



**NATIONAL RIFLE
ASSOCIATION**



Astor County Championship Rules 2026

Round 1: Astor County Championship Tankard

1. The County Tankard match may be shot anytime between 1st August 2025 and 30th June 2026
2. A Club may enter any number of teams. Each team must consist of a maximum of seven members: six Firers and a Captain/Coach
 - All seven must be *bona fide* members of the Club before 1 May 2026
 - No more than two firers may be Class X and no fewer than two must be Class O or T, at the time of the match
 - Coaches may be of any class
 - No shooter or coach can have shot or coached for any other club in an Astor County competition since 1st August 2025
3. Affiliation: Open to any Affiliated Rifle Club in any UK County
4. Course of fire: As locally convenient, but preferably as for the Astor Final, i.e. two sighters and seven shots to count at each of 300, 500 and 600 yards.
5. Ammunition: Any commercially available ammunition may be used
6. Each competition will be organised by the County Rifle Association, who may appoint an "Astor Secretary" for this purpose
7. NRA Rules and Regulations will apply, and any dispute will be settled by the NRA who reserve the right to withdraw the Astor Tankard from any County
8. The Organiser must report the results, including the names of the competing and nominated clubs, the scores and the date of NRA affiliation in the current year to NRA Shooting Division no later than **30th June 2026**. The Astor Claim form can be downloaded online, or you can contact a member of Shooting Division for a copy
9. Should no qualifying shoot take place, a County may nominate a Club to represent them in the final. This nomination must be submitted to NRA Shooting Division no later than **30th June 2026**

PRIZES

In each County Tankard competition:

- First Placed Team:* Up to seven Silver Astor Tankard medals
Second Placed Team: Up to seven Bronze Astor Tankard medals (if entries exceed four)
Third Placed Team: Up to seven Bronze Astor Tankard medals (if entries exceed ten)

Round 2: Astor County Championship Final

Full details of the match conditions for the Final can be found in the NRA Handbook (Bisley Bible)

1. County Championship Final: will take place on Friday 17th July during the Imperial Meeting
2. A County is represented by a team from one Rifle Club. **Clubs cannot enter the Astor Final without competing in the qualifying Astor County Championship Tankard, or by nominating a Club to represent them.** Each team consists of a maximum of nine members: six Firers, a Captain and two Coaches
 - All nine must be *bona fide* members of the Club before 1 May 2026
 - No more than two firers may be Class X and no fewer than two must be Class O or T, at the time of the match
 - Coaches may be of any class
 - No shooter or coach can have shot or coached for any other club in an Astor County competition since 1st August 2025
3. Should a club be unable to attend, the right will pass to the next Club in order of merit, and so on
4. The Clubs must be currently affiliated to the NRA
5. Course of Fire: two sighters and seven shots to count at each of 300, 500 and 600 yards
6. Ammunition: Issued by the NRA on the morning of the event

PRIZES

In the Astor Championship Final:

First Placed Team: The Challenge Tankard and nine Gold Astor Final medals

Second Placed Team: Nine Silver Astor Final medals (if entries exceed four)

Third Placed Team: Nine Bronze Astor Final medals (if entries exceed ten)

The Astor County Championship Challenge Cup and the County Challenge Tankards were provided from the fund given in 1904 by the Viscount Astor, to assist in the formation and development of Civilian Rifle Clubs