



British Shooting Schools Rifle Championships

2024/25 RULES

Overview

NEW to the 2024/25 season is that all competitions will be shoulder to shoulder events.

The 2024/225 Championships nine shoulder-to-shoulder qualifying events, feeding into a shoulder-to-shoulder National Final. This Championships consists of Sporter and Precision Air Rifle categories for Individual and Teams at 6yd and 10m. All categories are mixed gender and physical ability.

British Shooting welcomes novice to experienced athletes to participate in this fun, competitive Championships representing their schooling establishment (home schooling is allowed). Athletes may compete in as many qualifying competitions as they wish.

NEW to the 2024/25 season is the Youth Team class. Please find more information below.

Talent Pathway opportunities are available from this competition for the 2025/26 season, expressions of interest will be open following the National Final if athletes are interested in further activity. If you would like to develop your shooting talent, please do contact British Shooting we can help by signposting you to a shooting club in your area.

Championships Format

(Unless otherwise stated on the British Shooting website)

Region	Venue	Date
Northern Irish	Intershoot Range, NI Shooting Club	Sunday 6 th October
East Mids., Yorks. & NE	Mount St. Mary's College	Sunday 20 th October
South East	TBC	TBC
North West	Blackpool Shooting Club	Sunday 27 th October
Welsh	Sports Wales National Sports Centre	Thursday 31 st October
East of England	Norwich City Target Club	Saturday 9 th November
South West	Okehampton Shooting Club	Saturday 9 th November
Scottish	Grangemouth Sports Complex	Saturday 16 th November
West Midlands	West Midland Regional Shooting Centre, Aldersley	Saturday 23 rd November
National Final	Chase Leisure Centre	Wednesday 5 th February



General competition information

Entry fees All entry fees are to be paid with your online entry (*unless otherwise stated in these rules or on the British Shooting website*).

Regional event:

£17.00 per Individual entry, FREE School Team entry, £10.00 per Youth Team entry payable on the day.

National Final:

£25.00 per Individual entry, £30.00 School Team entry fee, £30.00 per Youth Team entry.

Individual & Team Categories

Schooling Years according to Home Country can be seen below. Athletes are classed within each category according to their school year. The maximum age to compete in the Schools Championships is 19yrs at the beginning of the academic year.

NB. All age categories are mixed gender and physical ability. Only at the National Final will there be separate Para categories.

	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Junior	Year 6, 7, 8	Year 6, 7, 8	Year P6, P7, S1	Year 7, 8, 9
Intermediate	Year 9 & 10	Year 9 & 10	Year S2 & S3	Year 10 & 11
Senior	Year 11, 12, 13	Year 11, 12, 13	Year S4, S5, S6	Year 12, 13, 14

Table (category/class)

	Individual			School Team / Youth Team		
	6yd sporter	10m sporter	10m precision	6yd sporter	10m sporter	10m precision
Junior	X	X				
Intermediate	X	X				
Senior Open	X	X	X	X	X	X

NB: Only Individual 6yd and 10m Sporter have age group classes.

Athletes may shoot SPG (SPrinGer) or PCP (Pre-Charged Pneumatic) air rifles. Athletes will be noted on the results as shooting a SPG or PCP and awards will be presented for the highest placed SPG in each class.

NEW National Final Qualification

Individual:

- Qualifying Event Winner: The highest placed athletes per Age Class, per qualification event automatically qualify.
- Regional Top 3: The 3 highest placed athletes from each Region at their “home” qualification event per Age Class automatically qualify.
- National Top 10: The highest scoring 10 athletes from the National Ranking List per Age Class who have not already automatically qualified, qualify.

School Team:

- Qualification Event Winner: The highest placed Team per qualification event automatically qualify.
- Regional Winner: The highest placed Team from each Region at their “home” qualification event, if they haven’t already attained a Quota place as the Qualification Event Winner, automatically qualify.



- National Top Team: The highest scoring Team from the National Ranking List who have not already automatically qualified, qualify.

Youth Team:

- Qualification Event Winner: The highest placed Team per qualification event automatically qualify.
- National Top Team: The highest scoring Team from the National Ranking List who have not already automatically qualified, qualify.

Para:

- Athletes who have entered and competed at any of the qualifying competitions will be invited to compete at the National Final.

Please note:

- *If an athlete or team has already attained a Quota Place at a previous qualification event in the 2024/25 Championships, the Quota Place will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.*
- *The Individual National Ranking Lists are created from athletes' 20-shot qualification at each Qualification competition.*
- *The Team National Ranking Lists are created from each teams' total scores at each Qualification competition.*
- *Athletes can only qualify for the National Final competing 10m Sporter or 10m Precision or 6yd Sporter. The athlete will be given the choice if they qualify in more than one of these.*

Prizes

Qualification Event:

- Individual: 1st – 3rd place Medals. 1st – 8th place Certificates per Class per regional qualification event.
- School Team: 1st – 3rd place Certificates per Class per regional qualification event.
- Youth Team: 1st – 3rd place Medal per regional qualification event.
- Top Springer Certificate per Class per regional qualification event.

National Final

- Individual: 1st – 3rd place Medals per Class. 1st – 8th place Certificates per Class. *Trophy for 10m Sporter Senior
- School Team: 1st – 3rd place Medals and Certificates per Class.
- Youth Team: 1st – 3rd place Medal and Certificate per Class
- Top Para SH1 & SH2: Awards for the highest placed SH1 & SH2 para athlete in each Class.
- Top Springer Certificate per individual Class.

School Team Class

The Team classes are open age group and include para athletes with the full use of their upper body.

Qualification Event:

All athletes are automatically eligible, no additional entry is required. A team consists of 3 athletes from the same school in the same Category (and include para athletes with the full use of their upper body). If 3 or more athletes enter from the same school, in the same category, the top scoring 3 athletes will form



“Team A” and so on. Scores are extracted from the 3 team members individual 20 shot qualification round and totaled to form their Team Score.

National Final:

The team combination who have entered the National Final, compete as a team, irrespective of if more than one team from the same school in the same category competes. Team members who are only competing as part of a team, cannot compete as an Individual.

NEW Youth Team Class

Qualification Events:

There is an open class. Teams of 3 athletes including para athletes with the full use of their upper body. The only age combination of the 3 athletes that **isn't** allowed is 3 senior athletes. A team must consist of at least 1 Junior OR Intermediate athlete.

National Final:

The team combination who has entered the National Final, compete as a team. Team members who are only competing as part of a team, cannot compete as an Individual.

Shooting Experience

It is preferred that athletes have had previous experience at Air Rifle shooting, whether in the Scouts, School, or Shooting Club etc. environment.

Para

Athletes with any physical disability can compete in the Schools Rifle Championships, with the exception of visual impairment and intellectual disability. Specific Para Category(s) will only take place at the National Final if entries allow. Athletes who enter stating a disability will be contacted by the Event Organiser prior to competing.

- Qualification Events: All athletes (non-disabled and disabled) will compete alongside one another.
- Event Final Participation: At any championships event the Competition Jury have the authority to allow or disallow participation. The decision will be based upon the athlete's adaptation as outlined in Rule 2 and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.
- National Final: Junior, Intermediate and Senior para categories at the National Final will only occur when para entry numbers exceed 10.
- National Final Event Final: One Para Category Final including all age groups will only occur when the total para entry numbers exceed 10.

Sharing Air Rifles

Maximum of 2 competitors can share one rifle. **PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE TIMETABLE.** It is the team leader's responsibility to ensure a clash does not occur where 1 or more athletes need to use the same rifle at the same time. Finals and Qualifications details may be run concurrently for different age groups. *(See event Provisional National Final Timetable below for a guide on event timing).*



Borrowing a Rifle

Rifles may be borrowed from the Event Organiser for the National Final. Please contact the Event Organiser directly.

Pre-Event Training

Pre-Event Training may be available at each event. The event specific organiser will provide further information.

Qualification Event Entry Maximum

The Event Organisers reserve the right to limit the number of entries to timetable the competition within the time available.

National Final Competition Maximum

British Shooting reserves the right to amend the number of qualifying athletes and teams who can compete at the National Final, due to the facilities and equipment available. Any changes will be communicated on the British Shooting website.

Entries

Entries must be received to the Event Organiser prior to the closing date. Late entries may be available upon additional cost. At the Qualification Event athletes who compete in the Team Competition must also compete as an Individual.

Withdrawals & Refunds

Please alert the Event Organiser for that specific event. No entry refund will be available unless otherwise stated.

Event Cancellation

If the Event Organiser is forced to cancel the competition, you'll be notified via the contact email address stated on your entry form and entry fees will be refunded.

Questions

Events@BritishShooting.org.uk

Competition Information

The pre-event information, competition timetable and all other relevant information will be emailed to your contact email address approximately 10 days prior to the National Final.

Competition Rules

1. Safety

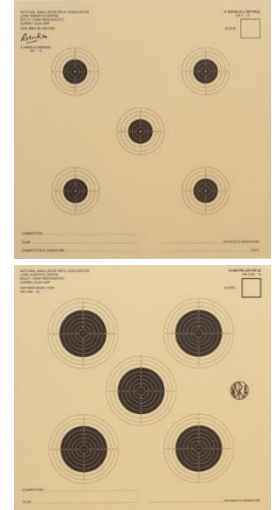
Safety must be maintained at all times. It is within the Chief Range Officer's rights to remove any athlete deemed to be unsafe from the competition.

2. Para Handed

Due to the nature of the disability, if an athlete cannot hold the rifle with two hands, they have the option to support the rifle from an adjustable stand/rest. Athletes can be seated.

3. Range

All shooting will be completed at 6yd or 10m distance. The qualification events are likely to be shot on paper targets (paper target examples pictured) and the National Final 10m range is likely to be shot on MegaLink electronic target system. And paper targets for 6yds.



6yd and 10m Targets Examples.

4. Pellets

Athletes provide their own .177 air pellets. Flat nose type only to be used.



E.g., Pellet

5. Air Rifle specifications

- Springer (SPG) and Pre-Charged Pneumatic (PCP) Air Rifle types are allowed.
- 4.5mm (0.177 calibre) with a maximum power of 6.5 ft lbs.
- Single load no repeater magazines unless used as single loaders.

Sporter:

- Air Rifle specifications: NSRA Sporter rules (3.2) The link to download a copy of these rules can be found here: <https://www.nsra.co.uk/index.php/downloads/sporter-air>

Precision:

- Air Rifle specifications: ISSF 10m Air Rifle rules (7.4.) The link to download a copy of these rules is here: [getfile.aspx \(issf-sports.org\)](getfile.aspx (issf-sports.org))

Further guidance on examples of air rifle types can be downloaded from the Schools Rifle page on the British Shooting website.

6. Equipment Control

6.1 Qualification Events: Equipment control will not be enforced. Guidance will be provided.

6.2 National Final: All athletes are required to go through Equipment Control. The following checks will be carried out. Air cylinder needs to be in good condition, current guidance is for it to be within 10 years of manufacture.

2024/2025



Athlete Name _____

Rifle/Serial _____

Rule (i=issf)	Item	Check	SAR	AR
3.2.2 / (i) 7.4.4.2M	Rifle Weight	<3.5kg SAR / < 5.5kg AR		
3.2.3	Trigger Weight	>500g		
3.2.8 / (i) 7.4.4.2N	Foresight	Does not extend beyond Muzzle		
3.2.8	Sights	No Filters / No Magnification Non Adjustable Iris		
3.2.1.4/3.2.1.9 (i) 7.4.4.2.C	Centre Foresight- Centre Bore	< 80mm		
3.2.4/3.2.1.9	Palm shelf	Not Permitted		
(i)7.4.4.2.D	Fore End Depth	140mm Centre of Bore to Base		
(i)7.4.4.2.O1	Length	850mm Rear Mech / Muzzle End		
3.2	As manufactured	No specialized modifications		
(i)7.4.1.6	Blinder	100mm x 30mm		
3.3.1.11	Shoes	Normal not above ankle		
3.3.1.9	Clothing	No Camo, No Jeans. Shoes must be worn. Sporter: Shoes below ankle. Sporter loose fitting clothing		
3.3.1.16	Glasses	Prescription /STD Protective only		
Checked by				

NB: British Shooting reserve the right to change the above Equipment Control check list. Any changes will be provided on the British Shooting Website.

7. Refill Air Cylinder

Free air cylinder refill facilities will be available at each Qualification event and National Final, by the Event Organiser, unless otherwise stated. Athletes must bring their own refill air adapter.

8. Clothing and Accessories

No Jeans. No Camo. Athletes wearing jeans or camo will not be allowed to shoot. Shoes must be worn.

Sporter:

- Please see NSRA Sporter rules. Section 3.3. The link to download a copy of these rules can be found here: <https://www.nsra.co.uk/index.php/downloads/sporter-air>

Precision:

- Please see ISSF Rifle Rules. Section 7.5. The link to download a copy of these rules can be found here: [getfile.aspx\(issf-sports.org\)](http://getfile.aspx(issf-sports.org)) Equipment Control for all athletes at the National Final only – as per rule 6.

9. Safety Flags

Safety flags are to be inserted into the rifle barrel at all times when the pistol is not in use. If an athlete does not have a safety flag, they will be available from the Event Organiser at the Armoury or registration.

10. Preparation and Practice

During the competition, all athletes will be called to the line and given 5mins practice time to shoot an unlimited number of practice shots at the start of their detail.

11. Dry firing

Dry firing may be permitted only in the designated Preparation Area if the event has facility allows. Please check with the Event Organiser.

12. Range Commands

Unbox your rifles, ensure safety flags are inserted. Load – Start – Stop. Rifles to be checked by Range Staff, before being boxed.

13. Scoring

If the shot hole touches or crosses a line on the target, the shot is scored at the higher value. If the shot tears the target, the shot value is taken from where the pellet penetrated the target. Whole number scoring will be used at the Qualification Event and the 6yd National Final. Decimal scoring only to be used in the 10m category at the National Final.

14. Penalties

If an athlete shoots more shots than permitted, they will have 2 points deducted for each extra shot fired from their overall total.

14.1 Events run on paper targets: If an athlete shoots more (5+) or less (5-) shots on each target, there will be no penalty, as long as the athlete does not exceed the 20-shot total. If an athlete shoots more than 20 shots in total, on target 4 of 4, the highest scoring shot(s) will be disallowed & penalty points deducted.

14.2 Events run on electronic targets: If an athlete shoots more than 20 shots in total, the additional shots will be disallowed and 2 points will be deducted for each extra shot over the 20-shot total, unless authorised by the Jury or CRO.

15. Tie (Events run on paper targets)

15.1 20-shot match - Count back system will be in place. The athlete with the highest score in their last 5 shots (16-20th shots) will be awarded the higher placing. If this too is tied, counting back each 5 shots will determine an outcome.

15.2 Knock-out Final - The athletes in question will shoot continued single shots head-to-head, until an outcome is determined.

15.3 Team Event: The team with the highest “lowest scoring member” will win the tie. If this too is tied, the team with the next highest next scoring member will win the tie and so on.

16. Tie (Events run on electronic target system)

- 16.1** 20-shot match: The athlete with the greatest number of 10* will gain the highest placing. If this too is tied, count back from their strings of 10 shots will decide the winner. If still tied, single shot count back from shot 20 will determine an outcome.
- 16.2** Knock-out Final: The athletes in question will shoot continued single shots head-to-head, until an outcome is determined.
- 16.3** Team Event: The team with the highest “lowest scoring member” will win the tie. If this too is tied, the team with the next highest next scoring member will win the tie and so on

17. Qualification Event Structure

- 17.1** All athletes will shoot 20 qualification shots. (5x shots in 5mins on 4x paper targets, targets will be provided by the Event Organiser). If all athletes have completed their match shots within the time allowed, it is within the rights of the CRO to make the range safe before the end of the time allocated. If the event is run on electronic target system, athletes shoot 20 shots in 20 minutes.
- 17.2** The top 8 individual athletes from each age category will progress to the knock-out final.
- 17.3** If a Para athlete qualifies for the event final, the Competition Jury have the authority to allow or disallow participation. The decision will be based upon the athlete’s adaptation as outlined in Rule 2 and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.
- 17.4** Team scores calculated as per the General Competition Information above.
- 17.5** 10mins protest time will follow the published scores, for any protests to be made to the competition Jury.
- 17.6** 10m Age category finals will be ISSF Guided, thus run to ISSF format outlined in these rules (See Rule 19)
- 17.7** 6yd Age category finals will be shot on paper targets (unless otherwise stated on the British Shooting website) and will be 20 competitions shots. 5 shots per target in 5 minutes.

18. National Final Event Structure

- 18.1** Pre event information will be available following the National Final entry deadline.
- 18.2** Pre event training will be available prior to National Final.
- 18.3** The competition range for 10m classes will be shot on electronic target system which is likely to be MegaLink. All athletes will shoot 20 qualification shots. (20x shots within 20mins). If all athletes have completed their match shots within the time allowed, it is within the rights of the CRO to make the range safe before the end of the time allocated.
- 18.4** The competition range for 6yd classes will shoot on paper targets (provided by the Event Organiser), unless otherwise stated on the British Shooting website. All athletes will shoot 20 shots. 5 shots per target, 1 shot per target diagram in 5 minutes.
- 18.5** For the 10m classes the top 8 individual athletes (mixed non-disabled and disabled) from each age category, will progress to the knock-out final.
- 18.6** For the 6yd classes the top 8 individual athletes (mixed non-disabled and disabled) from each age category, will progress to the final.
- 18.7** If a Para athlete qualifies for the event final, the Competition Jury have the authority to allow or disallow participation. The decision will be based upon the athlete’s adaptation as outlined in Rule 2 and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.
- 18.8** Team scores calculated as per the General Competition Information above.
- 18.9** 10mins protest time will follow the published scores, for any protests to be made to the competition

Jury.

- 18.10** 10m Age category finals will be ISSF Guided, thus run to ISSF format outlined in these rules (See Rule 19)
- 18.11** 6yd Age category finals will be shot on paper targets (unless otherwise stated on the British Shooting website) and will be 20 competitions shots. 5 shots per target in 5 minutes.
- 18.12** Only athletes who have qualified for the Individual competition can compete in the individual National Final classes. Team members who are only competing as part of a team, cannot compete as an Individual.
- 18.13** Dependent on entries, Para Finals will be run separately or concurrently with age group finals.
- 18.14** If spaces become available for Individuals and/or Teams, finalists will be invited from the BSSRC National Rankings accordingly.

19. ISSF guided Knock-out Final Format (for the 10m category at the National Final)

Call to the line.

Preparation and Practice time. 5mins

5 shots in 250 secs - Score

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2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 8th Place is decided.

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 7th place is decided.

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 6th place is decided.

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 5th place is decided.

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 4th place is decided.

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 3rd place is decided.

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 1st and 2nd places are decided.

20. Rule Change

British Shooting reserve the right to change the rules as appropriate. If any rule is changed, notification will be made in advance of competition via the British Shooting website and clearly communicated to the athletes.

SECTION 21 of the Firearms Act 1968.

Prohibits the possession of a firearm & ammunition (under any circumstances) by any person who has been convicted of a crime and sentenced to a term of imprisonment (or its equivalent for young persons) of three months or more. This is also applicable where sentence is suspended. The prohibition applies in all circumstances, including handling at an approved shooting range or at a clay pigeon shoot where a certificate is not ordinarily required. It also applies to the possession or use of other categories of firearms & ammunition such as air guns or shotgun cartridges for which a certificate is not needed.

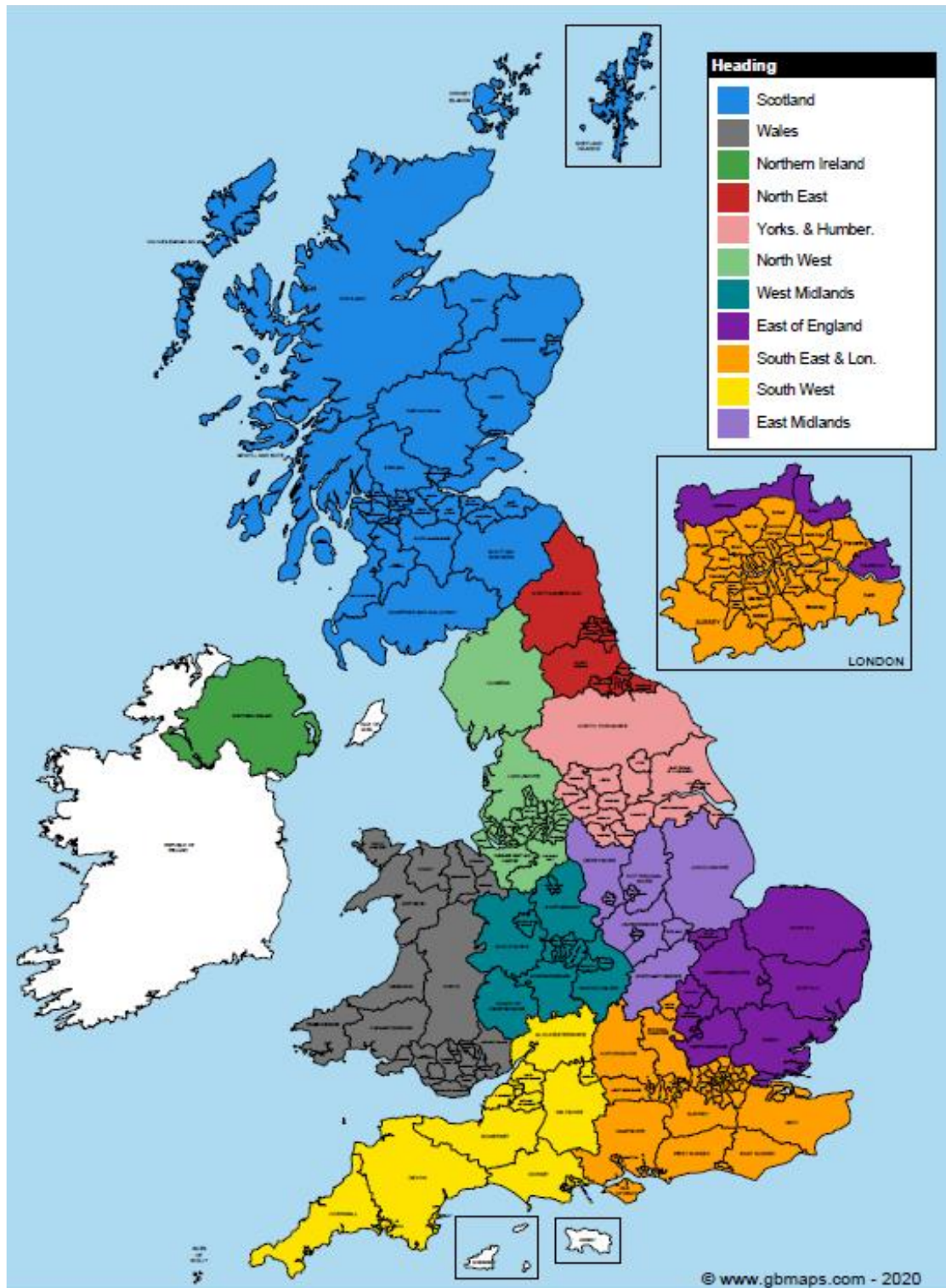
Guide timetable for the National Final:

Finalised timetable will be sent prior to the National Final with athlete pre-event information, detail times inc. call to the line, practice, and match.

	10m	6yd
	08:00 registration	
Junior	Detail 1: 09:00	Detail 1: 09:00
	Detail 2: 09:40	Detail 2: 09:40
	Final 10:20	Final: 10:20
	<i>Presentation 11:10 Junior Individual 10m & 6yd</i>	
	10:00 registration	
Intermediate	Detail 1: 11:20	Detail 1: 11:20
	Detail 2: 12:00	Detail 2: 12:00
	Final 13:00	Final: 13:00
	<i>Presentation 13:50 Intermediate Individual 10m & 6yd</i>	
	12:00 registration	
Senior	Detail 1: 14:00	Detail 1: 14:00
	Detail 2: 14:40	Detail 2: 14:40
	Final sporter 15:30	Final: 15:30
	Final precision 16:00	
	<i>Presentation 16:45 Senior Individual 10m & 6yd, Team 10m & 6yd</i>	

Map

Regional Boundaries



Jersey/Guernsey – Dorset/SW ENG
 Isle of Wight – SE ENG
 Isle of Man – Lancashire, NW ENG