



English Small bore Shooting Union

Open Meeting and Confined English Championships

Rules and Conditions of Entry

Rule Authority

All Rifle, Pistol and Air-Gun competitions will be shot under current ISSF rules as far as range conditions permit.

Legal liability

All persons attending this Meeting are reminded of their statutory liability in respect of their possession and handling of firearms and ammunition. Competitors are required to make a declaration on the entry form that they are entitled to use the type and class of firearm for the competition(s) that they enter by virtue of their membership of a Home Office approved Club, or other authority. Acceptance of an entry is conditional on the declarations being signed by each competitor. The Organising Committee reserves the right to examine this authorisation and refuse to accept an entry where this cannot be proven.

Eligibility for English Championship Titles

All events are 'Open' to all. However, only individuals who *current Members of the ESSU may be awarded the title of 'English Champion' in any event.

* Must have joined or renewed their membership by 31st March of the current year.

Entries

Entries must be made on the official entry form, but this may be copied, faxed, or downloaded from the ESSU website. Only one entry is allowed for each competitor for the purposes of the Open meeting or the English Championships.

Data Protection Act 1998 Notice

Data on entrants will be held on a personal computer by the ESSU, for the purposes of maintaining its Register of Competitors and the publishing of results. This data will only comprise a Name, Club, Nationality, contact telephone or e-mail address, and the scores achieved. The Competition Organiser is the designated representative under the Act. By entering the Championships and signing the entry form you are giving consent for the ESSU to keep and use information about you for this purpose. The entry-forms containing your details will be retained in their original form for a period of 2 years after the Championships. Results will be maintained by electronic means indefinitely for the purposes of future reference and maintaining historical records, and as such will be displayed on the ESSU website. The website display will be confined to a table of results showing a Name, Club, Nationality and scores achieved for each competition entered. Individuals who do not wish their full name to be displayed on the website must indicate this in the appropriate place on the entry form. In this case, results will display your initials and Club only.

Squadding Notices, Firing-Points and Score Printouts

All events will be squadded. All Competitors will be issued with a squadding notice which will state their Name, Competitor Number, Day, Time and Range for all competitions entered.

Firing points will be allocated by the Championship Organiser and displayed on the notice-board at the rear of each range. The Chief Range Officer has the authority to re-allocate firing-points if considered necessary.

It will be the responsibility of each competitor to arrive at their designated firing-point at the correct time otherwise the event may only be fired at the discretion of the Championship Committee provided that there is a spare firing point available and good reason why the allotted time was not adhered to.

NB: The time given will be the start of the relay. There will be a 10-minute 'preparation time' preceding each relay.

At the conclusion of each shoot each competitor should ensure that their score printouts or score-cards are correctly signed and returned to the Range Officer.

Elimination and Qualification Rounds

If there are more entries than range space available, then Elimination rounds will be held to decide which shooters will progress to the Qualification Round. The number of shooters from each Elimination round will be calculated in accordance with the number of starters*, and will be prominently displayed on the notice-board.

*ISSF rules define that a shooter has 'started' once the first sighting-shot has been fired.

Classification and Reclassification

ISSF Prone Rifle, Air Rifle and Air Pistol events will be fired in two classes. Competitors wishing to shoot in Class 2 must submit a certified average to one decimal place, based on the best five out of the last six ISSF courses of fire at the appropriate distance. If there are insufficient qualifying scores then averages based on the best 10 from the last 12 County or Club leagues will be accepted. Averages for Class 2 are as follows:

50m Prone Rifle:	570 and under
Air Rifle Men:	560 and under
Air Rifle Women:	360 and under
Air Pistol Men:	550 and under
Air Pistol Women:	350 and under

The Championship Committee reserves the right to reclassify any competitor if considered in the interests of fair competition. Re-Classification downwards at the request of a Competitor will only be done if the Competitor can show that a genuine mistake has been made, justified by reference to scores achieved in the Championships last year, or recent open meetings.

The final results of 'Class 2' in any competition will be decided on the scores achieved in the first course of fire completed, and medals will be awarded in accordance with the 'Allocation of Medals' list below. Any Class 2 competitor achieving a score that would qualify for any subsequent round or Olympic final is entitled to progress without affecting the results of the Class 2 competition. There are no Class competitions in any subsequent qualification or final rounds.

Electronic targets – adhesive labels

An adhesive label will be issued in lieu of score cards for competitions fired on electronic targets. Only one label may be attached to each printer strip.

Competitors must have their labels ready for collection by the Range Officers before the start of each relay. These labels will be attached to the printer-strips by the Range Officers.

Pairs Competitions

Entries for specified competitions must be made on the entry form. The scores for pair's events will be taken from the Qualifying matches, or the first match fired in events where there is an eliminator series. No competitor may shoot for more than one pair in the same competition.

Substitutes

Where it becomes necessary to change the composition of a previously nominated pair, this may be done by arrangement with the Organising Committee, **provided that neither member of the pair has fired their first sighting shot.**

Allocation of Prizes and Medals

Plaques and medals will be awarded in accordance with the number of entries received for each competition, as follows:

<i>Up to 10 competitors</i>	1st place only	1 plaque / 'Gold' medal*
<i>11 to 15 competitors</i>	1st and 2nd place.	2 plaques / 'Gold' and 'Silver' medals*
<i>16 or more competitors</i>	1st, 2nd and 3rd place.	3 plaques / 'Gold', 'Silver' and 'Bronze' medals*

All Olympic finalists, (except the plaque winners), will receive medals. In other events the top 25% will receive medals. There will be a special prize, (subject to entries), for winners in Junior events.

Where a competition is shot in classes, awards will be made in each class in accordance with the above.

***Special Championship Medals are confined to ESSU Members.**

Posting of Results, Challenges and Protests

In events which run throughout the Championships, scores will be posted at regular intervals on a notice-board in a prominent position at the Lord Roberts Centre. These will be regularly updated, ranked, and marked "INTERIM" until such time as all score cards have been received. These result sheets will then be posted showing "FINAL RESULT".

For events which take place in a single relay or detail, scorecards or printer strips must be returned to the Championship Statistics office immediately after the conclusion of the competition. Result sheets will be posted as soon as practicable after the scores have been collated. All such result sheets will show the time of publication, and show "FINAL RESULT". After the Meeting has closed, all results will be available for downloading from the ESSU Website – www.essu.org.uk

Challenges: In all competitions where scores are recorded on the range, competitors must check the scores and additions carefully before signing them. Only challenges concerning incorrect addition may be made to Championship Stats. Office, as challenges concerning the scoring value of a shot cannot be resolved subsequently. Scores recorded on electronic targets may not be challenged except immediately after the shot is fired, in accordance with ISSF rules. No challenges will be accepted after TWENTY MINUTES of the publication of the competition Final Results unless a genuine mistake in recording of the scores can be shown.

Verbal protests: These may be made and decided on the ranges immediately by the Range Officer or Chief Range Officer. If the protest is resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned then no further action is necessary, no protest fee is payable, and a brief report of the circumstances may be made by the RO to the Organising Committee if considered justified.

Written protests: If a Shooter or Team Official does not agree with the decisions of a Range Officer or Championship Officials in matters concerning breaches or interpretation of the competition rules or on any other matter that is likely to have an effect on the results of any competition, then a written protest must be submitted on a form obtainable at Championship Reception. This written protest must be received by the Championship Organising Committee no later than ONE HOUR after the matter in question, and a fee of £5.00 is payable. A shooter or team official has the right to submit a written protest without making a verbal protest. A Jury comprising three members of the ESSU Championship Committee will consider all written appeals, which will be decided by a majority vote. The decision, giving reasons, will be notified in writing.

If there is disagreement with the Jury decision, the matter may be appealed to a Jury of Appeal. Such appeals must be submitted in writing by the Shooter or his/her representative no later than TWO HOURS after the Jury decision has been announced, and a further fee of £5.00 is payable. The Jury of Appeal will comprise three members of the Championship Committee, or other persons holding ISSF or National judging qualifications, who were not on the original Jury. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal will be notified in writing, and may not be further appealed. If the protest or subsequent appeal is upheld, all fees will be returned.

COMPETITIONS and Trophies

50m Rifle Men	The Eley Trophy
3x40 Rifle Men	The Caffarata Trophy
Air Rifle Men	The Walther Trophy
Air Pistol Men	The Calvert Plate
Air Pistol Rapid-Fire men	The Rapid-Fire Trophy
50m Rifle Women	The Iris Trophy
3 x 20 Rifle Women	The Women's 3-Position Goblet
Air Rifle Women	The Women's Air Rifle Goblet
Air Pistol Women	The Women's Air Pistol Goblet
Open Standard (Air) Pistol	The Hunter Trophy
50 Pistol Men	The Caffarata Memorial Plate
Sport Pistol Women	The Ted Newton-Brazier Trophy
Junior Men Air Rifle	The Ted Daw Trophy No.1
Junior Men Air Pistol	The Trudy Henry Trophy No.1
Junior Women Air Rifle	The Ted Daw Trophy No.2
Junior Women Air Pistol	The Trudy Henry Trophy No.2

All Challenge and Junior trophies to be held by the winner for one year