

Booklet Number 1

CPSA General and Technical Rules

Changes – 1st March 2023

Rule 1.2 page 4

Not for CPSA Major or Minor championships

- (a) The 'Competition' entry fee must include the prize money element.
- (b) The 'Targets Only' entry fee must not include the prize money element.
- (c) All prize money taken in entries making up the 'Prize Pot' must be the exact difference between (a) and (b) above. The exact prize money, the "prize pot", must be paid out in total to the winners (and not given as gifts 'in kind, such as free shoot entries or cartridge vouchers).
- (d) Any cash or prizes (sponsored or otherwise) will only be paid out to winners who have entered as a 'competition entry'.
- (e) The prize pot can be paid out in one of 4 ways.
 - (i) No High Gun - Total prize money divided by 4 classes and the class split is paid out 50%, 30%, 20% for example.
 - (ii) No High Gun - Total prize money stays in each class and is paid out every 5 competition shooters.
 - (iii) High Gun and Class where HG is made up from £1 per competition shooter or sponsored by the ground, and the remaining prize money is divided by 4 classes and the class split is paid out 50%, 30%, 20% for example.
 - (iv) High Gun and Class where HG is made up from £1 per competition shooter or sponsored by the ground, and the remaining prize money stays in each class and is paid out every 5 competition shooters.
 - (v) Grounds can supplement classes or categories as they see fit.
- h) The CPSA reserve the right to refuse entry to any individual who is under suspension or ban by any other governing body or association. The CPSA also reserves the right to decline entry to any of its championships at its absolute discretion. In either such circumstances only entry fees will be refunded.

i) Winners of cash prizes have up to 36 months to collect, after which time the ground may donate to a charity of their choice, however, proof of donation must be retained.

Rule 1.5 page 5

“Targets-Only” entries will be permitted at all registered events, with the exception of certain events defined by the Directors of the CPSA. “Targets-Only” competitors at all registered events, will enjoy the same rights and privileges as ‘Prize’ shooters, except that they will not receive any cash or prizes (sponsored or otherwise), but are eligible to win any trophies or titles, either as overall winners or in their class or category.

Rule 1.14 (j) page 8

j) (i) Shoot organisers must always satisfy themselves as to the eligibility of competitors by requiring to see their current CPSA membership cards or proof of membership of another recognised Clay Target Shooting Association.

(ii) If any shooter has had membership sanctioned or suspended by their national clay target shooting governing body or by any other clay target shooting governing body, (UK or worldwide) then that shooter will only be able to enter a registered shoot as a ‘Targets Only’ competitor. They will not be able to win any money or prizes (including sponsored prizes).

(iii) If a shooter has been disqualified from a CPSA or national governing body/association clay target Championship the member will only be able to shoot “Targets Only” in any CPSA registered competition to protect the integrity of the competition.

(iv) If a shooter is currently banned by their national clay target shooting governing body, (UK or worldwide) then they will not be able to enter any CPSA registered shoots, under any circumstances.

Rule 1.14 (p) page 9

Re-entry is only allowed at DTL and ESK registered events.

Rule 3.33 page 19

Addition of E = Encroaching on shooter’s personal space/within cage

Rule 3.8 page 17

In all cases where a target has not been hit, referees should call losses, except where electronic systems are in use that provide adequate indication / signal of targets (after the second shot at doubles).

Rule 4.1 page 20

Classifications are calculated every three months with implementation on 1st March, 1st June, 1st September and 1st December each year.

These classifications are calculated using scores submitted from the previous 12 month rolling shooting periods that end on 31st January, 30th April, 30th July and 31st October respectively. The percentage cut-off points for the classes in the various disciplines will be altered. As an example, classifications that commence on 1st December will be calculated using scores shot between 1st November and 31st October.

All registered scores from the above shooting periods and received at CPSA HQ by 7th February, 7th May, 7th August and 7th November respectively, will be used towards classifications in the next period. Members who have an official classification in a given discipline will shoot in that class whenever they enter a Registered event in that discipline. Members who are “unclassified” will be given a temporary classification for that day and event only, in accordance with paragraph 4.2.

To become a “classified” shooter, from unclassified, a member must shoot a minimum of 300 Registered targets in any specific discipline during a 12 month period prior to 31st January, 30th April, 30th July or 31st October apart from Single Barrel, Double Rise and Skeet Doubles where only 100 Registered targets are required and Helice where one shoot of 24 targets is required for a classification.

Rule 4.2 page 21

Where a competition spans a classification implementation date the member will be given the higher of the classifications based on the first day and last day of the competition.

Rule 4.4 page 23

a) Members will be moved UP one or more classes according to their new adjusted average, provided they have shot a minimum of 300 registered targets, apart from Single Barrel, Double Rise and Skeet Doubles where only 100 registered targets is required, during the relevant ‘classification period’ per discipline.

b) A member may only go down a class provided they have a minimum of 600 targets counting towards their new Adjusted average in any shooting period apart from Single Barrel, Double Rise and Skeet Doubles where only 300 Registered targets are required. Downward movement will be restricted to only ONE class per 24 month period.

c) Members will have their classification in any given discipline reset to ‘unclassified’ where no registered scores are recorded within a 36 month period.

d) Once a classification has been obtained, it can only be altered as per the above. Even if a member allows their CPSA membership to lapse, details of their classification will remain on file but their name will not appear on Shoot program.

Rule 4.5 page 23 – Top 20's

The Top 20 statistics are based (from 1st November from previous year to 31 October of that year) on averages from a minimum of 1000 registered targets (that count towards your classification) at a minimum of three registered grounds in the domestic disciplines of DTL, ESK, ESP, SSP, ABT & STR. Other disciplines (except Helice) are calculated from a minimum of 500 targets (that count towards your classification) at a minimum of three different grounds. Helice is based on a minimum of 10 targets at a minimum on one ground. CPSA categories are based on the member's shooting category on the 1st January of that year.

Rule 8.1/8.2/8.3/8.4/8.5/8.6/8.7 pages 25-26

It should also be noted that Junior Ladies can shoot for either the Junior or Ladies team as determined by the CPSA in order to produce the strongest team.

Rule 8.1 page 25

The top 120 shooters will be invited based on their best 500 registered scores (ex 100 shoots) from a minimum three grounds obtained from an 8 month period to be announced in advance of the year of the event. Re-entry scores cannot be used as per rule 1.14 (r). We will continue to invite members to attempt to fill the 120 spaces available at each selection shoot.

The three selection shoots will be run at grounds on 4 layouts and each year one will take place in the North, one in the South and one will be the English Open and Dougall Memorial. In a year where the Home International is in Ireland the last selection shoot will be at a ground selected by CPSA HQ. The North and South shoots will rotate in order each year and the grounds within each of the areas will be on a rota. The third selection shoot is compulsory and you must shoot both days of a selection shoot.

The team will be selected on a points system taken from the High Gun of each event (one point incurred for every point less than the winning score overall). The best 4 scores out of 6 to count (ex 1200). At the English Open and Dougall Memorial the points will be from the Highest scoring shooter applying for the England Team.

Rule 8.2 page 26

The top 60 Seniors/Open, 15 Ladies, 15 Juniors (under 21 on the 1st of January in the year of competition), 15 Veterans (55 or over on the 1st of January in the year of competition), and 15 Super Veterans (65 or over on the 1st January in the year of the competition), will be invited to attend two 200 - target selection shoots on dates & venues to be arranged. It should also be noted that Junior Ladies can shoot for either the Junior or Ladies team as determined by the CPSA in order to produce the strongest team. Also Super Veterans can be selected as a Veteran. The top 120 shooters will be invited based on their best 500 registered scores (ex 100 shoots) from a minimum three grounds obtained from an 8 month period to be announced in advance of the year of the event. Re-entry scores cannot be used as per rule 1.14 (r). We will continue to invite members to attempt to fill the 120 spaces available at each selection shoot.

The two selection shoots will be run at grounds on 4 layouts and each year one will take place in the North and one in the South. These will rotate in order each year and the grounds within each of the areas will be on a rota.

Rule 8.3/8.4/8.5/8.6/8.7 page 27

Applicants wishing to be considered for selection must, in the first instance, submit the forms on the CPSA website, please refer to England Team page at www.cpsa.co.uk/englandteam for current selection process

Rule 9 Page 28

In the event of two or more members having the same number of caps, the member with the earliest first team appearance will become Captain. If there is still a tie, the earliest membership joining date (or lowest original CPSA number) will determine the captaincy for that year.

Rule 11 & rule 12 page 29

Shell jackets replaces tracksuit tops.

Rule 17.3 page 32

f) Military surplus, balaclava, helmets and camouflage paint. Serving military personnel will be permitted to wear uniform if they choose to do so.

j) Skirts must be no more than 6 inches (15cms) above the knee.

Rule 24.5 page 47

By calling for the next pair in the sequence for that stand, the shooter has accepted the referee's decision on the previous pair scored.

Rule 22.58 page 44

c) The maximum total time allowed to call for and fire at all regular targets in the required sequence for that station is 30 seconds.

Rule 25.16 page 52

25.16 If the squad is compromised of less than five competitors, then the competitors should be given the opportunity, once per round of 25 targets, to view one sim pair before moving into a vacant shooting position.

Rule 26 page 53

26.1 Except as detailed below all of the rules and regulations for English Sporting are fully applicable to the CPSA discipline of 'Super Sporting'.

VIEWING POINT

26.2 The first shooter of a squad or group, who has not had the opportunity to see the targets, will have the opportunity to view all of the targets as singles only, from the shooting stand. All competitors should familiarise themselves with the targets by viewing the targets from behind the stand whilst waiting their turn to shoot and not encroach on the shooters personal space or within the shooting stand. Also, whilst waiting to shoot to keep the noise down for fairness to shooters and to allow the Referees to hear a shooters call.

LAYOUTS

26.3 A Super Sporting layout follows the same principal as an English Sporting layout with multiple shooting stands arranged around the course. However, on each stand there must be a minimum of 3 traps, each clearly identified and labelled alphabetically (i.e. A, B, C etc) depending on the number of traps on that particular stand.

26.4 Each trap must be clearly indicated by its own letter in the vicinity of the trap and the letter must be visible from the stand.

26.5 Traps can be placed anywhere the shoot organisers decide, behind or in front of the shooters line of fire and trajectories determined by the shoot organiser and by the geographical area.

26.6 Menu boards in front of each stand, measuring a minimum of A4 size, 300mm (11.8in) x 210mm (8.27in) will list the traps in the order in which they will be released at that stand.

26.7 The minimum number of stands required at a registered shoot will be 7 stands with a minimum of 50 targets in total. A minimum of 20% of the total targets in a competition must be thrown as singles. Each stand must have a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 targets.

26.8 The targets must be as specified in rules 24.6 of the rules for English Sporting.

CONDUCT OF EVENTS

26.9 The Referee will allow the competitor to view all of the targets as singles only.

26.10 On any mixed stands, single targets and on report pairs, must be shot before the sim pairs.

26.11 At each stand, each competitor will shoot the targets as per the menu board. This may be a combination of single targets, on report pairs, following pairs or simultaneous pairs as decided by the shoot organiser.

SHOOTING SINGLES

26.12 Full use of the gun will apply when shooting the single targets i.e. 2 shots may be taken if the target is not broken with the first shot.

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM TIE-BREAKS

26.13 In the event of a tie, the tie-break rules 24.25 – 24.29 of English Sporting will apply with the exception of 24.27 wherein ties may be broken by shooting ten targets from a new stand (not used at any other stage of the event). The ten targets may consist of singles, on report & sim pairs.