



# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

## Cottesloe Heath Challenge Competition Notes

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

- **Programme:** This event is a full day match with 8/9 stages, **some of which can only be shot with solid slug**
- **Event Fee:** **£109** per entry to include full day competition and an on range BBQ styled lunch, **£102** without lunch
- **Under 25 Discount:** **40% discount off entry fee** for those that are under 25 years old on the day of the Event
- **Meeting Membership:** **£10.50**
- **Team Competitions:** **£10.00**. Four shooters per team, with the best 3 scores to count. Team scores are derived from concurrent individual scores. Team nominations must be submitted to stats prior to the start of shooting
- **Entry Deadline:** **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August at midday**
- **Cancellations:** Cancellations must be received via email to [competitions@nra.org.uk](mailto:competitions@nra.org.uk) by **8am Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**. 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

### General Event Information:

- **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. If you do not have an SCC for the type of firearm you wish to participate with please contact the Competition Co-ordinator before entering
  - 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 Co-ordinator before entering if this is not the case)
- **Making an entry:** Entries can be made and paid for online via: [online.nra.org.uk](https://online.nra.org.uk). A downloadable paper entry form will also be available which can be returned via email or post
  - Competitors can only compete in each event once per firearm class – there are no reshoots available
- **Firearms Classes:**
  - **Standard:** Any Semi-Auto Action Shotgun with a fixed magazine, iron sights only
  - **Standard Manual:** Any Manual Action Shotgun with a fixed magazine, iron sights only
  - **Open:** Any Shotgun
- **Gallery Rifle ID (GRID):** This is a unique index number that allows us to match up your scores from multiple events in TS Festivals, and is also used for the Cottesloe Heath Challenge and Action Weekend Competitions. Your GRID is listed on your membership profile and on our online booking website: [online.nra.org.uk/customer/info](https://online.nra.org.uk/customer/info)
- **Firing Positions:** Para A3.4 of the TS Handbook: When entering a Meeting, a competitor who has a physical disability (temporary or permanent) which prevents the use of a position specified in the event conditions may apply to the Meeting Director for permission to use an alternative position. Such an application should be supported by medical evidence (e.g. a Doctor's note) whenever possible. The Meeting Director will determine which, if any alternative position(s) the competitor will be allowed to use in which event(s) and will notify the competitor of the decision. The competitor will typically be allowed to adopt the next most difficult position applicable to the event. This will vary between events but may include:
  - a. Sitting instead of Prone
  - b. Kneeling instead of Sitting
  - c. Standing (strong or weak shoulder/hand) instead of Kneeling, Sitting or Prone
  - d. Kneeling Unsupported instead of Standing

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- **Multiple Entries:** You can only enter once per firearm type
- **Courses of Fire:** Please note the course of fire for the Cottesloe Heath Challenge varies at each Meeting. All Courses of Fire will be explained on the day at each stage. We advise bringing 100 rounds of birdshot (max size UK No. 4), and 30 solid slug. Only Fibre wad ammunition is permitted on Cottesloe Heath
- **Squadding:** Once entries have closed your competitions will be allocated (squadded) to a specific squad which will be communicated to you via email. 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
- **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 or Visitor's Shotgun 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 minimum 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/>
- **When you arrive:** Please report directly to your starting stage on Cottesloe Heath for the event briefing. Timings of the briefing will be emailed prior to the event
- **Results:** Results will be available online shortly after the Competition via: [www.nra.org.uk/liveresults](http://www.nra.org.uk/liveresults)
- **Challenging Results:** It is the competitor's responsibility on the day of the competition to ensure that scores are input into the tablet 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](http://online.nra.org.uk/customer/firearmusages)
- **Individual Awards:** NRA awards are presented to the top placed individuals in each class, subject to the amount of entries:
  - 2+ competitors: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tankard and Gold medal
  - 6+ competitors: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tankard and Gold medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Silver medal
  - 11+ competitors: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tankard and Gold medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Silver medal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bronze medal
- **Additional Awards:** An NRA Gold medal will be presented to the highest scoring competitor in each class, in each of the below categories:
  - Serving Member of the Military (including reserve forces), police or other emergency services
  - Ex-Serving Member of the Military (including reserve forces), police or other emergency services
  - Female
  - Under 25
- **Team Awards:** NRA medals will be presented to the top placed teams in each class, subject to the amount of entries:
  - 2+ teams: NRA Gold medal
  - 4+ teams: NRA Gold medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Silver medal
- **Prizegiving:** Will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August in the NRA Pavilion at 6pm, all individual and team medals will be presented. 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:
  - I am an individual member of the NRA
  - I make this declaration as a participant in an NRA Guest Day
  - 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
  - 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:
  - 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
  - I am a full member of a club Approved by the Home Office, the Scottish Ministers or the PSNI
  - I am a present member of HM Forces and have current military certification of competence with a full-bore rifle

**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