



# British Shooting Schools Pistol Championships

## 2024/25 RULES

### Overview

The 2024/25 Championships eight shoulder-to-shoulder qualifying events, feeding into a shoulder-to-shoulder National Final. This Championships is 10m Air Pistol, consisting of Individual and Team events each in three age categories for both non-disabled and disabled athletes. 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)*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>
Northern Ireland	Intershoot Range, NI Shooting Club	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
East Mids., Yorks. & NE	Mount St. Mary's College	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
South East	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Welsh	Sports Wales National Sports Centre	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Scottish	Grangemouth Sports Complex	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
West Mids. & North West	Ellesmere College, Shropshire	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
East of England	Ipswich High School	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
South West	Leweston School	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
<b>National Final</b>	Chase Leisure Centre	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Junior</b>	Year 6, 7, 8	Year 6, 7, 8	Year P6, P7, S1	Year 7, 8, 9
<b>Intermediate</b>	Year 9 & 10	Year 9 & 10	Year S2 & S3	Year 10 & 11
<b>Senior</b>	Year 11, 12, 13	Year 11, 12, 13	Year S4, S5, S6	Year 12, 13, 14

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

#### **Prizes**

##### **Qualification Event:**

- Individual: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Medals. 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place Certificates per Class per regional qualification event.
- School Team: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Certificates per Class per regional qualification event.
- Youth Team: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Medal per regional qualification event.

##### **National Final:**

- Individual: 1<sup>st</sup> place Trophy, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Medals per Class. 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place Certificates per Class.
- School Team: 1<sup>st</sup> place Trophy, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Medals and Certificates per Class.
- Youth Team: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Medal and Certificate.
- Top Para SH1 & SH2: Awards for the highest placed SH1 & SH2 para athlete in each Class.

#### **School Team Class**

##### **Qualification Events:**

All athletes are automatically eligible, no additional entry is required. A team consists of 3 athletes from the same school, in the same age 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 age 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 has entered the National Final, compete as a team, irrespective of if more than one team from the same school in the same age 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 Pistol shooting, whether in a Pony Club, Pentathlon, Scout, School, or Shooting Club etc. environment.

### **Para**

Athletes with any physical disability can compete in the Schools Pistol 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 Pistols**

Maximum of 2 competitors can share one pistol. **PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EVENT 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 pistol 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 Pistol**

Pistols may be borrowed from the Event Organisers. Please contact the Event Organiser directly.

### **Pre-Event Training**

For the athletes who have qualified for the National Final there will be an opportunity to book Pre-Event Training when you make your National Final entry. Further information will be available upon National Final entry.

### **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 by the Event Organiser prior to the closing date. Late entries may be available at 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 Organisers are forced to cancel the competition, you will be notified via the contact email address stated on your entry form and entry fees will be refunded.

### **Questions**

[Events@BritishShooting.org.uk](mailto: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 event.

## **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. Handed**

**2.1** Junior athletes have the option to compete using one or two hands to hold the pistol. Intermediate and Senior athletes all compete using one.

**2.2** Para Handed - Due to the nature of the disability, if an athlete cannot hold the pistol with one or two hands according to their age class, they have the option to support their shooting hand wrist on a stand/rest, but this aid must not support the pistol whilst shooting. Athletes can be seated.

### **3. Range**

All shooting will be completed at 10m distance. The qualification events are likely to be shot on paper targets and the National Final on MegaLink electronic target system.



*E.g., Paper Target*

### **4. Pellets**

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



*E.g., Pellet*

### **5. Air Pistols specifications**

.177 Air Pistols to be used only.

## **6. Equipment Control**

**6.1** Qualification Events: equipment control will not be enforced.

**6.2** National Final: The top 8 finalists at the National Final will be subject to trigger weight control prior to their Knock-Out Final on the day. The trigger must lift a 500g weight in accordance with the ISSF Rules. One front blinder to cover the non-aiming eye that is not more than 30mm wide. Air cylinder needs to be in good condition, current guidance is for it to be within 10 years of manufacture.

## **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**

Athletes are to wear loose-fitting clothing. No Jeans. No Camo. Athletes wearing jeans or camo will not be allowed to shoot. Low sided shoes must be worn that do not cover the ankle bone.

## **9. Safety Flags**

Safety flags are to be inserted into the pistol 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 facility allows. Please check with the Event Organiser.

## **12. Range Commands**

Unbox your pistols, ensure safety flags are inserted. Load – Start – Stop. Pistols 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 throughout the championships, unless otherwise stated. Decimal scoring only to be used in the National Final knockout finals.

## **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 (16-20<sup>th</sup> 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 higher '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 inner 10's 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 higher '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** Age category finals will be ISSF Guided, thus run to ISSF format as outlined in these rules. (*See Rule 19*)

#### **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 the National Final.
- 18.3** The competition range for all 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 top 8 individual athletes (mixed non-disabled and disabled) from each age category, will progress to the knock-out final.

- 18.5** 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.
- 18.6** Team scores calculated as per the General Competition Information above.
- 18.7** 10mins protest time will follow the published scores, for any protests to be made to the competition Jury.
- 18.8** Age category finals will be ISSF Guided, thus run to ISSF format outlined in these rules (See Rule 19)
- 18.9** Only athletes who have qualified for the Individual competition can compete in this at the National Final. Team members who are only competing as part of a team, cannot compete as an Individual.
- 18.10** Dependent on entries, Para Finals will be run separately or concurrently with age group finals.
- 18.11** If spaces become available for Individuals and/or Teams, finalists will be invited from the BSSPC National Rankings accordingly.

#### **19. ISSF guided Knock-out Final Format:**

Call to the line.

Preparation and Practice time. 5mins

5 shots in 250 secs - Score (and change target if using paper targets)

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2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 8<sup>th</sup> Place is decided (and change target)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 7<sup>th</sup> place is decided (and change target)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 6<sup>th</sup> place is decided (and change target)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 5<sup>th</sup> place is decided (and change target)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 4<sup>th</sup> place is decided (and change target)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 3<sup>rd</sup> place is decided (and change target)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - Afterwards 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

*This is a guide timetable for the National Final. Finalised timetable will be sent prior to the events with athlete pre-event information, detail times inc. call to the line, practice, and match.*

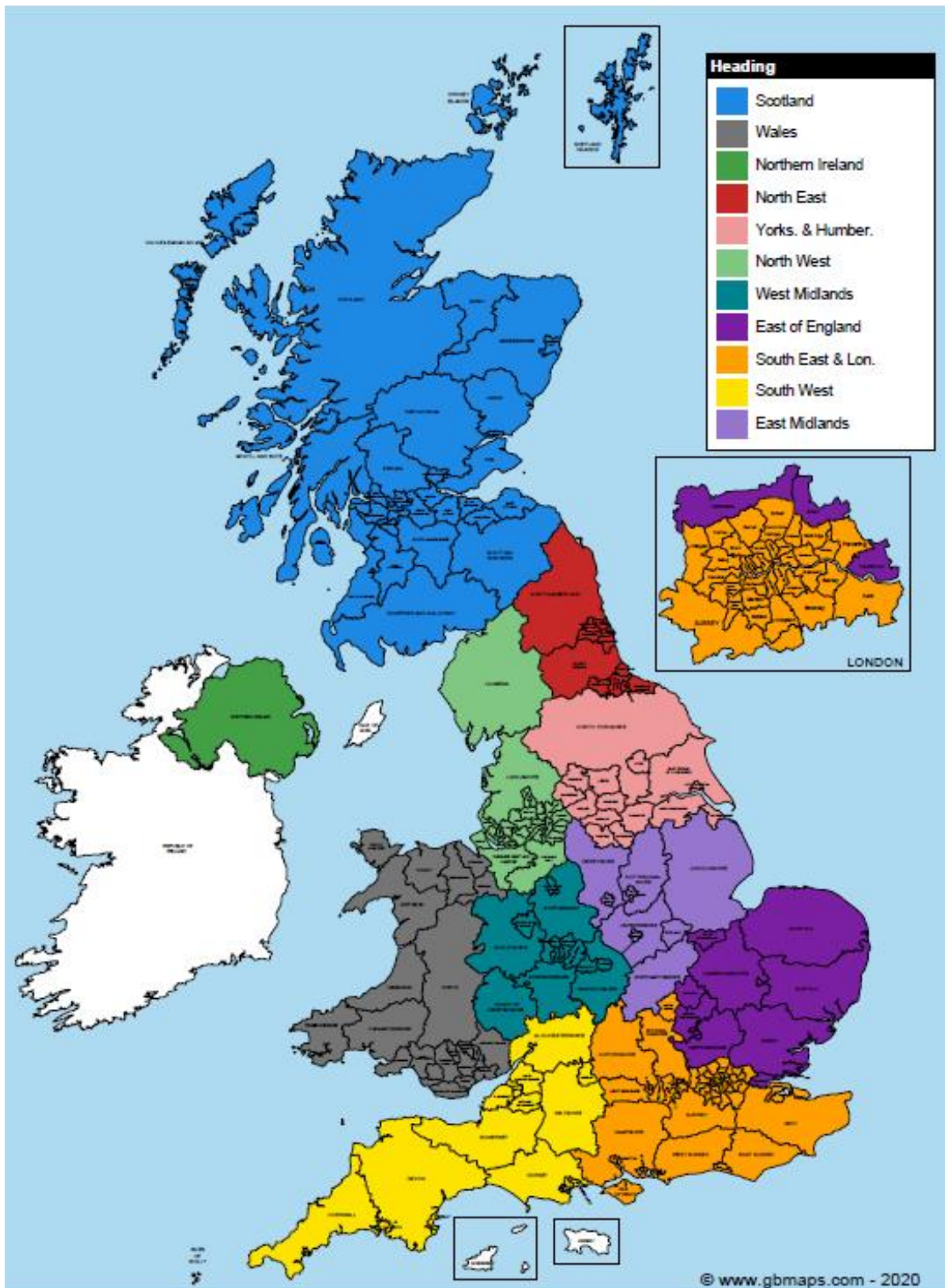
<b>Junior</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
	09:00	Detail 1
	09:40	Detail 2
	10:20	Detail 3
	11:00	FINAL Junior. <i>Prize giving to follow (Ind &amp; Team)</i>

<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
	12:00	Detail 4
	12:40	Detail 5
	13:20	Detail 6
	14:00	FINAL Intermediate. <i>Prize giving to follow (Ind &amp; Team)</i>

<b>Senior</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
	15:00	Detail 7
	15:40	Detail 8
	16:20	Detail 9
	17:00	FINAL Senior. <i>Prize giving to follow (Ind &amp; Team)</i>

**Map**

Regional Boundaries



Jersey/Guernsey – Dorset/SW ENG

Isle of Wight – SE ENG

Isle of Man – Lancashire, NW ENG