



West Mercia Scout County Shooting Competition, Sunday 19th February 2017



To be held at the West Midlands Regional Shooting Centre, Aldersley Leisure Village,
Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton WV6 9NW

Please ensure you read and familiarise yourselves with these rules.

The competition has been arranged for SUNDAY, 19th February 2017 at the West Midlands Regional Shooting Centre, (W.M.R.S.C.) Aldersley, Wolverhampton, West Midlands. The event is designed primarily for the best shooters from each Scout District within the West Mercia Scout County to come together and compete shoulder to shoulder at County level. Who knows, this time it could be your team taking home the trophy or medals.

The event is open to all invested Scouts and Explorers regardless of age, religion, ethnic background or disability provided that the competition rules are complied with. **IMPORTANT, please note that ALL competitors MUST have some prior experience of shooting on a similar range beforehand as there will NOT be time to teach novices the safety rules, etc. on the day.**

To remain compliant with safety requirements advised by the centre (~100 persons on the range at any one time). If there are sufficient entrants, there will be a restriction on the number of people admitted to the range at any one time – this is to be 3 persons from each team, the rest of the team members remaining in a holding area (25m range area) until required on the firing point.

As an example of a maximum of 3 persons at the firing point;- 1 person shooting, 1 waiting or getting ready to shoot and 1 coach/loader. Only the person currently shooting will be allowed forward of the safety line (except for the loader when loading). The person who has finished shooting then returns to the holding area to inform the next shooter to come into the range to make ready and so on. The remaining members of the team stay in the waiting area until one comes out.

This arrangement also has the added advantage of allowing relatively free access along the range normally completely filled with people and equipment.

Please note that there are NO facilities or space for spectators.

Entry is limited to one team per Scout District. As it is a team event it also enables entry at varying levels of competence, so don't be put off if shooting in your District is in its infancy. Put forward your entrants and have a go.

The cost of entry will be £40.00 per team – the entry fee being payable with your application.

Cheques/P.O. should be made payable to N.S.R.A. and not to the organisers as the range will be paid for on the day. Receipts will therefore only be available on the day and direct from the W.M.R.S.C.

An “intention to participate” should be sent (preferably by email) to the organisers by Sunday 5th February 2017. This is not essential but greatly aids in planning the event. Acknowledgement of entry form acceptance will be returned via E-mail or telephone. Only signed, completed entry forms, accompanied with the correct entry fee and postmarked on or before the closing date of Saturday, 18th February 2017 will be accepted for entry to the competition.

The competition will consist of all the members of the team (8 persons per team) shooting both air pistol and air rifle in the one day and the aggregate score for both being added to decide the Championship winners. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the top three placed teams.

There is a tuck shop at the W.M.R.S.C. which competitors can use when not shooting, but a packed lunch should be brought with you. There will be a break of approx. 1 hour for lunch to be taken. Please note that no food or drink is allowed on the range at any time.

Uniform is not required for the shoot but everyone should bring with them a Scout shirt, Neckerchief, Activity/Scout trousers and Scout Belt for the prize giving at the end of the competition. Neckerchiefs should be worn at all times for identification purposes.

It is the responsibility of individual leaders/groups etc. to ensure that a “Permission to Shoot” form for each competitor is completed before the event. As a minimum, these should include permission for both Air Rifle and Air Pistol together with a declaration that the competitor is not subject to the restrictions in Section 21 of the Firearms Act (1968). Please contact the organisers if your district does not have a suitable form. (A suitable form is also on the scouts.org.uk website at <https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120004>)

These “Permission to Shoot” forms should be available for inspection on the day if required.

If you plan to stay over-night prior/after the event it is the responsibility of the individual teams to arrange local accommodation or camping facilities and the appropriate Nights Away Notification. (Why not give Patshull Activity Centre a try, see <http://www.patshull.org.uk/> for details.)

The Rules:-

1 Competition General

- 1 The Range Officer's decision is final in all matters of safety, range discipline and competition rules.
- 2 Standard ISSF competition rules apply to equipment, clothing and conduct except where changed specifically for this competition and indicated by the organisers. e.g. shooting pistol using 2 hands and bench resting allowed on the rifle for juniors. (It is the responsibility of the coach/leader of each team to familiarise themselves and the rest of the members of the team with general airgun competition and these rules). Breaches of the rules could result in the individual/team being disqualified.
- 3 Personal equipment used during the shoot should be "fit for purpose" and comply in all respects to ISSF regulations. (Formal equipment control will not be required on arrival but random checks may be made during the event). All such equipment must remain available for inspection through out the event.
- 4 Ages of competitors are to be declared on the entry form as those at the day/date of the competition. Juniors are regarded as being under 13 years of age.

2 Pistol

1. The pistol competition will be shot using one (or optionally both hands in the case of juniors) to hold the gun, those aged 13 and over (seniors) must use only one hand. All must be shot free standing, with no part of the body or gun touching the bench. Each member of the team will shoot 4 cards (air 4/89), limited to 5 shots only at each card. All 4 cards are then submitted to be scored and to count towards the team aggregate.
2. Only air pistols not requiring a firearms certificate, of 0.177" (4.5mm) calibre will be used. Own pistols are allowed, but must conform to the conditions set out in POR Rule 9.37. Additionally, the centre requires that the pistol must be of 6 foot pounds (8.13 Joules) or less output.

3 Rifle

1. The rifle competition will be shot free standing for those aged 13 and over and bench rested, if preferred, for those 12 and under and again will consist of 4 cards (air 3/89) to shoot, limited to 5 shots only at each card - 1 shot per diagram. (Bench resting of rifles does not allow the use of additional mechanical aids, only the resting of the body and/or elbows onto the firing table – also, for clarity, the rifle must not be in contact with any part of the bench).
2. Own rifles are allowed but must only be of 0.177" (4.5mm) calibre, not requiring a firearms certificate and must conform to the conditions set out in POR Rule 9.37. Additionally, the centre requires that the rifle must be of 6 foot pounds (8.13 Joules) or less output.

4 **Equipment**

1. The centre has a limited number of rifles and pistols available for use, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis on the day. The number of pistols is especially limited and may require sharing between teams.
2. There will be no time allowed for sighting of rifles/pistols and no practice/sighting targets will be issued on the day of the competition.
3. Each competitor will be provided with two sighting targets (one of each for rifle and pistol). A maximum of 5 shots per sighting card is permitted. If using a rifle or pistol provided by the centre, no adjustment is permitted, instead the competitor must adjust their "point of aim" to compensate.
4. It is up to each individual/team to arrange locally that their equipment is set up correctly prior to arrival at the range.
5. Shooting jackets, trousers and shooting boots are allowed for the rifle part of the competition. No slings are allowed.
6. Shooting shoes are allowed for the pistol event, but footwear providing support to the ankle and lower leg, i.e. boots of any description, will not be allowed.

5 **Notes**

1. **Any individual bringing their own gun(s) to the range must do so with due regard to present laws relating to the carrying of firearms in public places. (The car park at Aldersley is considered as a public place, so gun(s) and ammunition MUST be covered and ONLY carried by persons aged 18 or over).**
2. Only standard open sights will be allowed, this can include - ring sights (diopetre), standard notch and post, etc. No telescopic, red-dot or laser type sights will be allowed for the competition
3. Targets are to be those normally used (Air 3 & 4/89) for each discipline at 10m and will be issued on arrival for each team. Both the rifle and pistol events will be shot at 10 metres. Any own guns used should have been previously sighted accordingly.
4. Visual inwards scoring will be used for both the pistol and rifle competitions, and shots will not normally be gauged – The scoring judges, however, reserve the right to gauge shots and their decision will be final on any disputed scores.
5. The competition will be run in 2 parts during one day, with each team being allocated a lane for the whole event. Lane positions will be drawn on arrival and booking in. All the members of the team will use the same lane. A total time limit of 90 minutes will be allowed for each discipline. The whole team is to shoot within this time period. The Air Rifle competition is to be shot in the morning from 10.30AM until 12.00PM. Air Pistol in the afternoon between 1.00PM and 2.30PM. No extensions will be given to these time periods - make sure you arrive at the venue early enough to start promptly at 10.00AM with a safety briefing.

6. The presentation of medals and trophies will be made at approx. 2:45PM to enable everyone to depart around 3.00PM.
7. Only those targets issued specifically for the competition will be used.
8. Disabled shooters must bring with them a certificate indicating the class for which they are registered in order to determine the extent of permissible aides to which they are entitled under ISSF rules. (It would be of benefit if any disabled competitors could be indicated to the organisers prior to the event).
9. Based on the number of teams participating, there may be changes to details and times. Any such changes will be passed to the team leaders as soon as possible after the closing date for entries.

6 The Team

1. Teams consist of 8 people and **MUST** be accompanied by, or include, at least one person holding a recognised appointment within the Scout movement aged 21 or over. All participants must be invested within a district within the West Mercia Scout County.
2. The team **MUST** include at least one Scout aged 12 or under.
3. The team **MUST NOT** include more than one Scout Leader aged 18+.
4. The remainder of the team **MUST BE** Scouts or Explorers (ages 13 - 17 inclusive)
Example teams – The examples below are given to show how a team could be made up and still comply with the rules. Your team is not expected to look exactly like these.

Example team 1	Example team 2	Example team 3
Person 1 age 12	Person 1 age 11	Person 1 age 12
Person 2 age 13	Person 2 age 12	Person 2 age 16
Person 3 age 13	Person 3 age 12	Person 3 age 17
Person 4 age 14	Person 4 age 12	Person 4 age 17
Person 5 age 16	Person 5 age 14	Person 5 age 17
Person 6 age 17	Person 6 age 14	Person 6 age 17
Person 7 age 17	Person 7 age 14	Person 7 age 17
Person 8 age 24	Person 8 age 14	Person 8 age 43

N.B Example 2 would have to be accompanied by an appointed leader aged 21 or over.

It is imperative that you detail clearly on your application form the full names and ages of the team members for the entry list, score sheet and for insurance purposes. Team changes due to illness etc. should be indicated on arrival to the event, or before wherever possible, to enable the score sheets to be updated accordingly.

If you are able to supply additional equipment for the use of those teams who do not have their own would you please indicate the type and quantity available on your application form as the

supply at the WMSC is limited. Pistols especially are at a premium and spares may be required by other teams new to the event.

Entry forms should be submitted, complete with entry fee, in writing and should be postmarked no later than Saturday 11th February 2017 to Ron Wellsted at the following address. Please include a contact name and phone number. (An e-mail address would also be useful)

7 *Organiser:*

Mr R. Wellsted
127, Goldthorn Hill
Wolverhampton
WV2 4PS

Tel: 01902 655207
e-mail: ron@wellsted.org.uk

8 *Compliance Notices:-*

Use of Photographs

During the event, and the award presentations afterwards, it is likely that individuals and/or groups will appear in photographs being taken of the event participants. Some of these will possibly be included in a round up report publication or advertisement for next year's event. Please indicate in writing (preferably accompanying your entry form) if you disagree with the use of photographic material including any/all of your group being included in any publication. (Publications will be limited to use within the Scout Movement and should not include any outside bodies).

No response to this request will assume permission is granted for the organisers to include any photographic material, as is deemed appropriate, for the follow up report of the event and/or advertisement of next years event.

NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PERMITTED ON THE RANGE WHILE SHOOTING IS TAKING PLACE.