

DTL Sub Committee Meeting
4th October 2014 held at Nottingham Gun Club

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tony Heeks – Chairman
Paul Chaplow- North Region
Carl Smith- East Midlands Region
John Offord- South East Region
Roger Wilson South West Region
Bob Kibblewhite- West Midlands Region
Alison Dupree- England Team Manager
Jane Rowland
John Stevenson
Shane Smith
Russ Holden
Dave Hinchliffe
Ken Rimington
James Holden

Note taker- Linda Heeks

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was opened at 2.30pm. The Chairman, Tony Heeks thanked everyone for turning up and for giving up their time to attend. He thanked Carl Smith of Nottingham Gun Club for allowing us to use the facilities at Nottingham Gun Club to hold the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Jane Rowland, John Offord, Roger Wilson and Shane Smith who sent their thoughts and comments about the agenda items by e mail prior to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PORTED BARRELS AND CHOKES

The existing rule states:

2.39 For the disciplines of English Skeet, Skeet Doubles, English Sporting and Sportrap, the use of guns with ported barrels, ventilated or otherwise, choke attachments and recoil reducers in any form are allowed.

2.40 For the disciplines of Down the Line, Single Barrel, Double Rise, Handicap by Distance and Automatic Ball Trap, stock recoil reducers and ported barrels are allowed but ventilated barrel attachments are not.

The use of ported barrels and chokes for trap disciplines was discussed and it was felt that the use of both ported barrels and chokes should be allowed.

Decision

The committee proposed that Ported barrels and chokes should be allowed for all trap disciplines and the existing rule should be changed

Action

Tony Heeks to take forward this proposal to the CPSA Board.

2. CLARIFICATION OF DTL SELECTION PROCEDURE

Discussion took place regarding various aspects of the DTL selection procedure including: Size of the DTL Home International team, age of veteran and super veteran categories, possible introduction of Super Veteran category at Home International events.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the number of shooters invited to shoot the DTL selection shoots which is currently 120 seniors (open), 20 Ladies, 20 Juniors and 20 Veterans. Over past few years the total number of 120 senior(open) places have not been filled, but veterans places have been oversubscribed.

It was suggested that if places are available in the Senior (open) category that they can be filled from any other category i.e. Ladies, Junior or Veteran if that category is over subscribed. However, where a shooter chooses to fill a place in the Senior (open) category they can **only** shoot and qualify for an England Team place as a Senior and would remain in the Senior category for all England Team events i.e. Home International, European and World Teams for that year.

The only exception will be the Veteran category when a Super Veteran Team is required.

Decision

The committee proposed that the above should be adopted for selection of the England Team in the future.

Action

Tony Heeks to take this proposal to the CPSA Board.

3. SQUADDING IN ORDER OF SCORE NOT CATEGORY

The general feeling was that at selection shoots, shooters should be squadded in order of qualifying score and not the Category they shoot in. The results from a recent vote of DTL shooters was 63 were in favour of shooting in order of score and 25 were against.

Decision

The committee proposed that the above should be adopted and the selection procedure changed to squadding in order of score.

Action

Tony Heeks to take this proposal to the CPSA Board.

4. RULE RE LOST TARGET DUE TO TECHNICAL ERROR

Discussion took place as to whether a target should be lost due to a technical error e.g. leaving safety catch on, not loading a cartridge or selecting the wrong barrel when shooting Single Barrel disciplines.

Decision

The committee felt that most shooters will encounter some form of technical error at some time during their shooting career, the onus should be on the shooter to ensure that the gun is ready to fire, therefore the existing rule should remain unchanged.

5. RE-INTRODUCE PRACTICE TARGET

The Committee discussed the re-introduction of a practice target on the first layout of all 100 target registered events. It was felt that the re-introduction would be welcomed by most regular DTL shooters and would be one way of possibly avoiding technical error e.g. leaving safety catch on.

Decision

The committee proposed that the practice target should be re-introduced at the start of all 100 registered targets, selection shoots and shoot off's.

Action

Tony Heeks to take this proposal to the CPSA Board.

6. SEMI AUTOMATICS –THE FITTING OF DEFLECTORS WHEN USED IN COMPETITION

The Committee acknowledged that shooting on a line when a shooter is using a Semi Automatic shotgun can be a distraction to the shooter stood on the next peg. The fitting of a deflector could be a solution, however it is not known whether deflectors are available for all makes of semi automatic shotgun.

Decision

The committee felt that the use of a deflector could not be enforced without finding out whether deflectors are available for all makes of Semi-Automatic shotgun and that the manufacturer of that shotgun would endorse the use of a deflector with their gun.

Action

Bob Kibblewhite agreed to investigate further by contacting shot gun manufacturers.

7. ENGLISH OPEN AND DOUGALL DTL CHAMIONSHIPS

A discussion took place about possibly splitting the holding of the English Open and Dougall DTL Championship into two separate events to allow more shooting grounds to host the events. It was felt that there are only a few shooting grounds who can host the events and at present there was little incentive for existing shooting grounds to make the investment to install more DTL layouts.

Decision

The committee felt that whilst it would be good to have more shooting grounds who could host the English and Dougall, the splitting of the two shoots would mean more cost for the shooter who would have addition travel costs etc. to shoot the DTL selection shoots. Therefore, the shoots should remain together for the time being.

8. ENGLAND TEAM CAPTAINCY

The current process for selection of an England Team Captain was discussed. The Captaincy of England is offered to the person who has most appearances (caps). If that person declines to accept the role of Captain for a particular event currently they will then be reconsidered as Captain on next occasion.

Decision

The Committee proposed that when a shooter declines to take up the role of Captain at any event that their tally for number of appearances (caps) should revert to zero. They would then have to build up the number of caps before being offered the Captaincy again in future years, unless there were any mitigating circumstances to be taken into consideration.

Action

Tony Heeks to take this proposal to the CPSA Board.

The Chairman, Tony Heeks thanked everyone for their contribution and closed the meeting at 4 p.m.