



Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

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NATIONAL CADET AIR RIFLE MEETING (Nat CARM): 12-15 FEBRUARY 2026

Reference:

- A. CCRS Advisory Committee Meeting 24 Oct 25.
- B. CCRS 8000A dated 30 Oct 25 (Plan for CCRS Shooting Competitions and Events 2026).

Introduction

1. Following Ref A, at which the single Services (sS) agreed the plan for tri-Service competitions and events for 2026, Ref B was issued to the Cadet Forces for dissemination. The plan sees CCRS continuing to deliver a national Target Sprint meeting, two Clay Target meetings (one for cadets, one for CFAV), and a Cadet Skill at Arms Meeting (Cadet SAM, comprising CISSAM and the addition of a CCF SAM). Historic 'Cadet Bisley' (ISCRM, the CCF Schools Meeting and the NRA Imperial) is now effectively replaced by a National Cadet Air Rifle Meeting (Nat CARM) in February and a national Cadet Smallbore Rifle Meeting in July, with selected individuals and teams potentially being able to compete at national and international level in both Air Rifle (AR) and Smallbore (SB .22 Rimfire) disciplines in national Cadet teams.

2. The National Cadet Air Rifle Meeting is the first major event in the new plan. It is a tri-Service competition for units of the Combined Cadet Force, Sea Cadet Corps, Volunteer Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force and RAF Air Cadets (ATC). This year it will be shot at Bisley in the National Smallbore Rifle Association's (NSRA) Lord Roberts Centre (originally built for the Commonwealth Games in 2002) from 12 – 15 February 2026. It will be fired using any issued (Sporter) Air Rifle, fired at ISSF targets from the Standing position.

3. **Competition Outline.** In outline, the competition will be as follows:

Thu 12 Feb	Team arrival and briefing
Fri 13 Feb-Sat 14 Feb	Practice, Individual and Team competitions
Sun 15 Feb	Inter Services Final & Prizegiving

4. **Competition Rules.** All competitions will be fired in accordance with the Nat CARM rules. A copy of the rules can be found on the CCRS website under 'Competitions and Events' - 'Match Rules and Procedures'. <https://ccrs.org.uk/match-rules-and-procedures>.

5. **Team Composition.** Teams are to consist of four cadet firers who must be from the same CCF Contingent, SCC Area, ACF County or RAFAC Wing. Teams are permitted to bring one reserve. They must be under 18 on the day of any competition they compete in. Further details can be found in the Match Rules, para G6.

6. **Entry Form.** Given that this is the first meeting of its kind, it is hoped that interest will be high, and units are encouraged to enter early via the online form which can be found at the following link: [Nat CARM ENTRY FORM](#). The entry form will close **at 1200 hrs on Wednesday 14 January**. Should the number of entries exceed capacity available, CCRS will confirm sS priorities with National Shooting Officers (NSO)/National Shooting Advisors (NSA) or their appointed deputy as follows:

Sea Cadet Corps	Capt P Chapman RMR - MS-SC National Staff Officer (Shooting)
Army Cadet Force	Lt Col M Roberts/Maj P Bayley - Army Cadets NSA/Deputy NSA
RAF Air Cadets	Wg Cdr Oram/Wg Cdr Warman – NSA/OC MCT

7. **Accommodation & Messing.** Accommodation will be arranged by CCRS for teams who require it. Please indicate in the form whether you require accommodation and feeding. Please note that feeding for teams not accommodated by CCRS will be subject to availability. Cadets receiving free school meals do not pay messing. CFAV claiming VA will be required to pay the DMR.

8. **Team Qualifying Standards.** All teams must qualify for Nat CARM. Qualification matches are under the control of the single Service leads, and are to be a minimum of Grouping, Zeroing, Establish POA, and Apply Fire (all positions) (CLF AR 1 to 4).

9. **Cost.** Entry fees per team of 4 cadets are broken down as follows (based on current Cadet DMR as at 01 Oct – 31 Dec 2025. These numbers will change with new DMR figures once released on 01 Jan 26 and will be outlined in the Joining Instructions):

Entry Fee	£25 per team
Cadet Messing Contribution	£42.40 per team (4 cadets, 4 x days)
CFAV DMR	£6.26
PLUS	
Reserve Cadet Messing Contribution	£10.60

Payment is to be no later than **02 Feb** to CCRS by BACS (sort code 16-19-26, account 10454956). Please reference your payment with: Unit Name/C2540.

10. **Staff.** CFAV who wish to help support the event can find more information or apply for the Permanent Range Team (PRT) and Cadet Support Group (CSG) by contacting the Shooting Office (competitions.officer@ccrs.org.uk). Funding for this is in accordance with single Service VA policy.

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