

CCRS Cadet Forces Competition 2026 ('Country Life') - Judge's Report

Last year Class B (Cadet .22 rifles as issued) had 33 entries and was won by RGS Guildford CCF with 448. This year there were 30 entries and Bradfield College CCF 1st team were the winners with 455 followed by RGS Guildford and Epsom. Bradfield College 2nd team won the award for the best 2nd team not in the first three. The top Community Cadet unit was Cumbria ACF 1st team in a commendable 10th place. It was pleasing to see five units go clean on the grouping practice and thirteen cadets scoring 91 or over (out of 95), with a 'possible' from Cdt Morawitz of Charterhouse. Bradfield 1st team led by nine points on the Landscape - a tricky one this year with two of the circles away from any obvious objectives.

However, Oakham School CCF had the Landscape truly tamed in Class A, with two magical full scores by their 1st and 2nd teams! This class is for 'other bolt action rifles' where one would expect higher scores and, indeed Oakham 1st team scored 486, well ahead of last year's winners, Tonbridge School CCF who scored 466. This year Oakham 2nd team came second and Bedford School CCF came third. The leading 2nd team (not in the first three) was Wycliffe College 2nd team with 421, beating their first team hands down! Unfortunately there were no Community cadet units in Class A, where there were 18 teams in all, compared with 16 last year. Seven units went clean on the grouping and 14 cadets achieved 93 or over, with three 'possibles'.

In both classes the standard of shooting was good, with the extension of 15 seconds for the rapid (for the last few years) meaning that most cadets got off all ten shots. Some clearly had difficulty aiming with a ring foresight on the snap target and it was a pity when they achieved groups here that were tight but not central.

Once again, congratulations to the supervisors, unit officers and cadets who mastered this very unusual competition. Most units completed details of length of range and type of rifles at the top and no-one filled in estimated scores (hurrah). Almost all affixed the stickers correctly and recorded the number of shots fired. The number not sending snap backers was very few - if shots are close but there are no others on the backer, I am much more likely to allow two very close shots. Unfortunately, one unit allowed an adult to be Landscape leader and another had their second team shoot first and then one of that team led the Landscape, having seen it before.

Good shooting to you all in the summer!

Frank Harriss, Judge