



Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

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All Cadet Units

CCRS Sponsorship for the NRA Imperial Meeting 2021

1. CCRS historically subsidises entry into the NRA Imperial Meeting each year for about 40 cadets. Selection is based on a number of criteria, and each cadet contributes £150 towards a total value of the sponsorship of over £500. It is intended that applications should be from cadets selected to shoot for the International Teams or who would not otherwise be able to afford the entry cost into the NRA Imperial. Applications from Shooting Officers for suitably qualified cadets should be made on the [linked](#) application form, to reach CCRS no later than 17 May 21.
2. **Eligibility.** In order to qualify for sponsorship, the cadet applying must fulfil the following conditions:
 - a. An active cadet in a CCF contingent or Community Cadet unit.
 - b. Seventeen or younger on 31 Aug 21.
 - c. In normal circumstances cadets would be required to have completed at least one of the following:
 - (1) Cadet Imperial.
 - (2) RCAC Phase 2 Marksmanship Course.
 - (3) NRA Imperial.

CCRS recognises that as a consequence of COVID in 2020/2021, the conditions of 2.c.1-3 are most unlikely to be met. Cadets applying for sponsorship must therefore have the following:

 - (4) Shooting Officers recommendation
 - (5) Assessed as having International Team potential for 2022 and beyond
3. Have proven experience and competence in self-coaching in a TR competition.
4. **Financial contribution.** Each successful cadet will be required to contribute £150.

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5. **Sponsorship benefits.** Each sponsored cadet will be covered for the following:
 - a. Entry into the following competitions in the NRA Imperial 2021:
 - (1) Warm up matches and Grand Aggregate.
 - (2) HM Queen's Prize.
 - (3) Donaldson Memorial, Century Aggregate and Young Rifleman's Aggregate.
 - b. Under 21 Membership of the NRA (this covers up to the end of the year in which the applicant reaches 21 years old).
 - c. Loan of rifle and equipment as required.
 - d. While messing, accommodation, transport and full pastoral care are normally provided, Brunswick accommodation is not available this year. Cadets are therefore encouraged to stay with their unit or CCF contingents where possible. Limited accommodation and messing are available on request.
6. **Application process.** Applications should be made on the Microsoft Office form at [Link](#) and sent electronically to CCRS by 17 May 21. Notification of selection will be advised as soon as possible thereafter, but in the case of International Teams' 2021 squad members this may be as late as 28 June (following Ex Maple Taste).
7. **Imperial entry.** Applicants should not enter the NRA Imperial independently. Entries will be processed as follows:
 - a. **Successful applicants.** CCRS will make the appropriate entry for all successful applicants. Cadets wishing to enter any extra aggregates or sweeps will be required to pay appropriate additional costs.
 - b. **Unsuccessful applicants.** Those cadets not selected for sponsorship who still wish to enter the NRA Imperial will be able to do so without any late entry penalty from the NRA. Advice on other possibilities for support will be available on request.
8. **Shooter Certification Card (SCC).** In order to shoot in the NRA Imperial, cadets must be in possession of an SCC. Details of how to obtain this are at Annex A.

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CCRS Shooting Manager

Annex:

A. Safe Shot Classification – 7.62mm/.308" Target Rifle

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1. All civilians shooting on any ranges must have certification that they are safe to shoot with each firearm type that they are using. For CFAV and cadets using military weapons, CLPW or CPOW on a military range on duty where a CFAV is the RCO and has signed the F906, the RHT/WHT is proof of proficiency. Note that Century and Stickledown ranges at Bisley may be covered by a 906; you will be able to find out by asking the RCO.
2. When CFAV and cadets are taking part in any shoot using a fullbore rifle on a range that does not have a military RCO who has signed for the range on an F906, each firer must have an NRA Shooter Certification Card. (SCC). If a CFAV or cadet is a member of the NRA or a fullbore rifle club and has fired in one of the NRA major events (eg Imperial Meeting) they should apply through their club secretary or, if just an NRA member, directly to the NRA using the form at their website. Otherwise they must carry out the actions detailed in this letter.
3. This certification for every individual must cover the following:
 - a. Drills that are the same as taught and tested for the L81A2:
 - (1) Proving the firearm ‘Clear’
 - (2) Loading, firing, unloading
 - (3) Handling
 - b. Safety Drills that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2; these must be specifically taught to the CFAV or cadet who must demonstrate their understanding of the different drill required. They are detailed further at Annex A.
 - (1) Misfires
 - (2) Action on hearing ‘STOP, STOP, STOP’
 - c. Protocol Drills that are additional to those taught and tested for the L81A2. They are detailed further at Annex B.
 - (1) Bisley firing point occupation, placing and etiquette
 - (2) Zeroing
 - (3) What to do if you miss the target

4. SCC for 2019 are available from the NRA; If you have any CFAV or cadet who intends to shoot on a non military range and wish to use their training and experience rather than attend an NRA Probationary course, a suitably qualified CFAV may apply to the NRA for a free SCC for a CFAV or cadet, provided that:
 - a. The CFAV or cadet has an in date RHT for the L81A2 and fullbore CLPW/CPOW.
 - b. The CFAV testing the CFAV or cadet for an SCC has an in date RHT for the L81A2 and fullbore CLPW/CPOW.
 - c. The drills at Annex A are taught to, and understood by, the CFAV or cadet and this has been demonstrated, without error, by them.
 - d. The drills at Annex B are taught to and understood by the CFAV or cadet and this has been demonstrated to a high level of understanding by them.
5. Units should complete Annex C for each CFAV or cadet and email the form along with a photograph to georgina.thatcher@nra.org.uk. A copy should be retained by the unit as a record that the CFAV or cadet has been properly assessed. All those who issue a SCC must be aware that, should an incident occur, they will be part of the subsequent investigation.

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Enclosure:

1. Safety Drills that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2
2. Protocol Drills that are additional to those taught and tested for the L81A2
3. Shooter Certification Card (SCC) – Record of Issue

Enclosure 1 - Safety Drills that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2

Reference:

A. The NRA Rules of Shooting

1. Reference A, the latest version of which is on the NRA of the UK website (nra.org.uk) details the procedures to follow for the maintenance of safety on Bisley ranges and other ranges where civilian shooting is carried out under the NRA rules. Where ranges away from Bisley are being used, the RCO must always be consulted about the procedures below and any differences noted and followed.

Action on hearing 'STOP, STOP, STOP'

2. If the RCO or any person on the range considers that there is a potential or actual breach of safety which requires all firers to stop firing he/she will immediately give the order "Stop, Stop, Stop". All firers must immediately stop firing, take their finger off the trigger, keep their firearms pointing at the target and await further instructions. No-one may unload or move off the firing point.

Misfires

3. If a misfire occurs the firer must remain on aim for at least 30 seconds and inform the RO. Under the supervision of the RO the firer should tilt the rifle to the side and open the bolt, ensuring his hand is not behind the bolt and that no one is standing behind the rifle. He must ensure that the cartridge comes out complete with the bullet.

Enclosure 2 - Protocol Drills that are additional to those taught and tested for the L81A2

Reference:

A. The NRA Rules of Shooting

1. Reference A, the latest version of which is on the NRA of the UK website (nra.org.uk) details the procedure for drills that are not necessarily safety related but are common practice when firing on Bisley ranges and other ranges where civilian shooting is carried out under the NRA rules. Where ranges away from Bisley are being used, the RCO must always be consulted about the procedures below and any differences noted and followed.
2. Bisley firing point occupation, placing and etiquette
 - a. Firing positions are shown by numbered pegs on the firing point, which correspond to the target numbers.
 - b. All competitors must lie to the left of their number pegs. There may be two or three shooters sharing a target during competitions. The squadding card will usually show whether the competitor is to take up a position lying to the left, centre or right of the group of firers.
 - c. No firer may move on to the firing point or place any kit on to the firing point until the RCO gives permission.
 - d. Spectators are not allowed on the firing point
3. Zeroing. All rifles must be zeroed and the elevation for the distance being fired at understood before firing. If you have not zeroed your rifle and do not know the procedure than you must seek the advice of a CFAV who has been taught zero procedures.
4. What to do if you miss the target. If, despite having a rifle with an elevation you know for the distance you have fired at, you miss with your first or subsequent shot, there is a four step process you must follow before firing again:
 - a. You or a competent person identifies and rectifies a fault or error (eg mis-set sight) that would reasonably account for the miss.
 - b. There is reasonable evidence (eg an unexplained shot on the next target) that you have cross fired.
 - c. There is reasonable evidence (eg based on the advice of other competitors, which advice shall not be considered to be in the nature of coaching) that the wind allowance applied was such as to account for the miss.
 - d. With the permission of the RCO

If, having followed the process above, you miss again, you must wait until the rest of the firers on your target finish their shoot, then complete your shoot after following the process above. In practice, an unexplained miss, if not seen as a cross fire, is usually an elevation or zero error. You should ask the RCO to retire, and continue on a later detail, if practicable. Such a request will not normally be refused.

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Enclosure 3 - Shooter Certification Card (SCC) – Record of Issue

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CFAV/Cadet being tested - Personal details and certification

Name (SURNAME, First Name, Rank) _____

Unit _____

Contact Number _____ email _____

Service/Bader/Westminster No _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

I certify that:

I have been taught and tested on the safety drills, and understand the protocol drills that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2

I have an in date L81A2 WHT and CLPW/CPOW WHT

I have included a recent passport type photograph - file name to be surname & date of birth (surname-ddmmyy.jpeg)

Signed _____ Date _____

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Tester – Personal details and certification

Name (SURNAME, First Name, Rank) _____

Service No _____ Unit _____

I certify that:

I have taught and tested the cadet/CFAV named above the safety drills, and checked understanding of the protocol drills, that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2

I have an in date L81A2 WHT and CLPW/CPOW WHT and am authorized to train cadets and CFAV in weapon handling

Signed _____ Date _____

Send this form and photo by email to georgina.thatcher@nra.org.uk or by post to:

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