



British Shooting Schools Pistol Championships

2022-2023 RULES

Overview:

The 2022-23 Championships nine qualifying events, feed into the National Final. 10m Air Pistol. It consists 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. Para athletes who qualify for the National Final will have the opportunity to also compete in the Para Class.

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. (excl. Scottish postal – this is only open to Scottish athletes)

Talent Pathway opportunities are available from this competition for the 2023-2024 season, expression of interest will be open in July/August 2023 if athletes are interested in further activity. If you would like to develop your shooting talent, please do get in touch with British Shooting we can help by signposting you to a shooting club in your area.

Qualifying Events: *(Unless otherwise stated on the British Shooting website).*

North East	Date TBC	Newcastle Fencing Centre, Newcastle
East Midlands	Sunday 16 th October	Mount St Marys College, Spinkhill
South East	Tuesday 25 th October	Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley
Welsh	Thursday 3 rd November	Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff
East of England	Friday 4 th November	Ipswich High School, Ipswich
Northern Irish	Wednesday 12 th October	Campbell College Key Stage 2 Sports Hall, Belfast
Scottish	Postal competition	
Yorkshire	Postal competition	
South West	Friday 25 th November	Leweston School, Dorset
West Mids. & North West	Wednesday 30 th November	Ellesmere College, Shropshire

****Please note athletes can only qualify for the National Final in their home region. Athletes are welcome to compete at other regions (only Scottish and Yorkshire athletes can enter their regions) but will not be able to qualify for the Final through these****

National Final Tuesday 7th February 2023 Chase Leisure Centre, Staffordshire

Individual & Team Categories: *NB. All age categories are mixed gender and physical ability. Only at the National Final will there be separate Disability categories.*

Junior: School Year 6, 7 & 8. (P6, P7 & S1)	Junior TEAM: School Year 6, 7 & 8. (P6, P7 & S1)
Intermediate: School Year 9, 10. (S2 & S3)	Intermediate TEAM: School Year 9, 10. (S2 & S3)
Senior: School Year 11, 12 & 13. (S4, S5 & S6)	Senior TEAM: School Year 11, 12 & 13. (S4, S5 & S6)

Team Events:

Regional round: FREE entry. A team consists of 3 athletes from the same school, in the same age category. All athletes are eligible for the team 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 athlete’s individual 20 shot qualification round and totaled to form their Team Score.

National Final: £22.50 per team. 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 age category competes.

National Final Qualification:

Athletes can only qualify for the National Final through their home region.

Individual:

- Regional Top 3: The highest placed 3 athletes per Age Class, per Region automatically qualify.
- National Top 10: The highest scoring 10 athletes Nationally per Age Class (from their 20-shot qualification at the Regional Qualifying competition), who haven’t already automatically qualified, qualify.

Team:

- Regional Champion: The highest scoring Team per Age Class per Region.
- National Top Team: The highest scoring Team Nationally (who haven’t already automatically qualified), per Age Class.

Para:

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

Prizes:

Regional Championship Awards:

- Individual: 1st – 3rd place medal and digital certificates per Class per Region.
- Team: 1st - 3rd place digital certificates per Class per Region.

National Final

- Individual: 1st - 3rd place medals per Class. 1st – 8th place certificates per Class.
- Team: 1st - 3rd place medals and certificates per class.
- Top Para SH1 & SH2: Awards for the highest placed SH1 & SH2 disabled athlete in each class.

- 1. 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.
- 2. Para:** Athletes with any physical disability can compete in the Schools Pistol Championships, with the exception on visual impairment and intellectual disability. Specific Para Category(s) will only take place at the National Final.
 - 2.1 Qualification Events: All athletes (non-disabled and disabled) will compete alongside one another.
 - 2.2 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 5* and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.
 - 2.3 National Final: Junior, Intermediate and Senior disability categories at the National Final will only occur when disability entry numbers exceed 10.
 - 2.4 National Final Event Final: One Disability Category Final including all age groups will only occur when the total disability entry numbers exceed 10.
- 3. 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.

4. **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 doesn't have a safety flag, they will be available from the competition organisers upon registration.
5. **Handed:** Junior athletes have the option to compete using one or two hands to hold the pistol. Intermediate and Senior athletes all compete using one.
6. **Para Handed:** Due to the nature of the disability, if a junior athlete cannot hold the pistol from both hands, they have the option to support their shooting hand wrist on a stand/rest, but this aid must not support the pistol whilst shooting. If an Intermediate or Senior disabled athlete cannot compete single handed, unsupported they may use two hands or a stand/rest to support their shooting hand wrist, but this aid must not support the pistol whilst shooting.
7. **Range:** All shooting will be completed at 10m distance.
8. **Targets:** The targets used will be provided by the competition organisers.
9. **Pellets:** Athletes are asked to bring their own .177 air pellets. Flat nose type only to be used. Pellets available to purchase from the competition organiser.
10. **Targetary:** Traditional paper targets will be used for all Qualification Events, unless otherwise stated. Electronic targetary system will be used for the National Final. For more information about electronic targetary system, visit: www.sius.com or Sport Quantum. For any Scottish athletes using an electronic targetary system in the Regional round MUST contact events@britishshooting.org.uk prior to shooting. (e.g. SUIS, MegaLink, Meiton etc.), SCATT or equivalent system.
11. **Air Pistols:** .177 Air Pistols to be used only. Limited Air Pistols may be provided by the event organisers by prior request.
12. **Refill Air Cylinder:** Free air cylinder refill facilities will be available at each Qualification event and National Final, by the competition organiser, unless otherwise stated.
13. **Equipment Control:**
 - 13.1 For all Qualification competitions, equipment control will not be enforced. Information and guidance is noted in 13.2 for athletes who are placed in the Top 8 of all individual categories.
 - 13.2 National Final: The top 8 finalists at the National Final will be subject to trigger weight control prior to their Final on the day. The trigger must lift a 500g weight in accordance with the ISSF Rules.
14. **Sharing & Borrowing Air Pistols:** Maximum of 2 competitors can share one pistol. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE TIMETABLE. It's the team leader's responsibility to ensure a clash doesn't occur where 1 or more athletes need to use the same pistol at the same time. Finals and Qualifications details will run concurrently for different age groups.
(See event Provisional Timetable below for a guide on event timing)
15. **Borrowing a Pistol from the Event Organiser:** Pistols may be borrowed from the event organisers. Please contact the event organiser directly.
16. **Clothing:** Athletes are to wear loose fitting clothing. NO JEANS. Athletes wearing jeans will not be allowed to shoot.
17. **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 prior to the Qualification and Finals rounds.
18. **Preparation Area:** Dry firing maybe permitted only in designated Preparation Area, if the event has facility.
19. **Range Commands:** Unbox your pistols, ensure safety flags are inserted. Load – Start – Stop. Pistols to be



8.1. Paper Target Example



9.1. Pellet example

checked by Range Staff, before being boxed.

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

20.1 Competition run on paper targets (Qualification Events): If an athlete shoots more (5+) or less (5-) shots on each target, there will be no penalty, as long as the athlete doesn't 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.

20.2 Competition run on electronic targets (Qualification Events): If an athlete shoots more than 20 shots in total, taking the last five shots out of the twenty and the extra shots fired, the highest scoring shot(s) will be disallowed & penalty points deducted. Scores of extra shots fired will have to be submitted.

20.3 Competitions run on electronic targets (National Final): 2 points will be deducted for every extra shot over the 20-shot total, unless authorised by the Jury or CRO.

21. Qualification Event Structure:

21.1 All athletes will shoot 20 qualification shots. (5x shots in 4mins on 4x paper targets). 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.

21.2 The top 8 individual athletes from each age category, will progress to the knock-out final.

21.3 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 5 and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.

21.4 Team scores will be calculated from the 20 shot qualification scores. *(See Rule 26)*

21.5 10mins protest time will follow the published scores, for any protests to be made to the competition Jury.

21.6 Age category finals will be ISSF Guided, thus run to ISSF format as outlined in these rules. *(See Rule 23)*

21.7 The Top 3 placed athletes automatically from each category will win a Quota Place and qualify for the National Final. If an athlete has already attained a Quota Place at a previous qualification event in the 2022-23 Championships, the Quota Place will be awarded to the next athlete who hasn't attained one.

22. National Final Event Structure:

22.1 Pre-event training will be available prior to the National Final, following the entry deadline, pre-event information will be emailed to all Finalists.

22.2 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.

22.3 The top 8 individual athletes (mixed non-disabled and disabled) from each age category, will progress to the knock-out final.

22.4 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 5 and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.

22.5 Team scores will be calculated from the 20 shot qualification scores. *(See Rule 26)*

- 22.6 10mins protest time will follow the published scores, for any protests to be made to the competition Jury.
- 22.7 Age category finals will be ISSF Guided, thus run to ISSF format outlined in these rules (*See Rule 23*)
- 22.8 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, can't compete as an Individual.
- 22.9 Dependent on entries Para Finals will be run separately, concurrently or concurrently with age group finals.

23. 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 8th Place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 7th place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 6th place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 5th place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 4th place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 3rd place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

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

24. Tie (Qualification Events):

24.1 Qualification 20-shots: 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.

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

24.3 Team Event: The team with the higher 'lowest scoring member' will win the tie.

25. Tie (National Final):

25.1 Qualification 20-shots: The athlete with the greatest number of inner 10's will gain the high placing. If this too is tied, count back from their strings of 10 shots will decide a winner.

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

25.3 Team Event: The team with the higher 'lowest scoring member' will win the tie. If this too is tied, the team total of inner 10's will determine the outcome.

26. Competition Entry Maximum: The Organisers reserve the right to limit the number of entries to timetable the competition within the time available.

27. 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.

28. Entries: Entries must be received to the competition organiser prior to the closing date. Late entries may be available upon additional cost. Athletes who compete in the Team Competition must also compete as an Individual.

29. Entry Fee:

29.1 Regional event: £14.00 per Individual entry, FREE Team entry-fee's unless otherwise stated.
All entry fees to be paid with your online entry.

29.2 National Final: £21.00 per Individual entry, £22.50 team entry fee. **All entry fees to be paid** with your online entry.

30. Withdrawals & Refunds: Please alert the Event Organiser for that specific event. No entry refund will be available unless otherwise stated.

31. Event Cancellation: If the Organisers are forced to cancel the competition, you'll be notified via the contact email address stated on your entry form. And entry refunds available.

32. Questions: Events@BritishShooting.org.uk

33. Competition Information: The competition timetable and all other relevant information will be emailed to your contact email address approximately 10 days prior to the event.

34. 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 airguns or shotgun cartridges for which a certificate is not needed.

Guide timetable for each event:

(Finalised timetable will be sent prior to the events with athlete pre-event information).

Junior	10:00	Registration
	10:30	Detail 1 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	11:00	Detail 2 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	12:00	FINAL Junior. Prize Giving to follow (Ind & Team)
Inter	10:30	Registration
	11:30	Detail 3 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	12:00	Detail 4 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	13:00	FINAL Intermediate. Prize Giving to follow (Ind & Team)
Senior	11:30	Registration
	12:30	Detail 5 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	13:00	Detail 6 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	14:30	FINAL Senior. Prize Giving to follow (Ind & Team)