

## SSS Outdoor Championships and ISSF 2022/2023 Rules & Regulations

### Outdoor Championships and ISSF Match

The Outdoor Championship and ISSF match take place after the Indoor Championships. It is usually held in late March at Denwood Ranges. It is a one-off competition therefore no prior scores are taken into consideration. The Outdoor Championship consists of 4 cards per individual (2 @ 50m and 2 @ 100 yards) and the ISSF Match is a 60-shot competition on electronic targets at 50m. 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 Outdoor 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 at 100 yards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the team with the higher aggregate of both their cards at 100 yards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the team with the higher aggregate of their second cards at 50m 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 higher aggregate of their second cards at 100 yards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the pair with the higher aggregate of both their cards at 100 yards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the pair with the higher aggregate of their second cards at 50m 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 will be determined by the individual that has the highest score. In the event of a tie, the individual with the highest score on their second card at 100 yards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the individual with the highest aggregate of both their cards at 100 yards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the individual with the highest score on their second cards at 50m will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the win is to be shared jointly.

#### Ladies Individual (Ville de Pontoise 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 individual with the highest score on their second card at 100 yards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the individual with the highest aggregate of both their cards at 100 yards will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the individual with the highest score on their second cards at 50m will be declared the winner. If this fails to produce a winner, the win is to be shared jointly.

### Competition Format

Each competition includes 2 x 20 shot cards with unlimited sighters at each distance – 50m and 100 yards. Each detail is 20 minutes with times announced at 10 min, 5 min, 2 min, 1 min, 30s and a countdown from 10s. There is a one-minute preparation time before the detail in which competitors may shoulder rifles but must not load live ammunition. Any scoring shots fired outside the 20 minutes detail must not be counted. Any incidents such as cross-firing must be brought to the attention of the scorer and SSS Chair by the Range Officer as soon as is 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 at each distance). 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 10 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 and above), B (Below 94-90.0), and C Class (Below 90). 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 Outdoor 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.

#### ISSF Match

The ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) Match is an international-style competition shot on electronic targets at 50 meters using the decimal scoring format. Full information can be found on the ISSF [website](#) within the rifle [hand book](#).

#### 60 Shot Match

Competitors will shoot 60 match shots in 50 minutes. This is preceded by a 15min setup period and a 15min preparation and sighting period. Timings will be shown on the target screen and competitors are allowed to get up during the competition, however they will not be able to go back to their sighters. This is the qualifying round for the ISSF final.

#### Final

The final will consist of the top 8 competitors, using the official ISSF knockout format. The ISSF handbook outlines the format in full detail. To replicate something of the atmosphere of an ISSF final the other shooters should be invited to watch the final on the 50m range and cheer on their teammates.