cup

Highest score in B class.

10.7 Britannia Shield

Highest score in C class.

10.8 L.S. Powell Clock Tower Tray

Highest score by a Junior

10.9 Veteran's Tankard

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

10.10 Boney Trophy

Highest aggregate for a team of 4.

10.11 Philip Mitchell Memorial Trophy

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

10.12 Handicap Long Range Shield

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 or prizes will be awarded for places dependent on level of entries. 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 NSRA).

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**

Highest Aggregate score in each Class.

10.15 **John Brown Rose Bowl**

Highest Aggregate Ladies score.

10.16 **Russ Shield**

Highest Aggregate score for Juniors

10.17 **Astor Cup**

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**

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

10.19 **Awards.**

Medals or prizes will be awarded for places dependent on level of entries.

Trophies will be awarded at the end of the Shoot.

11 **ACOUSTIC SHOOTING**

11.1 Acoustic shooting is divided into 3 categories. These are :-
Supported
Unsupported
Prone

11.2 Supported shooting

The shooter must not lean against the table/bench.
The shooters feet/wheelchair wheels to be behind the firing line.
Belgian spring stand to be upright and at rifle point of balance.
Non-shooting hand must not hold the stand or the rifle forward of the stand.
Shooting assistant may help to locate target zone, load, close breech, adjust sights
change targets and advise shooter.
Coaching is not permitted during competition
Supported shooting is currently the method of VI shooting used for the Somerset
league.

11.3 Unsupported shooting

The shooter shoots in the same position as a 10m sighted shooter would.
The use of shooting Jacket/Trousers/Boots is permitted.
Shooters load and aim the rifle unaided.

11.4 Prone

The VI shooter sits at a bench and takes up the position of a prone shooter, resting
elbows on the bench and uses a sling attached to the front of the rifle stock

There are currently no competitions or shooters shooting Prone in Somerset.