

# General Rules

## and Regulations for the conduct of Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championships and Competitions

### by or on behalf of the Police Sport UK Shooting Section

***Whilst very effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these Rules, in the event of ambiguity or inconsistency, rule 13 applies. Please refer to the appropriate Sections for Rules in relation to specific Competitions or Championships***

- 1. Eligibility of Competitors** (Police Sport UK Rule 39 is reproduced below)
  - 39(a) Only members of affiliated clubs who have been sworn in as paid Constables, Special Constables, PSNI Part Time Reserves, paid Police Support Staff, retired Police Officers, retired Support Staff, or paid Cadets shall be eligible to participate in any championship event promoted by the Association. In pursuit of this rule, retired personnel, (as defined below), shall only be permitted to obtain membership of affiliated clubs in the Force area in which they reside or in the force they have previously served in.
  - 39(b) The definition of paid Support Staff only covers paid employees of a Police Force. The definition does not cover other persons who are employed under contract to other organisations, whether or not they are employed on police premises.
  - 39(c) The definition of a retired Police Officer is a person who has retired as a member of a Home Department Police Force and is in receipt of a police pension. The definition of retired Support Staff is a person who has been an employee of a police force as defined in (b) who is in receipt of a police authority pension.
  - 39(d) The rule excludes personnel who have terminated their employment with a police force mid term and who at the time, although not qualifying for a police pension, have nevertheless frozen their pension contributions for the sole purpose of obtaining a pension at some later stage.

In cases of retired personnel who meet the above qualifications, an individual may represent EITHER the Police Service that he/she retired from OR the Police Service in whose area in which they currently have their main residence PROVIDED THAT they are members of the Sports Section of that Service, whether a membership fee is payable or not.

Additionally, Police Officers, Retired Officers and Civil Staff employed by non-Home Office Forces are welcome to enter the Leagues as described in Sections 1 and 6.

- 2. Gender**

In these Rules, all references to 'him', 'he', 'man' or other masculine expressions will automatically be construed to refer equally to female competitors. Both sexes will compete on equal terms in all competitions except those ISSF events specifically for women.
- 3. Cancellation**

The Committee reserve the right to cancel any meeting, event or competition, change the date or venue, add to or remove any event from any meeting, or to change any of the conditions of the competitions in the light of conditions prevailing at the time.
- 4. Police Cadets**

Police Cadets will be eligible to shoot in the following competitions only

  - i. National League Competitions.
  - ii. Cadets Individual Championship.

**5. Entry Fees and other monies.**

Entry fees shall be fixed by the Police Sport UK Shooting Committee and shall be stated on the entry form for each competition. The Committee may vary them at any time. All entries and fees must be paid to the Section Treasurer or other authorised person. Fees must be paid by crossed cheques or postal order and made payable to **Police Sport UK Shooting Section.**

Entry fees for National League and National Championships meetings should be determined to cover the full costs of running the competition, including the cost of prizes.

All monies from entries will be submitted to the Police Sport UK Shooting Section Treasurer. The Treasurer will forward an annual account to the Police Sport UK Council by 31st January each year.

**6. Range Jury**

At all Championship Meetings held under these Rules a Range Jury shall be formed to adjudicate on any matter arising during the meeting. See section 9 of this rulebook for rules concerning challenges and protests at the Bisley Championship meeting. The Jury shall consist of three members of the Committee who are present at the meeting. The Range Officer on duty at any competition will have complete authority over all persons on the range. Safety will at all times be the prime concern and his orders and instructions will be obeyed without question. Failure to comply will lead to disqualification.

A competitor may be disqualified from any competition at any stage if the Range Officer has any doubt as to the competence of the individual regarding the discipline being fired, the safe handling of Firearms or the suitability of any equipment being used. In all cases of disqualification and failure to obey any order or instruction of the Range Officer, the offender will be reported to the Committee who shall decide any further action deemed necessary

**7. Appeals, Grievance and Complaints Procedure**

The Police Sport UK Shooting Committee shall have in place a procedure for dealing with matters of complaint, discipline or grievance arising out of the activities of the Shooting Section. Such matters shall always be notified in writing and any aggrieved person shall have the right of a personal hearing before a jury, comprising not less than three members of the Committee, before any final decisions are made. In all cases the Rules of Natural Justice shall apply.

**8. Challenges – Postal Competitions**

If it is desired to challenge any score in a postal competition, it must be made in writing within seven days of receiving notice of the score, or publication on the Section website, and must be accompanied by a fee of £1. The challenge must be made directly to the appropriate scorer, who will check the shot target in question to ascertain if there has been an error in adding the score. If the scorer has any doubt as to the value of a shot he will pass the card(s) to the League Controller who will examine the target and make an adjudication, which will be final. If the challenge is allowed the fee of £1 will be returned, in all other cases it will be forfeit.

**9. Postal Leagues**

League cards must be shot on approved ranges, for which a current Range Safety Certificate is in force.

All cards shot in Police Sport UK competitions shall be properly fired and witnessed in accordance with NSRA or NRA Rules.

A competitor may have one or more match cards and a sighter or practice card on the butts at the same time.

Scoring for Postal Competitions will be carried out under NSRA/NRA competition rules for postal competitions, as appropriate.

Cards may only be shot within the period stated by the competition unless an extension has been granted by the Scorer or League Controller

In all postal competitions it shall be the responsibility of the Force Official responsible for the return of shot cards, or where there is no such official, the competitor, to supply the Statistical Officer of the published league with sufficient stamped and self

addressed envelopes as may be necessary for the results of the competition to be notified. Results will not be posted if s.a.e.s' have not been supplied. Statistical Officers may make such arrangements as they wish as to the receipt of s.a.e.s' and frequency of distribution, to suit the particular competition.

Notwithstanding the above, results of all postal competitions will be displayed on the Section website, at: [www.psuks shooting.org](http://www.psuks shooting.org)

**10. Duties of Witness** - the witness shall be:

- a) Conversant with these General Rules the rules of the competition and the rules of the NSRA, NRA or ISSF as appropriate.
- b) Present throughout the whole shoot.
- c) Satisfied that the competitor's name is written on the label and that the label is attached to the card in the manner required in the competition rules, and that the card bears the name of the Club or Association of the member - before it is placed on the butts.
- d) Satisfied that the range used is of the correct length and the card used is proportionate to the range.
- e) Sign and date each card AFTER it has been shot and signed by the competitor.
- f) Debarred from witnessing his own shoot in any competition.
- g) Ensure that the card after being signed as above is handed to or sent to the Club or Association official who is responsible for the return of cards to the Statistical Officer or that such other arrangements as may be necessary are taken for the return of the shot card.

**11. Transfers**

Where a competitor in an INDIVIDUAL Championship transfers to another Force during the course of the competition he shall be qualified to continue to compete as representing the POLICE FORCE or REGION in which he was serving when the competition commenced.

In a TEAM Championship he shall be so qualified only at the discretion of the Force in which he was serving when he first shot as a team member.

**12. Substitutions at Championships**

If for any reason a competitor after winning the Regional Championship in an individual event is unable to attend the National stage, the runner-up or the next highest scorer in the Regional stage shall be allowed to represent the Region at the National stage.

**13. Interpretation of these Rules**

The general principle governing competitions conducted by the Police Sport UK Shooting Section is that unless specifically excepted in this rulebook, the current competition rules of the National Governing Body of the specific discipline will apply. The general interpretation of these Rules shall be vested in the Rules Coordinator. If his interpretation is not acceptable the matter shall be referred to the Section Committee whose decision shall be final.

**14. Awards and Trophies**

All prizes must be approved at the Committee's Annual General Meeting. Awards will be made for all competitions on the following basis:

**Trophies.** If there is a trophy for a competition this will be presented to the winning individual or team as the case may be, and will be held for the following twelve months or such shorter period as may be necessary for it to be returned in time to be presented for the next competition. The holder of the trophy will be responsible for any engraving required and for the safe custody of the trophy and must take provision as may be required by the Police Sport UK Shooting Section against loss or damage. Police Sport UK Shooting Section reserve the right to have any trophy returned to them at any time.

**Other Awards.** Suitable Team and Individual awards, as decided by the Section Committee will be made on the following basis:

**POLICE SPORT UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Team and Individual)**

Winner

Runner-Up (Unless otherwise stated)

Third (Unless otherwise stated)

**POLICE SPORT UK REGIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS**

Winner

Runner-Up

**POLICE SPORT UK REGIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONS**

Winner

**INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONAL LEAGUES**

Winner

Runner-Up

**TEAM DIVISIONAL LEAGUES**

Winner

**TEAM LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Winner

Runner-Up

Awards for any competition not covered by the above will be made at the discretion of the Committee.

**15. Limited Liability Insurance**

The Council of Police Sport UK has taken a limited liability Personal Injury Policy of Insurance to cover any Competitor, Official or Committee Member of the Police Sport UK aged between 16 and 65 years, who is participating or officiating at any Championships organised on behalf of Police Sport UK, and who as a result of receiving serious bodily injury, dies or is permanently disabled resulting in their being retired from their Force. A condition of the Insurance Policy is that notice must be given to the Insurance Company of any Injury which might give rise to any claim, as soon as reasonably practicable and in any case within 21 days of the occurrence. In order to comply with requirements both the organisers of the National Championships and the Police Sport UK Office must be informed of any such incident immediately. These conditions must be brought to the attention of all Competitors by their inclusion in Entry forms for the Championships. Competitors requiring additional Insurance cover are advised to consult their own Insurance Companies.

**16. POLICE SPORT UK Representative National Squad/Team Selection Squad Selection Procedures**

Selection for any National Representative Squad would be achieved by an individual attaining a high standard and consistency over a period of time and/or competitions. Notwithstanding this, the respective Team Manager shall have the right to select or seed any person into the squad if special circumstances exist at the time.

**National Team Selection**

Only members of the Police Sport UK National Squads will be eligible for selection to represent the Police Sport UK in any National or International Competition. Selection procedures for each match will be the sole responsibility of the Team Manager or, in his absence, his deputy.

**Union Sportive Des Polices D'Europe (U.S.P.E.)**

Only serving Police Officers are eligible to compete in U.S.P.E competitions. Selection procedures to represent the Police Sport UK in U.S.P.E. Championships shall be made by the respective Squad manager. Those procedures shall be notified to all Squad members prior to the commencement of the selection period, a copy of which shall be lodged with the Secretary. After the selection process the names of individuals selected to compete at the U.S.P.E. shall be forwarded to the Committee for ratification.