



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Historic Service Rifle Match Notes

Saturday 3rd October 2026 (1330 – 1730)

Entry Fees: £30.00, £18.00 for those who are under 25 years old on the day of the event

Non-Member Fee: £11.50

Entry Deadline: Monday, 28th September at midday

Cancellations: Cancellations must be received via email to competitions@nra.org.uk by **8am Thursday, 1st October**.

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 Requirements:

- ✓ **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.

Gallery Rifle ID (GRID): This is a unique index number that allows us to match up your scores from multiple Historic matches and is also used for the CSR Imperial and Action Weekend Competitions. Your GRID is listed on your membership profile and on our online booking website: online.nra.org.uk/customer/info

Classes:

- **Classic:** Pre-1919 SMLEs
- **Veteran:** Pre-1955 No 4s/No 5s
- **Veteran Optic:** Pre-1955 No 4T
- **All Comers Iron:** Pre-1972 Foreign Service Rifles

Firearm Specification: Service Rifle Class (a): A service rifle as issued by any government and used without any unauthorised alterations or additions

- **Sling:** As issued 1937 pattern sling attached to the butt swivel and the upper band swivel. The sling may be used for steadying the rifle and may be placed round one arm and/or wrist but not round any other part of the body
 - **Veteran Optic only:** the US M1907 Pattern sling is permitted and may be used either as a two point using the central sling swivel or with its integral loop
- **Rests:** No artificial rests/support may be used other than the sling
 - **Veteran Optic only:** a sandbag will be provided to support the forward hand/wrist in the prone position only. There must be no contact whatsoever between the rifle and the sandbag or the ground
- **Gloves:** No padded shooting gloves are allowed
- **Shooting jackets:** No shooting jackets are permitted
- **Backsight:** A backsight as issued must be used. The wind gauge, if any, must be set centrally
- **Foresight:** A blade foresight, which may be undercut
- **Wind:** Must be allowed for by aiming off
 - Veteran Optic: windage sight adjustments are permitted
- **Sights:** May be blackened, but nothing may be affixed for shading them

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- **Trigger pull:** Minimum of 4.5lbs

Courses of Fire: 100x Snap, 200x Snap, 200x Rapid, 300x Harassing Fire, 300x Snap – see separate Course of Fire document (also available within the CSR Handbook)

Muzzle Energy: Ranges at Bisley use the Danger Area of Pirbright Range, which under MoD requirements states 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

Firing Positions: Prone, sitting, kneeling and standing. Para A3.2.22 of the CSR Handbook: A firer who has a physical disability (temporary or permanent) which prevents the use of a position specified in the match conditions may assume the next most difficult position instead. The CRO, RO and the MD must be informed before the start of the match. The following substitutions are among those permitted:

- a. The sitting position instead of the prone position
- b. The kneeling position instead of the sitting position
- c. The standing position instead of the kneeling position
- d. The kneeling unsupported position (either on two knees or on one knee without resting the elbow on the knee) instead of the standing position

Squadding: You will be 'squadded' into one of 4 groups, who will rotate between firing and operating Targetry in the Butts. There will always be two groups on the firing point and two in the butts at any time, so if you are physically unable to operate targets, there should be additional competitors available to assist. Once entries to the event have closed, you will be emailed a copy of the squadding.

Special Squadding Requests: You will be squadded randomly, with the exception of those supervising junior shooters, those new to CSR, or those sharing firearms. If you wish to request special squadding, please make a note on your entry; for those travelling together in the same vehicle, we will endeavour to have you both at least in the same detail.

Range Officers & Butts Officers: Individuals who take on these roles will have their entry fee credited back to them after the event; this does not apply to Wing officers' roles

Targets: Fig 12B at 100 yds (B&W Fig 12), then Fig 11B at 200 and 300 yds (B&W Fig 11)

Scoring:

- Fig 12B: 5 for hits within the 300mm circle (outer circle), remainder 4
- Fig 11B: 5 for hits within the 300mm circle (outer circle), remainder 4

On the Day: Please head straight to the range for the 13:00 hrs Range Safety briefing (300 yard car park). Shooter Certification Cards (SCCs) will be checked in person if not held on Membership records

Results: Results will be input the day after the Competition and will be available online: www.nra.org.uk/liveresults

Challenging Results: It is the competitor's responsibility on the day of the competition to ensure that the Wing Officer records their scores correctly. Any challenges of this nature must be made immediately on the day. Following the publishing of scores online, competitors have until midday on the Thursday of the following week to contact the NRA for errors relating to the digitising of the hand-recorded scores. Please email competitions@nra.org.uk with any challenges

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

Awards: NRA Medals and awards are awarded in each class subject to Prize List D of the NRA handbook:

- 2+ Entries: Gold Medal
- 6+ Entries: Gold and Silver Medal
- 11+ Entries: Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal

Prizegiving: Prizegiving will take place on the range at the 300x Firing Point after the completion of shooting

Terms of Entry:

- I agree I meet the entry requirements 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 legitimises my access to firearms:
 - I am an individual member of the NRA (or temporary 'Meeting Member' by paying the Non-Member Fee)
 - 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 I will accept the decisions of the Event Director or the NRA as final
- I agree that results of the Competition and classifications may be published on the internet or elsewhere containing my name, competitor number, country, class and score
- 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 event will be restricted until these have been settled in full