



# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

## Match Rifle Imperial Event Notes

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

This event is governed by the rules laid out in the NRA Handbook (Bisley Bible) which is available online via: [nra.org.uk/all-downloads/nra-handbooks](https://nra.org.uk/all-downloads/nra-handbooks). You can purchase a paperback copy of the Handbook as part of your entry, or from NRA Reception for £11.00. Please ensure you are familiar with the rules of the competition

If you have any queries please contact [squadding@nra.org.uk](mailto:squadding@nra.org.uk)

- **Entry Deadline:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at midday
- **Cancellations:** Cancellations must be received via email to [squadding@nra.org.uk](mailto:squadding@nra.org.uk) by **8am two working days prior to each competition**. i.e. if you wish to cancel your entry to the Whitehead on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, you must send a cancellation via email before 8am Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Entries cancelled in time will be fully refunded (or credited), after this point entries are non-refundable. Credits are valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation. Any uncompleted aggregates will also be refunded/ credited as per this policy
- **Entry Requirements:**
  - ✓ **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 the type of firearm you wish to participate with please contact the Competition Co-ordinator before entering
  - ✓ 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 (*see below*)
  - ✓ 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)
- **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
- **Target Rifle ID (TRID):** This is a unique index number that allows us to match up your scores from multiple Imperial Meetings. Your TRID 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). If you do not have a TRID please leave the field blank and one will be assigned
- **Eligibility:**
  - **Clubs:** You may list up to two Clubs on your entry form, the Primary one will be listed on all prize lists and Secondary can be referenced by captains for team selection
  - **Country:** Please state the Country you are eligible to shoot for even if you do not intend to shoot in international matches, as this is required to calculate your eligibility into certain events and special duty exemptions – and so we can fly your flag at Bisley!
- **Classifications:** All competitors will be assisted a class. Most prizelists will be split based on class, so you will compete against a similar ability of shooter. If an overseas competitor is not yet in possession of an NRA GB classification, they should state their home country's class to aid in determining the class to be used during the Meeting. If you are unsure of your class for this year's Meeting, please follow this [link](#)
  - **T Class:** Individuals who have never appeared in the top 20 of the Hopton or in the top 10 in any other individual MR competition and who has never been a Class X (TR)
  - **O Class:** Individuals who are not a Class T
- **Overseas Competitors:** Applications for Visitors Firearms Permits should be made at your earliest opportunity, as it can take up to 3 months to be processed. Please use the Visitors Firearms Permit application form available as a download on the NRA website. Competitors from within the European Community must include a valid European Firearms Pass where applicable

- **Courses of Fire:** Conditions and courses of fire are listed in the NRA Handbook which can be found [online](#) and in a paperback book available to purchase from NRA Reception for £11.00
- **Firearms:** Please refer to paragraph 156 and 157 of the NRA Handbook for specifications of eligible Match Rifles
- **Discounts:** (*off entry fee only*)
  - **40% Off Entry Fees** for those that are under 25 years old on the last day of the Meeting
- **Non-NRA Member Fee:** Full NRA or Meeting Membership is compulsory to enter. Meeting Membership Rates:
  - FREE U21 or U25 and undergoing full-time education, and entering the Meeting for the first time
  - £23\* U21 or U25 and undergoing full-time education. \*U21s can pay an additional £2 to upgrade to become U21 NRA members. This means no additional membership fees will be charged until you turn 22
  - £58 Adult Non-Member Fee

Upon payment of the non-NRA member fee, competitors will be provided with a Meeting Membership card in their competitor entry pack. This can be used at the NRA Range Office to book Zero Range or Practice Targets for the duration of the Meeting (subject to supervision approval by the NRA)
- **Squadding:** Once entries have closed, your entries will be allocated (squadded) to a specific time slot during the Meeting which will be communicated to you via email.
- **Alternative Shooting Position:** A competitor who is unable to shoot prone may apply upon entry to shoot from a bench (see paragraph 134b of the NRA Handbook). **Competitors must provide their own bench in accordance to paragraph 156 of the NRA Handbook:**
  - The weight of the rifle must be borne fully by the body
  - The butt may be supported in the shoulder but must not rest on the table or on an artificial support of any kind
  - The competitor, table and other equipment together, must not take up more than their allotted space on the firing point
  - The table must be of conventional design and be capable of being moved and erected by the competitor
- **Mentors:** Any competitor, particularly those entering for the first time, can benefit from mentoring by an experienced competitor. To request this service please complete the appropriate box on the entry form. You will be contacted prior to the Meeting with further details. Any suitably experienced competitors who would like to volunteer to be a mentor should contact the Shooting Division via [competitions@nra.org.uk](mailto:competitions@nra.org.uk)
- **Special Duties:** All domestic competitors over 25, and under 70 years of age are liable for special duties unless exemption, supported by a current Doctor's certificate is provided. Competitors required to perform Special Duties will be expected to carry them out, since they are not transferable
- **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
  - HME ZEROING: Before you can collect your scorecard pack you must Zero your firearm and bring the zeroing card to the NRA Reception
- **When you Arrive:** Please report to NRA Reception where your competitor pack will be ready for you to collect
- **Scorecards:** Attach your corresponding squadding sticker at the top of each scorecard. You are required to populate your scorecard with your own results, and that of the person you are register keeping for on your detail. You must sign your own scorecard, and the corresponding register keeper's box on your fellow competitor's card – scorecards will be crosschecked by stats to ensure there is no doctoring of scores. Scorecards must be placed into the scorecard box on range immediately, before leaving the range
- **Results:** Results will be input on the day of 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 submitting cards into the scorecard box
  - Provisional results are printed on white paper and attached to the scoreboards to the side of the Main NRA Building. After results go final and are printed on yellow paper. If you wish to make a challenge to the digitising of your results you must do so whilst the results are Provisional

- **Prizelists:** Prize Lists are displayed periodically throughout the Meeting outside the Main NRA building. After the Meeting they will be published on the NRA website, and made into a CD and paperback book typically available in January the following year
- **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)
- **OTF Swindle:** The OTF Swindles provides valuable support to all GB and NRA teams travelling overseas. GB volunteers will be coordinating swindle entries separately to the main Imperial competition entry
- **Awards:** Details of the specific match awards are listed in the NRA Handbook
- **Prizegiving:** The Match Rifle Prizegiving will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 17:00 at the English XIII Clubhouse. First place awards will be presented as well as the top Tyro, GGG and Any Rifle competitor (where applicable)
- **Terms of Entry:**
  - I agree I meet the entry criteria 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 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