

BUCS RIFLE – LONG RANGE & SHORT RANGE
HANDBOOK
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GENERAL INFORMATION/CONDITIONS	
Contact Information	<p>In the event of a query, please contact The NSRA Competitions Department by email (competitions@nsra.co.uk) and/or BUCS via www.bucs.org.uk/contact-us.html or 02076335080.</p> <p>ANY NAMES AND ADDRESSES RELEASED BY THE NSRA CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE TO WHICH THEY RELATE.</p>
Qualification For Entry	<p>All who wish to enter are recommended familiarise themselves with BUCS eligibility for entry. These can be found at: https://www.bucs.org.uk/rules-and-regulations/general-regulations/reg-4-individual-eligibility.html</p> <p>PARTICULARLY:</p> <p>REG 4.1.1 Be a registered student at an institution which holds a level of BUCS membership which entitles them to participate in BUCS competitions.</p> <p>Recommended NSRA Affiliations:</p> <p>Individual Membership (Information available at: https://www.nsra.co.uk/nsra-individual-membership)</p> <p>Club Membership & Affiliation (Information available at: https://www.nsra.co.uk/nsra-club-affiliation)</p>
Entry Forms & Submission of Entries – Individual	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competitor to apply to the event on BUCS Play (Instructions on how to do this can be found at: https://bucsassupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360031772352-How-to-enter-an-event) 2. For multiple individuals from one institution a Rifle Club Representative/Captain must be specified as the main point of contact to whom the NSRA will distribute information to, which will be in the entry information. 3. Institution administrator approves entry (Instructions on how to do this can be found at: https://bucsassupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360032117171-Approving-event-entries-as-an-Institution-Administrator) 4. BUCS approves/denies entry into competition and publishes confirmed entry list. <p><i>Individuals wishing to enter the Men's Individual Championship, Women's Individual Championship and/or the Novice Individual Championship must make their entry in addition to any Team Event entry.</i></p>
Entry Forms & Submission of Entries – Teams	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Entries will need to be submitted via the team entries section of our online entry system, BUCS Play (Instructions on how to do this can be found at: https://bucsassupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360025217771-Team-Entries-during-the-team-entry-window) 2. Please speak to your Institution Administrator as they will need to submit your entry. 3. A Team Captain must be selected as part of the team before entries close. 4. Competitors then need to apply for their respective team. (Instructions on how to do this can be found at: https://bucsassupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360034865312-How-to-join-your-team) <p><i>Please note, the competition rules for the postal team league state that shooters with the highest averages are placed in the 'A team', the next highest in the 'B' team and so on.</i></p>

Calculation Of Averages	<p>Individuals and Team Members need to submit their most recent Short/Long Range Average when entering on BUCS Play.</p> <p>This is calculated by using the best 10 of 12 last cards shot, or best 5 of 6 last cards shot. This should fall within the parameter range of 50.0 – 100.0.</p> <p>If Individuals and/or Team Members are unable to supply an average before the entries close, then they must email The NSRA Competitions Department (competitions@nsra.co.uk) supplying the average(s) within one week of entries closing.</p> <p>Any supplied averages that are presumed to be fabricated, will result in The NSRA Competition Department & BUCS for evidence of the supplied average and may request for a reshoot to calculate a new supplied average.</p>
Novices	<p>The definition of a novice is as followed:</p> <p><i>Competitors who have not previously fired in organised, civilian, police or military smallbore rifle competitions, regardless of the course of fire composing such matches. They have also never fired a gun or has for fun but has never been formally taught anything about marksmanship.</i></p> <p>If there is any uncertainty, then The NSRA Competitions Department can assess eligibility on an individual basis. If you would like The NSRA Competitions Department to assess eligibility, please email competitions@nsra.co.uk.</p> <p>Any decision by the NSRA regarding whether someone is a novice or not is final.</p>
NSRA Rules & Regulations	<p><i>All shooters, team captains and witnesses must also familiarise themselves with the NSRA Rules & Regulations for Postal & Shoulder-to-shoulder competitions. These can be found at: https://www.nsra.co.uk/rules-information under the section 'Competition Information & Rules'.</i></p> <p>PARTICULARLY:</p> <p>Rule 7.4.10.1.1 – stickers must be affixed to the cards before shooting.</p> <p>Rule 7.4.10.1.2 – the shooter must be correctly named on each card, either on the sticker or written in block capitals.</p> <p>Rule 7.4.2 – The only thing that a shooter should be doing after shooting is signing the cards – nothing else.</p> <p>Witnesses must be qualified to act as a witness under Rule 7.5.2 and must be fully conversant with their duties under Rule 7.6.</p> <p>Rule 7.6.3.1 - the witness checks that the shooter has signed the card after shooting.</p> <p>Rule 7.6.3.2 - the witness signs and dates the card with the date of shooting after the card has been shot (and, de facto, signs that they have actually witnessed the shoot).</p>
BUCS Points & Events	<p>Please refer to Appendix 1 for the BUCS Points available at these events at: https://www.bucs.org.uk/rules-and-regulations/general-regulations/appendices.html</p> <p>Please note: BUCS Points are not available for the postal rounds and are won entirely at the Final.</p>

SHORT RANGE	
Course Of Fire	<p>Postal Competition of 5 rounds, 10 shots per team member/individual per round, leading to Team & Individual Finals.</p> <p>Once the qualifying stages have been completed the top 8 teams will be invited to the finals.</p> <p>The top 12 men, top 12 women and top 6 novice shooters taken from the individual Championships will be invited to attend these finals also.</p>
Competitions	<p><u>Individual:</u></p> <p>Men's Championship</p> <p>Women's Championship</p> <p>Novice Championship</p> <p><u>University Teams:</u></p> <p>Mixed* Team of 6 (Team of 6)</p> <p>*Any 'mixed' teams can comprise of a team of all Women or all Men. It is not a requirement to have a 'mix' of Women & Men.</p>
QUALIFIER - POSTAL	
Stickers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The identification of competition targets will be by means of adhesive stickers. One sticker will be issued for each target to be shot in a competition. 2. Upon receipt of the competition stickers, please check these carefully and notify the NSRA Competitions Department within 14 days of any discrepancies or queries. Unless specified otherwise, cards may be shot upon receipt of stickers and must be shot in round number order. 3. It is recommended that all stickers are affixed to targets at the beginning of the competition, and as soon as possible after receipt. Once affixed to a target, stickers should not be removed. If you have applied stickers to incorrect targets for the competition, please contact the NSRA Competitions Department for advice on how to proceed. 4. Where paper targets are used, as outlined in section 7.4.10 of the Rules and Regulations, competition stickers are to be affixed to the match card before it is shot. 5. If electronic targets are used, competition stickers must be attached to the record strip/score sheet as set out in section 7.4.11 of the Rules and Regulations. 6. Where concurrent shooting is taking place, all relevant stickers must be affixed to the same card/record strip/score sheet. <p><i>Any lost stickers will incur an admin charge of £3.00 per competitor, which must be paid prior to duplicate stickers being dispatched. Except for the administration of substitute/reserve competitors.</i></p>
Last Day For Shooting / Shoot By Date	<p>Shooting may commence upon receipt of the competition stickers and must be completed by the published "Last Day For Shooting"/"Shoot By Date".</p> <p>It is possible to shoot ahead, and you could even shoot all of the cards within the space of a few days.</p>

	<i>If you have shot your cards ahead of the schedule, please send them off early. The quicker we can get the cards in from you, the easier to get the results out to you.</i>
After Shooting	In accordance with Rule 7.4.2, unless specified otherwise, the competitor must add their signature to each card/record upon completing the shoot to certify compliance with all the rules and conditions applied to the competition.
Witnessing	<p>Every shoot must be witnessed. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the competitor or team captain to ensure that an appropriately qualified witness for the specific competition being shot is available at the time of shooting and that the shoot is properly witnessed.</p> <p>Unless specified otherwise, a person who meets the criteria listed in section 7.5 of the NSRA Rules and Regulations is qualified to witness the shoot.</p> <p>The witness must comply with the duties specified in section 7.6 of the NSRA Rules and Regulations. In particular, they should sign and date each card after the competitor has signed the card and in doing so confirm that the rules/conditions of the competition have been complied with.</p> <p>Special requirements apply to the witnessing of competitions shot on electronic targets - see Rule 7.4.11</p> <p>Any variation from the conditions of shooting shall be noted by the witness on the relevant cards or certificate and drawn to the attention of the scorer. The witness shall similarly report any other relevant occurrence such as cross-shooting, allowable pistol malfunctions resulting in excess shots on a card, and accidental damage to a card.</p>
Concurrent Shooting	<p>If you have entered both the Individual Championship and the League competition, the competitor may shoot these concurrently. In other words, the competitor may place the sticker for the Individual Championship on the same card as that of the League.</p> <p>However, the competitor must be careful to shoot your cards in the correct order and stick the same round on the same card. I.e., Round 1 for the team league may be shot with Round 1 of the individual and this must be shot before round 2 and so on.</p>
Substitutes	<p>A substitute may be included in any team competition but are not permissible in individual competitions. A replacement shooter must already be entered into the event on BUCS Play, i.e. they must be entered into the Individual Championship. You are unable to use somebody completely new that has not been entered or verified by your athletic union.</p> <p>If a team member is being replaced by a substitute, the team captain must inform the NSRA Competitions Department of the name and current average of the substitute/reserve before shot cards are posted to the designated central scorer.</p> <p>In the event of a substitute being used for a registered competitor, the name of the substitute shall be added to the card and the name of the registered competitor may be struck through but must remain readable.</p>
Scoring	<p>NSRA scoring rules apply to this Competition.</p> <p>This Competition is not eligible for local scoring. Therefore, the designated Central Scorer must be used. Failure to use the designated Central Scorer will result in disqualification from the competition.</p> <p><i>Estimated scores cannot be written on competition cards.</i></p>
Central Scorers	<p>Details of the designated Central Scorer for the relevant competitions are sent with the stickers & paperwork to the competitor/team captain by the NSRA Competitions Department.</p> <p>Cards must be received by the Central Scorer by the date specified on the paperwork or as advised by the NSRA Competitions Department.</p>

	<p>Cards arriving after the specified date will not be scored, unless the package carries a postmark showing that it was posted within one day of the last day for shooting that round.</p> <p>Incorrectly addressed cards will not be forwarded to the correct Central Scorer and therefore no score will be recorded. Please ensure that each package bears the correct postage, as Central Scorers are not obligated to pay to collect from a Postal Sorting Office. Therefore, failure to ensure the package bears the correct postage may result in no score being recorded.</p> <p>Where a Central Scorer chooses to pay the surcharge to collect an item, the competitor/team captain will be responsible for reimbursing the full cost incurred by the Central Scorer. Payment must be received within 14 days of notification, otherwise the competitor/team will have their score disqualified.</p> <p>Do not use recorded or special delivery, as this adds extra inconvenience for Central Scorers. Furthermore, please do not staple multiple cards together when sending them to a Central Scorer.</p> <p>It is advisable to obtain an official printed proof of posting from the Post Office, in case shot cards get lost in the post. Upon production of this evidence, which shows the cards were sent to the correct Central Scorer and in good time before the last date the cards were to be received, a re-shoot will be granted by the Competitions Department. An official proof of posting should have the building name or number and the postcode.</p> <p>Central Scorers are volunteers who support NSRA postal competitions in their spare time. They are often responsible for several competitions. Please treat them with respect and do not involve them in letter writing. All correspondence must be sent to the NSRA Competitions Department, competitions@nsra.co.uk.</p>								
Results	<p>The NSRA's Online Results Portal (ORP) will be used to publish results, which can be viewed via the following link: https://results.nsra.co.uk and will appear the day after the "Round End Date" stated on the ORP (this is not the "Last Day For Shooting").</p> <p>From time to time there may be some delay in the issue of results when Headquarters staff are engaged in work connected with the National Meetings.</p>								
Challenges	<p>Challenges must be made in writing by emailing the Competitions Department (competitions@nsra.co.uk). Challenges are to be made by the competitor and/or the team captain. If the challenge is not successful, a £3.00 challenge fee per competitor per round/stage must be paid. Payment must be received within 14 days of notification, otherwise the competitor/team will have their score disqualified.</p> <p>Challenges must be raised within 14 days of publication of the results.</p>								
Disciplinary Action	<p>Failure to comply with the relevant NSRA Rules and Regulations or the General Rules applicable to any competition render a competitor's card or cards liable to disqualification.</p> <p>Dishonest, discreditable or dangerous conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of NSRA Rules and Regulations and with BUCS.</p>								
Targets	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Targets carrying the -18 suffix must be used</i></p> <table> <tr> <td>15 yards:</td><td>1510BM/89-18</td></tr> <tr> <td>20 yards:</td><td>2010BM/89-18</td></tr> <tr> <td>25 yards:</td><td>2510BM/89-18</td></tr> <tr> <td>25 Metres:</td><td>25M10BM/89-18</td></tr> </table>	15 yards:	1510BM/89-18	20 yards:	2010BM/89-18	25 yards:	2510BM/89-18	25 Metres:	25M10BM/89-18
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Electronic Targets	<p>The following Electronic Target Systems are approved for use in NSRA competitions. The majority are targets having some level of current ISSF approval (Phase 1, 2 or 3).</p> <p>Others do not have ISSF approval but have been approved by NSRA separately.</p>								

ISSF APPROVED ESTS**Megalink**

4K187
4K300
4K560-8
ML2000 3D-Score
ML2000 3D-Score 25/50

Sius Ascor

SA 941
S10
S10 25/50
SA 951
LS10
HS10
HS25/50
LS 25/50

Meyton

MF5R1
MF5R3
MF6R3

Disag

OpticScore

Suooter Technology

ST10L

NSRA APPROVED**Sport Quantum**

SQ10
SQ10SC

SHORT RANGE FINAL – SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER	
Rules	The meeting will be run under the rules of the National Small-Bore Rifle Association (NSRA) and of British Universities And Colleges Sport (BUCS). Where there is a conflict between these rules, the latter will apply.
Conduct Of Shooting	<i>STICKER APPLICATION IS TO BE OBSERVED AND STRUCK THROUGH BY RANGE OFFICERS OR NSRA STAFF, IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.</i>
Squadding	<p>The squadding plan, the draw and the timetable are shown on the Main Noticeboard.</p> <p>All competitors are to ensure that their name and university are written on each card. If the competition includes more than one card in each round, cards are to be annotated 1, 2, etc.</p> <p>Team Captains are to ensure that their team members understand and apply the squadding system shown on the Main Noticeboard.</p> <p>Within the Team Final, you may use an eligible substitute if you find that one of your team members is unable to shoot. A replacement shooter must already be entered into the event on BUCS Play, i.e. they must be entered into any of the three Individual Competitions or be from one of your other teams, they do not need to be someone who is competing in the Individual Final. You are unable to use somebody completely new that has not been entered or verified by your athletic union.</p>
Detail Timings	<p>Times are as follows: 30 minutes is allowed for each detail.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes 0 - 10 - Match card including sighters. Minutes 10 - 15 - Changing targets. Minutes 15 - 25 - Second match card plus sighters. Minutes 25 - 30 – Clear range.
Team Competition	<p>Teams are squadded with a single competitor from each team in each detail. Each competitor will shoot a total of 2 cards in the detail.</p> <p>Any number of sighters may be fired but the time limit per detail will not be exceeded.</p> <p>A whistle will be blown during the last 5 seconds of the shooting period.</p> <p>Each competitor will shoot two details of two cards, giving an individual total of 400 and a team total of 2400.</p>
Individual Competitions	<p>Any number of sighters may be fired but the time limit per detail will not be exceeded.</p> <p>A whistle will be blown during the last 5 seconds of the shooting period.</p> <p>Each competitor will shoot two details of two cards, giving an individual total of 400.</p>
Coaching	<p>The team competition is shot concurrently with the individual competition, so coaching is not allowed under NSRA Rules:</p> <p>6.9.6 Only shooters actually firing and officials are allowed on the firing point except in those team competitions where coaching is permitted.</p> <p>6.9.7 In individual competitions, shooters may spot for themselves. Spotting assistance by others is not permitted.</p> <p>6.9.8 In team competitions which require the whole of a team to shoot together, each team member may spot for himself. No individual competition shall be shot concurrently. If provided for in the rules of the competition, coaches must be nominated to the Range Officer, in advance. Coaches are not permitted to load, adjust sights or to touch the rifle or pistol in any way.</p>

Challenges	Results may be challenged up to 30 minutes after provisional scores have been published. A shot may be challenged once only on payment of a deposit of £2.50 per challenge to the Statistical Officer. The deposit will be returned in the event of the challenge being upheld.
Ties	<p>Ties in team matches will be decided by the number of cards scoring 100.</p> <p>Ties in individual competitions will be decided by the score on the final card (fourth card in the Finals round).</p> <p>If still a tie NSRA Rule 5.5.5.5.5 will apply.</p>
Prizes	<p>Team Event: Team Championship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winning Team: BUCS Gold Medals 2. Runners Up: BUCS Silver Medals 3. Second Runners Up: BUCS Bronze Medals <p>Individual Event: Men's Championship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winner: BUCS Gold Medal 2. Runner Up: BUCS Silver Medal 3. Second Runner Up: BUCS Bronze Medal <p>Individual Event: Women's Championship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winner: BUCS Gold Medal 2. Runner Up: BUCS Silver Medal 3. Second Runner Up: BUCS Bronze Medal <p>Individual Event: Novice's Championship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winner: NSRA Gold Plaque 2. Runner Up: NSRA Silver Plaque 3. Second Runner Up: NSRA Bronze Plaque

LONG RANGE – SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER	
Course Of Fire	<p>40 shots at 50 metres and 40 shots at 100 yards, with two 30-minute details at each distance.</p> <p>20 minutes to shoot the 20 shots including unlimited sighters and 10 minutes to change targets.</p> <p>Any number of sighters may be fired but the time limit per detail will not be exceeded.</p>
Competitions	<p><u>Individual:</u></p> <p>Men's Championship</p> <p>Women's Championship</p> <p><u>University Teams:</u></p> <p>Mixed* Team of 8 (Team of 8) – aka Team Championship</p> <p>Mixed* Quartet (Team of 4) – aka Invitation Quartet</p> <p>Mixed* Pairs (Team of 2) – aka Invitation Pairs</p> <p>Women's Triad (Women's Team of 3) – aka Invitation Ladies Triad</p> <p>*Any 'mixed' teams can comprise of a team of all Women or all Men. It is not a requirement to have a 'mix' of Women & Men.</p> <p><u>International Team:</u> Information below</p>
International Team	<p>The International Match is the team match held immediately following the final detail of the individual competition. The match is between home countries (England, Scotland and Wales), in recent years only England & Scotland have competed.</p> <hr/> <p>CAPTAINS:</p> <p>Each team has a captain, selected, and agreed by all present during the captains meeting on the day of the match. The captain is free to make his selection as he pleases from the available firers on the day.</p> <hr/> <p>TEAM MEMBERS</p> <p>Each team has 10 members*. Members are selected for teams based on the university they attend, irrespective of their nationality. I.e. An English student studying at Edinburgh would be eligible for the Scotland team in the match.</p> <hr/> <p>COURSE OF FIRE</p> <p>20 shots at 50m.</p> <p>*In the event that all three countries are competing (England, Scotland & Wales) this goes down to 8 team members due to range capacity.</p>
Rules	<p>The meeting will be run under the rules of the National Small-Bore Rifle Association (NSRA) and of British Universities And Colleges Sport (BUCS). Where there is a conflict between these rules, the latter will apply.</p>
Conduct Of Shooting	<p><i>STICKER APPLICATION IS TO BE OBSERVED AND STRUCK THROUGH BY RANGE OFFICERS OR NSRA STAFF, IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.</i></p>

Detail Timings & Squadding	<p>The competition is not squadded.</p> <p>Each University is allocated adequate firing points for the number of shooters they have brought to complete the competition in the time allowed.</p> <p>Team Captains can allocate firing points as they wish from those allocated to the university.</p> <p>The first detail starts at 09:00 and the final detail at 16:30.</p> <p>Two 30-minute details at each distance.</p> <p>20 minutes to shoot the 20 shots including unlimited sighters and 10 minutes to change targets.</p> <p>Any number of sighters may be fired but the time limit per detail will not be exceeded.</p> <p>All competitors are to ensure that their name and university are written on each card. If the competition includes more than one card in each round, cards are to be annotated 1, 2, etc.</p>
Team Competition	<p>All team competitions are shot concurrent with the individual competition(s).</p> <p>Each competitor will shoot four details of four cards (40 shots at 50 metres and 40 shots at 100 yards)</p> <p>Highest scores for each competition are as followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Championship: 6,400 • Invitation Quartet: 3,200 • Invitation Pairs: 1,600 • Invitation Ladies Triad: 2,400
Individual Competitions	<p>Each competitor will shoot four details of four cards (40 shots at 50 metres and 40 shots at 100 yards), giving an individual total of 800.</p>
Coaching	<p>All team competitions (Team Championship, Invitation Quartet, Invitation Pairs & Invitation Ladies Triad) are all shot concurrently with the individual competition, so coaching is not allowed under NSRA Rules:</p> <p>6.9.6 Only shooters actually firing and officials are allowed on the firing point except in those team competitions where coaching is permitted.</p> <p>6.9.7 In individual competitions, shooters may spot for themselves. Spotting assistance by others is not permitted.</p> <p>6.9.8 In team competitions which require the whole of a team to shoot together, each team member may spot for himself. No individual competition shall be shot concurrently. If provided for in the rules of the competition, coaches must be nominated to the Range Officer, in advance. Coaches are not permitted to load, adjust sights or to touch the rifle or pistol in any way.</p> <p>The only exception to these rules is the International Match where coaching is permitted.</p>
Challenges	<p>Results may be challenged up to 30 minutes after provisional scores have been published. A shot may be challenged once only on payment of a deposit of £2.50 per challenge to the Statistical Officer. The deposit will be returned in the event of the challenge being upheld.</p>
Ties	<p>Ties in team matches will be decided by the number of cards scoring 100. Ties in individual competitions will be decided by the score on the final card (fourth card in the Finals round). If still a tie NSRA Rule 5.5.5.5 will apply.</p>
Prizes	<p>Team Event: Team Championship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winning Team: BUCS Gold Medals 2. Runners Up: BUCS Silver Medals 3. Second Runners Up: BUCS Bronze Medals

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