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INTERNATIONAL TEAMS (TARGET RIFLE) 2025 (UKCRT, BCRT & GBU19)

1. This letter covers the application and selection processes for International Teams 2025.
2. In line with CCRS's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the International Committee has determined that three teams will be selected for 2025, and CCRS plans to deliver the United Kingdom Under 17 Cadet Rifle Team (UKCRT), British Cadet Under 18 Rifle Team (BCRT – 'The Athelings') and Great Britain Under 19 Team (GBU19) as usual. Depending on resources, there may be an opportunity for a GB Smallbore Cadet Rifle Team, but that will be the subject of a separate letter and process should it prove possible to field such a team.

Current Status of Planning

3. UKCRT. At the kind invitation of the Jersey Rifle Association (JRA), UKCRT will tour to Jersey in 2025 to compete against the Channel Islands cadets in the Jersey Rifle Association (JRA) Open Championships (Summer Prize Meeting). Planning dates are 15-26 August 2025.
4. BCRT. We plan to return to our normal annual exchanges for the BCRT and the Royal Canadian Army Cadet National Rifle Team (RCAC NRT) if possible, although that may not be a full reciprocal tour, and if that is the case then we shall aim to repeat 2023's tour to compete in the DCRA Open Championships and against RCAC cadets at Borden, Canada. Planning dates are Monday 04 to Thursday 21 August. Should that not be possible, we shall aim to give the Athelings a tour and the opportunity to shoot individually and as a team representatively in high-level competition.
5. GBU19. It is not yet known whether the RSA Juniors will be able to field a team in 2025. If so, then the South African TR Open Championships are 29 March to 05 April, and a tour to RSA would typically be 24 March to 09 April. Alternatively, the Guernsey Rifle Club (GRC) has once again kindly offered the opportunity for the GBU19 Rifle Team to compete in their Summer Prize Meeting (Open Championships) again in 2025. Planning dates are Sunday 11 August to Tuesday 20 August.

Training and Selection Process

6. The online Application Form is accessed through the following link or QR code:
<https://forms.office.com/e/XktD20zH24>



NOTE: Completed applications are required by Monday 16 September (latest). Community Cadets wishing to attend Exercise Bisley Bullet must apply by Monday 05 August.

7. International Teams selection process will be as follows:
- a. By 16 September 2024. All applications completed and sent to CCRS.
 - b. 30 August - 01 September 2024. Exercise BISLEY BULLET. Training and assessment weekend for all Community Cadets wishing to apply for UKCRT or BCRT.
 - c. 18-20 October 2024 (TBC). Training and team selection weekend for GBU19.
 - d. By 13 December 2024. Notification of squad selection for UKCRT and team selection for BCRT.
 - e. 20 to 23 March 2025. Ex MAPLE TASTE. UKCRT squad training and team selection weekend; team training weekend for BCRT.
 - f. By 28 March 2025. UKCRT team selections made and notified.
8. Team selections will be made on the basis of a number of factors in line with formally endorsed selection criteria, including shooting performance (previous records and MAPLE TASTE where relevant); Shooting Officers' and other reports where relevant; team diversity; and character.

	UKCRT	BCRT	GB U19
Age	U17 on 23 Aug 25	U18 on 01 Sep 25	U19 on 05 Apr 25 or last day of tour match
Passport	Photo ID	UK passport holder	UK passport holder
Status	Must be a member of the Cadet Forces	Must be a member of the Cadet Forces	N/A
Shooting	Completed ISCRM or CCF Schools Meeting (must), and Cadet Imperial or attended DCRA* (desirable)	Completed minimum of NRA Imperial in 2024	Completed minimum of NRA Imperial in 2024
Commitments	Maple Taste 20 to 23 Mar 2025, ISCRM/Schools and NRA Imperial 2025	Maple Taste 20 to 23 Mar 2025, ISCRM/Schools and NRA Imperial 2025	Training weekend 18-20 Oct 2024 (dates to be confirmed)
Personal Contribution	(£350 TBC)	(£450-500 TBC)	(~ £1,500 if RSA; £500 if not)
Character	Individuals' character, behaviour and conduct must reflect the fact that they are representing their country.		

Table 1

* NOTE: Shooting criteria assume a 'normal' year. Given the exceptional circumstances still resulting from the Covid pandemic, the application form asks for shooting records more generally, recognising that the DCRA Marksmanship Phase 2 has not occurred in the last four years, neither was the Cadet Imperial shot in 2021, 2022 or 2023. This affects UKCRT in particular. BCRT and GBU19 candidates are expected to meet selection criteria.

Conclusion

9. Any questions should be directed in the first instance to Admin.Officer@ccrs.org.uk.

{Original Signed}
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 General Secretary

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