



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Target Shotgun Skills Course Event Notes

Sunday 23rd February 2025

This Skills Development Day will provide you with the fundamental skills for taking part in Target Shotgun (TS) events and competitions. The day comprised of both classroom and practical range work, with expert coaching from national and international level shooters on topics including types of firearms, equipment and positional shooting techniques. In the morning session you will cover Target Shotgun (TS) Classes, firearm types, kit and equipment, positional techniques, revise the principles of marksmanship, and Target Shotgun events run by the NRA

Entry Fee: £97.00, £58.20 for those that are under 25 years old on the day of the event

Non-Member Fee: £11.00

Firearm & Ammunition usage: £55.00

Entry Deadline: Monday 17th February at midday

Cancellations: Cancellations must be received via email to competitions@nra.org.uk by **8am Thursday 20th 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):** All shooters MUST be in possession of their SCC when shooting on NRA ranges. This is awarded to NRA Members, or by a Club Chairperson (of NRA affiliated Clubs) once a shooter has satisfied criteria as to the shooter's ability to use firearms and ammunition safely. If not in possession of an SCC, shooters may apply for a temporary SCC by emailing competitions@nra.org.uk
- ✓ This event 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 Non-Member Fee
- ✓ On the first day of the event you must be aged 14 or over (please contact the event 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. A downloadable paper entry form will also be available which can be returned via email or post

Firearms & Ammunition: These are not included in the Skills Day fee, attendees are encouraged to bring their own. If not yet in possession of a suitable firearm attendees can have use of an NRA Target Shotgun for the day, and purchase sufficient ammunition, both will be issued on the range by the Instructor

Section 1 shotguns are generally any magazine-fed shotgun with a capacity of more than 2 rounds or a detachable magazine, and are the most competitive type available for Target Shotgun shooting. They may only be used by a person with the relevant conditions on their FAC. It is not permitted to borrow or loan a shotgun to which Section 1 of the Firearms act applies.

Section 2 shotguns are generally any shotgun with a fixed magazine of no more than 2 round capacity or a classic type shotgun with 2 barrels. They are the most prevalent type available however their use in TS is severely limited and, although useful for training beginners, are not suitable to be used in most TS competitions.

Muzzle Energy: Ranges at Bisley use the Danger Area of Pirbright Range, which under MoD requirements state that all firearms used must either have a muzzle energy under 4,500 Joules (3,319 ft lbs), or else be zeroed at 200 yards or on the Bisley Zero Range prior to being used at a longer distance. If your ME exceeds the limit then you must zero your rifle, using the specially designed target, the day before the start of your particular Meeting

Firearms Usage: The NRA is required to keep a record of firearms used by competitors as required by the Firearms (Amendment) Acts 1997. Following an NRA Event please go to your online profile and update your firearms usage: online.nra.org.uk/customer/firearmusages

SCC Assessment: If you are an NRA Member and wish to add "Target Shotgun" to your SCC you can undertake an assessment during the course. There is no additional fee, but you will need to advise us when booking that you would like to do the assessment

Non-members can take the same assessment and will be presented with a certificate of attendance. Your Club Chairman may then decide to authorise "Target Shotgun" to be added to your SCC

Please ensure that you have read the NRA Shotgun Training Manual and also the Target Shotgun Rulebook before attending the course. Both can be downloaded from our website: <https://nra.org.uk/nra-handbooks/>

The TS Handbook is a great source of information, it contains descriptions of TS Classes, Positional Techniques, Rules and Event courses of fire. As well as being available online, a FREE paperback book can be collected from NRA Reception

Dress & Equipment: Attendees should bring warm weatherproof clothing and appropriate footwear in case of inclement weather. You will need:

- Safety glasses & Ear defenders
- Firearm - a magazine-fed shotgun (tube or box) either S1 or S2*
- Approximately 100 rounds of Birdshot (size UK 4/5/6/7/8) and 30 slug - Fibre Wad Only (if permitted to possess on FAC)
- Cartridge belt (NRA has a limited number available for use)
- Normal shooting equipment
- Notebook and pencil

*Under the Firearms Act you are NOT permitted to borrow or use a high-capacity firearm or solid slug ammunition without possessing a firearms licence that permits you to possess such items

Please be advised that you will be shooting prone and the ground may be muddy. Assistance in resetting targets and clearing spent cases is mandatory

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 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')

Warnings:

- 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 I have read the NSC Range Regulations in regards to the wearing of ear protection, and Appendix III of the NRA Handbook in regards to the wearing of eye protection, and shall not hold the organiser responsible for any injury resulting from non-compliance therewith. Any mandatory details will be contained within these Event Notes
- I understand that if I have debts to NRA or NSC Ltd over 90 days outstanding, entry to this course will not be permitted until these have been settled in full