



# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

## Target Shotgun Skills Course Event Notes

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023

This one day Skills Development Course will provide 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.

- **Entry Fee:** £84.50 for the full day course – Lunch is not included
- **Firearms & Ammunition:** These are not included in the Course fee, attendees are expected 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
- **Entry Deadline:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at midday
- **Cancellations:** Cancellations must be received via email to [competitions@nra.org.uk](mailto:competitions@nra.org.uk) by **8am Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### General Event Information:

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - ✓ This Skills Course is open to Full 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 an additional Non-NRA Member Fee (£8.70)
  - ✓ 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)
  - ✓ **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. Entrants MUST be in possession of their SCC when shooting on NRA ranges. For our Skills Courses you are only required to have a valid SCC, it does not need to contain the type of firearm you will be using
- **Making an entry:** Entries can be made and paid for online via: [online.nra.org.uk](http://online.nra.org.uk). A downloadable paper entry form will also be available which can be returned via email or post.
- **Discounts:** (*off entry fee only*)
  - ✓ **40% discount** for those that are under 25 years old on the day of the Course
- **Firearms:** We encourage you to bring your own firearm if you have one. For TS any of the following types of firearms will be suitable for the course (others may also be suitable):
  - Manual (SGM): Any Manual Action Shotgun with an integral tubular magazine or detachable magazine
  - Semi-Automatic (SGSA): Any Semi-Automatic Shotgun with an integral tubular or detachable magazineIf you do not have your own firearm you may hire one for the purpose of the course
- **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 course
- **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)

- **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/>

- **TS Useful Information:** The TS Handbook is a great source of information. It contains descriptions of TS Classes, Positional Techniques, Rules and Event courses of fire. The TS Handbook can be found [online](#) and in a FREE paperback book available 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 requirement as stated within the details of the Event I am entering
  - 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')
  - I agree that I have been warned that ear and eye protection must 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
  - I confirm that the information given in this form is true, complete and accurate
  - I meet at least one of the following conditions:
    - I hold a Firearm Certificate permitting me to use the firearms that I shall fire in this competition for target shooting
    - I am a full member of a Home Office Approved Club and will be shooting as a full 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 agree to abide by the rules of the National Rifle Association and of the Course and I will accept the decisions of the Head Instructor or the NRA as final