

LOTHIAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Regulations for League Competition (Indoor)

1. Shooting of matches must take place between 1st October and 31st March of each season inclusive.
2. All ranges upon which matches are fired must meet with the approval of the Executive Committee. All target frames should be numbered.
3. Club representatives should meet in September of each year to arrange fixtures for the ensuing Season. A list of fixtures must be sent to the League Secretary and the Association Secretary not later than seven days after the Fixture Meeting and before any match is fired. The Executive Committee shall have power to disallow any score made in any match if the fixture list is not in the hands of the Secretaries concerned.
4. Teams shall be classified in such number of graded divisions as the Executive Committee may determine, the allocation of teams to divisions being determined by the averages of team members as declared on the entry form.
5. Clubs having more than one team shall designate the highest 'A' the next 'B' and so on.
6. No individual may fire for more than one Club in any one Season.

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION OF NOMINATED TEAM MEMBERS

No nominated Team Member can be relegated to a lower team unless he/she has had the lowest average of the higher team for the last two consecutive matches and then only if the promoted Member has a corresponding higher average. No nominated Team Member can be demoted to a lower Team on or after the 15th February in the current Season.

NOMINATED TEAM MEMBERS - TEMPORARY ABSENCE

When a nominated Team Member is prevented by temporary sickness or other unavoidable reason from taking his/her position in the Team, the vacancy will be filled by the best available Member not nominated for a higher team. Temporary representation in a higher team will not prejudice a Member's lower team status. However, if any nominated Team Member is absent for consecutive matches, the position must be filled as per the above rule on PROMOTION and RELEGATION. Relegation will not be permitted after 15th February in the current Season.

THE LEAGUE SECRETARY MUST BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED OF ALL CHANGES IN NOMINATED TEAM MEMBERS.

7. Teams shall consist of four members, all scores counting. Each match consists of two cards per team member (i.e. twenty shots). Each team member may fire up to five sighting shots followed by ten consecutive counting shots on each of their two cards.
8. Matches may be shot at 15, 20 or 25 yards but the diagrams on the targets shall be in proportion to those on the N.S.R.A. Match Target for 25 yards. In shoulder-to-shoulder matches there shall be on the targets a special diagram to be used only for sighting shots. No competitor shall have a match card and a practice card on the butt at the same time.

9. The matches shall be Home and Away unless a City and Country Club or two Country Clubs agree to fire postal matches, in which case one representative may be detailed by each team to be present as their official Witness whilst their opponents are firing. A member of another Club taking part in the League shall be eligible as a Witness. In Postal matches the date of shooting must be adhered to unless a change is mutually agreed on and intimated to the League Secretary. Ten bull targets will be used for Postal Matches. Concurrent shooting is not allowed.
10. Postal Matches must be arranged on a home and away basis. The Secretary of the Home club shall include with the fired targets two stamped result cards; one card addressed to the League Secretary and the other to himself. The Secretary of the Away Club shall include with the fired targets one stamped result card addressed to himself. Shot Targets (with results cards) must be posted to the League Secretary within three days after the fixture date
11. In Postal Matches, each Club is responsible for ensuring that the Match Targets reach the opposing team in time for the agreed fixture date. A delay in receipt may result in disqualification. Proof of posting can be obtained from the Post Office.
12. Two points will be awarded for a win, one point for a tie.
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 - (a) The winners of a division shall be the team scoring the largest number of points.
 - (b) Before a team can qualify for a Championship award or a competitor qualify for an individual average award the Team of Competitor MUST have shot in at least SIX Shoulder-to-Shoulder matches.
 - (c) In the event of two or more teams tying for top place, such teams shall compete in a match to be shot on a neutral range.
 - (d) Neutral ranges under (c) shall be chosen and the conditions of the match shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
14. In the event of a team retiring from any section of the League before firing 75% of the complete number of matches, all the league matches in which a team has taken part shall be deleted from the records.
15. Captains shall be held responsible that matches are not delayed by practice after the agreed-on time of starting, which shall be 8 p.m. unless otherwise arranged. No match, however, shall commence later than 9 p.m. and the last shooting detail must be available to shoot by 9.30 p.m. In the event of a full team failing to appear, the opposing team will claim the points but need not shoot their cards. The Captain, who need not necessarily shoot, is the sole authority in respect of his team during the course of a match and all team members must obey his orders. The Captain will be responsible to the Executive Committee for the observance of these regulations in letter and in spirit.

Pre-match practice is by mutual agreement of the Captains.
16. The target may be brought back to the firing point once only, and that after the last sighting shot.
17. Teams must make their own arrangements for spotting.
18. Each individual member of a visiting team is to have the option of selecting the target at which to fire, and of assuming the appropriate position on the firing platform. A left-handed shot or shots in either team should assume the right-handed position on the firing platform.

19. (a) In the event of a sighting shot or shots appearing on a counting diagram, the opposing Captain or Official Witness to be notified before a counting shot is fired. No points will be deducted under the circumstances for this error. If no notification is made to the opposing Captain, or in Postal Matches to the Official Witness, or where and Official Witness has not been appointed, the highest scoring shot or shots on the counting diagram containing more than two shots will be regarded as sighter(s) and, in addition, a penalty of one point will be enforced for each shot in excess on the diagram.
- (b) In the event of a counting shot or shots being placed on the sighter the lowest value shot or shots in excess of five on the sighter will be regarded as the counter(s) and, in addition, a penalty of one point will be enforced for each shot in excess on the sighter.
20. All targets, immediately shooting thereon is finished, must be taken possession of by the Team Captain. No person other than the Captain of each team is allowed to handle the Targets. The value of these targets must be determined immediately. If, on the adjudication of the target values, any dispute relating thereto arises, the score may be challenged. The targets in dispute, with statement in writing by each Captain, must be forwarded to the League Secretary of the Association accompanied by a deposit of 5p (five new pence) from each Captain in respect of each target within three days of the match. Only 5p shall be sent by each Captain although more than one shot is disputed out of those fired by any one team member. Deposits in respect of challenges which are upheld shall be returned. The adjudication of such disputed targets will be made by the Executive Committee. The usual result card intimating the scores to which no exception is taken, duly signed by both Captains, must be sent within three days. In the event of one Captain failing to make a deposit he/she shall be held to have agreed to the opposing Captain's claim.
21. The result of a shoulder-to-shoulder League match must be intimated to the League Secretary of the Association within three days of its being shot by the Secretary of the home club.
22. In the event of any dispute arising, the Secretary of the aggrieved Club shall intimate to the League Secretary of the Association within three days of the purports of such protests for arbitration purposes by the Executive Committee, and pending a decision all matches must be fired.
23. Unless otherwise stated in the foregoing regulations of the Association, the Rules and Regulations which appear in the current N.S.R.A. Handbook shall apply to the League Competition.
24. Any breach of the foregoing regulations, on being proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, may be penalised by the imposition fines, deduction of points, cancellation and re-firing of matches, suspension of Teams or individual members thereof, etc., as may be deemed to meet the case adequately. The Executive Committee shall have power to settle, after consideration, any matter not dealt with in the foregoing regulations. They shall also be the sole interpreter of these Regulations in the event of a question arising therefrom.

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Individual Awards for Highest Averages

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN LEAGUE

The competitor who completes the requisite number of matches and has the highest average in the League Competition will be awarded a silver gilt medal.

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN EACH DIVISION

The competitor other than the winner of the silver gilt medal, who completes the requisite number of matches and has the highest average in his/her regular division will be awarded a gilt medal.

Note: No gilt medal will be awarded for the Division which contains the winner of the silver gilt medal)

CONDITIONS

1. All scores registered throughout the Season in the indoor league competition will be taken into account for the calculation of the average.
2. Before an individual can qualify for an award he/she must have shot in at least a number of matches equal to all but two of the total number of matches per team in his/her regular division.
3. Where a competitor has shot throughout the season in the one division then that division will be regarded as his/her division.
4. Where a competitor has shot in more than one division then the regular division will be regarded as that in which he/she has shot most matches; should the number of matches shot in two (or more) divisions be equal then the regular division will be the higher (or highest) division.
5. The Award to the individual will be made against the regular division as defined above.
6. No individual can win a League award unless he/she has shot at least three times shoulder-to-shoulder in AWAY matches.
7. In accordance with the Regulations for League Competition (Indoor), before a team can qualify for a Championship award or a Competitor qualify for an individual average award, the Team or Competitor MUST have shot in at least SIX shoulder-to-shoulder matches.
8. In the event of a tie for any of the above awards, a shoulder-to-shoulder tie-shoot will take place among the individuals involved. This tie-shoot shall take place during the first week in April on a neutral range to be determined by the Executive Committee. It shall consist of two cards shot under the standard rules for the League. The winner of the award shall be the competitor with the higher/highest score on these tie cards. If the scores are equal, then graduated gauges will be used on the tie cards to determine the winner.

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Matchplay League

A Matchplay League will run concurrently with the existing league. This will take the following form:

1. Before any shot is fired in any match, the Home team captain will write down the names of his/her team members in any order. The Away team captain will pair each of his/her team members against the Home team nominations. Each pair of Home and Away shooters will contest a one-to-one match between themselves, concurrently with the main match.
2. The match will then proceed and when the scores have been produced, the Matchplay results can be determined. The team of each shooter who wins his/her individual match will be awarded two points, and one point if there is a tie. There are eight Matchplay points available in each match. There is no requirement to put these points on the results postcard.
3. The League Secretary will collate the scores and keep a tally of the points won by each team, and at the end of the league programme an award will be made to the team in each division of the League which has the highest number of Matchplay points in that division.

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