

SECTION 11

LIGHTWEIGHT SPORT RIFLE

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Trophy – West Yorkshire Shield

11.1 Competition

This is an inter-Regional competition fired in *up to* three stages, and is NOT fired in classes.

11.1.1 *Dependant upon entries it **may** be necessary to have a qualification stage (1) AND a Regional stage (2) to decide on finalists for the Short Range Championship Finals (3).*

11.2 Last date of entry

Entries must be made on the forms that are obtainable from the Secretary or downloaded from the Section website, and should be submitted by the date stated. Late entries may be accepted if there are extenuating circumstances, but will not be allowed to delay the distribution of competition labels, nor will the last date of shooting be extended to allow extra time.

11.3 Rifle(s)

11.3.1 All rifles chambered for Rimfire 5.56mm (.22 in) calibre, Short, long or Long Rifle are permitted, subject to:

11.3.1.1 The overall weight, including sights and all other accessories including (if used) a glove, shall not exceed 4.5kg.

11.3.1.2 The trigger must support a 500g (1.1lb) weight

11.3.1.3 When used with a magazine, the rifle shall not be loaded with more than 10 cartridges or projectiles, even though the magazine may be of a larger capacity.

11.3.2 Rifles may be fitted with any type of optical or metallic sights.

11.3.3 Air rifles are not permitted

11.4 Targets

11.4.1 NSRA PL14 or PL14/06 at 20 yards or SPA1 or equivalent at 25 metres

11.5 Clothing

No specially adapted clothing to be worn, and no type of rifle support system to be used.

11.6 Firing Position

Standing, from the shoulder & unsupported. Shooters with physical conditions that prevent them standing may be seated but firing should still be from the shoulder and otherwise unsupported.

11.7 Course of Fire

Stage to consist of thirty (30) shots which, subject to 11.7.1 below, should consist of 5 shots at each

of six (6) targets.

11.7.1 In order to reduce costs to competitors, those shooters of an average (ex 100) of 90 or below, *may if they so wish*, fire 10 shots at each of three targets.

11.8 Competition labels

Adhesive labels will be produced by the League Organiser and issued to the individual in each Club or Police service whose name and address appears on the entry form. This individual must attach one label on the front of each card BEFORE the card is passed to the competitor for shooting, in accordance with normal NSRA postal league rules. Labels should be numbered 1 to 6 and should be fired in that order because any ties will be decided on count-back irrespective of the actual order in which they fired. All labels attached to cards whether fired or not, MUST be returned to the Scorer or League Organiser. If labels are not received, lost or defaced for any reason then the League controller must be informed as soon as possible so that replacement or duplicate labels may be issued. If the original label is subsequently found it must not be used but be returned to the League Organiser immediately.

11.9 Shooting concurrently with the Team Championship

Any shooter who is entered in both the Individual and Team Championships may elect to shoot concurrently by placing both sets of labels on their Individual cards, (*if Team labels have been issued*). If this is not done then the Team cards must be fired separately.

11.10 Stage 1 - (Qualifying)

This will be shot under NSRA Rules relating to postal shooting and will determine the shooters who will progress to the Regional Stage.

11.10.1 Scoring / Return of cards

All cards (Thirty shots) must be fired on the same day and must be completed by the date stated. Targets may be scored "in house" by a qualified scorer (NSRA Authorised) and scores forwarded to the Organiser on the official witness/score certificate to be received within the published time-frame. If targets are posted to the Organiser they must be received within the published time-frame. Please ensure that the correct postage is applied because packages deficient in postage will NOT be collected

11.10.2 Qualification

The FOUR Competitors with the highest aggregate score in each Police Region, together with those scoring 260 and above, will compete in the Regional stage.

11.11 Stage 2 – (Regional)

All rules and conditions for the Regional stage – as per Stage one

11.11.1 Regional Champion

The competitor attaining - the highest aggregate score in each Police Region will be adjudged the Regional Champion, and entitled to shoot in the Final stage.

11.12 Final Stage

The Finals will be shot on a shoulder-to-shoulder basis between all of the Regional qualifiers. This will take place at a Championship meeting, which will *normally* be held by the 30th March annually, and hosted on behalf of the Police Sport UK Shooting Section at a venue arranged by differing Police Forces in the UK.

These Championships will also include the rifle and pistol team and individual finals, (*see sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of this rulebook*).

11.12.1 Course of Fire

Each finalist will shoot THIRTY shots, at NSRA or equivalent targets. A maximum shooting time of 10 minutes for each series of 10 shots is allowed, including sighting shots. An aiming mark will be placed at either the left or right side of each match series for sighting shots. A practice card may not be fired before any of the match cards, but it is expected that the range will be made available for practice on the day before the Championships

11.13 Ties

In the Final, extra cards will be fired shoulder to shoulder until the tie is broken.

11.14 Lightweight Sport Rifle Champion

The competitor attaining the highest aggregate score will be adjudged the Police Sport UK Shooting Section National Short-Range Small-bore Rifle Champion, and will be awarded the Trophy.

11.15 Concurrent Shooting

In the Finals, the Individual Competition will normally take place prior to the Team

Championships. An Individual who is also a member of a qualifying team MAY NOT shoot both competitions concurrently.

11.16 Substitutes at the Championships

No individual will be entitled to substitute a qualifier for a Region unless they have:

- a) Correctly entered the Individual Championship and paid the appropriate entry fee,
- b) fired the qualifying cards, **and**
- c), all of the higher-scoring shooters in that region have previously declined the invitation to attend.

Therefore individuals who attend the Finals for reasons other than previously stated will NOT be allowed to participate in the competition just because of their availability to shoot – e.g. because they are there as a member of a team representing that Region.

11.17 Re-Shoots

One entry is allowed for each competitor only. Re-shoots are not allowed.

11.18 Awards

Awards will be made to the winner and runner-up in each Region, Awards will not be made to individuals who have qualified by receiving a 'bye' in each previous round.

11.19 Representation at the Finals

As the finals are hosted by a different force each year, and not all have the same range capacity or facilities it is hoped, subject to the above, to invite the THREE highest scoring shooters in each Region to Stage 2, the Championship Final.

Qualifying finalists must give a POSITIVE indication that they will be attending within two weeks of the publication of the results otherwise their place will be offered to the next highest scoring shooter in that Region. Places will continue to be offered in descending order on the results list until a definite acceptance of attendance is received.

11.20 Eligibility

Police Sport UK Council have set eligibility guidelines which are available for viewing on the Police Sport UK website (<http://www.policessportuk.com/about/constitution-and-rules/>) and are reproduced in the General rules within the Shooting Section website.