

Changes to Scottish Police Rifle Association Full Bore Champs

After extensive discussion the following changes will take place for the 2026 Championships.

F/Open will be restricted to rifles that are not .308/7.62 or 5.56/.223 and will be eligible for the Grand Aggregate prize only.

F/TR will be split, by the Match Secretary, into two roughly equal halves with full list of distance prizes for both. The split will generally be based on the previous year placing at the Scottish Police Champs or Bisley, but the range committee reserve the right to reclassify any shooter.

Winner of the lower division Grand Aggregate will be promoted to the upper division the following year.

Any shooter who wishes to shoot both F/TR and F/Open must shoot the F/TR first. Failure to do so will result in Nil Return for that distance in F/TR.

There is also a new F/Field competition.

This is a trial event restricted to .308/7.62 rifles with a barrel length of not more than 26 inches length, scope no greater than 30x magnification, simple folding bipod which must remain on rifle, small rear bag (2lbs), factory ammo.

There will be no entry fee at present, and it will run concurrently with the F/TR event, so no additional shooting is required. There is a tick box on the entry form for shooters who have a rifle which conforms to the above criteria.

The prize will be a bottle of whiskey and not the normal whisky.

COMPETITOR'S, RANGE USER'S AND ORGANISERS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

ROAD CONDITIONS: The road to the range is maintained only as far as Blairuachdar, after which it is rutted and pot holed. This stretch of road is easily passable in a 4x4 and is passable with care and sensible driving in most saloon cars. Drivers of low saloon cars and sports cars should take extreme care on this stretch and should consider leaving their vehicles in Blair Atholl (there is no parking at Blairuachdar) and arranging a lift with a 4x4 owner. Neither Scottish Target Shooting, West Atholl Rifle Club nor Atholl Estates will be responsible for damage to vehicles caused by the road conditions.

1. **DRIVING TO THE RANGE:** After turning off the village road opposite the Bridge of Tilt Hotel you are on a narrow, winding public road with passing places. Drive slowly and cautiously for your own protection. After you turn left at Old Bridge of Tilt take the hairpin bend under the bridge VERY slowly: there have been several head-on near misses. You are on a narrow road used only by estate staff and residents. Please keep to 20mph on this road until you reach a "crossroads", where you turn right up the hill past the Home Farm. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP TO 15 MPH BETWEEN THE "CROSSROADS" AND THE RANGE. 15 mph seems painfully slow when driving, but the time lost is less than two minutes. It is particularly important to observe the limit when passing the Home Farm cottages, and Blairuachdar steading (the large farm steading on the left at the top of the hill above the Home Farm). Be especially careful coming down the hill after leaving the range. There have been complaints about irresponsible driving by range users, which threaten the good relations we must maintain.

2. **TICK WARNING:** Ticks are abundant in this part of Scotland, and many carry the agent of Lyme disease. Lyme disease can be very serious indeed. For your own safety please look at www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Lyme-disease/ and read the appropriate sections, including how to remove a tick.

After reaching home, check yourself for ticks. Ticks like soft skin so you need to check those areas which need the use of a mirror (or someone you know very well).

One other place hard to see is the point of your elbow, where a local stalker eventually found a tick when he had severe acute symptoms.

The gadgets for safe removal are sold in chemists, outdoor shops and vets' surgeries and by www.bushwear.co.uk

3. **CAMPING ON THE RANGE:** The Trustees of Atholl Estates do not allow "mechanised camping" i.e. the use of caravans, camper vans or motor homes - anywhere on the estate except in the recognised caravan park close to Blair Atholl village. An exception is no longer made for users of Jubilee Range. This does not prevent someone using a camper van or motor home in place of a car to access the range but the vehicle must not remain on the range overnight, and caravans must not be taken to the range at any time. Anyone wishing to camp in that way is asked to contact Atholl Estates (pf@atholl-estates.co.uk) for advice on where to camp. Camping under canvas is similarly restricted and anyone wishing to camp overnight on Jubilee during a meeting must contact West Atholl Club Secretary for advice.

Thank you for your co-operation. WARC.