

SSS Rifle Indoor Championships 2022/2023
Rules and Regulations

Indoor Championships

The Indoor Championship takes place after the conclusion of the GP Series. It is usually held in the middle of second semester at a neutral (non-University affiliated) range. It is a one-off competition therefore no prior scores are taken into consideration. This is a shoulder-to-shoulder competition consisting of 2 cards per individual as well as a final for the top 8 shooters on the day, in which their 'qualifying' scores are reset to 0. Note there is no Novice class for this competition.

Entry

Individuals must be entered into the SSS Playwaze system before the event deadline. All competitions are mixed gender apart from the Ladies Triad and Ladies Individual. Competitors entering the Ladies events should identify as female and have set their gender on Playwaze as female, non-binary or 'prefer not to say'.

Captains must submit a list of teams via the Playwaze system. Teams should then be confirmed with the Chair in person prior to commencement of the first detail of the match. An empty detail sheet will be published by the Chair well ahead of time before the match. Captains must ensure all those competing on the day are signed up to a detail before the competition begins.

Non-affiliated Universities

An individual from a non-affiliated institution may compete for an affiliated institution provided that the individual is covered under their club's shooting insurance policy as per the [SSS Playing For Another Institution Policy](#).

For team competitions, there is a limit on non-affiliated students per team as follows:

Team of 8: 2 non-affiliated students per team

Team of 4: 1 non-affiliated student per team

Ladies Triad: 1 non-affiliated student per team

Pairs: 1 non-affiliated student per pair

A non-affiliated student competing as an individual for their home institution is liable to pay a fee of £10 which covers entry to the Indoor Championships. Non-affiliated institutions and their students may not enter the Indoor Championships in any category other than 'Individual' (including A, B and C Class).

Eligibility

All competitors must meet the minimum legal requirements to shoot. Any questions regarding what constitutes the requirements should be directed to the SSS Chair. Captains may also wish to consult the Firearms section of the [Police Scotland website](#) and [Home Office Guide on Firearms Licensing](#). If for any reason a captain feels that a competitor does not meet the necessary requirements, they should bring this to the attention of the Chair immediately.

Team and Pairs Competitions

Team of 8

Winner will be decided by the team that has the highest score. In the event of a tie, the team with the higher aggregate of their second cards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the team with the greater number of centre-tens ('spot bulls') on their second cards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the trophy is to be shared jointly.

Team of 4

Same as Team of 8

Ladies Triad

Same as Team of 8

Pairs

There will be three classes of pairs – A, B and C - based on the classification of the highest ranked member of each pair. For example, an A Class competitor and B Class competitor paired together would be entered in the A Pairs competition.

Winner will be determined by the pair that has the highest score. In the event of a tie, the pair with the highest aggregate of their second cards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the pair with the greater number of centre-tens ('spot bulls') on their second cards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the win is to be shared jointly.

Individual Competitions

A, B and C Class

Winner in each class will be determined by the individual that has the highest score. In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest score on their second card will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the competitor with the greater number of centre-tens ('spot bulls') on their second card will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the win is to be shared jointly.

Ladies Individual (Talbot Trophy)

Winner is to be determined by the highest scoring female competitor on the day regardless of class (A, B and C Class female competitors are all eligible to win this competition. In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest score on their second card will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the competitor with the greater number of centre-tens ('spot bulls') on their second card will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the win is to be shared jointly.

Individual Final

An Individual Final for the Overall Individual Champion will be held between the 8 highest scorers on the day regardless of class (A, B and C Class competitors are all eligible to qualify for the Final). In the event of a tie for a place in the final, the competitor with the highest score on their second card will qualify. If this fails to determine a qualifier, the competitor with the greater number of centre-tens ('spot bulls') on their second card will qualify.

The Final is to comprise a further two cards (not taking into account qualifying scores, all qualifier scores reset to 0 for the purpose of deciding the Final result). This may be shot on electronic targets, if available, so may be decided on decimal score. If shot on paper targets, the winner will be determined in the same manner as the Individual Classes.

Competition Format

Each competition includes 2 x 10 diagram cards with unlimited sighters. Each detail is 10 minutes with times announced at 5 min, 2 min, 1 min, 30 s and a countdown from 10 s. There is a 1-minute preparation time before the detail in which competitors may shoulder rifles, but must not load live ammunition. Any scoring shots fired outside the 10 minutes detail must not be counted. Any incidents such as cross firing must be brought to the attention of the scorer and SSR Chair by the Range Officer as soon as possible.

Targets

The front of the targets should remain blank. Back of the target should have: Name, University, Firing Point Number, Detail time, and which card (Card 1 or Card 2). Card 1 must be shot before Card 2. If a card marked 'Card 2' is shot first, it will still be considered the second card for tie-breaking purposes.

Range Officers

Each university must take it in turns to do their fair share of range officer duties, allocated using the detail sheet. Range Officers must have completed an approved Range Conducting Officer course.

Awards

For any competitions, medals need to be 'won', for example Gold requires at least 2 competitors in the category. Some of the competitions have Trophies available. Trophies should be returned to the Sports Chair before the awards ceremony. Presentation of awards will take place at the annual awards ceremony.

Trophies should be engraved by the winning club as soon as possible after the event and at the absolute latest by 31st July each year.

Classes

The shooters will be reclassified before the Championships based on their best 8 scores from the previous season, excluding any exceptionally low scores (8 or more points below the shooter's overall average).

Any new competitors must shoot three consecutive cards witnessed by their club captain under timed match conditions, and their averages submitted to the Chair before they compete in the Championships. Competitors who have shot .22 prone in this format (such as school, cadets, or club) should provide an average based on their most recent competitive scores.

There will be three classes - A (Average 94.5 and above), B (94.49-92.0), and C Class (91.99 and below). The Class boundary averages may be changed, subject to a simple majority vote of the captains and Chair, to try and achieve roughly a 30/40/30 split of participants between A/B/C class.

Kit

Rifles and equipment must conform to NSRA Rules, Section 8. Teams are expected to provide their



own kit, there is no expectation that the host club provide any kit to visiting teams and any decision to do so is entirely at the discretion of the host club.

Appropriate hearing protection must be worn while shooting. A jacket, glove, and sling are required for all competitors, those without will not be allowed to participate. Only legal ammunition is allowed, homemade ammunition is strictly forbidden. All rifles must have serial numbers, any which do not will be reported to the police. Rifles must be safe at all times, with breach flags in and clearly visible or bolts out when not shooting a detail.

Challenges

Any recorded score may be challenged by the shooter or the team captain until 15 minutes after the last detail of the day has finished. A £1 deposit must be paid for each card challenged. The deposits will be returned if the challenge is upheld. A card may only be challenged once and the challenge is the final score. Shooters and captains should be aware that scores may be lowered as a result of the re-scoring process.

Coaching

Coaching novice shooters is not permitted at the Indoor Championships. Any novice shooter who is unable to confidently and safely participate in the Indoor Championships without a coach should not be entered into the competition. Any uncertainty about a particular individual's ability to confidently and safely participate in the Indoor Championships should be discussed with the Chair prior to entries being submitted.