

SECTION 2

SMALLBORE RIFLE

SHORT RANGE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Trophy – The Metropolitan Police Athletic Association Cup

2.1 Competition

This is an Inter-Regional competition fired in two stages, and is NOT fired in classes.

2.2 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.

2.3 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 will be numbered 1 to 4 and should be fired in that order because 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 Stage 1 (Individual Regional Championship)

This will be shot under NSRA Rules relating to postal shooting and will determine the Individual Champion in each of the eleven Police Sport UK Regions.

The highest scoring shooter in each region will be adjudged the regional champion.

2.5.1 Course of fire

Each Individual will fire FORTY shots fired on the current NSRA ten-shot targets proportional to the range used, which may be 15, 20 or 25 yards in length.

2.5.2 Return of cards

All four cards must be completed by the date stated (to be received by the Organiser by the following Saturday).

2.5.3 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.

- 2.5.4 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.
- 2.5.5 Qualifying cards**
No-one will be entitled to represent a Region unless they have shot the four qualifying cards, and all of the higher-scoring shooters in that region have previously declined the invitation to attend. However, if only one entry is received from a Region then that individual will receive a 'bye' to the Final.
- 2.6 Stage 2 (Championship Final)**
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 include the rifle and pistol team and individual finals, (*see sections 3, 7 and 8 of this rulebook*).
- 2.6.1 Course of fire**
Each finalist will shoot THREE current NSRA cards consecutively, at 25 yards. A maximum shooting time of TEN minutes is allowed for each card including sighters. An aiming mark will be placed at either the right or left side of each match card 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.
- 2.6.2 Small Bore 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 Cup.
- 2.6.3 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.
- 2.6.4 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 four 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.
- 2.6.5 Re-Shoots**
One entry is allowed for each competitor only. Re-shoots are not allowed.

2.6.6 Ties

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

2.7 Notification of attendance at the Finals

Individuals who are entitled to attend the Finals to represent their Region must give a POSITIVE indication that they will be attending within two weeks of the publication of the results. In Regions where more than one Individual has entered the competition, the place will be offered to the next highest scoring Individual. Places will continue to be offered in descending order on the results list until a definite acceptance of attendance is received.

2.8 Eligibility

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