

SECTION 8

AIR PISTOL

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

TROPHY - The Bill WHITE Trophy.

- 8 **Rules Authority** – NSRA rules in relation to air pistol shooting apply. The pistols must be .177 calibre, and not subject to s.1 certification.
- 8.1.1 **Competition**
The Championship will be conducted in two stages on indoor ranges during the winter season to ascertain the Air Pistol Team Champions in each Police Region and in the Police Sport UK Shooting Section. There will be THREE members of each team, each of whom must be eligible* to shoot in Police Sport UK competitions, and must be from the same police service.
- 8.1.2 **Entries** - The entry form must be completed to show that a police service intends to enter the team event, but need not nominate the team members' individually. More than one team may be entered, but no competitor may shoot for more than one team during the competition.
- 8.1.3 **Course of Fire /Targets** – As for the Individual Championship – see section 7
- 8.2.1 **Stage 1 (Regional Team Championship)** - This is to decide which police service or team has the right to represent their region at the Finals.
- 8.2.2 **Witness Certificates** - will be supplied by the Police Sport UK Shooting Section and distributed to Club Officials who will complete them as per NSRA rules.
- 8.2.3 **Return of cards** - Shot cards must be returned to the Statistical Officer by 21st January.
- 8.2.4 **Eligibility for the Finals** - The team from a police service who wins the regional stage is entitled to represent that region at the Final, and may include any eligible* shooter from that service in their team, whether or not that individual was in the original team. The Team with the highest aggregate score will be adjudged the Regional team Champions.
- 8.2.5 **'Bye' to the Final**
Team entries from any police service in a region where there are no other entries will receive a 'bye' to the Final, and no adhesive labels will be issued. Members of those teams attending the Final may be selected according to criteria decided upon by the police services concerned.
- 8.2.6 **Awards**
Awards will only be made to each Regional Champion Team if they have won a qualifying round against another police service in their region.
- 8.3.1 **Stage 2 (National Stage)**
All Regional Championship Teams will compete shoulder to shoulder under squadded conditions. Each team member will shoot cards in accordance with the timings given in the Individual Competition (section 7) The Finals will be shot on a shoulder-to-shoulder basis between each of the eleven Regional Champion Teams. This will take place at a Championship meeting, to be held not later than 30th April which will include the rifle and pistol individual and team finals;

8.3.2 Attendance at the Finals

Police Services who are entitled to attend the Finals to represent their Region must give a POSITIVE indication that they will be attending, within two weeks of the publication of the results. In Regions where more than one Police Service had entered the competition, the place will be offered to the next highest scoring team. Places will continue to be offered in descending order on the results list until a definite acceptance of attendance is received. No team will be entitled to represent a Region unless they have entered the competition at the appropriate time, and either; a), received a 'bye', or b), all of the higher-scoring teams in that Region have previously declined the invitation to attend.

8.3.4 Air Pistol Champion Team

The team attaining the highest aggregate score will be adjudged the Police Sport UK National Air Pistol Champion Team, and will be awarded the Cup. The members of the winning team will each receive an award, as will the members of the team placed second and third.

8.3.5 Ties

Ties in either stage will be decided on count back rules, with the sum of the last cards of each team member used to calculate the score, working backwards until the tie is broken. If this does not achieve a result, then an extra card will be fired by each team member. This will be repeated until a winner is decided. As in the Individual league, 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.