



**NATIONAL RIFLE
ASSOCIATION**



Astor County Championship Rules 2021

RULES

1. In this Championship a County is represented by a team from one Rifle Club. **Clubs cannot enter the Astor Final without competing in the Qualifying Round (Astor County Championship Tankard).** The match will be shot in two stages:
 - County Competitions: open to any Affiliated Rifle Club in any UK County
 - The Astor Final: shot during the Imperial Meeting, open to one Rifle Club from each County (normally the Club which won the County Championship)
2. The County Rifle Association and all competing rifle Clubs must be currently affiliated to the NRA
3. Each competition will be organised by the County Rifle Association, who may appoint an “Astor Secretary” for this purpose
4. To be eligible to shoot or coach in this competition an individual:
 - Must have been a bona fide member of that club before 1 May in the current year;
 - Need not have shot for that club in an Astor county competition;
 - Must not have shot or coached for any other club in an Astor county competition since 1st August in the preceding year
5. 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

MATCH CONDITIONS

6. 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
 - 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 may shoot for more than one club in any one “Astor year”
7. The County Championship may be shot anytime between 1st August 2020 and 30th June 2021
8. 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. Any commercially available ammunition may be used

RESULTS

9. 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 not later than **Thursday 1st July 2021**. The Astor Claim form can be downloaded online, or you can contact a member of Shooting Division for a copy.

PRIZES

In each County 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)

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

THE FINAL

The winning Club in each County competition is entitled to compete in the Final of the Astor County Championship which takes place during the Target Rifle Imperial Meeting in July.

- Should a club be unable to attend, the right will pass to the next Club in order of merit, and so on
- Should no County competition have been held, the County Rifle Association may nominate a Club to represent the County

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