

English Small bore Shooting Union

Open Meeting and Confined English Championships

Rules and Conditions of Entry

Rule Authority

All Rifle, Pistol and Air-Gun competitions will be shot under current ISSF rules as far as range conditions permit. Equipment Control will apply but ISSF and GBR EC certificates will be accepted. Particular attention will be made of the use of optical enhancements to the rifle foresight. This is not permitted.

Statutory liability

All persons attending this Meeting are reminded of their statutory liability in respect of their possession and handling of firearms and ammunition. Competitors are required to make a declaration on the entry form that they are entitled to use the type and class of firearm for the competition(s) that they enter by virtue of their membership of a Home Office approved Club, or other authority. Acceptance of an entry is conditional on the declarations being signed by each competitor. The Organising Committee reserves the right to examine this authorisation and refuse to accept an entry where this cannot be proven.

Eligibility for English Championship Titles

All events are 'Open' to all comers.

NOTE: Only individuals who are current Members of the ESSU are eligible to compete in the 'English Championship' in any event. Membership must valid for at least TWO WEEKS before the first day of the Championships

Entries

Entries must be made on the official entry form but this may be copied or downloaded from this website. Only one entry is allowed for each competitor for the purposes of the Open meeting or the English Championships.

Data Protection Act 1998 Notice

Data on entrants will be held on a personal computer by the ESSU, for the purposes of maintaining its Register of Competitors and the publishing of results. This data will only comprise a Name, Nationality, contact telephone or e-mail address, and the scores achieved. The Competition Organiser is the designated representative under the Act. By entering the Championships and signing the entry form you are giving consent for the ESSU to keep and use information about you for this purpose. The entry-forms containing your details will be retained in their original form for a period of 2 years after the Championships. Results will be maintained by electronic means indefinitely for the purposes of future reference and maintaining historical records, and as such will be displayed on the ESSU website. The website display will be confined to a table of results showing a Name, Nationality and scores achieved for each competition entered. Individuals who do not wish their full name to be displayed on the website must indicate this in the appropriate place on the entry form. In this case, results will display your initials and Country only.

Squadding Notices, Firing-Points and Score Printouts

All events will be squadded. All Competitors will be sent a notice by e-mail which will state their Name, Competitor Number, Date, Time and Range for all competitions entered. Firing points will be allocated by the Championship Organiser and displayed on the notice-board at the rear of each range. The Chief Range Officer has the authority to re-allocate firing-points as necessary.

It will be the responsibility of each competitor to arrive at their designated firing-point at the correct time otherwise the event may only be fired at the discretion of the Championship Committee provided that there is a spare firing point available and a valid reason why the allotted time was not adhered to.

At the conclusion of each shoot each competitor should sign their printouts or score-cards and return them to the Range Officer or Classification Jury.

Note: The time shown on the squadding notice is the 'Start time' when the first match shot may be fired. Athletes will be "called to the line" 30 minutes before that time. A 10/15-minute 'preparation and sighting time' precedes the start time.

Elimination and Qualification Rounds

If there are more entries than range space available, elimination relays will be held to decide which shooters will progress to the Qualification Round. The number of shooters from each elimination relay will be calculated in accordance with the number of starters*, and will be prominently displayed on the notice-board.

*ISSF rules define that a shooter has 'started' once the first sighting-shot has been fired.

Junior Competitions

Juniors are defined by ISSF Rules as follows: ***"...Athletes will remain as Juniors until the 31st December of the year in which they become 21 years of age. Any athlete born between the 1st January and the 31st December, will cease to be a Junior on the 31st December of that year..."***

Junior Competitions are concurrent with the Championship events and may not be entered or competed separately. No additional entry fees are payable. In 50m competitions where there are elimination relays, juniors will be squadded in the same relay if possible. The winners will be the highest placed individual in the event, including Finals. If there are no Juniors in the Finals then the highest score in the Qualification round will count. Trophies may only be won by ESSU members but Certificates will be awarded to the top three Juniors in each event.

Electronic targets

Electronic Scoring Targets (EST) will be under the central control. Athletes should check that their name is correctly displayed on their monitor screens. Before the start of Preparation and Sighting time.

Open Championships - Allocation of Medals

Medals will be awarded subject to the following:

1 to 5 Competitors

"Gold" medal only.

5 to 8 Competitors

"Gold" and "Silver" medals.

9 or more Competitors

"Gold" "Silver" and "Bronze" medals.

English Championships - (Only current members of the ESSU are eligible)

The Title of 'English Champion' and the associated trophy will be awarded to eligible competitors in each Championship event.

Posting of Results, Challenges and Protests

In events which run throughout the Championships, scores will be posted at regular intervals on the Championships notice board. These will be regularly updated, ranked, and marked "INTERIM RESULT" until such time as all scores have been processed. These result sheets will then be posted showing "RESULT".

For events which take place in a single relay or detail, scorecards or printer strips must be returned to the Championship Statistics office immediately after the conclusion of the competition. Result sheets will be posted as soon as practicable after the scores have been collated. All such result sheets will show the time of publication, and show "FINAL RESULT". After the Meeting has closed, all results will be available for downloading from the ESSU Website – www.essu.org.uk

Challenges: In all competitions where scores are recorded on the range, competitors must check the scores and additions carefully before signing them. Only challenges concerning incorrect addition may be made to Championship Stats. Office, as challenges concerning the scoring value of a shot cannot be resolved subsequently. Scores recorded on electronic targets may not be challenged except immediately after the shot is fired, in accordance with ISSF rules. No challenges will be accepted after TEN MINUTES of the publication of the competition Final Results unless a genuine mistake in recording of the scores can be shown.

Verbal protests: These may be made and decided on the ranges immediately by the Range Officer or Chief Range Officer. If the protest is resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned then no further action is necessary, no protest fee is payable, and a brief report of the circumstances may be made by the RO to the Organising Committee if considered justified.

Written protests: If a Shooter or Team Official does not agree with the decisions of a Range Officer or Championship Officials in matters concerning breaches or interpretation of the competition rules or on any other matter that is likely to influence the results of any competition, then a written protest must be submitted on a form obtainable at Championship Reception. This written protest must be received by the Championship Organising Committee no later than TEN MINUTES after the matter in question, and a fee of £5.00 is payable. A shooter or team official has the right to submit a written protest without making a verbal protest. A Jury comprising three members of the ESSU Championship Committee will consider all written appeals, which will be decided by a majority vote. The decision, giving reasons, will be notified in writing.

If there is disagreement with the Jury decision, the matter may be appealed to a Jury of Appeal. Such appeals must be submitted in writing by the Shooter or his/her representative no later than ONE HOUR after the Jury decision has been announced, and a further fee of £10.00 is payable. The Jury of Appeal will comprise three members of the Championship Committee, or other persons holding ISSF or National judging qualifications, who were not on the original Jury. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal will be notified in writing, and may not be further appealed. If the protest or subsequent appeal is upheld, all fees will be returned.

English Championship competitions and trophies

50m Rifle Men	The Eley Trophy
50m Rifle Women	The Iris Trophy
3 x 20 Rifle Men	The Caffarata Trophy
3 x 20 Rifle Women	The Women's 3-Position Goblet
Air Sport Pistol Men	The Hunter Trophy
Air Sport Pistol Women	The Ted Newton-Brazier Trophy
50m Pistol	The Caffarata Memorial Plate
Junior Men Air Sport Pistol	The Gill Goodfellow Plate
Junior Women Air Sport Pistol	The George Darling Plate

Open Meeting Trophy

50m Rifle Men	The Booker Trophy
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All trophies will be held by the winner for one year only and must be returned as notified on the ESSU website in good time for the Championships of the following year. Alternatively, trophies may be professionally engraved at the winners' own expense and returned to the Championships. The Awards Officer or Championship Organiser must be informed of your intentions in this respect.