

SMALLBORE RIFLE SHORT RANGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Trophy - The Police Sport UK Challenge Cup.

3.1 Competition

This Championship will be an inter-regional competition fired in two stages for teams of FOUR. Each team member must be eligible (Rule 3.12) to shoot in Police Sport UK competitions, and must be from the same Police service.

3.2 Entries

The entry form must be completed to show that a police service intends to enter the team event, but need not nominate the team members' individually. More than one team may be entered to represent each Police service.

3.3 Stage 1 (Regional Team Championship)

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

3.3.1 Regional Stage – more than one team in a Region

Where entries are received from more than one Police service in any Region there will be a Regional Stage and will comprise FORTY shots per team member fired on the current NSRA ten-shot targets proportional to the range used, which may be 15, 20 or 25 yards in length.

Adhesive labels will be issued for each of the teams entered. Any team member who is also entered in the Individual Championship may attach these Team labels to the Individual cards if desired to shoot the two competitions concurrently, otherwise an additional four cards must be shot.

3.3.2 More than one team from any Police Service

If any Police service enters more than one team the labels will be clearly marked 'A', 'B', etc., to identify the members of each team. The higher average shooters must be placed in the 'A' team, the next highest in the 'B', and so on.

3.3.3 Regional Stage – only one team in a Region

Team entries from any police service in a Region where there are no other entries will receive a 'bye' to the Final, and no labels will be issued. Members of those teams attending the Final may be selected according to criteria decided upon by the Police services concerned.

3.4 Awards

Awards will only be made to each Regional Champion Team if they have won a qualifying round against another Police service in their region.

3.5 Representation at the Finals

No team will be entitled to represent a Region unless they have entered the competition at the appropriate time, and either; a), won a Regional stage, b), received a 'bye', or c), all of the higher-scoring teams in that Region have previously declined the invitation to attend. Teams may include any eligible* shooter from that Service in their team, whether or not that individual was in the original team.

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, as with the Individual part of this competition, to invite ALL teams to the final, irrespective if they are regional champions or not.

3.6 All other rules – as per Individual Championship (Section 2)

3.7 Stage 2 (Championship Final)

All rules are as for the Individual Championship, with the following additions or exceptions:

3.8 Course of fire

Each team member 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.

3.9 Small Bore Rifle Champion Team

The team attaining the highest aggregate score will be adjudged the Police Sport UK National Short-Range Smallbore Rifle Champion Team, and will be awarded the Cup. The members of the winning team will each receive an award, as will the members of the teams placed second and third.

3.10 Ties

Ties in the Final stage will be decided on count back rules, with the sum of the last cards of each team member used to calculate the score, working backwards until the tie is broken. If this does not achieve a result, then an extra card will be fired by each team member. This will be repeated until a winner is decided.

3.11 Notification of attendance at the Finals

Police Services 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 Police Service had entered the competition, the place will be offered to the next highest scoring team. Places will continue to be offered in descending order on the results list until a definite acceptance of attendance is received.

3.12 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.