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BRITISH CADET RIFLE TEAMS 2027 AND OTHER CCRS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1. Following endorsement by the single Services and the Cadet Forces, and the successful fielding of a national Cadet Air Rifle team in international competition in 2026, CCRS will:

   a. Plan, organise, sponsor and field a **British Cadet Air Rifle Team (BCART)** to compete in the National Smallbore Rifle Association's (NSRA) Junior International Meeting in August 2027.
   NOTE: See Annex A. Applications open between 14 Feb and 31 Mar 27.

   b. Plan, organise, sponsor and field a **British Cadet Smallbore Rifle Team (BCSBRT)** to compete in the NSRA's National Prone Meeting, also in August 2027.
   NOTE: See Annex B. Applications required by 16 Nov 26.

   c. Sponsor eligible and selected cadets to compete in the NSRA's British Open Air Gun Championships in February 2027.
   NOTE: See Annex C. Applications required by 16 November 2026.

   d. Sponsor eligible and selected cadets to compete in British Shooting's National Target Sprint Finals in September 2027.

2. This letter explains the application and selection processes, details of which, including the respective online application form, are to be found at annexes A to D.

3. Any questions should be addressed in the first instance to gensec@ccrs.org.uk, copied to admin.officer@ccrs.org.uk.

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BRITISH CADET AIR RIFLE TEAM (BCART) 2027

1. Following the success of the of the first British Cadet Air Rifle Team in 2026, a British Cadet Air Rifle Team (BCART) will again compete in the Junior International Meeting hosted by the National Smallbore Rifle Association (NSRA) at Bisley in 2027. Provisional dates are 5 to 13 August 2027.

Current Status of Planning

2. The NSRA Junior International meeting is held at Bisley in the Lord Roberts Centre (LRC) and attracts competitors from across Great Britain and overseas, competing in both individual and team events. The BCART will compete in the 10m Standing and 10m 3P (3-Position includes Standing, Kneeling and Prone) Sporter Air Rifle (AR) matches.

3. The BCART 2027 will comprise:

a. A Team Commandant and Adjutant as a minimum, selected from CFAV. Any CFAV interested in such a role should email gensec@ccrs.org.uk in the first instance.

b. A team of twelve (possibly more in future) cadets plus three reserves, selected after CCRS's National Cadet Air Rifle Meeting, to be held 11-14 February 2027 (see below).

Applications, Selection and Training Process

4. The BCART 2027 applications, selection and training process will be as follows:

a. Applications. Using the following link or QR code below (NOTE: these will not open until 15 Feb 27), applicants are invited to apply for BCART 2027.

CCRS International Teams 2027: Application Form for BCART – Fill out form

NOTE: Applications to be made between 15 Feb and 31 Mar 27

b. Selections. Team selection will be made on the basis of the Table 1 criteria below:

	Selection Criteria
Age	Under 18 on 01 Sep 27
Status	Must be a member of the UK's MOD sponsored Cadet Forces
Shooting Performance	Minimum of National Cadet Air Rifle Meeting (Nat CARM) and CCRS Commonwealth X 3P Air Rifle Match (Postal)
Commitments	Nat CARM 27, 12-14 Feb 27
Personal Contribution	£200-250 TBC
Character	Individuals' character, behaviour and conduct must reflect the fact that they are representing their country.

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c. Training. Prior to the NSRA Junior International (8-12 Aug 27), BCART 2027 will assemble at Bisley on Thursday 05 Aug and be given pre-competition training and development on 06 and 07 August.

Conclusion

5. The BCART is a prestigious Air Rifle team, representing the pinnacle of British Cadets Air Rifle shooting, and meeting CCRS's mandate to deliver an annual programme of shooting competitions and events in all disciplines, including to elite level.

6. Personal contributions will go towards clothing and equipment, and BCART members will be awarded blazer and shooting badges in much the same way as Cadet full-bore rifle teams were previously.

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BRITISH CADET SMALL BORE RIFLE TEAM (BCSBRT) 2027

1. This annex explains the application and selection process for the British Cadet Small Bore Rifle Team (BCSBRT) 2027.

2. In line with CCRS's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and as endorsed by HQ Army RC and the sS, CCRS's International Committee has determined that the first British Cadet Small Bore Rifle Team (BCSBRT - 'The Athelings') is to be selected to compete in the NSRA National Prone Meeting. The team will comprise a minimum of a Commandant and Adjutant, who will be CFAV, plus twelve cadet firers and three reserves.

Current Status of Planning

3. In its inaugural year, the BCSBRT will compete in the NSRA National Prone Meeting in August 2027. The meeting is held at Bisley on Century Range and attracts competitors from across Great Britain and overseas, competing in both individual and team events. The shoots will take place from 13 to 22 August and will be fired at 50 metres and 100 yards using private rifles.

Applications, Selection and Training Process

4. The applications, selection and training process is explained below:

a. Applications. Shooting officers of cadets meeting the criteria at Table 1 below are invited to apply for BCSBRT squad selection by 16 Nov 26 (deadline), using the online application form which can be accessed using the following link or QR code

CCRS International Teams 2027: Application Form for BCSBRT (The Athelings) – Fill out form

NOTE: Completed applications are required by Monday 16 November.

b. Selection. A BCSBRT Squad selection meeting will then be held to select up to 28 cadets to attend Exercise Top Shot, a training and development weekend in April 2027. To be eligible for squad and eventual team selection, cadets must meet the following criteria:

	Selection Requirements
Age	Under 18 on 01 Sep 27
Status	Must be a member of the UK MOD's sponsored Cadet Forces
Shooting Performance	Completed minimum of Nat CSBRM in 2026 or NSRA County Small Bore Competition or CCRS Small Bore Winter League 25/26
Commitments	Ex TOP SHOT 2-4 April 27, Nat CSBRM 2027
Personal Contribution	£200-250 TBC
Character	Individuals' character, behavior and conduct must reflect the fact that they are representing their country.

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c. Training. Given that the National Cadet Smallbore Rifle Meeting (CSBRM) is shot with the L144 at 25m, and the NSRA National Prone Meeting is shot at 50 metres and 100 yards, a BCSBRT squad of up to 28 cadets will be selected and notified before 15 December 2026 to attend Exercise Top Shot at Bisley between 02 and 04 April 2027. This is a training event with NSPLW at 50 metres and 100 yards to develop and select a BCSBRT of 12 cadets plus 3 reserves.

Conclusion

5. The BCSBRT is a prestigious Smallbore (.22) rifle team, representing the pinnacle of British Cadets Smallbore rifle shooting, and meeting CCRS's mandate to deliver an annual programme of shooting competitions and events in all disciplines, including to elite level.

6. Personal contributions will go towards clothing and equipment, and BCSBRT members will be awarded blazer and shooting badges in much the same way as Cadet full-bore rifle teams were previously.

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BRITISH OPEN AIR GUN MEETING – SPONSORSHIP

1. The British Open Air Gun Meeting (BOAG) is a national meeting run by the NSRA. It is an individual event (i.e. not a team event) run in two parts, with UK MOD-sponsored cadets being invited to participate in the Sporter Air Rifle (AR) 10m Standing meeting. It is a 'junior' meeting to the NSRA's Junior International Meeting in August, and not a team meeting, but nonetheless a very prestigious event.

2. As endorsed by the sS, CCRS will sponsor and part subsidise a maximum of 20 cadets to this weekend event, scheduled for the weekend of 26-28 February 2027, including providing volunteer CFAV overwatch and safeguarding support, and pastoral care including food and accommodation.

3. Applications are now sought **by 16 November** from Shooting Officers for cadets who wish to enter this meeting, using the link and QR code below.

CCRS Sponsorship to the British Open Air Gun Meeting 2027: Application Form – Fill out form

NOTE: Completed applications are required by Monday 16 November.

4. Successful applications will be based on the following criteria:

	Selection Criteria
Age	16 and 17
Status	Must be a member of the UK's MOD sponsored Cadet Forces
Shooting Performance	Must have attended National Cadet Air Rifle Meeting (Nat CARM) 2026
Commitments	Nat CARM 27, 12-14 Feb 27, BOAG 27 (26-28 Feb)
Personal Contribution	£50 - TBC
Character	Must be a good representative of the Cadet Forces

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BRITISH SHOOTING'S NATIONAL TARGET SPRINT FINALS

1. This annex is largely for information about a developing opportunity, and to encourage all those interested to enter and take part in CCRS's annual Target Sprint meeting (9-11 Apr 27), as it is the pre-condition for an eventual invitation from British Shooting to take part in its National Finals Meeting (normally the first Saturday in September).

2. British Shooting (BS) is the UK's National Governing Body (NGB) for shooting pathways to the Commonwealth and Olympic Games, and a BS representative now attends all CCRS major events (less for Cadet SAAM) to talent scout.

3. After a pause of 6 years, CCRS re-introduced Target Sprint into its annual calendar of events in 2025, and following increased participation in its 2026 meeting, 18 cadets and one adult were invited to take part as individuals under NGB rules in BS's National Finals Meeting (a one-day meeting) in early September 2026. All cadets, accompanied by an appropriate adult for safeguarding purposes, performed credibly, with a fourth and fifth place in one age group, a 2nd place (Silver Medal) in another, and with one cadet invited to join British Shooting's Talent Pathway.

4. Following discussions with BS, there is now a standing annual invitation, depending on individual performance in CCRS's annual National Target Sprint Meeting, and CCRS will sponsor the entrance fee of those invited to take part in BS's National Finals Meeting.

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