

# **HORSE-SHOE LEAGUE INDOOR RIFLE SHOOTING COMPETITIONS**

## **THE RULES: -**

### **General Competition Rules**

Except where separately specified, all competitions will be subject to NSRA rules.

### **Competition secretary**

The competition secretary is currently Mr Les Sayers who is responsible for arranging all HSL competitions, inviting entries, compiling competitions, and documenting winners and arranging subsequent rounds along with the finals. He is assisted in the distribution of documents and the marking of cards by Mr Philip Ralph who will receive the shot cards from clubs, mark the cards and send the scores to Mr Sayers. He will send out results and details of next round along with the stickers for cards when he receives this electronically from the competition secretary.

In any dispute the competition secretary will decide the outcome and his decision is final.

### **Averages**

The average of each competitor will be that average achieved during the previous years Horseshoe league provided 5 or more scores were recorded. For those who did not enter the horseshoe league competition last year, or, who did not obtain 5 scores, the **best ten of the last twelve** scores available, where possible, should be submitted by the club Secretaries/Captains. Averages set at the beginning of the season will apply throughout unless deemed unreasonable by the competition secretary, in which case they will be re-calculated, based upon scores submitted. Any novice or beginner can enter, but if they have not developed an average with their club they will have a HSL starting average of 80.

### **Closing dates for shooting**

All postal cards must be shot by the specified date, unless there is substantial reason for not doing so and an extension is agreed with officials. Shoulder-to-Shoulder matches must be shot to the programme specified by the competition secretary unless exceptional circumstances dictate revision (See 'A' cup rules below).

### **Return of shot cards**

All shot cards must be sent to Mr Philip Ralph of Bodmin Rifle Club who will be marking cards and forwarding results to the competition secretary. **Cards to arrive NO later than seven days after the last date of shooting. Any cards not received in this time limit will be disqualified, unless proof of timely posting is supplied.**

### **Coaching**

Coaching **is allowed** for all **team postal** competitions.

Coaching **is not allowed** for **Shoulder-to-Shoulder, or, Individual postal** competitions.

### **Closing date for entries**

Entries for all competitions must reach the competition secretary by the date requested when the entry forms are sent out to clubs. This will generally be around the end of August in that year. **Entries are to be sent to Mr Sayers - competition secretary,** together with the appropriate entry fee.

### **Competition entry Fees**

Each competition has an entry fee which has been agreed at AGM by members and this can vary from year to year subject to costs which need to be recovered. Fees are shown on the entry form each year. For individual competitions the fee is applied to each entrant and for team competitions the fee is for the team entry.

### **Affiliation Fees**

An affiliation fee per member is charged in addition to the competition entry fee and will be indicated on the entry form and should be forwarded to the competition secretary with the entry fees.

### **Engraving Fees**

Each entry form will indicate the additional fee to cover the costs of the previous year's engraving of the trophies. This varies for each club and is dependent on the number of trophies the club wins in the previous year.

### **Time limits for shooting details**

The time limit for each detail shall be **ten minutes**.

### **Finals**

Finals will be held at Bodmin range. Date to be published by the competition secretary when the competition programme is known. Full details will be provided with the list of finalists.

### **Team Member Substitution**

Team substitutions can be made, but any individual cannot shoot for more than one team in any of the competitions and substitutes must shoot with the average of the person they are substituting for.

## Individual Competitions

### **Bob Ellis Memorial Cup and Medals**

This is a **Knock-Out** competition, with shot cards marked using the **McCrae handicap** system and therefore it gives the novice a better than equal chance compared to the expert.

Averages, set at the beginning of the competition, may be changed at the discretion of the competition secretary during the season if scores indicate an unfair advantage and a higher average is appropriate.

### **Individual 5 card Championship Cup and Medals**

Each competitor may enter up to 5 cards in the 1<sup>st</sup>. round. The 16 competitors returning the best cards, marked by direct gun score, will enter round 2 and will shoot 1 card only. The best 7 of these, together with the current cup holder, will qualify to compete in the final.

In the event of ties in the 1<sup>st</sup>. round of the competition, the next best card in round 1 will be used to decide the placings.

In the event of ties in the second round the 1<sup>st</sup> round placings will decide who gets to the final.

In the final, should the best scores be tied, graduated gauges will be used to determine the winner

### **K.O. Cup and Medals**

Straight gun score postal competition until the final which will be shot Shoulder-to-Shoulder if possible, during the finals, at a time agreed by the competition secretary. Ties to be resolved by 'tie break' competition.

### **Possibles Bowl and Medal**

This bowl shall be won by the competitor scoring the most **gun score** possibles in all competitions with the exception of the Rathbone. In the event of a tie, the next best score in any of these competitions will decide the winner. In the event of no possible being scored the Possibles Bowl and Medal will not be awarded.

## Team Competitions

### **A Cup and Medals**

**League system – Teams of 6 with best 5 scores to count.**

Each team will shoot against each other, home and away. Two points awarded for a win, one point for a draw. In the event of a tie, the aggregate score will decide.

All matches will be shot Shoulder-to-Shoulder, to a programme determined and published by the competition secretary. If the 'away' team fails to attend a match to this programme the 'home' team will be awarded the 2 points. If either team fail to provide a

'full' team, then the match will be won/lost accordingly from the scores achieved by those taking part.

Exceptionally, if any club team captain determines that a published date is unacceptable and can reach agreement with their competitors for a given match then they are allowed to re-programme by mutual agreement, provided that this is done at least 1 calendar month prior to the original programme date, the competition secretary is advised and all matches complete by 31<sup>st</sup> March that year. An opposing team cannot be forced to change the date of a match.

The Home Club will be responsible for notifying the competition secretary of the result of each match, providing result cards for this purpose. If no result is received 2 points will be awarded to the 'away' team unless there is satisfactory explanation.

### ***B Cup and Medals***

#### **Knock-out system – Teams of 4.**

This team competition will be Shoulder-to-Shoulder, home and away. It will be included where appropriate at the 'A' cup matches and the same rules will apply as for 'A' cup above. Highest aggregate scores to count and will determine progress to the next round. In view of the small number of clubs and teams usually competing the 2<sup>nd</sup> round will probably be the final and will be shot at the finals meeting. If not, 2<sup>nd</sup> round details will be sent out by the competition secretary.

### ***Douglas Marshall Cup and Medals***

#### **Knock-out system with teams of 4.**

Postal competition up to the final and Cards are scored on the McCrae handicap system

### ***Rathbone Cup and Medals***

#### **League system with teams of 5.**

This competition is self-handicapping with a minimum handicap of 5 points allowed. The competition is Postal throughout with 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. In the event of a tie there will be a shoot-off for first place on a neutral range.

Substitutes may shoot in any round but must accept the handicap of the original competitor.

### ***Three Towns Shield and Medals***

#### **Knock-out system with teams of 4.**

Postal competition up to the final and Cards are scored on the Dropped points handicap system.

## Trophy List

<i>Name</i>	<i>Competition</i>
A Cup	Team A Cup
B Cup	Team B Cup
K O Cup	Individual Knock-out
Terry Fanning Shield (Runner up)	Individual Knock-out
5 Card	Individual 5 Card Championship
Carter Cup (Runner up)	Individual 5 Card Championship
Bob Ellis Memorial Cup	Individual Bob Ellis Championship
Tredinnick Shield (Runner up)	Individual Bob Ellis Championship
Three Towns Shield	Team Three Towns
Douglas Marshall Cup	Team Douglas Marshall
Rathbone Cup	Team Rathbone League
Possibles Bowl	Individual Possibles