

# SECTION 7

## AIR PISTOL

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### **TROPHY - The Brighton Police Cup.**

- 7 **Rules Authority** – NSRA rules in relation to air pistol shooting apply. The pistols must be .177 calibre, and not subject to s.1 certification.
- 7.1 **Competition**  
This Championship will be an inter-Regional competition fired in three stages, and is NOT fired in classes. It will be conducted in under NSRA Postal Rules on indoor ranges during the winter season to ascertain the Individual Champion in Air Pistol Shooting in each Police Sport UK Region.
- 7.1.1. **Stage 1 Qualifying stage (postal)**  
This will be shot under NSRA Rules relating to postal shooting.
- 7.1.2 **Course of fire** - Thirty shots each competitor, to be shot within TWO hours of commencement.
- 7.1.3 **Targets** - at 10 metres AIR 4, at 20 yards PL 12, at 25 metres PL 7. Targets may be NSRA or equivalent pattern. Replacement centres may be used to save on postage, and returned to the Statistical Officer instead of the whole card but must be properly signed and witnessed on the back and carry the label. If any shot falls outside the centre then the whole card must be returned.
- 7.1.4 **Shots per target** - Ten shots per card on PL12 and PL7, two Shots per card on Air 4.
- 7.1.5 **Competition labels** - Adhesive labels will be printed and supplied by the Police Sport UK Shooting Section and will be distributed to Club Officials who will be responsible for attaching them to the back of the correct card before sending them to the competitors. Labels will be attached as per Rule 6.5 of the Pistol Winter postal leagues.
- 7.1.6 **Return of cards**  
All cards must be fired on the same day and must be returned to the League Organiser by the 30th November
- 7.1.7 **Qualification** - The three competitors in each Police Region with the highest aggregate scores and those competitors equalling the lowest of such scores and all competitors with a score of 270 or above will compete in the Regional stage.
- 7.2.1 **Regional Stage (Postal)**  
This will be shot under NSRA Rules relating to postal shooting and will determine the Individual Champion in each of the eleven Police Sport UK Regions.
- 7.2.2 **Course of fire / labels** – As for stage 1.
- 7.2.3 **Return of cards** - All cards must be fired on the same day and must be returned to the League Organiser by the 21<sup>st</sup> January
- 7.2.4 **Regional Champion** - The competitor in each Police Region with the highest aggregate score will be adjudged the Regional Champion and will be eligible to compete in the National stage. Ties will be resolved in accordance with NSRA rules.

### 7.2.5 **Representation at the Finals**

Each Regional Champion will be entitled to attend the Finals to represent that Region. Qualifying finalists must give a POSITIVE indication that they will be attending within two weeks of the publication of the results otherwise their place will be offered to the next highest scoring shooter in that Region. Places will continue to be offered in descending order on the results list until a definite acceptance of attendance is received. No-one will be entitled to represent a Region unless they have shot the qualifying cards in stage 2, and all of the higher-scoring shooters in that region have previously declined the invitation to attend. If only one entry is received from a Region, he or she will receive a 'bye' to the Final, (but see 7.2.6.).

### 7.2.6 **Awards**

Awards will be made to the winner and runner-up in each Region, but will not be presented to the individual(s) who attend the Championships as their substitutes.

### 7.3 **National Stage (Shoulder to Shoulder)**

The Finals will be shot on a shoulder-to-shoulder basis between each of the eleven Regional Champions. This will take place at a Championship meeting, which will be held not later than the 30th April annually and hosted at a venue arranged by differing Police Forces around the UK, on behalf of the Police Sport UK Shooting Section. These Championships will include the rifle and pistol team and individual finals, (*Sections 3, 7 and 8 of this rulebook*).

#### 7.3.1 **Course of fire -**

Each Regional Champion will shoot shoulder to shoulder under squadded conditions in accordance with the following timings: -

10 metres (auto Changers) - THREE minutes preparation.

55-minute detail including unlimited sighting shots. FIFTEEN competition cards. TWO shots per card.

20 yards/25 metres - TEN minutes for preparation and unlimited sighting shots.

FIVE minutes to change cards and TEN minutes for each of the THREE competition cards. TEN shots on each card.

It is expected that the range will be made available for practice on the day before the Championships.

#### 7.3.2 **Trigger weights** - Pistols will be tested for trigger weight before the competition.

#### 7.3.3 **Air Pistol Champion**

The competitor attaining the highest aggregate score will be adjudged the Police Sport UK Shooting Section National Champion in Air Pistol Shooting and will be awarded the trophy, which he will hold for one year. Awards will be made to the first three competitors in accordance with the published list.

#### 7.3.4 **Concurrent Shooting**

In the Finals, the Individual Competition will normally take place prior to the Team Championships. An Individual who is also a member of a qualifying team MAY NOT shoot both competitions concurrently.

#### 7.3.5 **Substitutes at the Championships**

No individual will be entitled to substitute a qualifier for a Region unless they have, a) correctly entered the Individual Championship and paid the appropriate entry fee, b) fired the qualifying cards, and c), all of the higher-scoring shooters in that region have previously declined the invitation to attend. Therefore individuals who attend the Finals for reasons other than previously stated will NOT be allowed to participate in the competition just because of their availability to shoot – e.g. because they are there as a member of a team representing that Region.

7.4 **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 last day of the Police Sport UK Shooting Section National Championships, held at Bisley in September. Late entries may be accepted if there are extenuating circumstances, but will not be allowed to delay the distribution of competition labels, nor will the last date of shooting be extended to allow extra time.

7.5 **Re-Shoots**

One entry is allowed for each competitor only. Re-shoots are not allowed.

7.6 **Ties**

Ties in either stage 1 or 2 will be decided on count back rules. If this does not achieve a result, then an extra card will be fired. This will be repeated until a winner is decided. To save time and postage, a competent Club Official may be delegated to officiate by scoring appropriately marked cards and supplying the results to the Organiser.

In the Final, any extra cards will be fired shoulder to shoulder until the tie is broken.