



# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

## Target Shotgun Festival Competition Notes

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

- **Programme:**
  - **Saturday:** Timed & Precision 1, Multi-Target, NRA Embassy Cup, Service Match (£13.20 per entry)
  - **Sunday:** Practical Shotgun Match (*half day competition, part of the NRA Shotgun League*) (£34.75 per entry)
- **Entry Deadline:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at midday
- **Cancellations:** Cancellations must be received via email to [competitions@nra.org.uk](mailto:competitions@nra.org.uk) by **8am Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. 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 TS Festival Event Information:

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - ✓ This competition 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 an additional Non-NRA Member Fee (£8.70)
  - ✓ On the first day of the Competition you must be aged 14 or over (please contact the Competition 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. Competitors MUST be in possession of their SCC when shooting on NRA ranges. If you do not have an SCC for 'Target Shotgun' please contact the Competition Co-ordinator before entering
- **Making an entry:** Entries can be made and paid for online via: [online.nra.org.uk](https://online.nra.org.uk). A downloadable paper entry form will also be available which can be returned via email or post
  - Competitors can only compete in each event once per firearm class – there are no reshoots available
- **Gallery Rifle ID (GRID):** This is a unique index number that allows us to match up your scores from multiple events in TS Festivals, and is also used for the Cottesloe Heath Challenge and Action Weekend Competitions. Your GRID is listed on your membership profile and on our online booking website: [online.nra.org.uk/customer/info](https://online.nra.org.uk/customer/info)
- **Saturday Competition Classes:**
  - **Any Shotgun (SG):** Any Shotgun
  - **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 magazine or detachable magazine
  - **Classic (SGC):** Any shotgun that is not magazine fed and is not fitted with optical or electronic (red dot, telescopic etc.) sights
  - **Multi-Barrel (SGMB):** Any shotgun with multiple barrels that is not fitted with optical or electronic sights or a magazine
  - **Service (SGSV):** Any shotgun and sight combination that matches the specification of one that is or was on issue by any government to its Armed Forces or Police, without any alterations or additions from the issue specification save for the extension of the barrel to comply with UK legislation
- **Sunday Competition Classes:**
  - **Standard:** Any Semi-Auto Action Shotgun with a fixed magazine, iron sights only
  - **Standard Manual:** Any Manual Action Shotgun with a fixed magazine, iron sights only
  - **Open:** Any Shotgun

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- **Discounts:** (*off entry fee only*)
  - **10% discount** for those entering 4 or more competitions over the whole weekend
  - **40% discount** for those that are under 25 years old on the last day of the Event
- **Courses of Fire:** Saturday competitions are listed in the TS Handbook which can be found [online](#) and in a FREE paperback book available from NRA Reception. The design of the Practical course is not published in advance of the event, see below for ammunition advice
- **Firing Positions:** Para A3.4 of the TS Handbook: When entering a Meeting, a competitor who has a physical disability (temporary or permanent) which prevents the use of a position specified in the event conditions may apply to the Meeting Director for permission to use an alternative position. Such an application should be supported by medical evidence (e.g. a Doctor's note) whenever possible. The Meeting Director will determine which, if any alternative position(s) the competitor will be allowed to use in which event(s) and will notify the competitor of the decision. The competitor will typically be allowed to adopt the next most difficult position applicable to the event. This will vary between events but may include:
  - a. Sitting instead of Prone
  - b. Kneeling instead of Sitting
  - c. Standing (strong or weak shoulder/hand) instead of Kneeling, Sitting or Prone
  - d. Kneeling Unsupported instead of Standing
- **Ammunition:** Fibre wad ammunition only (Plastic wads that remain fixed to solid slugs during flight are permitted)
  - The course of fire for the Practical Match varies at each Meeting. We advise bringing 75-100 rounds of Birdshot (size UK 4/5/6/7/8), NO Buckshot, and 26-35 rounds of Slug ammunition to account for misses and re-shoots
- **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
- **Squadding:** Once entries have closed your competitions will be allocated (squadded) to a specific time slot during the day which will be communicated to you via email. Please ensure you arrive to the range approximately 15 minutes before the competition starts
  - If you are new to TS and wish to be squadded alongside another competitor, please add a note to this effect on your entry form and we will try to arrange this
- **On the Day:** Please head straight to the range, and collect your scorecard pack from a member of the Range Team – do not go to NRA Reception
  - Competitions on Saturday have individual scorecards you will need to complete. The 'Stats copy' side needs to be posted into the scorecard box on range once it has been signed and checked by the Range Officer. You may keep the 'Competitor copy' half for your own records
  - On Sunday, scores are input directly onto an electronic tablet, and there are no scorecards to collect
- **Results:** Results will be typed up on the next working day following the Competition and will be available online: [www.nra.org.uk/liveresults](http://www.nra.org.uk/liveresults)
- **Challenging Results:** It is the competitor's responsibility on the day of the competition to ensure that scores are written down correctly, before being signed by the Range Officer and posted in the scorecard box. For the Practical match competitors must check the tablet input before it is submitted. 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 same week to contact the NRA for errors relating to the digitising of the hand recorded scores. Please email [competitions@nra.org.uk](mailto: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](http://online.nra.org.uk/customer/firearmusages)

- **Awards (Saturday):** NRA medals are presented to the winners of each competition. These are engraved after the meeting, and will be available to collect from the Phoenix Meeting, or posted out if not collected. Medals are awarded in each event, in each class to the highest scoring competitors, the amount of medals awarded is subject to Prize List D of the NRA handbook:
  - 2+ Scorecards: Gold Medal
  - 6+ Scorecards: Gold and Silver Medal
  - 11+ Scorecards: Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal
  
- **Awards (Sunday):** Scores made in the Practical Matches go towards the 2023 NRA League standings. Awards will be presented in Spring 2023 upon completion of the League
  
- **Prizegiving:** There is no Prizegiving at this Competition, medals will be distributed after the event
  
- **Terms of Entry:**
  - 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 agree I meet the entry criteria as stated within the details of the Event I am entering
  - I confirm that the information given in this form is true, complete and accurate (*amended 11.03.20*)
  - 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 will only shoot with airguns that are exempt from the requirements of S1 and S5 Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) and/or with shotguns falling within the limits of S2 Firearms Act 1968 (as amended)
  - I agree to abide by the rules of the National Rifle Association and of the Meeting and I will accept the decisions of the Meeting Director or the NRA as final
  - I agree that results of a Competition and classifications may be published on the internet or elsewhere containing my name, competitor number, class and score