

ENGLISH SKEET SUB COMMITTEE

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ENGLISH SKEET SUB COMMITTEE NOTES- 2ND April 2014

Correspondence and comments have been collated via, Email, telephone and face to face.

The English Skeet Sub Committee was asked to comment on the following:

1. 10 SECOND RULE AT ENGLISH SKEET

The current CPSA Rule states -“Shooter must call for a target within a 10 second period following the Referee’s instruction”.

Comments from the English Skeet Sub Committee

- The existing CPSA rule is vague, confusing and badly worded.
- Currently there is little evidence that the current rule is being enforced.
- Is the rule necessary? Some shooters are slower depending on their shooting experience, age, and disabilities. Consideration should be taken before enforcing the rule to avoid disadvantage or discrimination to these groups of shooters.
- Adoption of ISSF rule:

9.9.3.1 Preparation Time Limits. Athletes must call for and fire at their targets according to the following time limits:

a) After the Referee has given the signal to “**START**” or after the previous athlete has left the station, the next athlete must occupy the station within ten (10) seconds;

b) The athlete must stand with both feet entirely within the station boundaries, take his position, load the gun, adopt the READY position and call for the target in the required sequence for the station;

c) The athlete must then call for the next Single or Double to be fired at from that station within the shortest time possible;

d) The maximum total time allowed to call for and fire at the required sequence for that station is thirty (30) seconds in both Qualification Rounds and Finals Rounds after the athlete has occupied the station; and

e) During Qualification Rounds, preparation time limits must be controlled by the Referee. During Finals, preparation time limits must be controlled with an electronic timing device (9.17.2.5) managed by the appointed Referee.

Decision made by the English Skeet Sub Committee

The Sub Committee proposes that if a rule is deemed necessary the ISSF timings should be adopted by the CPSA.

Action

Tony Heeks to take this proposal to the CPSA Board.

2. FINISHING TIMES AT MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

A proposal has been made to extend the shooting time on the final day of a major championship to allow more shooters to shoot. The English Skeet Sub Committee has been asked to give their comments.

Comments from the English Skeet Sub Committee

- Shooting tends to finish earlier on the last day of a major Championship to allow for shoot offs and prize giving ceremonies.
- Shoot offs are difficult to plan for as numbers are unknown. English Skeet and DTL usually involve a large number of shooters.
- Shooters who have travelled long distances want to drive home at a reasonable hour following shoot offs and prize giving ceremonies.
- If times are extended to allow more shooters to shoot on the last day the shoot off procedure should be looked at in conjunction with such a change.
- Extending time on the final day may increase the number of shooters entering the event and revenue to the CPSA.
- Consideration needs to be given to any Shooting Ground restrictions re time and or noise constraints. Planning implications differ from one Shooting Ground to another.
- Environmental issues need to be considered. Shooting late into an evening following a competition which has been held over 3 or 4 days may cause unnecessary bad publicity from the non shooting fraternity who live in the area i.e. increased noise and traffic etc.

Decision made by English Skeet Sub Committee

The committee proposes to continue with existing finishing times for major Championships for the time being.

Action

Tony Heeks to take this proposal to the CPSA Board

3. SIDE BY SIDE EVENT AT ENGLISH SKEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

The English Skeet Sub Committee was asked to comment on a proposal to permit separate entries in the Side by Side competition but if the shooter also wishes to shoot the 'Open' with another gun, they must do so on a different day.

Comments made by the English Skeet Sub Committee

- How many shooters would wish to shoot twice in view of the cost, time and travel implications? Further research and a business case required by proposer.
- Are there any legal implications? Do existing CPSA rules cater for a shooter shooting a major competition twice?
- If introduced at English Skeet events should it be allowed at English Sporting where it would be considered as an advantage to shoot a Championship course twice.
- Ensure no advantage is given to a shooter who chooses to shoot side-by-side as well as the main competition.
- Ensure no shooter is precluded from shooting, due to another shooting both side-by-side and the main competition.
- Allow a side-by-side to count for both competitions, if declared before the event, shoots only once and two entry fees paid. (This may generate some conversations!)
- Consider shoot-offs that may need to be undertaken for appropriate categories in side-by-side.
- Consider cost vs revenue and develop a business case that the board can base their decision on.
- Will there be a number of side-by-side categories, such as English Gun, Hammer Gun, Open side-by-side, gauges etc.?
- Probably would need a sponsor for this, like there is for the British Side-by-Side Champs which has recently been held at Sporting Targets.
- Should a second entry be eligible for other class or category awards in the general open event?

Decision made by English Skeet Sub Committee

In principal the Sub Committee is in favour of allowing shooters to shoot in the side by side event as well as the main event at English Skeet Championships. However, further research and a business case needs to be undertaken by the proposer and fed back to the English Skeet Sub Committee and the CPSA Board before a final decision can be made with clear rules etc.

Action

Tony Heeks to take this proposal to the CPSA Board.