

## SSS Postal League 2020/2021 Rules and Regulations

The purpose of this postal league is to allow greater access to competition and encourage participation amongst Scottish Institutions, particularly for those who are unable to make it to any weekend-away matches. Furthermore, this league aims to provide an easily accessible platform for students from Institutions which do not have a full rifle team who wish to be involved in Scottish Student Sport rifle competitions. We look forward to seeing you getting involved!

### **Eligibility:**

All students currently matriculated at a Scottish University or College are eligible to compete.

### **Competitions:**

1. Mixed Triad (Team of 3, Mixed Gender, 10 cards)-  
Teams will be put into divisions based upon their total team average.  
Teams must be arranged in order of submitted average, i.e.: a club's A Team must comprise of the 3 competitors from that club with the highest submitted average (excluding individuals who are not entered into the team competition), etc.  
Competitors in a team must all be matriculated at the same University or College.
2. Individual League (Multiple Individuals, Mixed Gender, 10 Cards)  
Three divisions A (Average 94.0 and above), B (93.99 and below) and Novice (began target shooting for the first time in that academic year).  
\*Anyone entered into the Mixed Triad will be automatically added to the list of Individuals entered after the deadlines are closed so there is no need to enter twice\*
3. Novice Individual and Novice Triad (Mixed Team of 3) - 8 cards  
The Novice competition is open later than the individual and is designed for shooters who have been shooting for less than 6 months and who may not always get to travel to competitions. The novice competition is run similarly to the other competitions, but with 8 cards instead of 10, to be shot later in the year.  
Competitors in a team must all be matriculated at the same University or College and must all be classed as a novice.

### **Entry Fees:**

£10 per team and £3 per individual. Please note that students can only pay by card using this system and invoices should be discussed with your institution.

### **Prizes:**

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for the Individual competition subject to sufficient entry in each class. Sufficient entry requirements are detailed as follows:

10 or fewer entries: Gold medal awarded.

11-20 entries: Gold and silver medals awarded.

21 or more entries: Gold, silver and bronze medals awarded.

Gold medals for members of the winning team in all divisions of the Team competition.

### **Competition Format:**

1. All averages (individual and team) and location of shooting must be declared to the coordinator before the competition begins. Average should be based on competitors' average from the previous season of the SSS Postal League.  
If the competitor did not enter the previous season, then an average from other postal leagues from the previous season may be used.  
If the competitor has no previous postal scores to refer to, other competition scores may be used to provide an average.  
For competitors new to target shooting or those without a competition average, e.g. novices, an average may be taken from the best 5 of their previous 8 practice scores.  
The Coordinator reserves the right to request proof of a competitors' average and failure to produce this may lead to reclassification of their average, deduction of points or disqualification of scores.
2. The competition can only be shot on NSRA Approved Standard 10 Bull Targets. Clubs shooting on ranges other than 25 yards ranges may use the NSRA Approved targets for their range length.
3. The cards must be shot and then witnessed and dated by an approved official (Match Secretary, Captain, President or Secretary).
4. Cards must be shot BEFORE the Last Date For Shooting, unless an extension has been granted by the SSS chair. Extensions must be applied for at least 5 days in advance of the date the card is due. Competitors may shoot cards as far ahead of time as they wish.
5. Cards will be marked before being shot with a sticker behind the any diagram of the card. Stickers will be provided by the Coordinator.  
Any club failing to properly attach stickers will be liable to have affected cards disqualified from the competition.
6. Cards will be submitted at each GP, or by mail, to the SSS chair or appointed scorer. Postage fees will be at the clubs' own expense.
7. Winners will be awarded their prizes at the end of season Awards Ceremony.

### **League Format**

#### **Individual League**

- Points in each division will be allocated on the same basis as the SSS GP Series Individual competition, as noted below:

1st - 22 Points	6th - 8 Points
2nd - 18 Points	7th - 6 Points
3rd - 15 Points	8th - 4 Points
4th - 12 Points	9th - 2 Points
5th - 10 Points	10th - 1 Point

1. Points will be awarded equally to all competitors who achieve a score which earns points in each round.  
For example, if three competitors score 99 in a round and no competitor scores 100, then all three will be awarded 22 points. All competitors who score 98 in the round would be

awarded 18 points, etc. If no competitors had scored 98 in the round, then 18 points would be awarded to any competitors who had scored 97.

2. Divisions will be decided on the total number of points won throughout the season. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on total gunscore. If this fails to provide a winner then the tie will be broken based on score countback beginning with Round 10.

#### **Team League**

- Points will be allocated based on the number of teams in each division. For example, in a division with 5 teams the winning team in each round will receive 5 points, the second placed team 4 points, etc.
  - If there is a tie both teams will receive the higher number of points available. Teams below a tie will receive the same number of points they would have received had there not been a tie. For example, if two teams tie for first place both will receive first place points. The team below them will receive third place points.
3. Divisions of the team league will be decided on total points won over the season. In the event of a tie the team with the highest total gunscore over the season will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, then the tie will be broken on score countback beginning with Round 10.

#### **Novice League**

Operates in the manner of the Individual and Team, with 2 fewer cards.

#### **Substitutions**

1. In the event that a member of a team cannot participate or withdraws from the competition, a substitute may be used.
2. Any substitute should take place in discussion with the current SSS Coordinator.
3. Any substitute should ideally remain within the classifications of the shooters so an A team may be made up of A class or a mix of A and B class shooters but unless unavoidable, a B team should not contain an A class shooter
4. Any substitute should have an equal or lower average to the competitor they replace. Averages for substitutes should be declared to the Coordinator at the time of submission of their cards. Substitute averages should be calculated in the same way as other team members.
5. In the event that no substitute is available with an equal or lower average than a team member, clubs may apply to the Coordinator for an extension.
6. In the event that a competitor withdraws from the competition and no substitute can be found with a lower or equal average, a substitute with a higher average may be used subject to a penalty per card equal to the difference in submitted averages rounded up to the nearest whole number.

#### **Late entries**

1. First late submission per individual will be given a free pass so as not to penalise external circumstances etc. but will be accompanied by a warning that a second late card will be

penalised as below (this is more lenient than official league postals but reflects the student-oriented setup of SSS and serves not to discourage shooters).

2. Second late submission incurs a penalty of one grade band on the point allocation. This means that, rather than penalise their particular score, individuals are penalised in the points system. For example, if their particular score for that round would result in 15 points had it not been late, the shooter will be allocated 12 points for this particular late submission.
3. A third late submission will not be accepted, and this will also impact the team event, with no reallocation of teams except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the current chair.

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