

Scout County - Team Airgun Championship. 14th April 2013



Dear All,

Thank you for your interest in this, the 13th Annual Inter-county Team Shooting Championships for Scouts.

Please ensure (even if you have taken part before) you read and familiarise yourselves with these rules as changes have had to be made for this years' event.

The competition has been arranged for **SUNDAY 14th April 2013** at the West Midlands Shooting Centre (W.M.S.C.), Aldersley, Wolverhampton, West Midlands. The event is designed primarily for the best shooters from each Scout County to come together and compete shoulder to shoulder at National level. Who knows, this time it could be your team taking home the trophy or medals.

The event is open to all invested Scouts regardless of age, religion, ethnic background or disability provided the competition rules are complied with.

The trophy for the event is "The Andrew Hill Memorial Shield", established in memory of a shooter who spent a great amount of his time in the training and promotion of young shooters. It is competed for on an annual basis.

As the national scout shooting squad weekend, which normally runs in conjunction with the event, is not arranged this year for this particular weekend anyone wishing to train or set up equipment at the facility on the Saturday prior to the competition will have to make arrangements directly with the manager at the Stadium. (Contact Tony or Mel on 01902743562

The rules for this years' competition are changed from the overall structure as used for previous competitions.

Range space at the facility is still effectively a total of 30 available 10m lanes.

To remain compliant with safety requirements advised by the centre (~100 persons on the range at any one time) it is again intended to the limit the amount of entries but due to the additional enquiries received for last years' event to increase it to 20 teams.

This will however mean the introduction of a restriction on the amount of people admitted to the range at any one time - this is to be 4 persons from each team, the rest of the team members remaining in a holding area (25m range area) until required on the firing point.

As an example of a maximum of 4 persons at the firing point;- 1 person shooting, 1 waiting or getting ready to shoot, 1 coach and 1 keeping stats. The person who has finished shooting then returns to the holding area to inform the next shooter to come into the range to make ready and so on. The remaining members of the team stay in the waiting area until one comes out.

This arrangement also has the added advantage of allowing relatively free access along the range normally completely filled with people and equipment.

(It has been a combination of more and more equipment, as individuals use their own, along with the number of people that has forced this decision thus allowing the competition to continue.)

This compromise will enable the amount of competitors not to exceed the number of people that can be accommodated within the safety limits set by the venue management but as a bonus will also allow more teams to compete if the present format is maintained.

So as to try and include all levels of competence and ages of Scouts and yet still make it as much of a fun event as possible, entries this year will be

restricted to **20 teams, with 8 shooters per team**. Age ranges within the team are so structured to generally align with current Scout section age ranges.

The idea behind the event is to bring together, in shoulder to shoulder competition, the very best of shooters in Scouting in one team as representatives of their Own Scout County.

Entry is limited to one team per Scout County. As it is a team event it also enables entry at varying levels of competence, so don't be put off if shooting in your County is in its infancy. Put forward your entrants and have a go.

The cost of entry will be £36.00 per team - the entry fee being payable with your application.

Cheques/P.O. should be made payable to N.S.R.A and not to the organisers as the range will be paid for on the day. Receipts will therefore only be available on the day and direct from the W.M.S.C.

Acknowledgement of entry form acceptance will be returned via E-mail or telephone, but if it is preferred you can send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your entry application for a written reply.

Only signed, completed entry forms, accompanied with the correct entry fee and received by post on or before the closing date of 23rd March 2013 will be accepted for entry to the competition. Due to the lane restrictions in force entries will be accepted on a strictly first come first served basis as they arrive to a strict **maximum entry of 20 teams**. The organisers reserve the right to refuse incomplete, incorrect or late entries. **No telephone, e-mail or fax entries will be accepted.**

The competition will consist of all the members of the team (8 persons per team) shooting both air pistol and air rifle in the one day and the aggregate score for both being added to decide the Championship Trophy winners. Annual trophies for the highest scoring team for both pistol and rifle will also be awarded along with small trophies to the individual highest score of the day, for both the overall and the under 13 category. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the top three placed teams.

Light refreshments are available at the WMSC, but a packed lunch should be brought with you. There will be a break of approx. 1 hour for lunch to be taken.

Uniform is not required for the shoot but everyone should bring with them a Scout shirt, Neckerchief, Activity/Scout trousers and Scout Belt for the prize giving at the end of the competition.

It is the responsibility of individual leaders/groups etc. to ensure that "Permission to Shoot/Camp" forms are completed for the event.

If you plan to stay over-night prior to the event it is the responsibility of the individual teams to arrange local accommodation or camping facilities and Nights Away notification.

The Rules:-

Competition General

The Range officer's decision is final in all matters of safety, range discipline and competition rules.

Standard ISSF competition rules apply to equipment, clothing and conduct except where changed specifically for this competition and indicated by the organisers. E.g. shooting pistol using 2 hands and bench resting allowed on the rifle for juniors. (It is the responsibility of the coach/leader of each team to familiarise themselves and the rest of the members of the team with general airgun competition and these rules). Breaches of the rules could result in the individual/team being disqualified.

Personal equipment used during the shoot should be "fit for purpose" and comply in all respects to ISSF regulations.

Formal equipment control will not be required on arrival but Random checks may be made during the event

Ages of competitors are to be declared on the entry form as those at the day/date of the competition.

Pistol

The pistol discipline will be shot using one, or both hands in the case of juniors, to hold the gun, those aged 13 and over (seniors) must use only one. All must be shot free standing, with no part of the body or gun touching the bench. Each member of the team will shoot 4 cards (air 4/89), limited to 5 shots only at each card. All 4 cards are then submitted to be scored and to count towards the team aggregate. No sighting shots will be allowed.

Only air pistols not requiring a firearms certificate, of 0.177" (4.5mm) calibre will be used. Own pistols are allowed, but must conform to the conditions set out in POR Rule 9.37. A minimum of one air pistol must be brought for use during the event and it is up to each team to organise its own equipment supply.

Rifle

The rifle competition will be shot free standing for those aged 13 and over, and bench rested, if preferred, for those 12 and under, and again will consist of 4 cards (air 3/89) to shoot, limited to 5 shots only at each card - 1 shot per diagram.

(Bench resting of rifles does not allow the use of additional mechanical aids, only the resting of the body and/or elbows onto the firing table - also, for clarity, the rifle must not be in contact with any part of the bench)

Own rifles are allowed but must only be of 0.177" (4.5mm) calibre, not requiring a firearms certificate, and must conform to the conditions set out in POR Rule 9.37. A minimum of one air rifle must be brought for use during the event and again it is up to each team to organise its own equipment supply.

Notes

Any individual bringing their own gun(s) to the range must do so with due regard to present laws relating to the carrying of firearms in public places. (The car park at Aldersley is considered as a public place).

Only standard **open sights** will be allowed, this can include - ring sights (diopetre), standard notch and post, etc. **No telescopic, red-dot or laser** type sights will be allowed for the competition

Targets are to be those normally used (air 3 & 4/89) for each discipline at 10m and will be issued on arrival for each team. Both the rifle and pistol events will be shot at 10 metres.

Visual inwards scoring will be used for both the pistol and rifle competitions, and shots will not normally be gauged - The scoring judges, however, reserve the right to gauge shots and their decision will be final on any disputed scores.

The competition will be run in 2 parts during one day, with each team being allocated a lane for the whole event. Lane positions will be drawn on arrival and booking in. All the members of the team will use the same lane. A total time limit of 2hrs-30mins will be allowed for each discipline. The whole team is to shoot within this time period. The Air Rifle competition is to be shot in the morning from 10.00AM until 12.30PM. Air Pistol in the afternoon between 1.30PM and 4.00PM.

No extensions will be given to these time periods - make sure you arrive early enough to start promptly at 9.30AM with a safety briefing.

The presentation of medals and trophies will be made at approx. 4.20PM to enable everyone to depart around 5.00PM.

- **As this is a County level event, it is the responsibility of each team/county to provide their own equipment for the competition**
- **There will be no time allowed for sighting of rifles/pistols and no practice/sighting targets will be issued on the day of the competition.**
- **No sighting shots are allowed for either discipline during the competition.**
- **It is up to each individual/team to arrange locally that their equipment is set up correctly prior to arrival at the range.**
- **The shooting distance for both the rifle and pistol will be 10 metres**
- **Only those targets issued specifically for the competition will be used.**
- **Shooting jackets, trousers and shooting boots are allowed for the rifle part of the competition. No slings are allowed.**
- **Shooting shoes are allowed for the pistol event, but footwear providing support to the ankle and lower leg, i.e boots of any description, will not be allowed.**
- **Disabled shooters must bring with them a certificate indicating the class for which they are registered in order to determine the extent of permissible aides to which they are entitled under ISSF rules. (It would be of benefit if any disabled competitors could be indicated to the organisers prior to the event)**

The Team

Teams consist of **8 people** and **MUST** be accompanied by, or include, at least one Scout Leader or person with a relevant qualification holding a recognised appointment within the Scout movement aged 21 or over.

The team

- **MUST** include at least one, but not more than 4 Scouts aged 12 or under.
- **MUST NOT** include more than one Scout aged 18+.
- The remainder of the team **MUST BE** invested Scouts (ages 13 - 17 inclusive)

Example teams - The examples below are given to show how a team could be made up and still comply with the rules. Your team is not expected to look exactly like these.

Example team 1

Person 1 age 12
Person 2 age 13
Person 3 age 13
Person 4 age 14
Person 5 age 16
Person 6 age 17
Person 7 age 17
Person 8 age 24

Example team 2

Person 1 age 11
Person 2 age 12
Person 3 age 12
Person 4 age 12
Person 5 age 14
Person 6 age 14
Person 7 age 14
Person 8 age 14

Example team 3

Person 1 age 12
Person 2 age 16
Person 3 age 17
Person 4 age 17
Person 5 age 17
Person 6 age 17
Person 7 age 17
Person 8 age 43

N.B Example 2 would have to be accompanied by an appointed leader or similarly qualified person aged 21 or over. (I.E. Not a driver or parent)

Replies:-

It is imperative that you detail clearly on your application form the **full names and ages of the team members** for the entry list, score sheet and for insurance purposes. Team changes due to illness etc. should be indicated on arrival to the event, or before wherever possible, to enable the score sheets to be updated accordingly. A column is included in the entry form to indicate if the individuals entered within the teams already belong to one of the national shooting squads. It is important that this information is made available as invitations to train with national squads may be awarded to those reaching the exacting standards required.

If you are able to supply additional equipment for the use of those teams who do not have their own would you please indicate the type and quantity available on your application form as the supply at the WMSC is limited. Pistols especially are at a premium and spares may be required by other teams new to the event.

Entry forms should be submitted, **complete with entry fee**, in writing to arrive no later than **Saturday 23rd March 2013** to Ian Pennell at the following address. Please include a contact name and phone number. (An e-mail address would also be useful)

Mr.I.Pennell
2, Woolston Drive,
Hough,
Nr Crewe,
Cheshire.
CW2.5RF
Tel. 01270 842558

Any questions on the event E-mail. cheshireshooting@hotmail.co.uk

Regards,

David Pennell (Assistant District Advisor, Shooting - SW Cheshire)

Ian Pennell (Event Organiser)

Compliance Notices:-

Use of Photographs

During the event, and the award presentations afterwards, it is likely that individuals and/or groups will appear in photographs being taken of the event participants. Some of these will possibly be included in a round up report publication or advertisement for next year's event. Please indicate in writing (preferably accompanying your entry form) if you disagree with the use of photographic material including any/all of your group being included in any publication. (Publications will be limited to use within the Scout Movement and should not include any outside bodies)

No response to this request will assume permission is granted for the organisers to include any photographic material, as is deemed appropriate, for the follow up report of the event and/or advertisement of next years event.

Risk Assessment

A risk assessment will be carried out for the event and can be supplied, on request, via e-mail. Hard copy can be obtained by written request and the supply of a large (A5 sized) stamped, self addressed envelope prior to the event.

National Squad Indicators (Please use abbreviations to complete application form)

- NSS** - National Scout Shooting Rifle and Pistol Squad
- GBS** - Great Britain Rifle Squad, Sporter rifle section
- GBR** - Great Britain Junior Rifle Squad
- GBP** - Great Britain Junior Pistol Squad
- ENG** - English National (Rifle and/or Pistol) Squad
- WAL** - Welsh National (Rifle and/or Pistol) Squad
- SCO** - Scottish National (Rifle and/or Pistol) Squad
- PAT** - Pathway (funded)
- TEN** - Team England National Squad



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To be held at the West Midlands Shooting Centre, Aldersley Stadium, Aldersley, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

Please PRINT in the boxes provided, the correct names and ages of those participants wishing to take part. (8 persons per team conforming strictly to the rules)

Team Name

County Represented

Name of Competitor (Please Use Block Capital)

Age

Age Group

Scout Group

Squad Membership

Indicate against each person if presently a national squad member

Contact Name and Telephone No.

E-mail address

I have read, understand and accept the rules as set out for this competition and enclose the required entry fee of £36.00.

Signed:.....

on behalf ofScout County

Entries to:- I.Pennell, 2, Woolston Drive, Hough, Crewe, Cheshire. CW2 5RF. (To arrive no later than 23/3/13)