

# **Phoenix Meeting Individual Competition Notes**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

- Entry Deadline: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at midday
- **Cancellations:** Cancellations must be received via email to <u>competitions@nra.org.uk</u> by **8am Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. 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

# **Team Competitions:**

In addition to the individual competitions, there are a range of both Club and International team competitions. For more information see <u>online.nra.org.uk/phx-teams-23</u>

# **General 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 Coordinator 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 the type of firearm you wish to participate with please contact the Competition Co-ordinator before entering
- **Making an entry:** Entries can be made and paid for online via: <u>online.nra.org.uk</u>. A downloadable paper entry form will also be available which can be returned via email or post
- Alternative Shooting Position: 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 can apply to the Meeting Director for permission to use an alternative position (see paragraph A3.5 of the GR&P Handbook). The competitor will normally be allowed to adopt the next most difficult position applicable to the event
- **Re-Shoot Events:** You may only enter each specific event once i.e. once per firearm type. The exceptions to this are the Speed Steels, Mini McQueen and McQueen events that allow unlimited re-shoots during the Meeting
  - Re-shoot tickets can be purchased as part of your online entry, or from the NRA Reception during the Meeting. The tickets may be used for all Action Weekend events in 2023 (i.e. Spring, GR&P Nationals and the Autumn Action)
- **Gallery Rifle ID (GRID):** A unique index number that allows us to match up your scores from multiple Competitions. Your GRID is listed on your membership profile and on our online booking website: <u>online.nra.org.uk/customer/info</u>. If you are not yet in possession of a GRID number this will be issued to you upon entry
- **Courses of Fire:** Conditions and courses of fire are listed in the Gallery Rifle & Pistol Handbook which can be found <u>online</u> and in a FREE paperback book available from NRA Reception
- **Firearms:** Please refer to the match condition as to which firearm types can contest each match. The specification of each firearm type can be found in the front of the Gallery Rifle & Pistol Handbook
- **Discounts:** (off entry fee only)
  - o 10% Off Entry Fees when you enter 6 or more competitions
  - $\circ~$  20% Off Entry Fees when you enter 12 or more competitions
  - $\,\circ\,$  25% Off Entry Fees when you enter 20 or more competitions
  - o 30% Off Entry Fees if entering an NRA Action Weekend for the first time (Spring, Phoenix, Nationals/ Autumn)
  - o 40% Off Entry Fees for those that are under 25 years old on the last day of the Event

Shooting Division, National Shooting Centre, Bisley, Brookwood, Surrey, GU24 OPB

Tel: 01483 797777 ext. 139 | Email: <u>competitions@nra.org.uk</u>

- **Squadding:** Once entries have closed your competitions will be allocated (squadded) to a specific time slot during the weekend which will be communicated to you via email
  - If you are new to the competition 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
  - Entries may still be accepted once the deadline has passed, however these will not benefit from advanced squadding and are subject to availability. Competitors will need to speak to the Range Officer on the day of each event to see if there is availability to be added to any details
- **Overseas Visitors:** If you wish to bring firearms to the UK as a visitor, or to possess firearms while visiting the UK other than in some restricted circumstances, you must have a Visitor's Firearm Permit or Visitor's Shotgun Permit. These documents are issued by the Police in the part of the UK you wish to visit, though your permit can be extended by the issuing Police Force to be valid in multiple locations. A Permit can be valid for up to a year, and for temporary residence of a year or less avoids the need for an import licence and subsequent export licence when returning home.

# You must obtain your permit in advance – it is not possible to apply for one at point of entry. Please allow a minimum of three months.

If you bring firearms as part of your personal baggage, you must have the permit with you in order to clear UK Customs. If your firearms are shipped separately, you will need the permit to collect them from the importer. All the firearms and ammunition you import must appear on the permit, as must any firearms you intend to borrow or hire once in the UK. Full details can be found on our website: <u>https://nra.org.uk/nra-bisley/visiting-bisley/</u>

• **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

# • Reception Opening Times:

0	Monday:		(Range Team only): 16.00-17.00
0	Tuesday:		(Range Team only): 08.00-17.00
0	Wednesday:	All Competitors: 16.00-17.00	(Range Team only): 08.00-17.00
0	Thursday:	All Competitors: 07.15-17.30	
0	Friday:	All Competitors: 07.15-17.30	
0	Saturday:	All Competitors: 07.15-17.30	
0	Sunday:	All Competitors: 07.15-14.30	

- When you arrive: Please report to NRA Reception where a pack of scorecards will be ready for you to collect
  - All competitions (except for the Practical Pistol Match) 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
- **Scorecards:** Please attach one of the labels with your name and GRID number on to the Stats Copy side of each of your scorecards
- **Results:** Results will be input on the day of the Competition and will be available online: <u>www.nra.org.uk/liveresults</u>
- **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. Any challenges to scores before they are signed off must be made immediately to the Range Team on the day
  - During the Meeting a 'BX' board of scorecards that cannot be processed will be displayed on the scorecard boards to the side of the Main NRA Building, and also online. Competitors may go to the Stats Office during the Meeting to request an update to the error on the card by the Chief of Stats or email <u>stats@nra.org.uk</u>.
  - Once the Meeting has finished no edits can be made for competitor errors on the scorecards. 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 <a href="mailto:competitions@nra.org.uk">competitions@nra.org.uk</a> 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: <u>online.nra.org.uk/customer/firearmusages</u>
- Awards: NRA Medals and awards are presented to the top scoring competitors in each match, subject to the amount of entries. Certain matches have 'Classifications' meaning that competitors will be grouped with those of the same Class based on previous performances (see GR&P Handbook section B12). For all Classified events medals will be presented in each class subject to the same boundaries:
  - o 2+ Entries: Phoenix Gold Medal
  - o 6+ Entries: Phoenix Gold and Silver Medal
  - o 11+ Entries: Phoenix Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal
- Alan Whittle Novice Trophy: This will be awarded to the competitor who has not previously entered an open Meeting at Bisley or elsewhere, who achieves the highest number of points in the standard medal scores system. See the GR&P Handbook (and below) for details of the scores you need to achieve in the individual events and how the points are awarded
- **Standard Scores:** Gold, Silver and Bronze Standard Scores are set for most events at the Phoenix Meeting see section D of the GR&P Handbook for more details. If you achieve this score, a G, S or B will be displayed next to your score on the result list. Please note this does not mean you are entitled to a Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal. Standards accumulate points towards a Grand Master medal see below:
- **Grand Master Medal:** A competitor will be awarded a Grand Master medal on accumulating a minimum of 20 points from Standard Scores. Grand Master medals will be posted out to competitors after the Meeting:
  - o Gold Standard: 5 points
  - o Silver Standard: 3 points
  - o Bronze Standard: 1 point
- **Prizegiving:** Will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in the NRA Pavilion. All individual Gold medals will be presented, in addition to team and World Championship awards. Once the results are finalised the silver and bronze medals will be sent for engraving, and made ready to collect at the Gallery Rifle Nationals in September. If they are not collected by the Gallery Rifle Nationals they will be posted out to competitors

# • Terms of Entry:

- o I agree I meet the entry criteria as stated within the details of the Event I am entering
- o 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
- o 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