



Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

National Cadet Small Bore Rifle Meeting

Competition Programme and General Rules 2026

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Part 1 – Nat CSBRM General Rules

Reference:

- A. Cadet Training – Ranges (Regulations for Training with Cadet Weapon Systems and Pyrotechnics).
- B. Army Code 72027 – The L144A1 Cadet Small Bore Target Rifle.
- C. [The NSRA Rules and Regulations for the Conduct of Small-Bore and Air Rifle, Small-Bore And Air Pistol and Crossbow Competitions.](#)

Rules

G1. These rules are to be observed in the spirit as well as the letter and are intended to be supplementary to Reference A.

G2. The Exercise Director, Senior Planning Officer (SPO) or Senior Range Conducting Officer (SRCO) is empowered to stop shooting at any time during the meeting should s/he consider that circumstances including the weather conditions warrant it. The Committee with a representative from CCRS in attendance is empowered to alter the programme, including the cancellation of matches, should circumstances make it necessary. The following personnel are recognised as permanent range staff on the range and in the butts, who may fulfil any range duties they are qualified for:

- a. A Range Conducting Officer (RCO) who will be in overall charge of the range.
- b. Safety Supervisors, who are responsible for the safe running of a group of targets.
- c. A qualified first aid CFAV for the range, who will not be assigned to any other duty.
- d. Ammunition CFAVs who will be responsible for managing the ammunition, issuing to teams, collecting unfired sighters, empty cases and shoot cards. There will be one ammunition point on each range, each with one or two ammunition CFAV.
- e. A Chief Scorer, who, together with the scorers are responsible to CCRS for scoring all cards.

G3. Protests must be actioned by the team coach in accordance with para G18. Any dispute which cannot immediately be resolved by the range RCO must be referred to the SRCO or CCRS Staff without delay. If the protest is still unresolved then the process and timings detailed in para G18 must be followed. The protest committee consists of:

- a. The Exercise Director or the Chair of the appropriate CCRS Committee.
- b. A minimum of one representative from each Service.

- c. One of:
 - (1) CCRS' Shooting Manager.
 - (2) CCRS' Competitions Officer.
- d. The SRCO, who should explain the reason and background behind the protest without mentioning the name of the unit or firer.

Safety

G4. L144A1 drills are to be followed at all times in accordance with Reference B. A cadet or CFAV who has an unintended discharge through an error of drill will render their WHT void and must receive instruction and a retest before they may fire again, and their score in the match in which the incident took place will be void. The rifle will be quarantine in accordance with Ref A until inspected by an armourer.

G5. As part of the unload drill at the end of a shoot, the firer must:

- a. Unload
- b. Replace the breech flag.

Eligibility

G6. Firing teams are to consist of the following, all of whom must hold a valid WHT:

- a. A named team manager, who must be a CFAV but does not need to be the coach. The team manager may cover for more than one team.
- b. A coach, who may be any CFAV or cadet with suitable experience.
- c. Four cadet firers, who must be from the same CCF Contingent, SCC Area, ACF County or RAFAC Wing. They must be under 18 on the day of any competition they compete in.
- d. One or more supernumeraries to assist on the range (eg team adjutant) who may be CFAV or cadets.

Rifles and Ammunition

G7. The L144A1 with no modifications must be used in accordance with Reference B. A bar towel or equivalent may be taped to the stock, but it must not interfere with the removal of the bolt.

G8. Only ammunition issued at the meeting may be used; it will be issued immediately before the start of the practice and is not to be taken behind the firing point. Empty cases and unused rounds are to be returned to the ammunition point at the end of the shoot. Snap caps are not to be taken onto the range.

Dress and Equipment

G9. The following dress standards are to be observed:

- a. Firers when on the firing point:
- (1) Uniform is to be of service pattern and as issued. Badges of rank must be worn.
 - (2) Belts need not be worn.
 - (3) Over trousers of a non-Service pattern are permitted in the event of inclement weather.
 - (4) Improvised padding (eg hose tops) may be worn underneath uniform but must not be visible.
 - (5) An eye patch or blinder may be used.
 - (6) A shooting glove and strap on elbow pads may be worn.
 - (7) The issued sling may be used, and a device may be fitted to the upper sleeve to prevent the sling slipping down the arm or rotating about the upper arm.
 - (8) A plain, regimental, or single service HQ authorised cap of the appropriate service colour may be worn.
 - (9) Spectacles, eyeglasses (including shooting glasses), or contact lenses may be used. Corrective lenses or filters may not be attached to the rifle.
- b. CFAV and Cadets on the range, including range staff, should dress according to the conditions. The welfare of cadets and CFAV must take precedence over the requirement to maintain strict uniform standards. As such, hats designed to shield the face and eyes from the sun are permitted, though they should be of a drab colour. Waterproofs of any colour are permitted.
- c. When off, or transiting to and from the range, CFAV and Cadets should wear uniform appropriate to their service, including berets.

G10. All firers and the coach, must set up between the pegs marking the target space and must not intentionally provide shelter to the firer from the elements. The following equipment is allowed:

- a. Shooting mats.
- b. Telescopes.
- c. Chairs.

Hearing Protection

G11. The use of issued ear defenders on the firing point and when forward of a line marked by the rear edge of the ammunition issuing tables is compulsory. Where ear defenders are required to be worn berets are to be removed.

G12. The use of wired or wireless intercom systems are not permitted due to MoD Hearing Protection Policies.

Ties and Targets

G13. Ties in individual and team competitions will, unless otherwise stated in the match conditions, be determined by count back in accordance with 5.5.5 Reference C.

G14. Targets are as detailed for each match in the match conditions and may be substituted with as close an equivalent as possible should they not be available.

Challenges and Protests

G15. The value of a shot may not be challenged once gauged by the CCRS scorers. The Chief Scorer's decision is final.

G16. Protests on the procedure of a shoot (eg timings, frame breakages, target moving as the shot is fired etc) must be made to a safety supervisor by the coach or team captain immediately. If upheld (less match 4&7), the shots score made will be annulled and another round will be issued with the score from the issued round replacing that of the protested shot. If the protest is not upheld the score made will be taken. Match 4&7 protests that are upheld with result in a reshoot.

G17. The RCO, their deputy or, if immediately available, a member of CCRS may take any appropriate action which, if it affects the score, must then be referred to the Protest Committee who will then either or reject the action and adjust the score accordingly.

G18. The following procedure must be followed in order for a protest to be considered:

- a. The coach must request the presence of the RCO or their deputy who will make an initial decision.
- b. If the decision of the RCO or their deputy is not accepted, a written protest must be lodged with the CCRS within 20 minutes of the end of the detail, with contact details and a basic summary of the protest.
- c. CCRS, on receipt of a written protest, will call a Protest Committee who will hear the protest without undue delay and make a decision, which will be final.

G19. The RCO may allow an extra sighting shot for the following reasons:

- a. Delays of over five minutes outside the firer's control.
- b. Where a firer has to change targets after commencing their shoot.
- c. Where another team fires onto a firer's target during their sighting shots.
- d. Where it is considered by the RCO or safety supervisor that an extra sighting shot is appropriate.

Part 2 – NCSBRM Competition Procedures

- P1. **General.** Each competition in Nat CSBRM will consist of unlimited sighters followed by ten or twenty shots to count, unless otherwise stated within the Match details.
- P2. **Firing point set up.** When allowed by the RCO, teams are to set up between the pegs for their allocated target. All members of the team and their equipment must be wholly within an area bounded by a line perpendicular to the pegs either side extending down to the edge of the firing point.
- P3. **Firing Order.** Team coaches may squad their firers to shoot in any order; only one firer may be on the point at any one time.
- P4. **Timings.** Each firer will receive 10 minutes per detail of 10 shots, or 20 minutes per detail of 20 shots, to include any sighters unless otherwise specified in the specific matches details.
- P5. Teams of less than four firers may shoot in team competitions, for honours only. Individual scores will be recorded in competitions where there are individual prizes.
- P6. Timings for Matches 4 and 7 are as laid down in Part 3.
- P7. The RCO at their discretion may allow extra time for events outside a team's control.
- P8. **Scoring.** The standard NSRA targets and scoring shall be used. Cards can only be scored by the CCRS scoring team; the Chief Scorer's decision is final. Cards cannot be regauged.

Part 3 – Nat CSBRM Matches

Nat CSBRM – Match 1

The Individual 25m

- 1.1 **Outline.** An individual coached match, shot in two stages using two different ranges.
- 1.2 **Ranges.** 2 x 25m outdoor range.
- 1.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4
- 1.4 **Prizes.**
 - 1st The Challenge Cup and an CCRS Gold Medal.
 - 2nd An CCRS Silver Medal.
 - 3rd An CCRS Bronze Medal.
- 1.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighters followed by 40 scored shots. Each stage will be unlimited sighters followed by 20 scored shots.
- 1.6 **Targetry.** 4 x NSRA 25M Prone 10 Bull Targets (25M10 BM/89-18) 2 per stage.
- 1.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 400.

Nat CSBRM – Match 2

The Team 25m

- 2.1 **Outline.** A coached match for a team of four firers shot over eight separate details. The match is broken down into two stages on two different ranges
- 2.2 **Ranges.** 2 x 25m outdoor range.
- 2.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4.
- 2.4 **Prizes.**
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| 1 st | The Challenge Cup and 4 CCRS Gold Medal. |
| 2 nd | 4 CCRS Silver Medal. |
| 3 rd | 4 CCRS Bronze Medal. |
- 2.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighters followed 40 scored shots. Each stage will be unlimited sighters followed 20 scored shots.
- 2.6 **Targetry.** 4 x NSRA 25M Prone 10 Bull Targets (25M10 BM/89-18) per firer.
- 2.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 1600 per team or 400 per firer.

Nat CSBRM – Match 3

The Cadet Uncoached Match

- 3.1 **Outline.** An individual uncoached match.
- 3.2 **Ranges.** 25m outdoor range.
- 3.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4.
- 3.4 **Prizes.**
 - 1st A CCRS Gold Medals.
 - 2nd A CCRS Silver Medals.
 - 3rd A CCRS Bronze Medals.
- 3.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighters followed 10 scored shots.
- 3.6 **Targetry.** 1 x NSRA 25M Prone 10 Bull Targets (25M10 BM/89-18)
- 3.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 100
- 3.8 **Special Conditions.**
 - 3.8.1 Team Coach may assist firers not able to self-coach, this will result in shooting for honours only.

Nat CSBRM – Match 4

The Skirmisher Match 25m

- 4.1 **Outline.** A rapid-fire individual match.
- 4.2 **Ranges.** 25m outdoor range.
- 4.3 **Timings.** Targets are up and hold for 60s
- 4.4 **Prizes.**
 - 1st The Challenge Cup and 1 CCRS Gold Medal.
 - 2nd 1 CCRS Silver Medal.
 - 3rd 1 CCRS Bronze Medal.
- 4.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighters followed unlimited rounds.
- 4.6 **Targetry.** NSRA 25M Skirmisher Card.
- 4.7 **Match Instructions**
 - 4.7.1. Fire unlimited sighting rounds
 - 4.7.2. Check and adjust
 - 4.7.3. Firers to adjust sights as required.
 - 4.7.4. Firer may not touch the ammunition until hearing the word of command “START”
 - 4.7.5. Unlimited shots
 - 4.7.6. Time is announced at the following points - 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 seconds
 - 4.7.7. “STOP”
- 4.8 **Scoring.** A hit on any one of the eight oval targets scores one point. Not more than two hits are allowed on any one oval target unless there are at least two hits in each of the target areas on the card and then no more than three hits and so on. Cross-shots are recorded as misses and no penalty points shall be deducted.

Nat CSBRM - Match 5

Inter Services Finals Match

- 5.1 **Outline.** Team of 8 firers per single Service.
- 5.2 **Ranges.** 25m outdoor range.
- 5.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4.
- 5.4 **Prizes.**
- 1st The Punch Trophy and 8 CCRS Gold Medal.
 - 2nd 8 CCRS Silver Medal.
 - 3rd 8 CCRS Bronze Medal.
- Special Prizes for the top individual cadet
- 1st The Somerset Cup and a CCRS Gold Medal
 - 2nd A CCRS Silver Medal
 - 3rd A CCRS Bronze Medal
- 5.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighters followed by 20 scored shots per firer.
- 5.6 **Targetry.** 2 x NSRA 25M Prone 10 Bull Targets (25M10 BM/89-18).
- 5.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 1600 per team or 200 per firer.

Nat CSBRM - Match 6

CCF Finals Match

- 6.1 **Outline.** Top 8 CCF Teams.
- 6.2 **Ranges.** 25m outdoor range.
- 6.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4
- 6.4 **Prizes.**
 - 1st The ???? and 4 CCRS Gold Medal.
 - 2nd 4 CCRS Silver Medal.
 - 3rd 4 CCRS Bronze Medal.
- 6.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighters followed by 10 scored shoots per firer.
- 6.6 **Targetry.** 1 x NSRA 25M Prone 10 Bull Targets (25M10 BM/89-18).
- 6.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 400 per team or 100 per firer

Nat CSBRM - Match 7

The Sharpshooters Match

7.1 **Outline.** A knock-out match between teams of four firers. Teams will shoot against each other to break a set of sixteen clay discs, each firer will be allocated a lane and there will be four clay discs per lane. Cross lane firing is not permitted.

7.2 **Ranges.** 25m outdoor range.

7.3 **Timings.** One minute.

7.4 **Prizes.**

CCFs

1st The ??? Cup and 3 CCRS Gold Medal.

2nd 3 CCRS Silver Medal.

3rd 3 CCRS Bronze Medal.

Community Cadets

1st The Shell Cup and 3 CCRS Gold Medal.

2nd 3 CCRS Silver Medal.

3rd 3 CCRS Bronze Medal.

7.5 **Ammunition.** 10 Shots per firer.

7.6 **Targetry.** 25m 1" NSRA Sharpshooter Targets 12 per team.

7.7 **Match Instructions;** Each firer will have ten rounds. The order to start will be given by the RCO, after which individuals may load and carry on. The team which first destroys all sixteen discs, or has the most discs destroyed after one minute, will be the winner of each detail. No disc will be regarded as being "destroyed" so long as any portion of it remains on the pin.

7.8 **Scoring.** The team which first destroys all sixteen discs, or has the most discs destroyed after one minute, will be the winner of each detail. No disc will be regarded as being "destroyed" so long as any portion of it remains on the pin. In the event of a tie the result will be determined by a count of the number of rounds remaining; the team with the most being the winner.

7.9 **Special Conditions:** The Shell Trophy, the competition will be run as a knockout competition with qualifying heats with teams from the same service and the final of one team per single Service.

Nat CSBRM - Match 9

The Adult Competition

- 9.1 **Outline.** An individual coached match for CFAV taking part in NCSBRM as team coaches.
- 9.2 **Ranges.** 25m outdoor range.
- 9.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4
- 9.4 **Prizes.**
 - 1st 1 CCRS Gold Medal.
- 9.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighters followed 10 scored shoots per firer.
- 9.6 **Targetry.** 1 x NSRA 25M Prone 10 Bull Targets (25M10 BM/89-18).
- 9.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 100