

# SECTION 1

## SMALLBORE RIFLE

### SHORT RANGE WINTER LEAGUES

#### Individual League

- 1.1.1 Competition**  
This competition will be shot under Police Sport UK Shooting Section and NSRA Rules relating to postal shooting. To be fired during the winter season and comprising NINE rounds with one ten-shot card for each round. The range may be 15, 20 or 25 yards in length, and the appropriate NSRA proportional target must be used.
- 1.1.2 Last date of entry**  
Entries must be made on the issued forms which are obtainable from the Secretary or downloaded from the Section website, and should be submitted by the 30th September. Late entries may be accepted if there are extenuating circumstances, but will not be allowed to delay the distribution of competition labels.
- 1.1.3 Return of cards**  
All shot cards will be returned to the Divisional Statistical Officer for scoring, except where the competitor comes from his own club, when special arrangements will be made by the Competition Organiser. No extensions will be granted for the submission of the final round cards, as this delays the publication of final results and award of medals.
- 1.1.4 Shooting in advance**  
Any number of cards may be fired in advance provided they are shot in sequence commencing with round 1. In recent years it has been the convention to shoot in groups of three rounds at a time, to save on postage and administration.
- 1.1.5 Competition labels**  
Adhesive labels for each league will be produced by the League Organiser and issued to the individual in each Club or Police service whose name and address appears on the entry form. This individual must attach one label on the front of each card BEFORE the card is passed to the competitor for shooting, in accordance with normal NSRA postal league rules. All labels attached to cards whether fired or not, must be returned to the Scorer or League Organiser. If labels are not received, lost or defaced for any reason then the League controller must be informed as soon as possible so that replacement or duplicate labels may be issued. If the original label is subsequently found it must not be used but be returned to the League Organiser immediately.
- 1.1.6 Shooting on ranges of varying distances**  
Where a team member is required to shoot on a range of different length to the one for which the card bearing the competition label was issued, a card proportionate to the range must be used with the original card STAPLED, not glued, to its rear before being shot. Both cards, still stapled together, must be returned to the Statistical Officer.
- 1.1.7 Declaration of Averages**  
Competitors will be allocated to divisions according to the average attained in the last season's Police Sport UK Shooting Section Winter League. Individuals entering the League for the first time, or entering after a lapse of one season or more, will be placed in a Division according to an average declared on the entry-form. This form must show the scores made by the individual in competitive indoor shooting at the appropriate distance, and be signed by their club Chairman or Secretary. The average of the ten most recent cards will be used to decide in which division the competitor is placed. Where, in the early rounds of the league, an individual returns scores grossly in excess of the declared average an explanation may be called for. Any action to be taken will be decided by the Committee or Rifle Sub-Committee.
- 1.1.8 Allocation of points and tie-breaking**  
Two points will be allocated for a win and one point for a draw in each round. The winner of each division will be decided on points gained. Any ties will be split on aggregate gun score. If there is still a tie, then NSRA tie-breaking rules will apply.

### 1.1.9 Composition of each Division - Bogey scores

There will be ten competitors per division, but a bogey score will be used instead of a tenth competitor to balance the total number of entries. The bogey score will be the mean of submitted averages of all competitors in the relevant division, and will remain the same throughout the league

### 1.1.10 Fixture list

An entry list will be circulated before the start of the League showing the names of individuals in each Division, and the last date of shooting for each round, or group of rounds. Opponents for each round will be as per the following table.

Competitor		Opponent								
	<i>Rd:</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	v	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	10
2	v	8	7	6	5	4	3	10	1	9
3	v	7	6	5	4	10	2	1	9	8
4	v	6	5	10	3	2	1	9	8	7
5	v	10	4	3	2	1	9	8	7	6
6	v	4	3	2	1	9	8	7	10	5
7	v	3	2	1	9	8	10	6	5	4
8	v	2	1	9	10	7	6	5	4	3
9	v	1	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
10	v	5	9	4	8	3	7	2	6	1

### 1.1.11 Awards

Each divisional winner and runner-up will receive an award in accordance with the scale published in General Rule 14. A medal will be awarded to the competitor in any division with the highest average score based on a 100 per cent return of cards.

### 1.1.12 Individual League Championship Handicap competition

The winning competitor in each Division will shoot for the League Championship, using a suitable handicap system approved by the Committee or Rifle Sub Committee. Each competitor's handicap will be based on the best FIVE scores obtained in the League. Labels will be sent to Divisional Winners as soon as possible after the completion of the League. Each Divisional Winner will shoot ONE 10-shot card. The winner and second placed competitor will receive an award in accordance with the scale published in General Rule 14

## Team League

### 1.2.1 Competition

This competition will comprise TEN rounds, the scores for the first nine of which will be concurrent with the Individual league. An additional label will be issued for round ten. Competitors must enter the Individual league and cannot shoot in a team, including being used as a substitute, otherwise. Rules 1.1.1 to 1.1.8 will therefore also apply to this league.

### 1.2.2 Composition of each Division - Bogey scores

There will be six teams per division, but bogey teams will be used to balance the total number of entries in each division. The bogey score will be the mean of submitted averages of all teams in the relevant division, and will remain the same throughout the league.

### 1.2.3 Personnel of League Teams

Teams will consist of FOUR members, with scores of each member to count in every round. No competitor may shoot for more than one Club or Police service throughout the course of the league season. A team member who transfers to another Police service during the course of the league season may continue to shoot for the original team until the end of that season. Any Club who has entered a shooter of any standard in the Individual competition is not compelled to use that person in any team entered by that Club.

1.2.3.1 Where a club enters more than one team, the best available shots must be placed in the 'A' team and the next best in the 'B' team, and so on. Team members should be ranked in order of submitted averages, using data from the Individual League entries. If, after a team entry has been submitted, a member of that team becomes unavailable to shoot throughout the league season, the Team Captain or Force representative should contact the League Secretary as soon as possible to enable the change to be made effective before the league lists are publicised.

- 1.2.3.2 During the course of the league competition, a shooter may be relegated to his Club of Force team in a lower division if the total scores for his last three cards are the lowest in his team.
- 1.2.3.3 If, after three rounds, a member of a team in a lower division achieves a total score greater than that of a fellow Club or Force member of a higher team, then an exchange may be made.
- 1.2.3.4 Retired members are eligible to represent the force or police service from which they retired.

**1.2.4 Substitution of Team Members**

The overriding principle in the substitution of team members is the fact that it would be taking an unsporting advantage to substitute a member of any team competing other than in division 1 with a shooter of a proven higher ability-level. If an individual who has been entered as a member of a team cannot, for whatever reason, shoot their cards for any particular round or rounds, then they may be substituted by another competitor provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1.2.4.1 Any competitor who has been entered in the Individual competition may be used as a substitute in the Team competition. The substitute's submitted average, or the average obtained in the current Individual league, will be used to determine if that individual may be used to replace a particular shooter. This must not be higher than that of the individual that they are replacing, (*but see 1.2.4.4*). This does not apply in Division 1 in the league where a substitute of any average may be used.
- 1.2.4.2 No competitor may shoot for more than one team in the same round.
- 1.2.4.3 Subject to Rule 1.2.4.2, members of teams in lower divisions may be used to substitute for members of teams in higher divisions any number of times without losing their place in their original team.
- 1.2.4.4 If there are no substitutes available who meet the criteria in 1.2.4.1 then a higher-average shooter may be used but their score on each occasion will be reduced by the difference, rounded to the nearest whole number, between their submitted average and the registered average of the shooter who is being substituted.  
*e.g. Substitute with an average of 96.3 replaces one with an average of 93.4 and scores 98:  
 Substitutes average = 96.3 rounded up = 97. Original competitor = 93.4 rounded up = 94.  
 The difference is 3, therefore the score is 95. (Score of 98 minus difference of 3).*

**1.2.5 Fixture list**

Opponents for each round will be as per the following list.

<i>Round:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
1 v	6	5	4	3	2	6	5	4	3	2
2 v	5	4	3	6	1	5	4	3	6	1
3 v	4	6	2	1	5	4	6	2	1	5
4 v	3	2	1	5	6	3	2	1	5	6
5 v	2	1	6	4	3	2	1	6	4	3
6 v	1	3	5	2	4	1	3	5	2	4

**1.2.6 Awards**

The winning team in each division will receive awards in accordance with the scale published in General Rule 14.

**1.2.7 League Championship Handicap competition**

The winning team in each division will shoot for the League Championship, using a suitable handicap system approved by the Committee or Rifle Sub Committee. Each team's handicap will be based on the best FIVE team scores in the league, and the labels will be sent to the winning teams as soon as possible after the last round. Each member will shoot one card. The winning team, and runners up will receive awards in accordance with the scale published in General Rule 14.