

# **Precision Rifle Shooting: Event Notes**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

- **Programme:** This event is a full-day match with multiple stages. A Match Book will be given to each competitor on the morning of the event which includes the stage briefings
- **Event Fee:** £87.50 per individual entry to include full-day competition
- Under 25 Discount: 40% discount off entry fee for those that are under 25 years on the day of the Event
- Meeting Membership: £10.50
- Entry Deadline: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at midday
- Cancellations: Cancellations must be received via email to <a href="mailto:competitions@nra.org.uk">competitions@nra.org.uk</a> by 8am Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Entries will be fully refunded (or credited) before this time, after this point entries are non-refundable. Credits are valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation
- **Entry Requirement Summary** (See Terms of Entry below for full details):
  - ✓ **Shooter Certification Card (SCC):** Each civilian shooting on a MoD or NRA range has to carry a SCC issued by the chairman of a club of which they are a member and which is affiliated to the NRA. Competitors MUST be in possession of their SCC when shooting on NRA ranges. Competitors MUST be in possession of an SCC for Telescope Rifle. If you do not have an SCC please contact the Competition Co-ordinator before
    - Overseas or competitors from non-Home Office Approved Clubs (HOACs) can apply to the NRA/Match Director via <u>competitions@nra.org.uk</u> who may grant a temporary SCC. Proof of range safety will be required
  - ✓ This competition is open to members of Home Office Approved Clubs (HOAC) who are not prohibited under section 21 of the Firearms Act (The NRA is the largest HOAC in the UK)
  - ✓ Non-NRA members are welcome, but are required to pay the Meeting Member Fee
  - ✓ On the first day of the Competition you must be aged 14 or over (please contact the Competition Coordinator before entering if this is not the case)
- Rules: This event is governed by the rules laid out in the NRA Handbook (Bisley Bible), in addition to the below based on IPRF Rules. During the event the Match Director may look to both the NRA Handbook and IPRF Rules to gain clarity on any queries:
  - Stage Inspection: Match Books detailing the layout of stages will be provided on the morning of the event. Each squad will have a maximum of 5 minutes per stage to inspect the layout
  - o **Coaching:** Coaching during a Course of Fire (CoF) is prohibited. Assistance before or after a stage is permitted
  - o **Malfunctions:** If a competitor's firearm malfunctions after the Start Signal, the competitor may safely attempt to correct the problem and continue the CoF. The competitor must not use rods or other tools to verify or correct the malfunction. Violations will result in a zero score for the stage. The CoF will be scored 'as shot' and any score achieved up to the malfunction shall stand, if applicable. The competitors time shall be the maximum stage time. Where the firearm has failed, the competitor shall not be permitted to reshoot the CoF. This includes instances where a firearm is declared unserviceable or unsafe during a CoF
  - o **Penalties:** Shooters receiving 3 or more penalties will be disqualified from the match. Penalties are imposed when a competitor fails to comply with procedures specified in a written stage briefing and/or is found to be in violation of other general rules including unsafe firearm handling, including Negligent Discharge and unsportsmanlike behaviour
- Making an entry: Entries can be made and paid for online via: <u>online.nra.org.uk</u>. A downloadable paper entry form will also be available which can be returned via email or post

- Rifle Divisions (based on IPRF rules):
  - ✓ **Factory:** A Factory Division rifle is a non-custom, standard stock rifle, manufactured/assembled by a single mainstream manufacturer, in a configuration as available by that manufacturer at the time of production.
    - The action, chassis/stock and trigger must be manufactured by, or be propriety to that manufacturer, or be a generic part
    - o Max 10 round capacity magazines; a bipod may be attached; a suppressor, muzzle break or barrel tuner may be fitted; no restriction on optics
    - o A tripod may be attached only after the CoF start signal
    - Allowed Modifications:
      - Barrel: May be replaced as long as the replacement is the same profile, calibre and length as
        available in that model from the manufacturer; it may be re-crowned and or threaded
      - Action: May be bedded to the chassis or stock, however the chassis or stock may not be altered
        to better fit
      - If the rifle is not supplied with options for mounting of a bipod, a fixed 5 slot picatinny rail, or a sling stud, may be added to the forend of the rifle
    - o <u>Prohibited Modifications:</u>
      - No permanent alterations may be made to the rifle; no additional parts added to or swapped; no gunsmith or truing permitted
  - ✓ **Limited:** A Limited Division rifle looks to promote Traditional Military calibres used pre-2000 when the sport of Precision Rifle was in its infancy and where military style long range competitions at the time helped to define the modern day sport of Precision Rifle
    - √ 7.62x51 NATO/ .308 Winchester
    - ✓ Projectile cannot exceed 179 grains and 2800 fps
    - ✓ Modified wildcat rounds are not permitted
  - ✓ **Open:** Open Division may utilise every possible equipment advantage; this Division aims to drive innovation in rifles, auxiliary equipment and accessories
    - Open: Open to all competitors regardless of gender or age
    - Open Ladies: Female shooters
    - Open Juniors: U21sOpen Senior: 55+
    - Open Mil/LEO: Active, full or part time Military or Law Enforcement Officer
- Ammunition: At least 100 rounds, Max MV: 1000 m/s (3280 ft/s); Max ME: 4500 J (3319 ft/lb)
- Multiple Entry: You can only enter once per firearm type
- Gallery Rifle ID (GRID): This is a unique index number that allows us to match up your scores across a number of
  NRA competitions. Your GRID is listed on your membership profile and on our online booking website:
   <u>online.nra.org.uk/customer/info</u>. If you are not yet in possession of a GRID number this will be issued to you upon
   entry
- Overseas Visitors: If you wish to bring firearms to the UK as a visitor, or to possess firearms while visiting the UK other than in some restricted circumstances, you must have a Visitor's Firearm Permit. These documents are issued by the Police in the part of the UK you wish to visit, though your permit can be extended by the issuing Police Force to be valid in multiple locations. A Permit can be valid for up to a year, and for temporary residence of a year or less avoids the need for an import licence and subsequent export licence when returning home.
  - You must obtain your permit in advance it is not possible to apply for one at point of entry. Please allow a <u>minimum</u> of three months.
  - If you bring firearms as part of your personal baggage, you must have the permit with you in order to clear UK Customs. If your firearms are shipped separately, you will need the permit to collect them from the importer. All the firearms and ammunition you import must appear on the permit, as must any firearms you intend to borrow or hire once in the UK. Full details can be found on our website: https://nra.org.uk/nra-bisley/visiting-bisley/
- **Courses of Fire:** Please note the course of fire for Precision Rifle Shooting varies at each event. Details are provided in the Match Books, which are given to competitors on the day of the event

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- Squadding: Once entries have closed you will be allocated to a squad which will be communicated to you via email
  - o If you are new to the competition and wish to be squadded alongside another competitor, please add a note to this effect on your entry form and we will try to arrange this
  - Within your squad you will be expected to undertake the following roles: spotting, scoring
  - o Entries may still be accepted once the deadline has passed, subject to availability
- When you arrive: Please report directly to Stickledown range for the event briefing. Timings of the briefing will be emailed prior to the event. Following the briefing all competitors will be given an opportunity to check their zero at 100yds targets will be provided on Stickledown Range, there is no requirement to visit another part of the NSC complex
- **Results:** Scores will be input directly into tablets on the range, using the Ultimate Ballistics software, with a copy available online shortly after the Competition via: <a href="https://www.nra.org.uk/liveresults">www.nra.org.uk/liveresults</a>
- Challenging Results: It is the competitor's responsibility on the day of the competition to ensure that scores are input correctly before being confirmed by the Range Officer. Any challenges to scores before they are signed off must be made immediately to the Range Team on the day
- **Firearms Usage:** The NRA is required to keep a record of firearms used by competitors as required by the Firearms (Amendment) Acts 1997. Following a Competition please go to your online profile and update your firearms usage: online.nra.org.uk/customer/firearmusages
- **Individual Awards:** NRA awards are presented to the top placed individuals in each Division, subject to the amount of entries:
  - o 2+ competitors: 1st Place NRA Gold medal
  - o 6+ competitors: 1<sup>st</sup> Place NRA Gold medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Silver medal
  - o 11+ competitors: 1<sup>st</sup> Place NRA Gold medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Silver medal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bronze medal
- Prizegiving: On range on completion of the match. Any uncollected medals will be posted out after the Meeting

#### **Terms of Entry:**

- I agree I meet the entry criteria as stated in these Event Notes
- I confirm that the information given on the attached Entry form is true, complete and accurate

### Access to firearms:

- I meet at least one of the following conditions that legitimise my access to firearms:
  - o I am an individual member of the NRA
  - o I make this declaration as a participant in an NRA Guest Day
  - o I hold a Firearm Certificate or GB Visitor's Firearm Permit permitting me to use, for target shooting, the firearms that I shall fire in this event
  - o I am a member of a Club Approved by the Home Office, the Scottish Ministers or the PSNI and will be shooting as a member of that club and will use any firearm for which I do not hold a Firearm Certificate only in accordance with the applicable exemptions to S1 Firearms Act 1968 as amended
- I am not a prohibited person within the meaning of Section 21 Firearms Act 1968 (as amended)
- I have never had a Firearm or Shotgun Certificate refused or revoked. (If you have, please enclose full details in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential')

#### Eligibility

- On the first day of the Event I will be aged fourteen years or over; OR I have the written approval of the NRA and the Event director to participate notwithstanding my age.
- I certify that I am qualified to participate in accordance with the Regulations and hold a current certificate of Safety and Competence, which I will present at the Event
- I am an individual member of the NRA; or by virtue of at least one of the following I meet the criteria to be granted, and I apply for, temporary membership of the NRA for the duration of the Event:
  - o I hold a UK Firearm Certificate, GB Visitor's Firearm Permit or Permit under S7 Firearms Act 1968 authorising possession of a full-bore rifle, small-bore rifle or muzzle-loading pistol
  - o I am a full member of a club Approved by the Home Office, the Scottish Ministers or the PSNI
  - o I am a present member of HM Forces and have current military certification of competence with a full-bore rifle

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## Warnings:

- I agree that I have been warned that ear protection must and eye protection may be required to be worn at all times in the vicinity of all firing points while shooting is in progress, and shall not hold the organiser responsible for any injury resulting from non-compliance therewith. Any mandatory details will be contained within the specific Event Notes for each Event
- I agree to abide by the rules of the National Rifle Association and of the Event and I will accept the decisions of the Event Director or the NRA as final
- I agree that results of a Competition and classifications may be published on the internet or elsewhere containing my name, competitor number, class and score
- I understand that if I have debts to NRA or NSC Ltd over 90 days outstanding, squadding cards will not be issued to me until these have been settled in full