

Waterloo 2025 Shooting Competition

ELIGIBILITY

- 1) The event is open to all Members of the Scout Association as defined in POR (both youth and adult) who are members aged 10 years and above.

SAFETY, CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

- 2) It is the responsibility of the Scouter in charge of each team to satisfy themselves that each person attending the event:
 - a) is physically capable of cocking, loading and aiming a bow, crossbow, air rifle and air pistol safely and unaided.
 - b) is mentally capable of understanding the need for safety rules and will obey them.
 - c) is able to receive and follow instruction given on safe shooting.
 - d) is aware of the Rules and accepts them (this also applies to the parents of shooters aged under 18).
 - e) if under the age of 18, has written parental permission to take part covering all classes of shooting to be undertaken (copies of these permissions should be available to be sampled by the organisers prior to any shooting at the event).
 - f) camps in accordance with POR or, if no leader remains on site, does not camp.
 - g) all young people must have a designated leader on site during the event.
- 3) **All competitors must have shot air rifle and air pistol prior to the competition. The event is not a taster session or training event. If your shooters have not shot either the rifle or pistol, please make arrangements for them to practice before the event.**
- 4) A variety of types of range will be in use for the event, both indoor and outdoor. Outdoor shooting is subject to the vagaries of the weather. Competitors are required to dress appropriately for the conditions prevailing at the time on the ranges to which they are allocated. Groups must ensure appropriate shelter is available in their camping areas.
- 5) Campers must show consideration to others camping. No noise before **07.00** or after **22.30** on the campsites.
- 6) It is the responsibility of the groups to ensure their competitors complete their events in a timely manner or at the squadded time. It is not the responsibility of the organisers to remind competitors who have not shot events.

ENTRIES

- 7) Entries must be made on the form provided and e-mailed to the organisers.
- 8) The closing date for entries is 13th May 2025. The organisers reserve the right to refuse incomplete, incorrect or late entries. If the event is fully subscribed the entries will close sooner. Last year the event was oversubscribed, and some groups were not able to attend, please enter early.
- 9) Entry fee is £35.00 per competitor. Leaders who are competing but also helping on the ranges for two or more sessions can enter for £10.00, or leaders who are camping but not competing, can camp for £10.00.
- 10) Late entries, substitutions or refunds for non-participants will be allowed only in exceptional circumstances and at the organiser's absolute discretion.
- 11) All adults shooting the competition will be expected to help for at least one session on the range (AM or PM Saturday or PM Sunday). Qualifications are not necessary.
- 12) Groups must pay their fees with one payment to cover all their competitors. Payment can be either by cheque payable to SWC Scouts SAT or bank transfer to:

SW Cheshire Scouts SAT Sort Code 830425 Account number 11140533.
- 13) The entry forms will capture sensitive personal data and the information on the form is required to organise, administer and attend the session or to enter the event and will only be shared with those necessary for individuals to attend the event.
- 14) By entering, all entrants give permission for photographs to be taken at the event by authorised photographers for the purpose of the promotion of Scouting or of target shooting. Flash photography is not permitted on ranges during shooting.

ADMINISTRATION

- 15) Groups and Units shall comply with POR and shall make their own notifications in accordance with the "Nights Away" rules.
- 16) Groups are responsible for their own catering.
- 17) Adults attending the camp must be members of the Scout Association and have current DBS checks.

COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES

- 18) The ethos of the event is to encourage competition, at a relaxed and friendly competition.
- 19) Shooting prizes for the different age groups, disciplines and groups will be offered dependant on entries received.
- 20) Teams will be formed of three members from the same unit, group or district in the age groups of under 14 and under 18. Individuals can only be in one team.

- 21) All scoring will be completed in line with the ethos in the event.
- 22) **ALL** events are **STANDING ONLY** other than Target Sprint (age dependent) and Field Target.
- 23) Any shooter who '**benchrest**' will have this recorded on their cards and will be able to shoot for '**honours only**'. Their scores will not count for any competitions.
- 24) No shooting aids for example gloves, boots or ankle support, specialist shooting glasses etc are allowed at the event. Blinders are allowed.
- 25) Target sprint is a run and shoot event. Please ensure all those who are entered wish to take part. This event is squadded, and this does not work if entered competitors change their mind on the day.
- 26) Pistol is one handed for those aged 13 and above; two handed for those aged 12 and below.
- 27) **Tyro Definition** issued to the best shooter in each age group who has **not previously competed** in an organised shooting competition.
- 28) Tied score rules:
 - a) Rifle & Pistol (air and springer) - Countback to 3rd card, then age (Youngest wins)
 - b) Field Targets - Age (youngest wins)
 - c) Crossbow - Extra bolts, then age (youngest wins)
 - d) Archery - Extra arrows, then age (youngest wins)
 - e) Target Sprint u12s, u14s, u18s - Age (youngest wins)
 - f) Target Sprint o18s - Age (oldest wins)
 - g) Bench Rest scores are shot for "honours only" and are recorded as a negative score to allow results to be worked out.
- 29) The Range Officer's decision is final in all matters relating to safety, equipment and range conduct.

Please e-mail any questions regarding this event to waterloo@swcscouts.org

2025 Rules

Main events

- **6-yard rifle (pre charged) standing.**
- **6-yard pistol standing. 12 and under two handed, 13 and over one handed**
- **Field target any position (rifle barrel must be horizontal or pointing down to the target).**

The above three events all count to the aggregate competition for individual and teams.

6-yard rifle and pistol competitors will shoot on air 7 and air 8 cards. These are the NSRA 6-yard targets. Five shots per card on three cards, with the best two cards to count (score out of 100).

- **Field target.** This competition will be 20 shots plus 5 sighters. It will be shot at distances from 6 -25 yards. Each shooter will shoot in 5 different 'lanes' with 2 targets in each lane. 2 shots will be taken at each target. Scores will be 2.5 points per hit for 20 shots. Total score will be out of 50.

Aggregate Events.

- Aggregate competition in each age category for individuals and Under 14 and Under 18 for teams.
- Under 14's can shoot in an Under 18 team.
- Teams must be from the same group or district.

Additional events:

- **Knockout Standing.** This will be run in four classes (unless insufficient numbers are at the event for a particular class). This is a standing unsupported event.
 - 10 pellets are used to knockdown up to 5 targets with a 2-minute time limit.
 - The winner of each pair of competitors is whoever knocks down 5 targets first.
 - If the 2-minute time limit is reached, then it is who has knocked down most targets within the time limit.
 - If a tie results on the number of targets knocked down after the 2-minute time limit, then the number of pellets left are counted, most pellets left is the winner.
 - If a draw still results a coin toss will be the final decider.
- **Target Sprint.**
 - This event is limited to 256 competitors.
 - Target Sprint will be the total time for the event plus 30 seconds per target missed (10 targets to shoot).
 - The event is approx. 400 metre run, up to 15 shots on 5 targets, 400 metre run, up to 15 shots on 5 targets, 400 metre run and finish, within 18 minutes.
 - An 18-minute time limit applies to this event. After 18 minutes of shooting and running any competitors not having completed the event will be stopped.
 - Under 12s and Under 14s may elect to shoot prone or may stand unsupported but must use the same shooting position throughout. Prone shooters must shoot with Air Arms S 200 rifle.
 - Over 14s and Over 18s will shoot standing unsupported.
 - Targets will all be discs behind a 35mm diameter hole.

- **Shoot for a Star**
 - This is one shot on a 4/89 target.
 - The winner is the shooter whose one shot is closest to a pre-determined point on a 4/89 target.
- **Tyro class** (based on the aggregate competition).
- **Archery.**
 - Archery will be scored from the best ten of twelve arrows.
- **Crossbow.**
 - Crossbow will be scored from the best ten of twelve bolts
- **6-yard spring rifle.**
 - Five shots per card on three cards, with the best two cards to count (score out of 100).
- **6-yard spring pistol.**
 - Five shots per card on three cards, with the best two cards to count (score out of 100).

Age Groups (on the Saturday of the competition)

- Under 12.
- Under 14 (12-13).
- Under 18 (14-17).
- Over 18.

Medals will be awarded depending on entries in each class:

- 1 to 3 entries - gold medal only.
- 4 to 6 entries - gold and silver medals only.
- 7 and above entries - gold, silver and bronze medals.
- Knockout - gold, silver and 2 bronze medals.
- Overall (individual for the two pre-charged events (6-yard rifle and pistol) and the field target) - best under 12, best under 14, best under 18, best female under 18 and best over 18.

Flexibility will be shown on the awarding of medals if appropriate.

Scoring

No shots will be gauged.

Appeals on scores are allowed within the nature of this event.

The organiser's decision is final.